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FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

\$545M \$910M

bond in May bonds over decade

New buildings include new Midland High, third high school; Lee High renovation expected

By Stewart Doreen
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To deal with a student population projected to rise by as much as 9,700 students in the next 10 years, the Midland ISD Facility Master Planning Committee has presented a plan that calls for \$545.8 million bond election in as early May and more than \$910 million in total projects over the next decade.

This ad-hoc committee's report was presented to the board during a workshop Monday. Midland ISD sent a PowerPoint from the workshop to the Reporter-Telegram on Wednesday. All information in this article comes from the PowerPoint or Reporter-Telegram records.

The costs include three different groups of projects. If other funding sources aren't available, those groups would go before voters in the form of bonds. The first bond is for \$545.8 million (not including interest) and would go before voters in May. Projects in this group include:

- A new high school (\$187.5 million).
 - A replacement for Midland High (\$187.5 million).
 - New school land purchase/development (\$15 million).
 - A new middle school (\$64.5 million).
 - A partner/public school (Midland ISD allocation \$20 million).
 - A young women's academy (\$31.5 million).
 - Secondary training (\$23 million).
 - Secondary life safety/security (\$8 million).
 - Athletic turf/track/lighted fields (\$8.8 million).
- Other projects include housing for teachers and teacher child care facilities. They are labeled as "revenue generated" facilities.

Property tax increase

Based on current total assessed values within the county, the district estimates the following property tax increase to homeowners:

10-year bond repayment:
\$200,000 home \$415.83 annually
\$500,000 home \$1,140.17 annually

15-year bond repayment:
\$200,000 home \$303.93 annually
\$500,000 home \$833.36 annually

20-year bond repayment:
\$200,000 home \$211.33 annually
\$500,000 home \$579.45 annually

The current tax bill to Midland ISD alone — based on a \$1,200 tax rate — is \$2,240.10 for a \$200,000 home and \$5,600.25 for a \$500,000 home.

The meeting Monday was labeled as a "facilities workshop." There was no action item connected with it, according to the agenda posted online. Another presentation will take place at Monday's board meeting. There should be more dialogue from board members at that time, according to Committee Chairman James Riggan. The workshop, he said, was to provide information so board members would be more knowledgeable about the report. Riggan said there will be no changes to the committee's recommendation when he makes the presentation next week.

Other projects after 2019 include a \$196.5 million package that could go before voters around May 2023. Included in that package are:

- Renovations and additions to Lee High School

MISD's proposed projects

May 2019

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May 2023

Renovations and additions to Lee High School..... \$147 million
San Jacinto Middle School and partner school at Midland High..... \$8 million
Newcomer/dual-language academy..... \$8.5 million
Coleman High School addition..... \$8 million
Ag lab addition/renovations..... \$3 million
Secondary deferred maintenance..... \$22 million

May 2026

Secondary and middle school additions and renovations..... \$168 million

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Total...\$910,300,000

Illustration by Tori Aldana

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The \$168 million in improvements proposed for May 2026 are for secondary and middle school additions and renovations. Also listed are housing for teachers and teacher child care facilities. A central office replacement also is among this group; no price tag is listed.

The committee's presentation specifically refers to the "Model A. 1 project." It was created on 16 committee meetings and/or building tours. Committee consensus and board recommendations were finalized Sept. 13. In previous board meetings, the Midland ISD board members had asked Riggan if it was possible to see committee recommendations earlier than the end of the year or beginning of 2019, as once was expected.

The stated purpose of the committee, according to the district, was develop a multi-year facility master plan "which will provide facilities to support educational programs and building capacity required for MISD students

and staff during the next 10 years."

Topics of discussion included historic membership, existing building capacity, existing building site data, facility conditions, Midland on the Move data, Midland ISD's System of Great Schools concept, existing and future grade configurations, district program needs (academic, athletic, fine arts, etc.), district technology needs and input from students and the community.

Student enrollment for the 2017-18 school year was listed as 25,670. Midland ISD forecasts that membership will increase to 35,855 by 2027-28. That takes into account a 2.5 percent growth rate calculated on grade progression, adjustments for current and predicted high school drop-out rates, growth in early education services and steady birth rates (compared to the average of the last six years).

- There was a "committee consensus" for "institutional construction, which calls for:
- 30-45 percent higher initial construction costs;
 - Typical 40-to-80-year building life;
 - single or multi-story buildings;
 - maximum options for durable, long-lasting, interior/exterior finishes;
 - Central plant mechanical systems.

Editor's Note: More coverage on the workshop presentation, including project timelines and educational facility models and grade reconfigurations, will follow in upcoming editions.

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The big number

The city's sales tax collection was
\$4.675 million
for fiscal year 2018-19, a 29.97 percent
increase over 2017. Page 6A

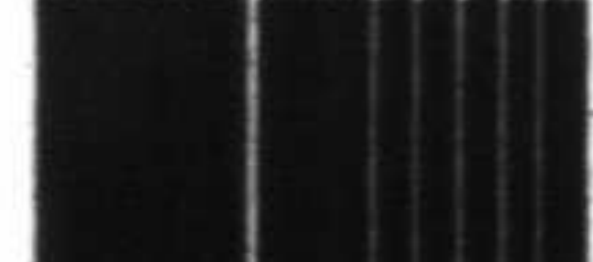
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Obituaries



Albert Crescencio Gavia

Albert Crescencio Gavia, 49, of Midland, Texas passed away Tuesday, October 9, 2018. The Rosary will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel Funeral Service will be held on Friday, October 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Albert was born on November 12, 1968, in Midland, TX to Delia Hernandez Segura and Crescencio Gavia. He attended Midland Lee High School. Albert worked as a landscaper, a butcher, and in construction. His interests included family, sport statistics, and the Dallas Cowboys. He devoted much of his time and energy to loving his family members, friends, fishing, and working.

Albert is survived by his sisters, Tina Gavia Morris, Lisa Heard, and Martha Orozco; brothers, Roy Ramirez, David Ramirez, Tommy Ramirez and Sonny Hernandez; two daughters, Aiyana and Kristina Posey, and one son, Alex Gavia.

He is preceded in death by his father, Crescencio Gavia and brother, Gregory "E.T." Ramirez.

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

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DeLorise (Dee) June Myers Rhodes

DeLorise (Dee) June Myers Rhodes was born in Neligh, Nebraska to Cotton and Marie Myers on June 8, 1935. DeLorise was known to all of her family and friends as Dee. She lived on her grandparents' farm in Stuart, Nebraska with her mom, dad and brother Dickie for five years. Some of her most favorite memories are the time she spent with her grandma and grandpa Desire on the farm.

They also lived in a lumber camp in Oregon, California and numerous places across Texas and New Mexico. Dee and her family settled down in Sundown, Texas, where she graduated from Sundown High School. She played the saxophone in their band and

was very involved in student activities. She later moved to Lubbock where she met one of her lifelong friends Carolyn McDougal of Lubbock. That friendship has lasted over sixty years. She often joked that "people are not supposed to be friends for this long."

Dee met her husband, Sam Rhodes, at a church social and dance in Lubbock, Texas. They were married on November 3, 1962. They had many adventures traveling all over the world and living in places like Neuquen and Mendoza, Argentina, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, Tripoli and Benghazi, Libya and Holland. They finally settled down in 1973 and Midland became her home. Her new home will be in heaven because she was definitely our angel.

Dee leaves behind her daughter, Stacy Rhodes, and her dog, Buddy; her son, Brett Rhodes, and his wife, Lynn, and their son Dylan. She was very proud of Stacy and Brett. She also really appreciated Lynn for giving her a grandson and being a wonderful mom to Dylan. Dylan was the apple of her eye, she thought he was perfect and loved spoiling him. She also leaves behind her niece, Pamela Myers Bell, and her sons Rick and Brian along with her nephew Joe Myers. Dee adored and cherished her niece Pamela Myers Bell who affectionately referred to her as "Auntie Dee." She had a very close relationship with her sisters-in-law, Jonnie (Rea) Foreman and Barbara Rhodes, along with her niece, Leslie Rhodes.

Dee had many great friends in Midland including, Fran Kenner, Pat Eastup, Betty Calvert, Dorna Ramsey, and Pam Brown. She considered them all as part of her family. Dorna Ramsey and her two sons Stewart and Patrick were definitely extended family. She also had a very special relationship with Pam and Carl Brown her neighbors. Pam and Dee were more like mother and daughter than neighbors. Stacy, Dee's daughter, considers Pam Brown her sister. Pam and husband Carl were always there for her on a moment's notice. Another great neighbor to Dee was William (BJ) Maddaford, he was Dee's informal security detail. Dee will be missed soooooo much by her family and friends.

She passed away peacefully in her home the morning of October 8, with her daughter and son present.

The Rhodes family would like to thank Hospice of Midland for their compassionate support over the last few weeks. We would also like to thank Celestina, Angie, Fufemia, Cecilia, Tania, Marika, Ruth and Jaynaba, all very loving and compassionate caregivers that have helped our mom over the last few months. They all thought they were mom's favorite, but each had a special place in her heart.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 12, 2018, at The Branch at NPW. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 13, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park, Midland, Texas. Active pallbearers will be James Patrick Taylor, James Taylor, Jonathan Taylor, Nathan Foreman, Carl Brown, William Maddaford, David Chapa, and Marc McDougal.

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George Melvin Dunton

George Melvin Dunton went to his eternal home on Wednesday, October 3, 2018. Because of the Cross and the resurrection of Christ, he is now in his eternal home in Heaven.

George was born on May 21, 1929 in Fort Worth, Texas to John and Laura Vera Noah Dunton. He moved to Lake Charles, Louisiana when he was in elementary school and returned to Ft. Worth during his high school years. After his service to our country during the Korean War he returned to Ft. Worth where he attended Arlington State College (now University of Texas at Arlington). Gulf Oil Company employed him in 1953 as a draftsman where he met Marilyn Stuckey. They were married in 1954 and then transferred to Midland, Texas in 1957. Marilyn and George have four children, Darrell, Randa, Derek and David.

George loved to serve and spent over 60 years of his life doing so until the last several years when his health did not allow. From the time he accepted Jesus as his Savior at the age of 21, he was a quiet, and dedicated servant of the Gospel. He served at First Baptist Church in Midland where he and Marilyn were members for 62 years. During his service there he taught high school juniors, preschool and children. He was a deacon at First Baptist, a volunteer with Junior Achievement, member of the Lions Club, volunteer at the Crisis Center as well as many other areas in the community where he served with dignity, humility and commitment.

Known as PePaw to his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He loved spending time with each one.

George is survived by his 4 children, Darrell and wife Barbara of Midland, TX, Randa Olesky and husband Tony of Pensacola, Florida, Derek and Erika Dunton of Midland, TX and David and wife Mari of Dallas, Texas, as well as 9 grandchildren, Justin Dunton and wife Tricia of Nashville, TN, Jason Dunton and wife Joanna of Bryan, TX, Jenny Leonard and husband Andrew of Midland, TX, Jon Mark Olesky and wife Priscilla of Pensacola, FL, Stephen Olesky and wife Lindsey of New York, NY, Chris Olesky of Pensacola, Shelbi and Josh Flowers of Odessa, TX, Bailey and Ricky Hobson Dunton of College Station, TX and 15 great grandchildren.

His parents, wife, Marilyn, and his brothers, Joe and John, preceded him in death.

A celebration service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 12, 2018 in the Chapel at First Baptist

Church in Midland. The grandchildren will officiate the service led by Justin Dunton, Executive Pastor at Greenhills Church in Nashville, TN, Jon Mark Olesky, Senior Pastor at The Cross in Pensacola, and Jason Dunton, Pastor of Contemporary Worship Arts at FBC Bryan, TX assisted by Senior Pastor Darin Wood of First Baptist Church of Midland.

There will be visitation on Thursday, October 11, 2018 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

Pallbearers are Justin Dunton, Jason Dunton, Jon Mark Olesky, Stephen Olesky, Chris Olesky, Andrew Leonard, Josh Flowers, Ricky Hobson and Tony Olesky.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the following ladies who blessed us with their care of dad over the last weeks of his life, Pat Brookshire, Mary Pena, as well as all the incredible people at The Courtyards and Hospice of Midland.

Memorial donations may be made in George Dunton's name to The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, <https://billygraham.org/check-out/give-honor-memorial.php>. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

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Richard Andrew Ellison

Richard Andrew "Andy" Ellison, 43 of Midland, went home to be with his Savior on Saturday, October 6, 2018.

Funeral service will be held Friday, October 12th at 9:00am at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel in Midland, TX. Burial will immediately follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens. Family will receive visitors on Thursday evening from 5:00pm - 9:00pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Andy was born in Midland, TX on February 5, 1975 to Richard Dow and Mary Sue Ellison. He attended Robert E. Lee High School. He worked in Midland as a painting/general contractor for many years. In his spare time, he enjoyed activities such as hunting, fishing and barbecuing with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Lori Beth Ellison, 6 daughters, Sydney Grace Ellison, Tanner Mozell Ellison, Trinity Jean Ellison, Zaylee Beth Ellison, Makayla Ann Rockhill and Nerrah Grace Cantu; a son, Dylan Scott Rockhill; a brother, Aaron Dow Ellison; his parents, Fredrick "Tee" Wayne Johnson and Mary Sue Johnson, 4 aunts and uncles, 1 nephew, 1 niece and numerous cousins.

Mr. Ellison is preceded in death by his father, Richard Dow Ellison and his paternal grandparents, W.D. and Mary Grace Ellison; his maternal grandparents, Harvey Thomas Reynolds, Mozell Gore and Lewis Gore.

Pallbearers for the service will be Aaron Ellison, Jake Ellison, Dylan Rockhill, Ben Sanchez, Clay Tucker, David Cooper, Josh Boering and Command Chief Master Sergeant Benjamin L. Higginbotham, USAF.

Honorary pallbearers are Cody Weeks, Jake Arguello, Phillip Rosales, Isaac Morales, Leonard "Bo" Rea,

James Valentine.

The family would like to express their gratitude toward Linda's friends, many of whom she considered her extended family; to her wonderful doctors and nurses at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston; to the nurses of Home Hospice in Midland; and to everyone else who encouraged and supported her with love the past two years.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial gifts may be made in Linda's honor to MD Anderson Cancer Center, Department of Gynecologic Oncology, PO Box 4486, Houston, TX 77210-4486 or www.mdanderson.org/gifts. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland, TX. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

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Robert "Bobby" Phillips

Robert "Bobby" Phillips, 68, Bakersfield, California, passed away Wednesday, October 3, 2018. A visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 11, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland, TX. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Bobby was born on September 15, 1950 in Ashdown, Arkansas to Dorothy and Clyde Phillips. He was married to the love of his life Nancy Strom Phillips. He began his career in the oil and gas industry when he was 19 following the footsteps of his father and uncle. He was a mud engineer for Procco for many years and then started his own company prior to retirement. He had a childhood dream of living in California and was able to fulfill that and lived there most of his adult life. He was also an art enthusiast and a hippy at heart. He enjoyed sitting and visiting with people, traveling to new places, listening to music and watching movies.

He is survived by his sister Sharon Pierson and her husband Ray, sister Sandy Miles and her husband George, Greg and Alice Hardy, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his wife Nancy Phillips, parents Clyde and Dorothy Phillips, and sister, Bonita Phillips.

Pallbearers will be Tyler Miles, George Miles, Ray Pierson, Chad Carson, Eric Neatherlin, Caden Carson, Justin Bostic, and Hunter Gilbert.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be donated to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Avenue Dallas, Texas 75231, or the American Cancer Society, Atlanta, Georgia.

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County judge candidate Johnson outraises Schafersman

By Simone Jasper
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Midland County judge candidate Terry Johnson raised \$1,000 during the latest campaign filing period, while his opponent Steven Schafersman reported garnering no contributions. Schafersman, who is running as a Democrat, filed the day after the reporting deadline.

Schafersman's most recent report wasn't the only one that was marked as having been received after the due date. His filing that was due Jan. 16 was received Jan. 18, and another due July 16 was received July 17, according to documents at the

More on campaign finance

Information about campaign finance filings for Midland City Council and Midland ISD school board candidates will appear in a future edition.

elections office.
All candidates running opposed and who don't file on a modified schedule were required to submit filings Tuesday. Also, the January and July deadlines were for all candidates, except for officeholders who met certain conditions, according to the Texas Ethics Commission.

"I have been very busy," Schafersman told the Reporter-Telegram before filing his report Wednesday.

day. "I overlooked the filing deadlines. There's no question about that."

If elected, Schafersman said he would quit his current part-time work and devote himself full time to the county judge position. During the campaign, he said he has attended candidate forums, distributed literature in his neighborhood and investigated issues impacting the county.

In terms of both campaign expenditures and contributions, Schafers-

man reported none for the most recent filing period, which covered July 1 to Sept. 27.

Johnson, the Republican candidate, received a \$1,000 contribution from Fasken Management LLC and reached a spending total of \$496.85. He also reported \$37,939.25 as the total principal amount of all outstanding loans.

Johnson is set to be on the ballot for county judge this fall after winning the GOP nomination in May. Schafersman didn't have an opponent in his party's primary.

For the campaign finance period that ended June 30, Schafersman reported \$250 in total

contributions and \$40 in expenditures. During that same period, Johnson raised \$1,750 and spent \$10,015.

The two candidates are seeking the seat of County Judge Mike Bradford, who isn't running for a fourth term. Election Day is Nov. 6, and early voting runs Oct. 22 through Nov. 2.

Terry Johnson

Contributions
(\$500 or greater)

\$500
Eastwood Trailer Sales LLC — July report
Sudip Bano — July report

\$1,000
Fasken Management LLC — October report

In-kind contributions
\$600: Don Sparks (food and beverages) — July report

Expenditures
\$2,696: Distribution Inc. (advertising) — July report
\$7,350: Distribution Inc. (purpose not listed) — July report
\$337.50: Permian Basin Office Products (fundraising) — October report
\$189.56: Grace Jones (advertising) — October report

Steven Schafersman

Contributions
(\$500 or greater)

None reported

In-kind contributions

None reported
Expenditures
Not Reported

All 15 Texas Catholic dioceses to name accused priests

By David Warren
Associated Press

DALLAS — All 15 Catholic dioceses in Texas will release early next year the names of clergy who have been "credibly accused" of sexual abuse of a minor, the Diocese of Dallas said in a statement Wednesday.

Texas bishops decided last month to release the lists of names by Jan. 31 as part of their effort "to protect children from sexual abuse" while promoting "healing and a restoration of trust" in the church, the statement said.

Dallas Bishop Edward Burns said the investigation constitutes a "major project" because it will include all 1,320 Catholic parishes in Texas.

"My brother bishops and I hope this action can be a step that leads to healing for all those who have been harmed by members of the Church," Burns said in the statement. "I add my sincere sorrow for the pain that has been caused for victims and the Catholic faithful."

A spokeswoman for the Dallas Diocese did not return a message Wednesday seeking an explanation of what will constitute a credible accusation against a current or former priest.

Wednesday's announcement came a day after Burns told parishioners that his diocese has hired a team of former state and federal law enforcement officers to review the personnel files of 220 priests now serving in the diocese. An investigation will review any accusation against a priest, not just ones relating to the sexual abuse of minors. The investigation could be expanded to include those who previously served.

"Opening our files to outside investigators and releasing the names is something I have been considering for some time," Burns said in Wednesday's statement. "Since I believe it is the right thing to do, the Diocese of Dallas has had outside investigators, a team made up of former FBI, state troopers and other experts in law enforcement, examining our files since February, and they still have work to do."

The investigation comes after Burns in August revealed a former pastor, Edmundo Paredes, was accused of abusing three boys more than a decade ago. Paredes, who is also accused of stealing church funds, has not been heard from since about March and The Dallas Morning News reported that he may have fled to the Philippines, his native country.

This week's developments also follow accusations made last week by a third person alleging a Houston-area Catholic priest, Manuel La Rosa-Lopez, sexually touched him when he was a teenager. That probe has involved Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, who's leading the American church's response to sexual abuse.

DiNardo is already accused by two other people of disregarding their reports against La Rosa-Lopez, the pastor at St. John Fisher Catholic Church in the Houston suburb of Richmond. La Rosa-Lopez was arrested in September and charged with four counts of indecency with a child.

The move this week by the 15 Texas dioceses is consistent with efforts in other states, such as Cali-

"The release of these names is an expression of accountability in our ongoing attempt to create a safe environment for all. Child sexual abuse is a crime against God and humanity. When carried out by a representative of the Church, it is especially troubling, and it can cause deep emotional and spiritual wounds."

"I offer my apology to anyone who has been hurt by any person affiliated with the Catholic Church, as well as for any time that any minister of the Church has failed to live up to Christ's call to authentic holiness of life. I pledge to continue doing everything I can to safeguard the people of this diocese."

"Ongoing training and vigilance are essential to this project. I expect anyone who serves in any ministry of the Church in the Diocese of San Angelo to know and follow diligently our policy of Ethics and Integrity in Ministry. Since 2002, we have conducted background checks on 14,223 individuals and have had 10,522 people attend an Ethics and Integrity in Ministry workshop."

"I am committed to create a healthy environment, to fully investigate all allegations that are brought forward, to take necessary corrective actions to remove perpetrators from ministry, and to help victims find healing."

Bishop Michael S. of the Diocese of San Angelo

fornia and Ohio.

But the actions of the Dallas Diocese to employ a team of former law officers to investigate its priests appear to differ from elsewhere. For instance, a Roman Catholic diocese in Connecticut announced last week it's chosen a retired state judge to lead an investigation into sexual abuse of children by priests.

The recent developments follow Pope Francis' removal in July of Cardinal Theodore McCarrick for allegedly groping a teenage altar boy in the 1970s, and also the release in August of a lengthy Pennsylvania grand jury report that listed the names of more than 300 priests and outlined the details of sexual abuse allegations.

The investigation launched in Texas also differs from other states such as Maryland where that state's attorney general is delving into records of the Baltimore archdiocese. Michael Norris, who leads the Houston chapter of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, credited Texas church leaders with taking action but called for the Texas Attorney General's Office to become involved.

"What I lack is trust," Norris said. "When I hear they're hiring a team of investigators, I prefer that it be totally independent."

A spokeswoman for the Texas Attorney General's Office said the agency would act only if requested by a district attorney to do so.

Limousine service operator charged

COBLESKILL, N.Y. (AP) — A limousine service operator was charged Wednesday with criminally negligent homicide in a crash that killed 20 people, while police continued investigating what caused the wreck and whether anyone else will face charges.

Nauman Hussain, 28, showed little emotion as he was arraigned Wednesday evening in an Albany-area court, and he ignored shouted questions from reporters as he left after posting \$150,000 bond. A judge had entered a not guilty plea for him.

Earlier, his lawyer said that Hussain wasn't guilty and that police were rushing to judgment in investigating Saturday's stretch limo wreck.

Town hall at MLK



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Longtime Midland educator Barbara Yarbrough, left, speaks with U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway during a town hall meeting Wednesday at the Martin Luther King Community Center.

Author to speak about surviving Amazon jungle

■ Sibley to host Yossi Ghinsberg

By Rich Lopez
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For nearly a month, Yossi Ghinsberg was lost in uncharted Amazon jungle in South America.



Ghinsberg

flood and was hunted by animals.

But his survival became his story. He went on to write "Jungle: A Harrowing True Story of Survival," which was turned into the 2017 film "Jungle" starring Daniel Radcliffe. He's applied his survival techniques into his entrepreneurial endeavors.

He comes to Midland on Thursday as part of the Sibley Nature Center Distinguished Lecture Series. Before his appearance, he spoke about what he will present, how the Amazon affected his life and what we forget about nature.

MRT: First, could you discuss some of what you'll be presenting to the West Texas audience?

Ghinsberg: I'm a storyteller, and there's something about this ancient art that brings people together. I will tell great adventures stories about a naive dreamer and where his adventures take him to the true nature of the Amazon and how relevant it is for our day-to-day lives.

MRT: Because of your Amazon experience, how do you describe your life today?

Ghinsberg: My Amazon experience was a forming experience, a rite of passage and a self-discovery; however, it was the publication and success of my book ("Lost in the Jungle: A Harrowing and True Story of Adventure and Survival") that has changed my life. That turned me somewhat bohemian and

If you go

Sibley Nature Center Distinguished Lecture Series presents Yossi Ghinsberg, 7 p.m. today at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. Free. sibleynaturecenter.org.

took me back to the road. I would say that I view my life as an opportunity to express myself, to contribute to the world positively and to have fun.

MRT: How did you connect your survival experience with corporate environments?

Ghinsberg: The Amazon is like a laboratory of life. It is also the most competitive place where survival is the key element. But I argue that in the Amazon everybody is perfectly fit; hence, all survive. I further argue that life is not about struggle and that survival is a natural state that makes us perform better.

MRT: You've worked to help establish the Chalan Ecological in Bolivia. Beyond the tourist aspect, what is significant about the resort?

Ghinsberg: The resort is much more than a tourist operation. Chalan is a story of a miracle — an indigenous community, totally isolated in the Madiidi jungle, living in poverty. Together with the indigenous Uchupiamonas, we initiated a resort on the shore of a beautiful lagoon. The entire community put itself behind the idea. Today, Chalan is one of the most rewarded eco-lodges in the Amazon. It has changed not only the life of the Uchupiamonas but the life of many thousands in the region.

MRT: What do you think we forget about nature?

Ghinsberg: We forget that we are nature. In fact, nature is everything, all encompassing. We need to embrace the attitude with humility. If we understood truly that we are nature, it would be a step in the evolution of humanity. I wrote a lot about it in my second book "The Laws of The Jungle."

MRT: How can the everyday person easily practice sustainable living? Or is it easy to begin with?

Ghinsberg: To practice sustainability is very easy and natural and anyone is invited to join that very moment. No preparation is needed, just clear insights that we are all interrelated (one family), that no event is isolated (everything affects everyone) and our lives depend on each other. Once these are understood and internalized, sustainability will be natural.

MRT: How did you resolve the idea learning that your story was being made into a film?

Ghinsberg: I was reluctant to believe — and worried — that the production will ruin my life story. For many years, I avoided Hollywood because my story didn't sit well within the classic formulas. Times changed and biopics are trending. Greg McClean, the director, was extremely loyal to the story. I was on set while filming and it was of course a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

MRT: For Harry Potter fans, how was it to meet Daniel Radcliffe and talk about how he would play you?

Ghinsberg: Greg met Daniel and gave him the script. Daniel refused to believe that it was a true story so Greg shipped my book to him. Daniel said he must play this role. He is one of the most iconic figures of our age and it is a great honor for me to be to be beautifully and authentically by Daniel. He took this very seriously. He even lost some 30 pounds as preparation for the climb.

MRT: What is your primary focus today?

Ghinsberg: I am raising my daughter alone now, so she is my primary focus. She is 15 and we live on the Mediterranean in a small, ancient town. I'm the passionate type, when it comes to anything I do. I'm in love with my work no matter what work I do. At the moment, I'm working on another book called "Glimpses," about the encounters I had in life when the veil was removed and magic was present.

City reports record sales tax collection for October

From staff reports

The city's sales tax collection for fiscal year 2018-19 started where the previous year's left off.

The city reported nearly a 30 percent increase in sales tax collected year-over-year in October. The \$4.675 million collected was a 29.97 increase from October 2017 and gets the city off to a hot start after a record year for sales tax revenue in Midland.

October is the first month of the fiscal year, but \$4.675 million makes quite a statement. It is more than \$1 million higher than the \$3.597 million collected in October 2017. To provide even more perspective, in 2016, the city collected \$2.538 million. Also, this month marked the first time the city has collected more than \$4 million in October.

The city also reports a 36.08 percent — or nearly a \$12 million — increase this calendar year.

Information from the city also indicates this is the 17th straight month with an increase and that every month, the increase has been double digits (percentage wise). Another indicator of spending is that beginning with the March report, the city has collected record totals for each month. The reports provide data from actual spending two months earlier, so spending inside Midland has reached record levels every month this calendar year. The October collection is based on August spending.

City officials expect spending to remain at a relative high level in FY 2019 as the city's forecast calls for \$48 million in sales tax. That is the highest forecast in history and higher than actual collections for every year but FY 2018.

3.1 magnitude temblor shakes part of central Oklahoma

LUTHER, Okla. (AP) — The U.S. Geological Survey says a small earthquake has shaken parts of central Oklahoma.

Geologists say the 3.1 magnitude earthquake was recorded at 5:24 a.m. Wednesday 4 miles northeast of Luther, about 22 miles northeast of Oklahoma City. The USGS says the earthquake was recorded at a depth of about 3 miles.

No injuries or damage are reported. Geologists say damage isn't likely in quakes below magnitude 4.0.

Thousands of earthquakes have been recorded in Oklahoma in recent years, with many linked to the underground injection of wastewater from oil and natural gas production.

FBI: 'Usual process' followed in probe

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — FBI Director Chris Wray on Wednesday defended the FBI's background investigation of new Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh, saying the work was limited in scope and that the "usual process" was followed by his agents.

Wray's comments at a Senate committee hearing on national security threats were his first public statements about the bureau's investigation into Kavanaugh's past and allegations of sexual misconduct dating from Kavanaugh's high school and college years.

That process has faced bitter criticism from Democrats, who have complained

that the White House constrained the FBI and worked with Senate Republicans to narrowly define the parameters of the investigation. The investigation lasted a week and did not include interviews with multiple people who said they had relevant information to share about Kavanaugh's past.

Republicans say the FBI reached out to 11 people for interviews, including a Yale University classmate of Kavanaugh's who had accused him of exposing himself to her in college, and that 10 people agreed to be questioned. The FBI did not interview Kavanaugh or a California college professor who had accused Kavanaugh of assaulting her when they were high school students.

Hurricane Michael slams into Florida, charges into Southeast

By Jay Reeves and
Brendan Farrington
Associated Press

PANAMA CITY, Fla. — Hurricane Michael slammed into the Florida Panhandle with terrifying winds of 155 mph Wednesday, splintering homes and submerging neighborhoods before continuing its destructive charge inland across the Southeast. It was the most powerful hurricane to hit the continental U.S. in nearly 50 years and at least one death was reported during its passage.

Supercharged by abnormally warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico, the Category 4 storm crashed ashore in the early afternoon near Mexico Beach, a tourist town about midway along the Panhandle, a 200-mile stretch of white-sand beach resorts, fishing towns and military bases. After it ravaged the Panhandle, Michael barreled into south Georgia as a Category 1 hurricane, the most powerful ever recorded for that part of the neighboring state.

In north Florida, Michael battered the shoreline with sideways rain, powerful gusts and crashing waves, swamping streets and docks, flattening trees, shredding awnings and peeling away shingles. It set off transformer explosions and knocked out power to more than 300,000 homes and businesses.

A Panhandle man was killed by a tree that toppled on a home, Gadsden County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Angie Hightower said. But she added emergency crews trying to reach the home were hampered by downed trees and debris blocking roadways. The man wasn't immediately identified.

Damage in Panama City was extensive, with broken and uprooted trees and power lines down nearly everywhere. Roofs were peeled off and homes split open by fallen trees. Twisted street signs lay on the ground. Residents emerged

Search resumes for 4 people missing in West Texas flooding

JUNCTION (AP) — The search for four people missing after a recreational vehicle park was overrun by raging floodwaters from a West Texas river includes a helicopter, drone and rescuers who are in boats and wading the riverbanks. Authorities say the search resumed Wednesday morning for the three men and one woman who were swept away early Monday morning while staying at the RV park along the South Llano River in Junction, a town about 140 miles west of Austin.

The search spans from the RV park to 35 miles downstream as the South Llano River becomes the Llano River. Authorities said Wednesday that the river has been receding. About 20 people will be searching along the riverbanks with the help of rescue dogs.

In the early evening to assess damage when rains stopped, though skies were still overcast and windy.

Vance Heu, 29, was staying with his mother at her apartment, Spring Gate Apartments, a small complex of single-story wood frame apartment buildings. A pine tree punched a hole in their roof and he said the roar of the storm sounded like a jet engine as the winds accelerated. Their ears even popped as the barometric pressure dropped.

"It was terrifying, honestly. There was a lot of noise. We thought the windows were going to break at any time. We had the inside windows kind of barricaded in with mattresses," Heu said.

Kaylee O'Brien was crying as she sorted through the remains of the apartment she shared with three roommates at Whispering Pines apartments, where the smell of broken pine trees was thick in the air. Four pine trees had crashed through the roof of her apartment, nearly hitting two people. Her 1-year-old Siamese cat, Molly, was

missing.

"We haven't seen her since the tree hit the den. She's my baby," O'Brien said, her face wet with tears.

In Apalachicola, Sally Crown rode out the storm in her house. The worst damage she thought was in her yard. Multiple trees were down. But after the storm passed, she drove to check on the cafe she manages and saw breathtaking destruction.

"It's absolutely horrendous. Catastrophic," Crown said. "There's flooding. Boats on the highway. A house on the highway. Houses that have been there forever are just shattered."

Gov. Rick Scott announced soon after the powerful eye had swept inland that "aggressive" search and rescue efforts would get underway as conditions allowed. He urged people to stay off debris-littered roads.

"If you and your family made it through the storm safely, the worst thing you could do now is act foolishly," he said.

Michael was a meteorological brute that sprang

quickly from a weekend tropical depression, going from a Category 2 on Tuesday to a Category 4 by the time it came ashore. It was the most powerful hurricane on record to hit the Panhandle.

More than 375,000 people up and down the Gulf Coast were urged to evacuate as Michael closed in. But the fast-moving, fast-strengthening storm didn't give people much time to prepare, and emergency authorities lamented that many ignored the warnings and seemed to think they could ride it out.

Diane Farris, 57, and her son walked to a high school-turned-shelter near their Panama City home, where about 1,100 people crammed into a space meant for about half as many. Neither she nor her son had any way to communicate because their lone cellphone got wet and quit working.

"I'm worried about my daughter and grandbaby. I don't know where they are. You know, that's hard," she said, choking back tears.

In Panama City, plywood and metal flew off the front of a Holiday Inn Express. Part of the awning fell and shattered the glass front door of the hotel, and the rest of the awning wound up on vehicles parked below it.

"Oh my God, what are we seeing?" said evacuee Rachel Franklin, her mouth hanging open. The hotel swimming pool had white caps.

Hurricane-force winds extended up to 45 miles from Michael's center at the height of the storm. Fore-

casters said rainfall could reach up to a foot in spots. And then there was the life-threatening storm surge.

A water-level station in Apalachicola, close to where Michael came ashore, reported a surge of nearly 8 feet.

Based on its internal barometric pressure, Michael was the third most powerful hurricane to hit the U.S. mainland, behind the unnamed Labor Day storm of 1913 and Camille in 1969. Based on wind speed, it was the fourth-strongest, behind the Labor Day storm, Camille and Andrew in 1992.

Forecasters said it would unleash damaging wind and rain all the way into the Carolinas, which are still recovering from Hurricane Florence's epic flooding.

At the White House, President Donald Trump said, "God bless everyone because it's going to be a rough one," he said. "A very dangerous one." His office said he would tour the devastated areas next

week.

In Mexico Beach, population 1,000, the storm shattered homes, leaving floating piles of lumber. The head-gray water was so high that roofs were about all that could be seen of many homes.

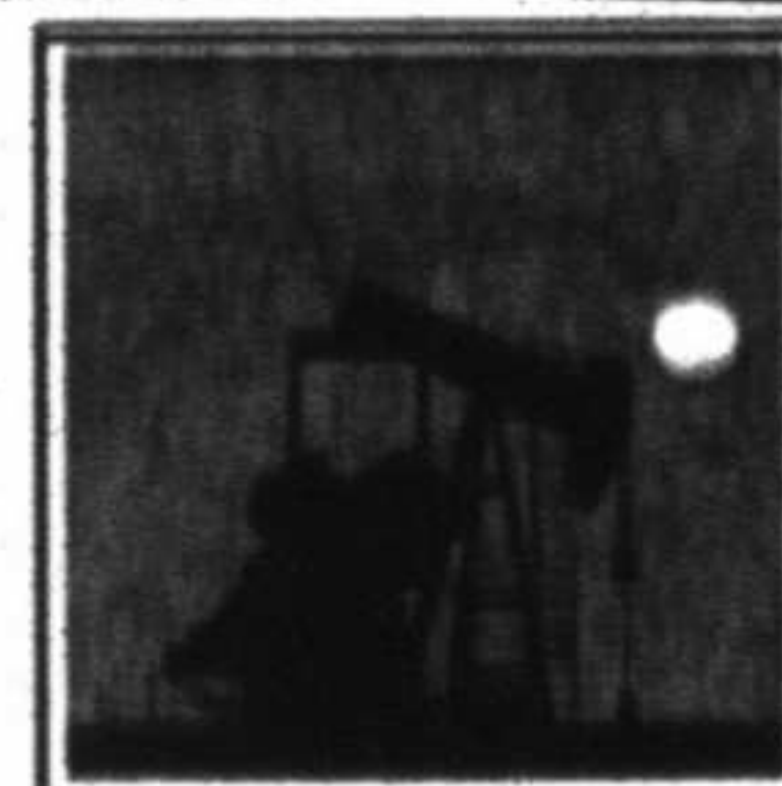
Hours earlier, meteorologists watched satellite imagery in complete awe as the storm intensified.

"We are in new territory," National Hurricane Center Meteorologist Dennis Feltgen wrote on Facebook. "The historical record, going back to 1851, finds no Category 4 hurricane ever hitting the Florida panhandle."

The storm is likely to fire up the debate over global warming.

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Nikki Haley's comet has a long tale

■ Few people have the UN ambassador's innate talents

Seated next to President Trump in the Oval Office on Tuesday, Nikki Haley did not look like a woman who had tortured herself over whether to resign as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

On television at least, she looked like someone who has a much better deal coming her way early next year. She looked like someone who has enjoyed 14 solid years of successful public life, first as South Carolina state legislator, then as governor and, currently, as a national representative on the international stage. She looked like a woman who, at just 46, sees rainbows and jackpots in her future.

As Haley and Trump announced, she'll leave the U.N. at the end of this year, but she's not going anywhere for long. Haley has long been considered a likely presidential candidate. But not before 2024. In her resignation letter, Haley explicitly said she "surely will not be a candidate for any office in 2020." Too bad it would be such a nice round number for the nation's first female president.

Most likely, Haley is pausing to make some money. In her statement, she suggested an imminent return to the private

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sector. She and her husband have accrued considerable debt, according to the Charleston Post & Courier. Also, her parents' home reportedly is in foreclosure. With her intimate knowledge of international trade, politics and relationships, Haley could pick her job — and name her salary — at any of several top-notch consulting firms. She might even make an excellent get for the Trump organization, which would make some sense of her effusive praise for Ivanka Trump, Jared Kushner and Melania Trump during her Tuesday remarks.

I've been watching my fellow South Carolinian closely since our first meeting nearly a decade ago. Haley had called me for coffee to discuss her run for governor. A state legislator at the time, she shrewdly reached out to the only nationally syndicated columnist in town. We met at Columbia's Gourmet Shop, a popular bistro,

wine and kitchen boutique.

When I walked into the empty restaurant section, I spotted a pretty, petite woman dressed in a royal blue suit. (We women take note of such details.) She nearly knocked me off balance with her brilliant smile and piercing brown eyes. Disarming is the word — and it's a good one if you're a politician. Greeting me warmly, she quickly set the tone for our meeting: "Before we get started, I just want you to know that I agree with everything you said about Sarah Palin."

"Well, then," I said, "we're off to a good start." Haley was referring to a column I had written the previous fall saying that Palin, recently selected as John McCain's running mate, wasn't quite ready for prime time. Several months after our meeting, I spotted a photo of Haley and Palin holding hands, standing on the statehouse steps. When I emailed Haley to express my surprise, she responded: "I'll never forget that you're the one who put me on the map."

Yes, she's a politician. Through the years, I've continued to drop her a line now and then, usually without response. We've had a couple of disagreements over columns I've written about her, but I remain both intrigued and impressed by her personal power and epic

story. Born to Sikh Indian parents and raised in tiny Bamberg, South Carolina, she has built a resume that speaks to ambition but also to tenacity and courage. Forty years ago, it wasn't easy to be a brown-skinned child whose father wore a turban in a place like Bamberg. As U.N. ambassador, she has performed with excellence, sometimes speaking independently rather than parroting Trump's positions. In so doing, she has earned the respect of men and women across the spectrum, regardless of whether they agree with her often-hawkish positions.

In decades of writing about politics, I've run across few with Haley's innate talents. She's a natural with people, whether crouching with children on the ground in Africa — reminiscent of Princess Diana on similar travels — or speaking to leaders in the tense theater of the United Nations. As governor, she led the Legislature to remove the Confederate battle flag from the statehouse grounds, while also guiding South Carolina through the shock and grief of the 2015 church massacre in Charleston.

It won't serve her presidential aspirations well to stay out of politics for long, as Haley surely knows. Thus, the burning question — what's next? — has only one certain answer: Whatever she wants.

GUEST VIEW

Nikki Haley has served this country well

We may never know all the reasons why Nikki Haley announced her resignation this week, effective at the end of this year, as President Donald Trump's ambassador to the United Nations.

The timing, less than a month before midterm elections seen by many as a referendum on Trump's leadership, was not ideal for the president or his party.

But we have no reason to doubt Haley, a 46-year-old Republican twice elected governor of South Carolina and one of the most prominent women in the Trump administration, considered her ambassadorship "the honor of a lifetime."

Not do we doubt her sincerity when she touted the administration's diplomatic and foreign-policy achievements, including its "amazing" trade deals, stricter North Korean sanctions, taking on the U.N.'s "anti-Israel" bias and making the international organization "stronger" and "more efficient" by cutting its budget by \$1.3 billion.

Indeed, with Trumpian flare, Haley told reporters assembled in the Oval Office on Tuesday, "Now the United States is respected. Countries may not like what we do, but they respect what we do."

As for a White House run of her own, she said plainly: "No, I'm not running for 2020." The president, in turn, praised Haley, saying that she'd done a fantastic job and that he and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo hate to lose her.

While we might not always agree with this president's stances on trade or foreign policy, we agree with him that Haley has served her country well. Not by serving as a mouthpiece for the Trump administration but by working to improve its policies and, at times, voicing differences with its key players. Examples include calling Russia's meddling in the 2016 presidential elections an act of "warfare," her bold push for stricter sanctions against Russia for its role in assisting Syrian dictator Bashar Assad, and her continued call for "an immediate end to the Russian occupation of Crimea."

But it is in her unwavering support of human rights and the rights of refugees that Haley has most distanced herself from her president. The daughter of Indian immigrants, she's long spoken of America as a "beacon of freedom." And as The Washington Post's Jennifer Rubin commented last year, "She endorsed (Marco) Rubio in 2016 and Mitt Romney in 2012, both of them embrace a robust U.S. foreign policy based on both our values and our interests."

We'll leave it to the historians to decide Nikki Haley's true motivations for stepping down as Trump's ambassador to the U.N., and whether clashes with the president over American "values and interests" played a role. Until then, we thank her for her service and outspokenness, and believe her when she says, as she did Tuesday, "It was a blessing to go into the U.N. with body armor every day and defend America. And I'll always do that. I'll never truly step aside from fighting for our country."

Could that include a presidential run after 2020? We wouldn't count it out.

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Democrats awaken a sleeping giant

■ The left's miscalculations and strategy backfired in the Kavanaugh fight, and the reverberations may not be over

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President Trump apologized to Justice Brett Kavanaugh and his family for the "terrible pain and suffering" they endured during his confirmation process, declaring that "what happened to the Kavanaugh family violates every notion of fairness, decency and due process."

Democrats seem to be taking the opposite lesson from the Kavanaugh fight. As Politico recently tweeted, "After failing to stop Kavanaugh's confirmation, Democrats wonder if it's time to be more ruthless."

More ruthless? There are a lot of reasons the effort to stop Kavanaugh failed, but a lack of ruthlessness is not one of them. Kavanaugh's opponents just tried to destroy a man without a shred of corroborating evidence. No tactic, no unfounded accusation, was too extreme. Democrats demanded that the FBI investigate not just Christine Blasey Ford's uncorroborated accusations, but also the charge in the New Yorker's hit piece that Kavanaugh had exposed himself to a college classmate, Deborah Ramirez, as well as the scurrilous accusation by Michael Avenatti client Julie Swetnick that Kavanaugh participated in gang rapes at high school parties. How can you get any more ruthless than unfounded accusations of gang rape?

Democrats did not lose the Kavanaugh fight because they were not ruthless enough. They lost because, as always, the left overreached. Their increasingly brazen and unsupported charges against Kavanaugh backfired, strengthening the GOP's case that Kavanaugh was the victim of a political hit job, and actually helping to secure his confirmation.

They also lost because of their disastrous decision last year to filibuster the nomination of Neil Gorsuch, a justice of impeccable qualification and temperament. If Democrats had kept their powder dry then, they would still have had the filibuster in place when Kavanaugh was nominated. As it stands, Republicans were barely able to confirm Kavanaugh; they likely would never have been able to muster the votes to invoke the nuclear option to get him onto the court.

In the case of Gorsuch, at least there was no attempt at character assassination. That was because he was a conservative justice replacing a conservative justice, the late Antonin Scalia. His confirmation simply restored the status quo ante. Kavanaugh, by contrast, was replacing Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, the court's key swing vote. His con-

firmed could swing the court's ideological balance for a generation, so he had to be destroyed. If they did this to Kennedy's replacement, think of what Democrats will do if, at some point in his presidency, Trump ends up nominating someone to replace a liberal Supreme Court justice. It's hard to imagine anything worse than charges of gang rape, but I doubt we have yet plumbed the depths of the ruthlessness of which Democrats are capable.

Democrats have no one but themselves to blame for Kavanaugh's confirmation. Their strategic miscalculations and embrace of what they once decried as the "politics of personal destruction," backfired. And the reverberations may not yet be over. Since Kavanaugh's hearings, the number of Republicans who say the November elections are "very important" has grown by 12 points to 80 percent — closing the enthusiasm gap with Democrats. The attacks on Kavanaugh have awoken a sleeping giant. It may not be enough to save the House, where Republicans are defending 25 seats in districts Hillary Clinton won. But the Kavanaugh fiasco may cost Democrats their chance to retake the Senate — and with it the power to block future Trump judicial nominations. If so, it means their search-and-destroy mission against Kavanaugh may end up handing Trump the ability to get even more Supreme Court justices confirmed.

Democrats have also given Republicans reason to look past their frustrations with Trump's erratic behavior in office. Millions of Republicans put aside their misgivings and voted for Trump in 2016 for one reason: the Supreme Court. Now he has delivered. It has not escaped notice that he never once backed down in his support for Kavanaugh. Even at the lowest moments, there were no signs of wavering, no leaks from the White House that the president was quietly looking at potential replacements just in case Kavanaugh's nomination failed. At his ceremonial swearing-in Monday, Kavanaugh thanked Trump for his "steadfast, unwavering support." He's right. The president stood firm until the end and won. Now it's time for Democrats to be honest with themselves about why they lost.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



By Will Weissert
Associated Press

O'Rourke's lean years ended when he moved back to El Paso and co-founded a web design company in 1999. He met his future wife, Amy, on a blind date in 2004 and soon announced he was running for City Council. O'Rourke then got to Congress by upsetting long-serving Rep. Silvestre Reyes in the 2012 Democratic primary. His wife sold a stake worth up to \$500,000 in the web firm the same day O'Rourke declared his Senate candidacy.

McConnell said he's hoping to persuade more Republican women to join the committee but hasn't had much success in the past.

If control of Congress does split, he envisions a Republican Senate majority keeping full-throttle on confirming the president's nominees — including another Supreme Court pick if there's a vacancy on

He said his approval rating has almost doubled since the Kavanaugh confirmation.

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Rising trash talk in our politics: The latest uncivil debate

By Laurie Kellman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There's a lot of talk in Washington these days about whether that quaint politeness known as "civility" is possible — or even desirable — among the nation's political combatants.

Lots of people got riled up over Justice Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation hearings, and party leaders now are branding opponents as "mobs" gone mad, and worse. Then there is President Donald Trump, an innovator in the field of talking smack, trying to energize his supporters for the Nov. 6 congressional elections.

It's not likely to get better soon, with both parties straining for control of Congress on Election Day. A look at the "conversation."

The leader

Trump kicked off his presidential campaign in 2015 by saying many Mexicans are rapists and murderers. He scorned his Republican challengers as "liars," "losers" and "low-energy." He called women ugly, hysterical, even "a dog."

Critics hated it. But after all, as Trump reminds everyone, he won.

Now, the president is back at it in the afterglow of Kavanaugh's Supreme Court approval, calling confirmation opponents an "angry mob" of Democrats, some of them plain "evil."

Lamenting Civility's loss

Not all fellow Republicans think the spread of this kind of talk is a good thing.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, who has long tasked the president's incendiary style, said this week: "There is a lot of division in the country today and it's coming from both sides and it is disheartening." The Wisconsin Republican, who is retiring after this year, says the economic and security anxieties that many Americans face give oxygen to the polarizing, and action to somehow reduce those stresses might help restore more productive conversations.

Don't hold Your breath

Hillary Clinton says Democrats actually have to be even tougher.

"You cannot be civil with a political party that wants to destroy what you stand for, what you care about," she said on CNN. "That's why I believe, if we are fortunate enough to win back the House and/or the Senate, that's when civility can start again."

She likened the rhetoric during Kavanaugh's consideration to other Republican attacks including "what they did to me for 25 years" as first lady, senator from New York, secretary of state and presidential candidate. Two years after Trump's victory, she notes, he still routinely brings her up, calling her "Crooked Hillary."

"You can be civil but you can't overcome what they intend to do unless you win elections," she said. Republicans are driven by "the lust for power."

Look who's Talking

What about that, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell? "When you have the last presidential nominee for president saying incivility should continue until the Democrats win the House, for goodness sake, I think we know who the culprits are here when it comes to the quality of discourse in the country, and it's not coming from the Republican side of the aisle."

But what about Trump? "It's not my job to do a routine sort of daily critique of the president's observations, and I speak up when I think it's necessary," he said. "He's a unique politician, there's no question about that."

Besides, he said in an interview with The Associated Press, "We're not here to have fun. It's OK to have big fights once in a while."

More than mean talk?

Sen. Cory Gardner, who heads the National Republican Senatorial Committee, said there have been threats against Kavanaugh, white powder sent to the Pentagon, the White House and lawmakers, and his own wife received a text message showing "a

graphic beheading." He also said some Kavanaugh foes had paraphrased Michelle Obama's peaceful campaign mantra by saying, "When they go low, we kick back."

He said that behavior must stop. "It time we step back from that brink."

The White House

Not all the uncivil talk is so violent. Trump counselor Kellyanne Conway

delivered a short form master class Wednesday while taking Clinton to task.

"Usually when she opens her mouth, respectfully, she offends at least one half of the country," Conway said on Fox News Channel.

"It's one thing to call us deplorable, irredeemable, laugh at people who don't have all the privileges that she has had with her Ivy League law degree and through her marriage to a

much more popular man who actually was a two-term president that she'll never be," Conway said.

And, while Trump campaigns for Republican candidates, "I don't see all these Democratic candidates banging down Hillary Clinton's door asking her to lock arms."

Actually, Clinton will hit the campaign trail soon on behalf of Florida gubernatorial hopeful Andrew Gillum.

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ALL SING The Midland Odessa Symphony and Chorus presents the parts one and two of "The Creation" in this choral concert at First Presbyterian Church. 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

PURPLE PARTY How do classic Prince songs sound through strings and winds? Find out at the Questlove-curated 40th Anniversary Celebration of Prince at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. 7:30 p.m.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2B.

MOVIES

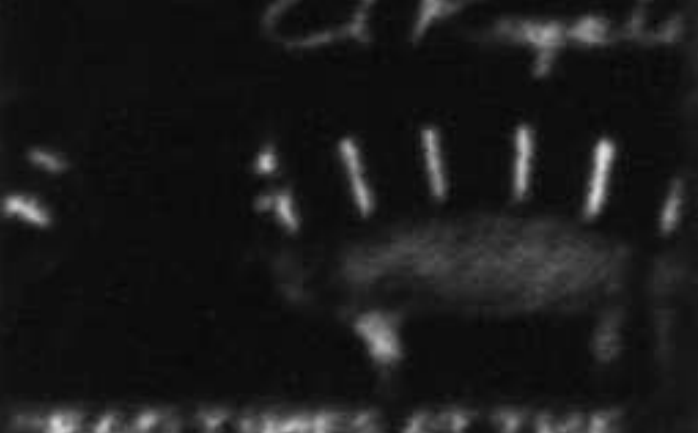
Movies opening this week



"FIRST MAN" with Ryan Reynolds and Claire Foy



"GOOSEBUMPS 2: HAUNTED HALLOWEEN"



"HEAD IN THE GAME" with Jonny Lee Miller

STAYING BE Find out what movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. Page 4B

DANCING LIGHTS



HEAT INDEX: Speed dating, garage sales and death matches this weekend

By Rich Lopez
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YOSSI GHINSBERG AT THE YUCCA THEATRE

The Sibley Nature Center Distinguished Lecture Series presents adventurer and author Yossi Ghinsberg to speak about his time lost in the Amazon Jungle. He'll tell stories about his survival in the wild and the self-discovery that came with it. His story was depicted in the film "Jungle" starring Daniel Radcliffe. 7 p.m. today at 208 Colorado St. Free. sibleynaturecenter.org

SHOP THE TEXAS SIZE GARAGE SALE

Everything you've ever needed and then some can be found at the Texas Size Garage Sale. The three-day fundraiser opens with Early Bird Shopping from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. with a \$5 admission. Saturday sales will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Half-off Sunday will go from 2-5 p.m. The sale benefits Senior Link of Midland's

Meals on Wheels and Homebound Services programs. Cash, check and credit cards accepted. Friday-Sunday at 407 E. Scharbauer Drive

SPEED DATING AT MY DHARMA ART

Single life can be tough in West Texas with people moving in and out. Then there's figuring out the common interests, attraction and all that stuff. Only this time, you can do all that quickly at The Art of Speed Dating. But this event goes one further. Participants will create art while getting to know fellow singles. So at least there will be one thing in common. 6-10 p.m. Friday at 2034 W. Cuthbert Ave. \$10. mydharmaart.com

LITERARY DEATH MATCH AT THE REA-GREATHOUSE RECITAL HALL

Take a bit of "American Idol" mixed with a poetry slam for something akin to Literary Death Match. Hosted by Adrian Todd

Zuniga, he and his panel of judges will put four authors through a gamut of games, humor and readings of original stories. Special Guests The Typewriter Rodeo will also be on hand to craft original poetry for audience members. This is an ArtPocalypse event so take your Cultural Passport for a stamp. 7-9 p.m. Friday at 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 178R. \$15. wagnernoel.com

ILLUMINATE AT THE WAGNER NOEL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Part dance, part theater, part concert but all spectacle might be the best way to describe illuminate. Fusing technology with performance, the company performs in glow in electric suits with dancing lights creating a kaleidoscope of visual effects onstage. Get lit with an array of special effects, costumes and stage production. 7-10 p.m. Sunday at 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 178R. \$15. \$55. wagnernoel.com



A TEA PARTY

REVIEW

Strong performances keep 'Alice' on track

By Rich Lopez
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Lewis Carroll's classic "Alice in Wonderland" gets the stage treatment in this adaptation by Pickwick Players director Bill Williams. A colorful array of characters cross paths with the title character as she makes her way through Wonderland. The audience follows Alice in what felt more like vignettes than a journey.

The prologue set the tone on opening night of its two-week run with a glimpse into Carroll's imagination. A study scene led by interpretive dancing from Chris Cheek as the author. The play shifts into the world of Alice (Abigail Nichols) that begins her tale down the rabbit hole through the garden of live flowers and the tea party as she finds her way home. (Note: Abi Cheek plays Alice on alternating nights.)

The cast of characters was familiar with the White Rabbit (Madeline Goss), the Cheshire Cat (Danielle Brydson), the Mad Hatter (John Engstrand) and the Queen of Hearts (Carly Venter), among others.

Abigail Nichols proved to be a solid lead with her stage time at almost 100 percent, and she maintained an enthusiastic

"Alice in Wonderland" closes this weekend, 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. \$28. mct-midland.org

IF YOU GO

interest in her exchanges with each of the characters without any a break. Venter and Engstrand gave outstanding performances with the right amount of camp and humor that felt appropriate for a place as colorful as Wonderland. Twinkle Dee and Sham (Aiden Lauritzen and Zach Johnson, respectively) added another layer of eccentricity with their committed two costumes.

These moments gave the show highlights but often the scenes felt a bit clunky as if to merely bring in a new character. Alice's journey didn't feel like an evolution but more like a hopscotch game into the next scene.

But the large cast of 30 were on the same page as each felt engaged in the fantasyland they were playing in. The large set with its various entrance points added to the uniqueness of Wonderland. In turn, the use of moody music and songs added an appropriate touch of counterbalance to such a whimsical story.

'Goosebumps 2' is a kid-friendly monster mash



LESS BLACK, LESS 'BUMPS

The 2015 adaptation of R.L. Stine's popular "Goosebumps" book series was way better than it had any right to be. Starring Jack Black as a free-wheeling version of the author, the film was a kid-friendly Halloween spoof that examined the way we use horror as a coping mechanism in everyday life. It was smart and silly and scary, anchored by the inimitable Black. But the follow-up, "Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween," is a serious disappointment, starting with how Black is barely in it. Less Black, less 'bumps, as it turns out.

It's not just the lack of Black that has a detrimental effect. There's a changeover of writing and directing teams. Writers Scott Alexander and Larry Karaszewski and director Rob Letterman replaced by writer Rob Letterman and director Ari Sandel. Daran Little stays on as co-writer, but so do leftovers from the original cast, either turning it into an anthology franchise, there's a new group of kids in a new town, Wardencliff, N.Y., who are taken in by the evil manifestations of ventriloquist dummy Slappy.

Sonny (Jeremy Ray Taylor) and his friend Sam (Caleb Harris) pick up Slappy at an old creepy house while doing a junk run. Of course they promptly realize the incantation found in his pocket, as one does when one happens upon a terrifying puppet, and bring him home. Slappy, who apparently longs for a family, is happy to ingratiate himself with Sonny's sister, Sarah (Madison Leman), a senior struggling with a scummy boyfriend and college applications,



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and their harried, snarky mom, Kathy (Wendi McLendon-Covey). The plot is of little consequence. All that matters is once Slappy's out of the box, he wants to make some mischief, and mischief he makes, with the assistance of all the creatures he brings into existence. But instead of raising R.L. Stine's monsters from the page, Slappy merely animates every Halloween decoration in sight. One sequence features Slappy raising every sort of costume and seasonal trinket from the Halloween aisle at the drug store, turning the classic creatures into zombie monster minions. Halloween-themed neighbor Mr. Chu (Ken Jeong) also provides great fodder for Slappy with his elaborate holiday decorations.

But, none of the flimsy nylon monsters are scary at all. An enormous spider made out of balloons just doesn't have the gravitas. This is a kid-friendly monster mash, but it's truly no graveyard smash. All the clever references have been drained from the script. Even the cute and creative monsters, like the giant gummy bears that attempt to devour Sonny and Sam, are not enough to

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CALENDAR

COMING SOON

OCTOBER

The 13th annual **Roswell Jazz Festival** is a five-day event of concerts, workshops and showcases with more than 20 invited musicians. Guests include trombonists John Allred and Bill Allred, pianist Emily Gamble and guitarist Eddie Erickson. Highlights include jazz on the Courthouse Lawn, School of Jazz workshop and Workshop in Jazz Oct. 17-21 across various venues. For tickets and more information, visit roswelljazz.org.

Casey Donahew, 7 p.m. Oct. 17 at KDX Bar-B-Q, 3109 Garden City Highway.

Touch of Soul, 9:30 p.m. Oct. 17 at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W Highway 80.

Give Back Day benefiting Dress for Success Permian Basin. Tell the cashier you are there for the agency to donate a portion of your cost to the organization. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Oct. 18 at Grub Burger Bar, 4400 N Midland Drive.

Guest Author Presentation Series with Greg T. Anderson, the author of "The Power of Crap," 6 p.m. Oct. 18 in the Murray Tashen Learning Resource Center at Midland College, 3600 N Garfield St. Free. midland.edu.

Marla Comes to Midland: An Evening with Marla Public Radio featuring the station DJs and storytellers, 6 p.m. Oct. 18 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W Missouri Ave.

Community Book Club. This ArPoCalyse event will discuss the NEA Big Read novel "Station Eleven," 6-8 p.m. Oct. 18 at The Hive Comics, 3615 N Dixie Blvd. odessa.odessarts.org.

Grocery Store Tour. The tour aids in shopping for whole food, plant-based groceries and teaches how to read nutrition labels. Limited space so registration is required. 7:30 p.m. H.E.B. 5407 Andrews Highway \$5. ourhealthy.city.com.

Timber Lab. Children ages 8-12 will engage in independent scientific exploration by deconstructing electronics and participating in free building and creation. 3:30-5 p.m. Oct. 18 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W Loop 250 N.

Mary Chapin-Carpenter, Laura Cortese and the Dance Cards, 8 p.m. Oct. 18 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N Farm-to-Market Road 1788 \$39.50-\$69.50. wagnernoel.com.

Genealogy Lock-In features a day of genealogy classes streamed in from libraries throughout Texas. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Oct. 19 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W Loop 250 N.

Pretend and Play is a creative open-play experience for parent and child. 10:30 a.m. Oct. 19 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W Loop 250 N.

Space Night. Guests 8-12 will make a Nebula jar and stargaze with constellation flashlight. 4 p.m. Oct. 19 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W Loop 250 N.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting. Teens can earn volunteer hours and discuss events, planning and ordering. Registration is required. 4:30 p.m. Oct. 19 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W Loop 250 N.

"It'll Be the Us Part", 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Oct. 19 and runs through Nov. 10 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W Wadley Ave. \$28. mct-midland.org.

Elad Prather, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 19 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N Farm-to-Market Road 1788 \$31-\$51. wagnernoel.com.

Pink the Park with guest speaker Janette Chasen, photo booth, live performances and more. 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 20 at Grub Burger Bar, 4400 N Midland Drive.

Holiday Card Workshop with Sara Dressler, 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 19 at the Palette Club of Midland, 907 W Wadley Ave. \$35. paletteclub-midland.com.

No-Sew Blankets for Shelter Pets. Help make blankets for the Midland Humane Coalition and wrapped in Love Tees. All levels welcome. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 20 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W Loop 250 N.

Sister Day Movie: "Eleanor". Popcorn provided in this monthly film series of children and family movies. 2 p.m. Oct. 20 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W Loop 250 N.

Bookie Day. Learn more about eBooks and audiobooks online and other free online options provided by the library for your device. 3-4 p.m. Oct. 20 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W Loop 250 N.

ART & DANCE

OPENING: Sports photography by Steven Alcina opening reception 11 a.m. today in the Nancy Fyle Cardoster Gallery at UTPB, 4901 E University Blvd. Odessa.

OPENING: Midland Arts Association Fall Juried Show opening reception 6 p.m. today. On display through Nov. 9 in the Allison Fine Arts building at Midland College, 3600 N Garfield St. midlandartsassociation.org.

Adult Paint and Sip: "Happy Halloween", 6:30-9 p.m. today at Kidd's and Canvas Parties, 3300 N Midland Road \$35. kiddsart.com.

The seventh annual **Art Exhibition Gala and Sale** hosted by the Odessa Hispanic Art Association. The event will feature wine, appetizers and live music by Jess Acoustic. 7-9 p.m. today at Dee's Bistro and Grill, 822 N Lee Ave., Odessa. Free.

Adult Paint and Sip: "Boon!", 7-9:30 p.m. Friday at Kidd's and Canvas Parties, 3300 N Midland Road \$35. kiddsart.com.

En plein Air Event: The Art of Painting or Drawing Outdoors, 9 a.m.-noon Saturday at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E Wadley Ave. Free. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Palette Club Painting, 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the Palette Club, 907 W Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.

"The Essence of Place: Celebrating the Photography of David Halpern" showcases a series of landscapes in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah. On display through Oct. 18. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Tuesday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

CLASSES, LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

Docent Training, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. today and Friday at the Petroleum Museum, 1500 N Interstate 20 W. Contact the education department at 432-683-4403 for more information. petro.org.

Women's Fiction Book Club, 5:30-7 p.m. today at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W Loop 250 N.

Sibley Nature Center's Distinguished Lecture Series: Yossi Ghinsberg. The adventurer and author will speak about his survival in the Amazon jungle and his work with ecological issues. 7 p.m. today at the Yucca Theatre, 208 Colorado St. Free. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Emily St. John Mandel. The author talks about her book "Station Eleven" which is this year's NEA Big Read selection coinciding with ArPoCalyse events. 7 p.m. today at the Globe of the Great Southwest, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa. Free. odessarts.org.

The fourth annual **Permian Basin Writers' Workshop**. This year's event will feature 10 guest speakers and more than 20 workshops and more Saturday and Sunday at Midland College, 3600 Garfield St. permianbasinwritersworkshop.org.

Midland Genealogical Society will present information on ancestry and historical programs. 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W Loop 250 N.

Open Shop Nights are hosted by the Midland Gem and Mineral Society and open to the public. Visitors can watch members cut rock and work on lapidary projects. 6:30-9 p.m. Monday at 601 S. Main St. midlandgemandmineral.org.

League of Women Voters candidate forum with HISD school board Districts 5 and 6 candidates and City Council 2 at-large candidates. 7-8:30 p.m. Monday in the Carrasco Room at Midland College, 3600 N Garfield St.

Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series featuring Dennis Bateman presenting "Radial Drilling Services." Drinks and dessert provided. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 W. Free. petro.org.

Growth to Greatness: Democratic-Friendly Workplace, 2-4 p.m. Tuesday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W Loop 250 N.

COMEDY, FILM, STAGE

OPENING: "The Giver". Based on the novel by Lois Lowry, the show is part of ArPoCalyse events. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Oct. 12-21 at Permian Playhouse, 310 W 42nd St. Odessa \$18. permianplayhouse.com.

CLOSING: "Alice in Wonderland", 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W Wadley Ave. \$28. mct-midland.org.

Saturday Movie: "Goosebumps". Popcorn provided in this weekly film series of children and family movies. 2 p.m. Saturday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W Loop 250 N.

Haminate, 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N Farm-to-Market Road 1788 \$35-\$55. wagnernoel.com.

EVENTS

Hit at Six with Young Professionals of Midland, 6-8 p.m. today at The Blue Door, 4616 N Garfield St.

Take the Money and Run 2018 benefiting Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center. This backyard event will feature dinner, drinks and music by Current Flow. 6:30-9:30 p.m. today at PCRC, 802 Ventura Ave. \$50. midlandchildrens.org.

The Art of Speed Dating. A social mixer to effectively pickpocket and create art while meeting new people. 6:30 p.m. Friday at Dharma Art, 2934 W. Cuthbert Ave. \$10. mydharmaart.com.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK



Literary Death Match join host Adrian Todd Zingg as he and his panel of judges put four authors through a gamut of games, humor and readings of original stories. Special Guests: The Typewriter. Rodeo will also be on hand to craft original poetry for audience members. This is an ArPoCalyse event. 7-9 p.m. Friday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N Farm-to-Market Road 1788 \$15. wagnernoel.com.

Old Town Midland Haunted House, 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Friday-Nov. 1 at 2512 W Ohio Ave.

The seventh annual **Parade of Homes** featuring six homes in Midland and Odessa Saturday and Sunday and Oct. 18-21. \$10. Tour information and addresses online. pbthomes.org.

Low-cost Shot and Microchip Clinic by MASA Rescue, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Beal Park, 5200 W Wall St.

Veterans Benefit Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Midland College, 3600 N Garfield St.

Meet and Greet with the Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals. Meet the animals and staff of LSSA and learn more about the organization and adoption. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Dillard's, 4511 N Midland Road.

The 10th annual **Remembrance Celebration** hosted by Hearts Abide. This event will feature bounce houses, face painting, snacks, live music and more to celebrate families and memorialize the loss of a child. 2-5 p.m. Saturday at Cimarron Pavilion, 5514 Champions Way. heartside.org.

The Big Show features dinner, entertainment and a dive show. 6 p.m. Saturday at COM Aquatics, 3003 N. A. St. \$5-\$125. comaquatics.com.

The Teen Challenge 2018 Banquet will feature inspiration testimonies from Teen Challenge students and graduates with live entertainment from Crystal River, the Teen Challenge Choir and more. 6 p.m. Saturday at Horseshoe Arena, 2514 Arena Trail \$35. teenchallengepb.com.

Hispanic Heritage Celebration. Join CASA of West Texas and the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for a night of music and dancing with Ballet Nuevas Herencias and Mariachi Nueva Generacion. The keynote speaker will be U.S. Army retired Lt. Col. Consuelo Castillo Rickbach, who became the highest-ranking Hispanic woman in combat support. 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. cassavox.com.

Uptown Midland Business and Professional Women's 2018 Woman of Achievement awards dinner. This year's honorees are Cathy Eastman, owner of Cathy Eastman Fine Jewelry & p.m. Monday at the Petroleum Club of Midland, 501 W Wall St. midlandupw.com.

Permian Bar International Oil Show, Tuesday-Oct. 18 at Ector County Coliseum, 4701 Andrews Highway, Odessa. permianbar.org.

FAMILY AND YOUTH

Dog Tales. Children and guests can read to furry friends. 3:30 Thursdays through Dec. 27 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W Loop 250 N.

Anime Club for fans of manga, anime and Japanese pop culture. For ages 13-19. 5-6 p.m. today and 25 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W Loop 250 N.

Evening Storytime at the Library, 4:30 p.m. (3-6 years) Fridays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W Loop 250 N.

Teen Book Clubs. Teens will discuss popular young adult titles. Free copies of each month's book will be available at Youth Services while supplies last. Registration required. 4:30 p.m. Friday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W Loop 250 N.

Parents' Night out, 6 p.m. Friday at Midland YHCA, 500 N. Big Spring St. \$10. midlandyhc.org.

Nature Club: Can You Dig It? Students kindergarten through third can enjoy learning about fossils. 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E Wadley Ave. \$5. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Toddler Time Paint Class: "Little Spiders", 10-11 a.m. Saturday at Kidd's and Canvas Parties, 3300 N Midland Road \$20. kiddsart.com.

Child Painting Event: "Scaredy Cat", 1-2:45 p.m. Sunday at Kidd's and Canvas Parties, 3300 N Midland Road \$25. kiddsart.com.

HomeSchool Days: Pumpkin Science. Learn more about the season's food with pumpkin-related experiments. 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Building Better Third-Grade. The STEAM educational programming series enables children to engage in maker challenges, team building and robotics. 4-5 p.m. Tuesday at the Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20. petro.org.

FOOD AND DRINK

Grand Opening: Brunch and Lunch will feature drink specials and early-day menus. 8 a.m. today. Saturday, 10 a.m. Sunday at 818 N County Road W, Odessa.

Macronutrients 101 by the Lifestyle Medicine Center. 6-7 p.m. today at Midland Memorial West Campus, 4214 Andrews Highway \$30.

Thursday Night Dinner with live music. 7 p.m. Thursdays at Cafe Alldredge, 3300 N Fairgrounds Road. alldredgecafe.com.

The 18th annual **Breast Cancer Awareness Chili and Bar-B-Que Cook-off** by Patsy's Cookoff benefiting Gifts of Hope. This sanctioned event begins with the Kids Que for a Cause with live music by Marla Lake Social Club at 5:45 p.m. The following day will feature the competition with live music, karaoke, a tribute to veterans and active duty military and a thank-you dinner with raffles and auctions. Friday and Saturday at the American Legion Woods Lynch Post 19, 501 Veterans Airpark Road. patsyscookoff.com.

Beef Rib Night, 5 p.m. Fridays through Nov. 30 at True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway.

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

Midland Downtown Farmers Market celebrates its 11th season. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W Missouri Ave. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

Steak Night, 6 p.m. Saturdays at Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com.

Pint Nights featuring \$1 pints. 5-9 p.m. Sundays and Wednesdays at Double Dave's Midland, 3208 N. Loop 250 W.

Give Back Day benefiting Basin Dream Center for Children. Tell the cashier you are there for DOCCO to donate a portion of your cost to the organization. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday at Grub Burger Bar, 4400 N Midland Drive.

GAMES

Bingo Nights. The American Legion Auxiliary hosts weekly play throughout the week. 7 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 4 p.m. Sundays. 501 Veterans Airpark Lane 682-5511.

Bridge lessons with Sara Cantrell. 10 a.m. Friday at Senior Center, 3303 W Illinois Ave. Free.

Zia Park Casino Hotel and Racetrack bus trips by Midland Shuttle Services. Departs at 5 p.m. First Fridays and Sundays to Hobbs, New Mexico. \$55 for adults, \$45 for 65 and older. RSVP by calling 432-260-5478. midlandshuttleservices.com.

Bridge lessons, 10 a.m. Saturdays at Allison Bridge Center, 913 W Wadley Ave. \$3. permianbridgeclub.com.

Yugoslav tournaments, 6-10 p.m. Saturdays at Entertainment, 3111 W Cuthbert Ave. \$5.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Free Yoga. Open class, bring a mat. 9 a.m. Saturday through Dec. 29 at Universal Church of Midland, 1301 Neely Ave. Free.

Five-dollar Zumba, 10-11 a.m. Saturdays at Lacy J. Pinales and Fitness Studio, 3211 W Wadley Ave. lacyfpinales.com.

Pre- and Postnatal Yoga, Noon-1 p.m. Saturday at Lacy J. Pinales and Fitness Studio, 3211 W Wadley Ave. \$10. lacyfpinales.com.

Pinning in Pink, 3-5 p.m. Sunday at Lacy J. Pinales and Fitness Studio, 3211 W Wadley Ave. \$5.

Gentle Healing Yoga. This weekly yoga camp is open to all survivors of cancer. Led by Anne Lucero. 5-6 p.m. Mondays at Yoga Sanctuary, 4203 Dawn Circle. Free. 575-757-3699.

MUSIC

ACOUSTIC

Youth and Wisdom, 6-9 p.m. Friday at Texas Sun Winery, 5415 N. Loop 250 N.

BLUES

Tim Kroets Band, 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday at The Bar, 606 W Missouri Ave.

COUNTRY

Sonny Brown, Billy Dean, 7:30 p.m. today at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N Farm-to-Market Road 1788 \$35-\$65. wagnernoel.com.

Grow Fish Band, The Powell Brothers, 8 p.m. today at Rockin' Rodos, 4400 N. Big Spring St. \$6. rockinrodosmidland.com.

Ransom Rhodes, 9 p.m. Saturday at the Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN

Lecrae, Andy Mineo, Wordsplayed, Nobility, Whatusup, 6:30 p.m. today at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. \$25. markredent.com.

COVER/TRIBUTE

Party on the Patio with music and food specials. 6 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 25 at Triple Threat Sports Bar and Grill, 12 Mesa Drive.

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

Michael Jackson Tribute: "Thriller Spectacular" starring Danny Dash. 8-10 p.m. Friday at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. \$20-\$50.

UnderKover, 9 p.m. Saturday at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W Highway 80.

Pear Duo presented by Odessa College Music Masters Series. 7 p.m. Monday at the Globe of the Great Southwest, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa. Free. odessa.edu.

Party on the Patio with live music and food trucks. 5 p.m. Wednesdays at Shack in the Back, 11610 W Highway 80, Odessa.

DJ/DANCE

DJ Bryan, 9 p.m. Thursdays at Supernova Nightclub, 2215 N Midland Drive.

ClubNights with DJ Bookie and DJ Danny G. 8 p.m. Fridays at The Reserve in the DoubleTree, 117 W Wall St.

Noche Caliente, 8 p.m. Fridays through Oct. 26 at Club Arriba, 1006 S Midland Road.

DJ Boris, 9 p.m. Friday at Supernova Nightclub, 2215 N Midland Drive. \$10.

DJ Wildman, 9 p.m. Friday and Sunday at the Lift on 7th, 1401 E Seventh St., Odessa.

DJ Joel, 9 p.m. Saturdays at Supernova Nightclub, 2215 N Midland Drive. \$10.

#HangoverSundays, 7 p.m. Sunday at Atrium Lounge, 1904 W Wall St.

KARAOKE

Karaoke, 9 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at the Dettour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway.

Karaoke Karaoke with DJ Cisco. 9 p.m. Fridays at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W Highway 80.

Karaoke and pool tournament, Tuesdays at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W Wall St.

Karaoke Wednesdays with DJ Savage and host Arrys Hensh. 9 p.m. Wednesdays at The Recovery Room, 2803 N County Road West, Odessa. Facebook: @therecoveryroom432.

LATIN

Aida Cuevas and Mariachi Juvenil Teacitlan, 7:30 p.m. Friday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N Farm-to-Market Road 1788 \$10-\$65. wagnernoel.com.

Lentin Ramirez, Los Pescadores del Rio Conchos, 8 p.m. Saturday at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. haciendamidland.com.

R&B/SOUL

4U: A Symphonic Celebration of Prince, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N Farm-to-Market Road 1788 \$35-\$75. wagnernoel.com.

ROCK

Lost and Found, Lohr, 9 p.m. Friday and 11 at Riley's Bar and Grill, 3421 W Wall St.

ON SCREEN



'First Man,' starring Ryan Gosling as Neil Armstrong, thrills, moves and perplexes

JUSTIN CHANG

Los Angeles Times



The most captivating sequence in "First Man," Damien Chazelle's heart-stirring, nerve-jangling new movie about Neil Armstrong's voyage to the moon, is in some ways the least surprising. If you were glued to a TV screen on July 20, 1969, you will be watching a truncated version of history replay itself. After the Eagle lands, Armstrong (played by Ryan Gosling) plants one foot on the lunar surface and utters a line that no screenwriter could improve upon. But you will also find yourself transported anew by a scene whose technical ingenuity and emotional force reminded me of nothing so much as Dorothy opening her front door to Oz for the first time.

The door, in this case, is attached to the Apollo 11's lunar module, and on the other side is not a Technicolor wonderland but rather a vast, monochrome blankness. Planet Earth really does seem to have been left behind, leaving only a dark, airless void, a zone of desolation and wonder. The visuals are majestic — see the movie in IMAX if you can — but the most arresting effect might be the sound, which briefly drops out entirely. In space, no one can hear you gasp.

The sheer sublimity of this sequence — the eerie silence, the stillness and clarity of the image — stands in sharp contrast to the rest of the movie, which is framed by almost defiant inelegance. "First Man" is a visceral, sometimes maddeningly idiosyncratic piece of filmmaking. Adapted from James R. Hansen's 2012 Armstrong biography, the movie has been shot and structured as a series of ruptures — physical and emotional, individual and collective — that eventually give birth to a rare, serene moment of triumph.

Some in the audience may look back on that triumph and see an inevitability, a logical culmination of manifest destiny. But "First Man," shunning the temptations of complacency and revisionism, unfolds in a jagged, immediate present tense in which uncertainty is the only certainty.

The early scenes of Armstrong as a young engineer and pilot in 1961, testing fighter planes at stratospheric altitudes, induce a dizzying claustrophobia. The clamorous noise of the engines and the rattling motions of the aircraft remind you of the violent irrationality of human flight. Even back on the ground, the camera, wielded by the cinematographer Linus Sandgren, maintains a persistent case of the jitters, compounded by the willful disorientation of Tom Cross' editing. The screenplay by Josh Singer ("Spotlight," "The Post") compounds the effect in dramatic terms, piecing together a whiplash-inducing narrative of fatal setbacks and sudden breakthroughs.

Amid all this whirling, jolting technique is a quiet center of gravity named Neil Armstrong, whom Gosling invests with

taciturn grace and an artfully dimmed version of the movie-star charm that animated his previous collaboration with Chazelle, "La La Land." Armstrong, who largely retreated from the spotlight after Apollo 11, was famously the least flashy, most self-effacing of American icons, which presents a significant hurdle for any filmmaker trying to illuminate his inner life. Gosling's performance sensibly emphasizes at least two irrefutable points: He didn't say much, and he was very, very good at his job.

But "First Man" naturally wants to tell us more than that, to chronicle not just a staggering physical trek but also a deep journey inward. The movie's challenge, one to which it rises determinedly if not always effectively, is to pare back the outer layers of Armstrong's privacy without violating it. There's a brief, solitary shot of him weeping after he and his wife, Janet (a strong Claire Foy), lose their 2-year-old daughter, Karen, to cancer — a loss that affects Neil so deeply, the movie suggests, that his only response can be to appear as outwardly unaffected as possible.

And so he throws himself into his work and moves with Janet and their two sons to Houston, where he enters an astronaut training program for NASA's new Gemini spacecraft. The warm, respectful camaraderie Neil enjoys with his colleagues

— they include his across-the-street neighbor Ed White (Jason Clarke), Gus Grissom (Shea Whigham), Roger Chaffee (Cory Michael Smith), Elliott Sze (Patrick Fugit), Jim Lovell (Pablo Schreiber) and Dave Scott (Christopher Abbott) — masks a gently understated rivalry within NASA's ranks. (It's less understated in the case of Armstrong's future Apollo 11 partner Buzz Aldrin, played in a delightfully obnoxious turn by Corey Stoll.)

But competitiveness gives way to stiff upper lip sorrow when the mission to the moon exacts a human toll in plane crashes and prelaunch accidents, triggering widespread criticism of the space program. "First Man" deftly elides a decade's worth of national upheaval, as the space race finds itself caught between the mounting anxieties of the Cold War and the angry resistance of a public preoccupied with Vietnam and the civil rights movement. We hear snippets of President Kennedy's 1962 "We Choose to Go to the Moon" speech, but also of Leon Bridges performing Gil Scott-Heron's protest poem "Whitey on the Moon," a politically charged anomaly on a soundtrack otherwise dominated by industrial noise and Justin Hurwitz's gorgeously churning score.

Chazelle has a good ear, as admirers of "Guy and Madeline on a Park Bench," "Whiplash" and "La La Land" already know. "First Man" is his first biographical drama and his first film not to concern itself with the lives of musical artists — or is it? One of the stray bits of trivia we learn here is that before Armstrong launched his storied aeronautical career, he was the music director of his college's fraternity, a throwaway detail that also feels like a clue.

In this picture's thoughtful, eccentric and sometimes worshipful-to-a-fault tell-

ing, Armstrong emerges as an obsessive artist in his own right, an expert technician whose less quantifiable temperamental gifts — a preternatural calm, a wry sense of humor, a daredevil streak that never feels motivated by ego — may well have made the difference between life and death. His blend of obsessive workaholicism and emotional reserve armors him against grief, but it also distances him from Janet and their kids, who see increasingly little of him as he prepares for a journey from which he may not return.

Writing about "First Man" a few weeks ago from the Toronto International Film Festival, I noted that I liked the idea of the movie more than I liked the movie itself. That still holds true, although a second viewing has closed the gap significantly. Chazelle seems to be trying to both uphold and transcend the narrative template established by astronaut dramas like "The Right Stuff" and "Apollo 13," with their scenes of hard-working men barking orders from ground control (Kyle Chandler does the honors nicely here), and of astronauts' wives worrying that they may soon be widows. Even his missteps — the visual monotony of the handheld closeups, the over-insistent evocations of Karen's death — underscore his desire to tell a story of collective accomplishment through one man's extraordinary perspective.

Which brings us to the foolishly drummed-up controversy that preceded the movie's arrival in theaters. You may have read the early festival reports noting

that "First Man" doesn't show the U.S. flag being planted on the lunar surface

— a matter that was quickly seized upon by conservative politicians and commentators who, despite not having seen the film, wasted no time in lambasting it as anti-American. I question the judgment of anyone who would reduce a movie's (or a person's) patriotic spirit to a simple display of flag waving, more to the point, I question the judgment of anyone purporting to criticize a movie they hadn't seen yet.

To be perfectly clear: The planting isn't shown but the flag very much is, hovering over the lunar surface. Chazelle, more artist than propagandist, treats its presence as a matter-of-fact detail rather than a point of culmination; he's after a response more complex and intimate than a swell of national pride. He takes an achievement that might have been played for easy triumph and casts it as one man's solemn reckoning with the sorrows, failures, sacrifices and convictions that have brought him to this extraordinary moment. We may not truly know Neil Armstrong by movie's end, but we know that his one small step contained multitudes.

'FIRST MAN'

Rating: PG-13, for some thematic content involving peril, and brief strong language.

Running time: 2 hours, 21 minutes



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enliven the story, which simply throws chaos at a basic plot in an attempt to disguise that it's incredibly thin.

The only performance worth mentioning is Jeong, who brings his energetic weirdness to a rather small role. His character has the kind of genuine, off-the-walls enthusiasm for spooks and scares that would have made the movie a blast to watch had it centered around him. His character operates much like Black's Stine does, offering a safe entry into the world of monsters and ghosts to the children around him. It's a shame "Goosebumps 2" misses the mark so badly, when the first film was such a surprising and delightful hoot.

'GOOSEBUMPS 2: HAUNTED HALLOWEEN'

2 stars
Cast: Wendi McLendon-Covey, Madison Ives, Jeremy Ray Taylor, Cole Hanks, Chris Parnell, Jack

Black.

Directed by Ari Sandel.
Running time: 1 hour, 30 minutes.

Rated PG for scary creature action and images, some thematic elements, rude humor and language.



ON SCREEN

In 'Bad Times at the El Royale,' a motel's mysteries

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Associated Press



Drew Goddard, the screenwriter-turned-director whose feature debut was the meta-horror film "A Cabin in the Woods," has laid another movie trap.

This time, in the pulpy but artificial thriller "Bad Times at the El Royale," it's a motel. And as anyone who has ever watched a movie knows, bad things do indeed tend to happen in motels. Just ask Marion Crane or Llewellyn Moss.

The El Royale is Goddard's hermetically sealed site this time. It's a once-swanky, now-kitschy Lake Tahoe lodge — a blare of neon amid the pines — that straddles the state line. Half the motel lies in Nevada, half in California, and a red line of demarcation runs right through the middle. Rooms in California are \$1 cheaper, owing to the fact that that's the side with the bar.

Goddard's real-life inspiration was the similarly arranged Cal Neva, which in the '60s was

a favored hangout of the Rat Pack, John F. Kennedy, Marilyn Monroe and an assortment of mobsters. When Frank Sinatra bought it, he built secret tunnels between bungalows. It was a notorious den of salaciousness and disrepute. Monroe spent her last weekend there.

Those heydays are long gone in "Bad Times at the El Royale." Set in 1969 as Nixon is taking office, the El Royale has lost its gaming license and when guests begin arriving, they find a desolate lobby. It takes an eternity to arouse the jumpy manager (Lewis Pullman).

That's enough time for us to get lengthy introductions to our cast of travelers. There's a former bank robber posing as a priest from Indiana, Father Daniel Flynn (Jeff Bridges); a Motown singer trying to go solo, Darlene Sweet (Cynthia Erivo); an FBI man posing as a vacuum salesman from Mississippi (Jon Hamm); and a pair of sisters on the run: Emily Summerspring (Dakota Johnson) and Ruth (Cailee Spaeny). Turning up later will be Chris Hemsworth as a Charles Manson-like guru.

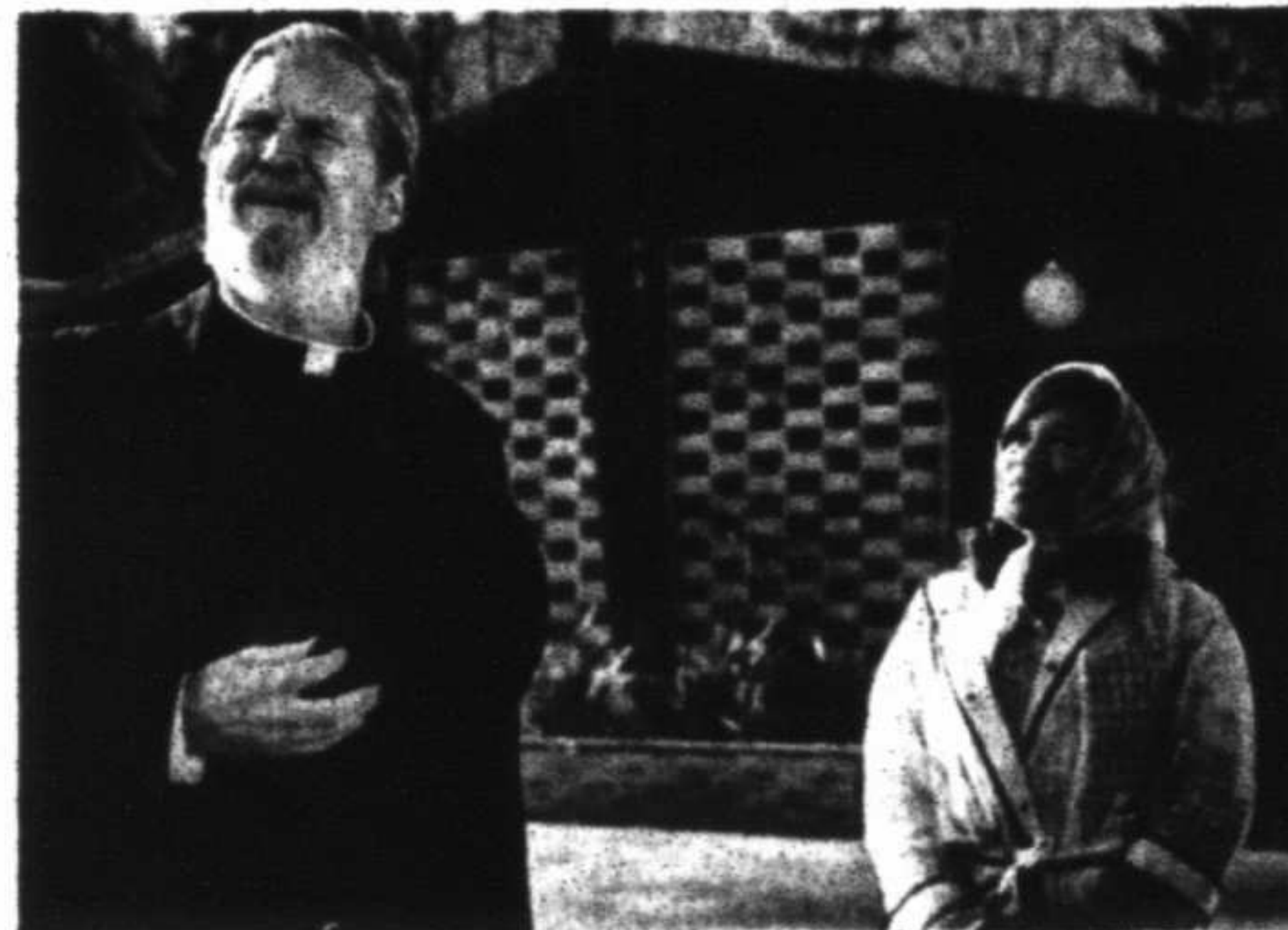
The production design (by Martin Whist) is stellar, the atmosphere (a rainy night) is dense and the cast terrific. So why is

"Bad Times at the El Royale" kind of a slog? Goddard's film looks terrific and has all of the — as Hamm's character would say with exaggerated Southern flare — "accoutrements" of an intoxicating slow-burn thriller, but none of the payoff.

But it's continually tantalizing that something may be below the surface here beyond a belated Tarantino knockoff. Bridges naturally lends a gravitas to the movie's mysteries. Johnson, armed with a shotgun, seems poised to take over the film.

When Hamm's agent finds dozens of surveillance devices and uncovers the motel's hidden tunnels, you'd swear a larger conspiracy is about to be revealed. And whenever Erivo (also in this fall's "Widows") is on screen, the film suddenly quivers with potential: her character's climactic soliloquy (not to mention her singing) is a high point in "Bad Times at the El Royale" that the film doesn't quite earn.

Instead, as in "A Cabin in the Woods," Goddard has assembled genre archetypes on a self-consciously movie set location for an elaborate morality test. This time, though, he doesn't have any tricks up his sleeve beyond the late-arriving Hemsworth (Hunky as he is, Hemsworth is no match



for Richard Jenkins and Bradley Whitford's cleverer third act in the more audaciously postmodern "Cabin in the Woods.")

Goddard (who adapted "The Martian" and penned numerous "Lost" episodes) should be applauded for his patience in letting the story unfold so leisurely. (The film runs 140 minutes.) But just as in Tarantino's similarly styled "The Hateful Eight," slowness doesn't automatically make suspense.

For such a specifically set movie, the motel's dark past goes curiously unexamined.

Heightened as Goddard's movie is, "Bad Times at the El Royale" may be the unusual Hollywood thriller to not live up to the real-life drama of its pseudo setting. Like its motel, "El Royale" is just a front.

"Bad Times at the El Royale," a 20th Century Fox release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for strong violence, language, some drug content and brief nudity. Running time: 140 minutes. Two stars out of four.

Moving drama of homeless veteran and his daughter is a classic

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PICK O' THE WEEK

"Leave No Trace" (PG) Writer/director Debra Granik propelled Jennifer Lawrence to stardom in the terrific 2010 film, "Winter's Bone." The same phenomenon awaits young Thomasin McKenzie, a New Zealander who gives this movie its heart. Its soul belongs to Ben Foster, one of the most underrated actors on the planet. He plays a troubled ex-veteran and single dad who is raising his daughter off the grid in a state park. The combination of acting and a thoroughly absorbing story is destined to become a classic. **A**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Death Race 4: Beyond Anarchy" (R) A couple of familiar Danny's in the credits — Glover and Trejo — seemed to indicate this franchise had seen the error of its ways and was ready to make a film worthy of the title and characters it took from the 1975 cult classic "Death Race 2000." Nope. Easily the worst of the lot, thanks in large part to the misogyny, which is unforgivable and unnecessary, especially for a film that clocks in at almost two merciless hours. In its favor? A few of the crashes have some credibility but most don't. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"Blue Igwana" (not rated) Banal action film centered in nearly every element needed to make a good film. Even the actors don't seem to have their hearts in this extreme letdown. **D**

"The Breadwinner" (PG-13) Animated feature is set in pre-9/11 Afghanistan when the Taliban's rule subjected the women to inhumane laws and treatment. Women weren't allowed to be outdoors without a male escort or buy goods in the marketplace. For one little girl whose father is taken to jail, her only choice in order to feed herself, her mother, sister and toddler brother is to pretend to be a boy. The tale, which had Angelina Jolie as its executive producer, becomes more uplifting as the girl becomes empowered by the most simple things

girls in other countries take for granted. **B+**

"The Catcher Was a Spy" (R) Paul Rudd hasn't played in a lot of dramas, which is too bad, because he's terrific in this biopic about Moe Berg, an MLB catcher who played for the Washington Senators and the Boston Red Sox, among others. He also was a patriot whose mastery of at least seven languages and encyclopedic knowledge of many things led to his recruitment by the Office of Strategic Services during World War II. The film, unfortunately, doesn't always live up to its potential, getting bogged down trying to paint an intimate picture of Berg's personal life, which is largely subjective because not a lot is known about him. **B-**

"Half-Magic" (R) Heather Graham stars in this comedy that she also wrote and directed. She clearly used her own childhood experiences and an apparent love for the "Sex and the City" series to draw on for this film. It has a few poignant moments and a few laughs, but it is largely disappointing with unnecessary graphic sexual content. **C-**

"Last Men in Aleppo" (not rated) The White Helmets are a group of men in civil war-torn Syria who are the first responders to the almost constant bombing ordered by their president, Bashar al-Assad, with help from the Russians. This amazing Oscar-nominated documentary tells the story of a few of them. Putting their own lives at risk, these men rush to the scenes and begin removing debris in hope of finding survivors. Sometimes they are successful but with heart-wrenching regularity, they find nothing but bodies and body parts. This look at their daily lives is a remarkable film. **A-**

"Sicario: Day of the Soldado" (R) The series continues with another dark — and very bloody — look at Mexican cartels and their newest smuggling efforts, human trafficking. The story gets lost in the details at times, but its powerful message is worth the effort. **B**

"S.M.A.R.T. Chase" (not rated) Action

fare is somewhat enlivened by Orlando Bloom's confident performance, but the story doesn't live up to his standard. **C**

"Three Identical Strangers" (PG-13) Three brothers, separated at birth and adopted by three different families, find out about each other wholly by accident when they are 19. This amazing story truly falls into the "truth is stranger than fiction" realm. Fascinating documentary isn't particularly well-made, but the story supersedes the production and at least the filmmakers were smart enough to get out of the way and let this tale tell itself. **A-**

"The Young Karl Marx" (not rated) Interesting biopic about the man whose "The Communist Manifesto" spurred political history, and his friendship with Friedrich Engels, the son of an aristocrat who helped Marx develop his ideas. It's too long and really needs to be dubbed instead of subtitled, but it's a refreshing look at the men behind the philosophy. **B**

FILM CAPS

"Bad Times at the El Royale" (R) A decrepit Lake Tahoe hotel plays host to seven strangers, each with a past they're looking to leave behind. With Jeff Bridges, Cynthia Erivo, Dakota Johnson, Jon Hamm, Cailee Spaeny, Lewis Pullman and Chris Hemsworth. Written and directed by Drew Goddard.

"First Man" (PG-13) Ryan Gosling and director Damien Chazelle reunite for the story of NASA astronaut Neil Armstrong and his path to being the first person to walk on the moon, in 1969. With Claire Foy, Jason Clarke, Kyle Chandler, Patrick Fugit, Ciaran Hinds, Ethan Embry, Shea Whigham, Corey Stoll, Pablo Schreiber. Written by Josh Singer, based on the book by James R. Hansen.

"Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween" (PG) The spooky holiday comes to life in this second adaptation of R.L. Stine's popular books. With Wendi McLendon-Covey, Madison Iseman, Jeremy Ray Taylor, Caleel Harris, Chris Parrell, Ken Jeong. Written by Rob Liebere. Directed by Ari Sandel.

"The House With a Clock in Its Walls" (PG) A quiet town is magically shaken when a young boy unleashes a secret world of witches and warlocks. With Jack Black, Cate Blanchett, Owen Vaccaro, Renee Elise Goldsberry, Sunny Suljic, Kyle MacLachlan. Written by Eric Kripke; based on the children's book by John Bellairs, illustrated by Edward Gorey. Directed by Eli Roth.

"Night School" (PG-13) Adult dropouts must attend evening classes with the slim hope they can pass the GED. With Kevin Hart, Tiffany Haddish, Rob Riggle, Taran Killam, Romany Malco. Written by Hart, Harry Ratchford, Joey Wells, Matt

Kellard, Nicholas Stoller, John Hamburg. Directed by Malcolm D. Lee.

"The Nun" (R) A troubled priest and a novice sent by the Vatican to investigate a suicide and an abbey in Romania are confronted by the same malevolent force from "The Conjuring 2." With Demian Bichir, Taissa Farmiga, Jonas Bloquet, Charlotte Hope, Ingrid Bisu, Bonnie Aarons. Directed by Corin Hardy.

"A Star Is Born" (R) Bradley Cooper headlines with Lady Gaga and makes his directorial debut with this remake of the venerable love story about rising and falling showbiz careers. With Andrew Dice Clay, Dave Chappelle, Sam Elliott. Written by Eric Roth, Cooper, Will Fetters.

"Smallfoot" (PG) A yeti discovers a creature previously thought to be mythical — a human — in this animated twist on the hairy legend. Voices by Channing Tatum, James Corden, Zendaya, Common, LeBron James, Danny DeVito, Gina Rodriguez. Written by Karey Kirkpatrick, story by John Requa, Glenn Ficarra, Kirkpatrick, based on a book by Sergio Pablos. Directed by Kirkpatrick.

"Venom" (PG-13) Tom Hardy stars as a journalist who becomes the host to an extraterrestrial Symbiote giving him superpowers and a terrifying alter ego. With Michelle Williams, Riz Ahmed, Scott Haze, Reid Scott. Written by Scott Rosenberg, Jeff Pinkner, Kelly Marcel, Will Beall; based on the Marvel Comic. Directed by Ruben Fleischer.

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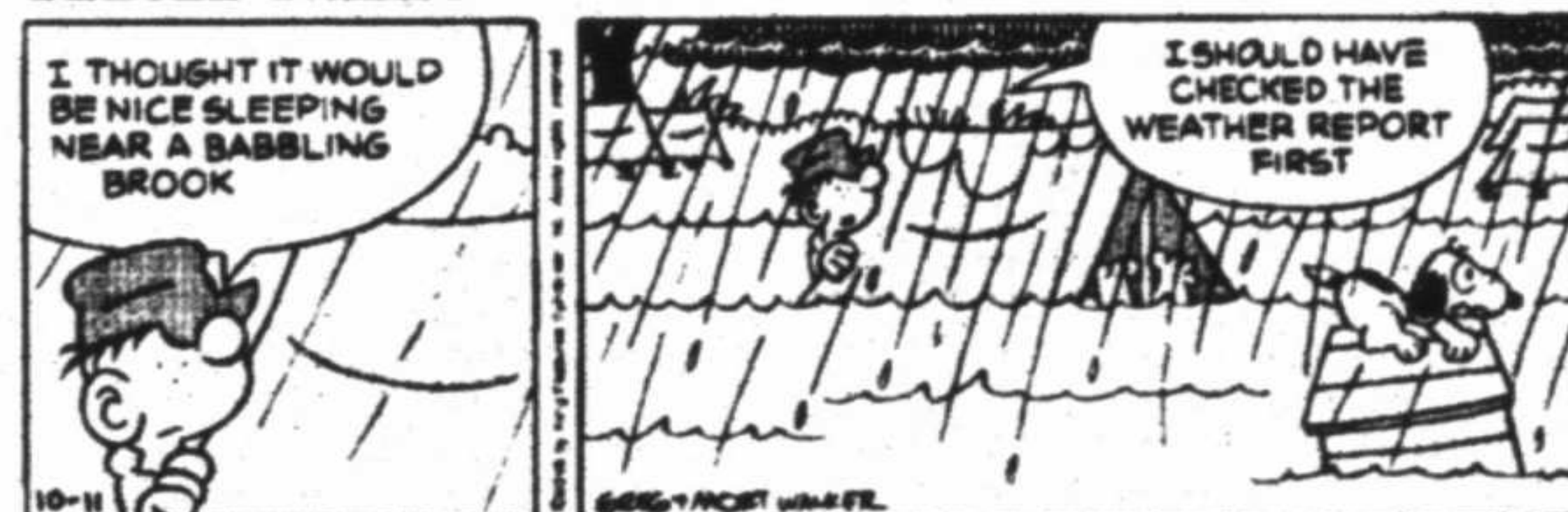
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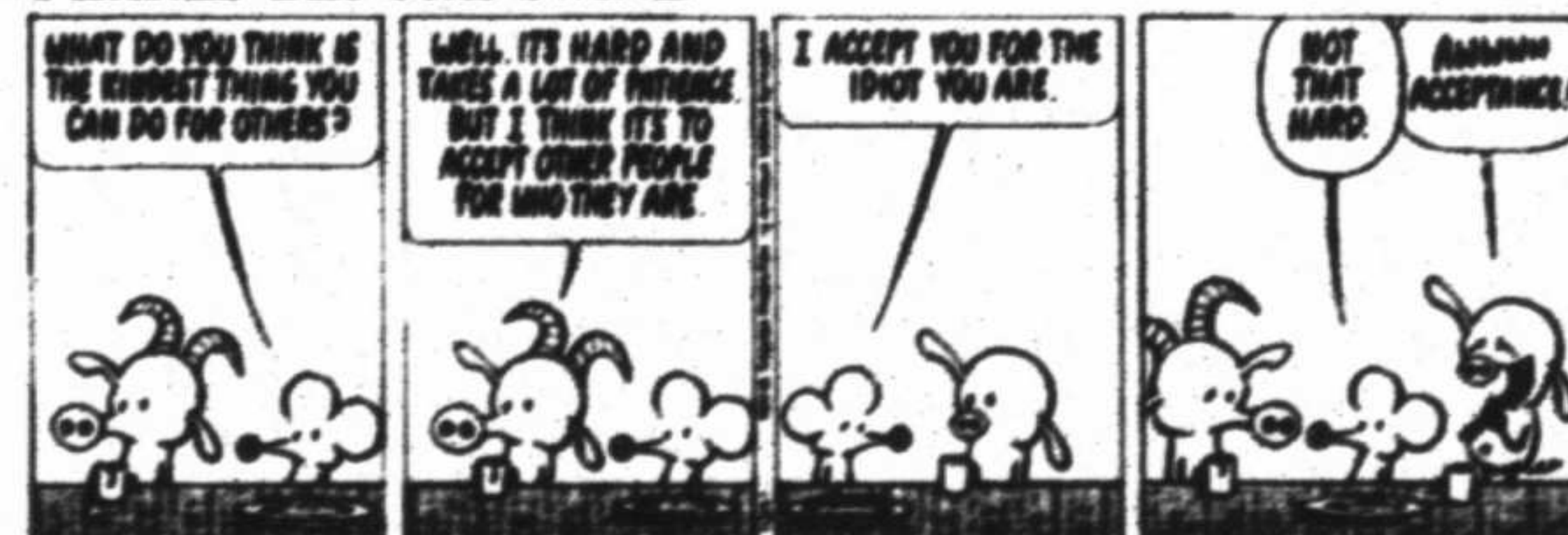
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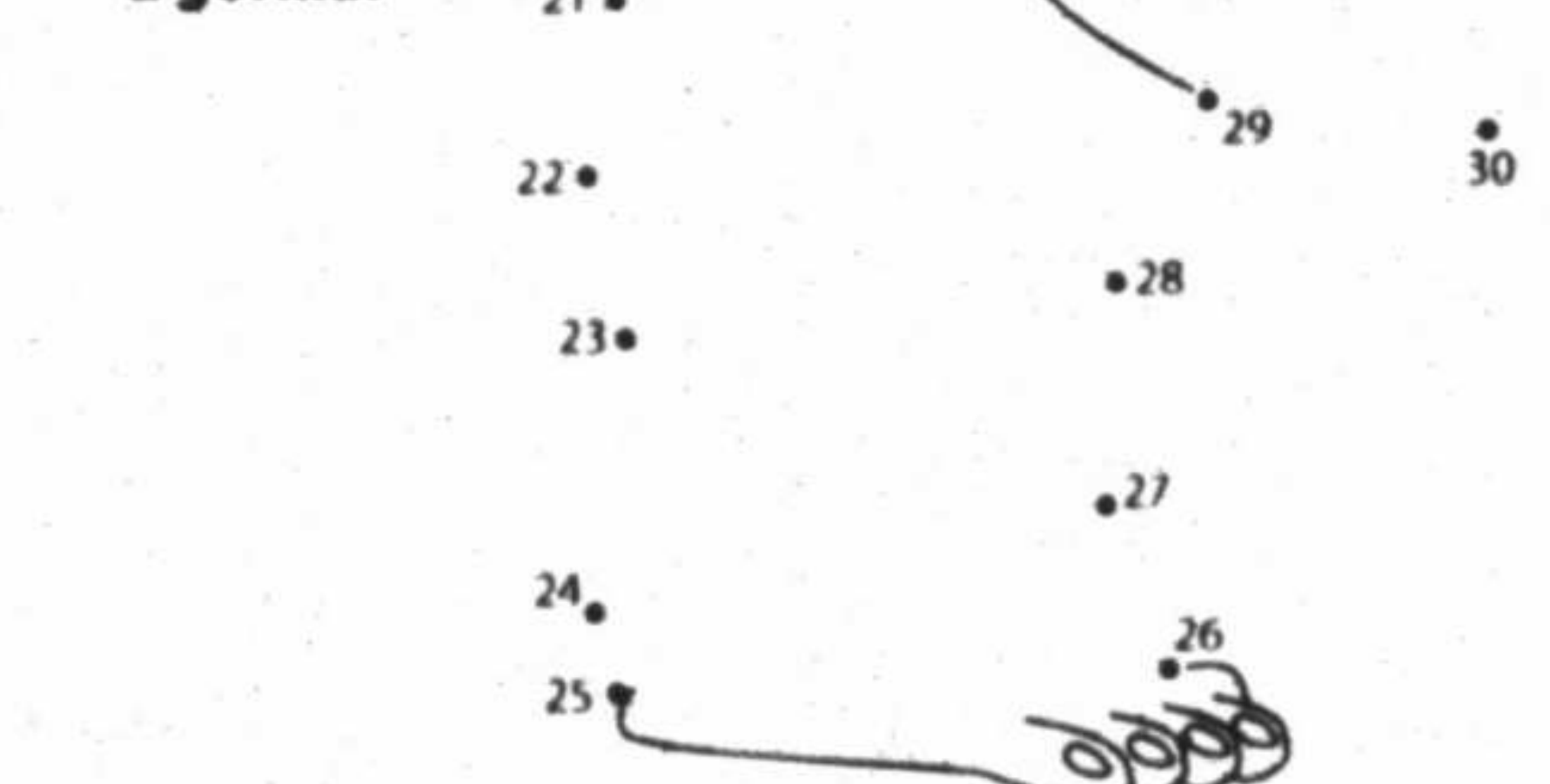
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GORILLAS

Gorillas are found in Africa. They mainly live in tropical forests where there is a lot of **vegetation**, or plants to eat. The mountain gorilla lives at higher elevations in Zaire, Rwanda and Uganda. **Elevation** means how high the land is above the surface of the sea.

Connect the dots to draw a gorilla.



Silverbacks

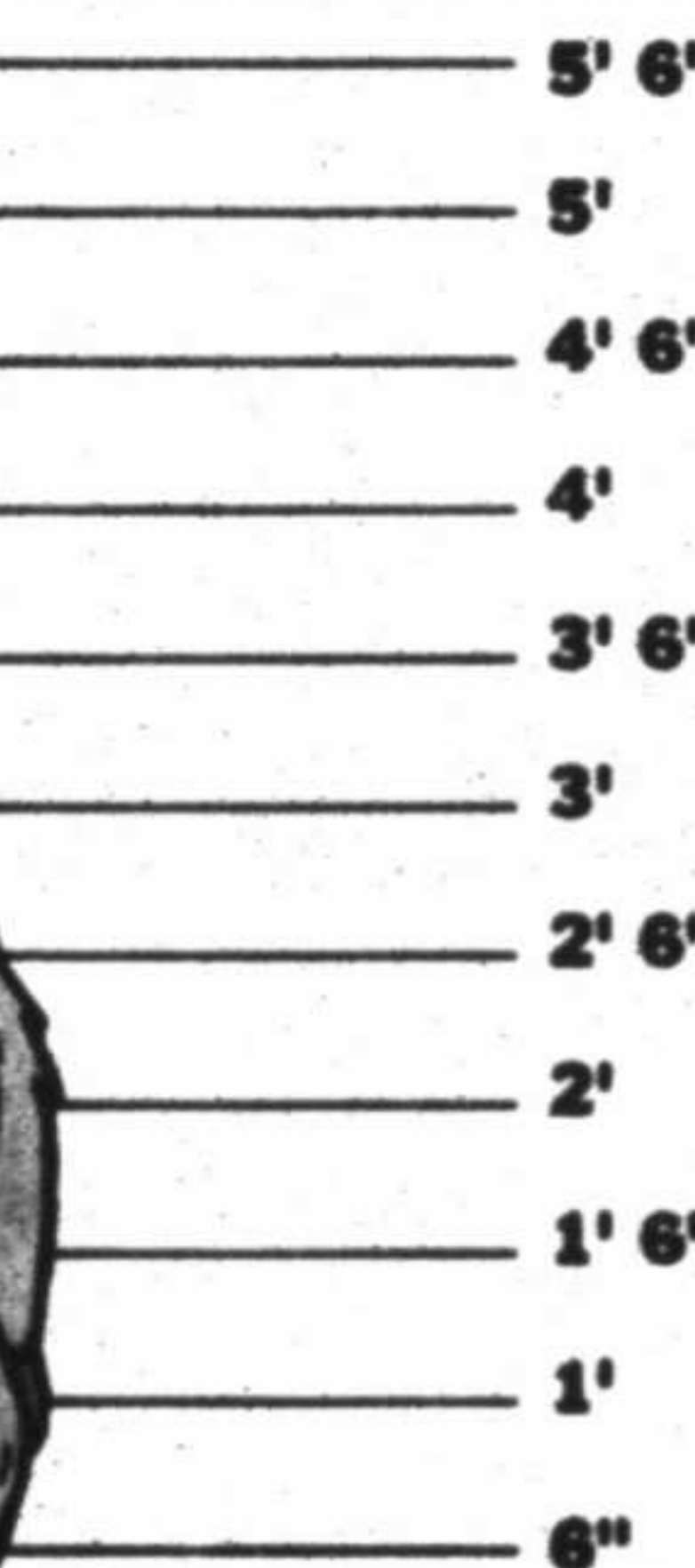
When a male gorilla is fully grown, he will start to grow silvery hair on his back, in the shape of a saddle. This is why we call them **silverback** gorillas.

Are you taller than a gorilla?

Adult gorillas can weigh up to 400 pounds, and, when they stand on their two legs, are about five-and-a-half feet tall.

How tall are you? Measure yourself, then draw yourself next to the gorilla.

	GORILLA	ME
WEIGHT	400 lbs.	
HEIGHT	5' 6"	



What do gorillas eat?

Along with their families, silverback gorillas are mostly **herbivorous**, which means that they usually eat plants and fruits.

A silverback gorilla can eat up to forty-five pounds of food a day. That's a whole lot of food!

Which of these things do you think weigh around 45 pounds? Check your answers by doing the math.

8 + 4 =

12 + 24 + 9 =

23 + 11 + 11 =

18 + 18 + 9 =

28 - 19 =

7 + 9 - 4 =

Standards Link: Number Sense/Estimation: Students understand basic estimation strategies.

Gorilla Groups

Gorillas like to be around other gorillas, so they live in groups (sometimes called **troops**), as a big gorilla family. A troop can include more than 30 gorillas. Can you imagine having thirty people in your family?

A troop is led by one or more silverback gorillas. They decide where the troop will live, and when it will wake up, eat and go back to bed. They also make sure that no troop member hurts another. Know anyone like that?

Draw a gorilla in three easy steps.

1. Draw a circle for the head.

2. Draw a rectangle for the body.

3. Draw a triangle for the tail.

Standards Link: Measurement/Understand the basic measurements of weight.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Gorillas are like people in a lot of ways. Use the code to find out a couple of ways they are similar to humans.

Gorillas have **T T T T T T T T T T** and **T T T T T T T T T T**, just like us. Their **T T T T T T T T T T** look just like ours. They even have the same number of **T T T T T T T T T T** as people - 32.

9 = A 21 = G 5 = M 4 = P 1 = T
16 = E 8 = H 11 = N 24 = R 12 = U
3 = F 14 = I 2 = O 7 = S 6 = W

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension/ Follow simple written directions

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Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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PRIMATE
VEGETATION
WEIGH
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TOES
LAND
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Standards Link: Measurement/ Understand the basic measurements of weight.

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Jaden,
3rd grade

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Sabrina,
4th grade

The new perfect gorilla house! If you buy this house, we will add free cleaning, flooring, and fireproof walls. There are 6 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, 1 basement, and it's a 4-story house...you get free painting, too. We'll also add a banana holder. It all costs \$1699.99. Just call 123-4567.

Andrew,
5th grade

New gorilla home! 300 acres, 10 bedrooms, 3 large baths. A huge kitchen with 3 refrigerators for storing fruit. A large yard with trees, vines and 7 hammocks. \$1,000,000. Contact me at www.gorillahome.com

Maggie,
2nd grade

You must see this home! The bedrooms feel like the jungle. The living room is really big. The basement has a pool table with some large rugs on the floor. The inside walls have painted leaves. The fridge comes with fresh fruit and lots of bananas. Outside in the backyard, there is a swing set and a slide. Will not last long! Beautiful home!

Christina,
3rd grade

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Amy,
5th grade

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FORT WORTH TCU defensive guru Gary Patterson and Texas Tech offensive mastermind Kliff Kingsbury both express admiration for how the other coach excels at his specialty.

"Coach Kingsbury is probably one of the brightest offensive minds in college football, and really anywhere," Patterson said.

Said Kingsbury of the Horned Frogs: "No team is more prepared defensively. Year in and year out as the pieces change, the consistency on that side of the football stays the same. He is a phenomenal defensive coach."

The two head coaches will

be on opposite sides of the field Thursday night when Texas Tech (3-2, 1-1 Big 12), with the nation's top-ranked offense at 591 yards and 48 points a game, plays at TCU (3-2, 1-1). The Horned Frogs have the Big 12's best defense.

It was unclear who will take the snaps, with both teams playing for the first time in 12 days. Both starting quarterbacks got hurt when they last played Sept. 29.

TCU quarterback Shawn Robinson was helped off the field and to the locker room in the final minute of TCU's game against Iowa State after taking a hit to his left (non-throwing) shoulder. Red Raiders true freshman Alan Bowman was the nation's top passer before

a crushing blow against West Virginia left him with a partially collapsed lung and led to a short hospital stay.

Bowman has already returned to practice and Kingsbury said he could be available to play, along with junior McLane Carter, whose high left ankle sprain in the first quarter of the season opener set up Bowman's early debut. They also have dual-threat player Jett Duffley.

"If you don't know who you're going to play, then you've got to prepare for a guy like Duffley that can run all over the place ... and you also have to have a game plan where you're playing the dropback guy," Patterson said. "They're always

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Texas Tech head coach Kliff Kingsbury, right, shakes hands with TCU head coach Gary Patterson after TCU won 55-52 in 2015 in Lubbock. TCU defensive guru Gary Patterson and Texas Tech offensive mastermind Kliff Kingsbury both express admiration for how the other coach excels at his specialty.

MAKING A RUN FOR IT



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Josh Traylor (22) runs the ball against El Paso Eastwood on Sept. 21 at Grande Communications Stadium.

LEE REPORT

Rebels eager to start district at Wolfforth Frenship

By Christopher Hadorn
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Lee head coach Clint Hartman and his Rebels' football players are hungry to get back on the stadium gridiron.

With last Friday's open date, Lee (4-1) spent the last two weeks preparing for its District 2-6A opener at Wolfforth Frenship (3-2) at 7:30 p.m. this coming Friday.

Hartman said the Rebels prepared during the open week to be ready to play the Tigers last Friday.

"With this off week, we're tired of practicing," Hartman said. "We want to play. Let's see the ball up and see what happens. It's their homecoming, so it will be a hostile environment."

Lee rolls into District 2-6A play on a three-game winning streak, outscoring its foes by a commanding 148-20 margin during that span. During the win streak, the Rebels have been seemingly clicking on all cylinders with a defense that just recorded its first regular season shutout in eight years with a 49-0 blanking of San

Benito on Sept. 29 and a balanced offense that has gotten touchdowns scored from at least four different players in each win.

Furthermore, Lee's ground game has found its groove, with Rebels running back Josh Traylor eclipsing the 200-yard mark in consecutive games.

Even though Team 5R is playing at a high level, Hartman says the Rebels know they have the capacity for much improvement.

"We asked our kids where we're at, where we want to be and how do we get there?" Hartman said. "We did a lot of self-reflection individually, as a group, as a team. We all believe we're a good football team, but we're not where we need to be. We have the biggest room to grow."

That growth process continues Friday at Peoples Bank Stadium against a Frenship team that looks to be much improved under second-year head coach Jay Northcutt.

Following an 0-10 season in 2017, the Tigers have tripled their win total in non-

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Midland High's Josh Lehrer runs the ball against Harlingen Sept. 29, at Grande Communications Stadium.

MHS REPORT

Bulldogs start anew with 2-6A opener vs. Tascosa

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Midland High head coach Tim Anuszkiewicz said the slate has been wiped clean for his Bulldogs as they start District 2-6A play Friday.

Can the Bulldogs capitalize on the opportunity? MHS (2-3) had an up and down showing during its five-game non-district slate, but the good news all the records have been reset to 0-0 now.

The Bulldogs host Amarillo Tascosa (3-2) in Friday's 7:30 p.m. District 2-6A opener at Grande Communications Stadium.

Anuszkiewicz expects his players to perform at a higher level with greater stakes on the line. MHS is shooting for its fifth straight playoff berth, which has never occurred in program history.

"You've got to raise your level of play," Anuszkiewicz said. "Bottom line, we've got to raise our level of play. Going from the first five games, where you have a lot of trial and error type of stuff. Every

mistake now gets magnified. We've got to limit those mistakes. We've got to capitalize on the opportunities. If you don't do it in this district, everybody has a chance to win every Friday night. I really believe that."

Anuszkiewicz said Midland High had a productive week of practice prior to last Friday's open date.

"Last week we worked on fundamentals," Anuszkiewicz said. "We thought there were some tackling techniques that we needed to address so we worked on that pretty extensively. Of course, we are continuing to work on our passing game to make sure we complete balls, work on running better routes and getting more separation. On special teams, we made personnel moves."

The Bulldogs' passing attack closed out non-district play on a high note, as senior quarterback Suddin Sapien completed 21 of 34 passes for 337 yards, three touchdowns and one interception.

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Permian, Lee still the favorites as district play begins

The real fun begins in District 2-6A this Friday after five weeks of warm up games.

Odessa Permian (3-2) and Lee (4-1) were considered the crème de la crème of the district during the preseason, and I don't think that's changed based on what we've seen in non-district play.

The Panthers' record got dinged twice by playing the district's toughest non-district schedule, but Permian showed it could hold its own with the likes of DeSoto and Southlake Carroll. The Panthers are going to put opposing defenses in conflict because they can give the ball to quarterback Peyton Powell, running back Ed Williams or slot back Justin Hammond on any given play and get a good chunk of yardage out of it. It's a three-headed monster that will be tough to defend.

But the Rebels might just be the defense that can curtail Permian's offensive suc-

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cess. The Rebel defense is playing at an extraordinary level, holding its foes to a paltry 67.6 rushing yards per game and 204.4 total yards of offense per contest.

The best part is that Permian visits Lee in the District 2-6A finale on Nov. 9, so that game has a chance to be a classic showdown in the storied history of that rivalry. But both teams will have to traverse through some capable 2-6A opponents to get there unscathed.

The first opponent that comes to mind

is Odessa High (4-1), which may have its best team since the 2009 squad that went 9-3.

The Broncos have a capable offense that can pound the football on the ground, and they can hit you with a big play through the air with wide receiver Tyrone Casfield on the outside. This week's Permian vs. OHS rivalry game is hands down the most intriguing opener of the District 2-6A schedule. The Panthers have won the last three meetings by an average margin of 41.7 points, but I see this game being competitive, and the Broncos having a real chance at stunning their Ector County counterparts.

Then we have Midland High (2-3) and Amarillo Tascosa (3-2), who have had both their bright moments and their down times when they just frustrate you. Coincidentally, both teams clash in the first week and the outcome could very much decide

which team makes the playoffs and which club stays home.

That was the case in 2017 when MHS outlasted Tascosa, 49-42, in a wild game in which both teams combined on over 900 yards rushing. The Bulldogs went on to claim the district's fourth and final playoff spot, while Tascosa missed the playoffs for the first time since 2013.

Friday's District 2-6A opener has a chance to be another competitive affair that is decided by one or two game-changing plays.

The hardest team to get an accurate read on is Wolfforth Frenship (3-2) because the Tigers have yet to play against a Class 6A team. But I do feel Frenship head coach Jay Northcutt has his program headed in the right direction. It takes time for a group of players to get immersed in a

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MLB PLAYOFF GLANCE

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Tuesday, Oct. 2: Colorado 2, Chicago 1, 13 innings	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 3: New York 7, Oakland 2	7:00 p.m.
DIVISION SERIES	
American League	
Best-of-5, 4 p.m. necessary	
AL East	
Friday, Oct. 5: Boston 5, New York 4	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6: New York 6, Boston 2	4:00 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 8: Boston 16, New York 1	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 9: Boston 4, New York 3	4:00 p.m.
AL Central	
Friday, Oct. 5: Houston 7, Cleveland 2	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6: Houston 3, Cleveland 1	4:00 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 8: Houston 11, Cleveland 3	4:00 p.m.
National League	
Best-of-5, 4 p.m. necessary	
NL East	
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Saturday, Oct. 6: Los Angeles 3, Colorado 2	4:00 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 8: Los Angeles 6, Colorado 0	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 9: Los Angeles 6, Colorado 0	4:00 p.m.
NL Central	
Friday, Oct. 5: St. Louis 3, Pittsburgh 0	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6: St. Louis 3, Pittsburgh 0	4:00 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 8: St. Louis 3, Pittsburgh 0	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 9: St. Louis 3, Pittsburgh 0	4:00 p.m.
NL West	
Friday, Oct. 5: San Diego 3, San Francisco 0	7:00 p.m.
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Houston SS Correa struggles with back problem as ALCS looms

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Carlos Correa is in pain. Every swing and miss hurts, and on the bad days it can even be uncomfortable for the Houston Astros star shortstop to walk.

Correa often puts on a brave face but told The Associated Press how much this is affecting him as the Astros prepare to leave for Boston and the best-of-seven AL Championship Series that begins on Saturday.

"You're a competitor so every time you step on the field you play it off like everything is fine," he said Wednesday. "But obviously you're hurting."

Correa returned from a six-week stint on the disabled list on Aug. 10 and declared that he was better. But he has struggled to regain his top form. He hit just .180 in the second half of the season and managed a single hit — a home run — in an ALDS, looking nothing like the player who made the All-Star team last season and was the 2015 rookie of the year.

He said it bothers him most at the plate, and it's been impossible to get back to how he felt before the injury.

"Not only to find my

swing, just to feel comfortable at the plate when I swing," he said. "Because I know every time I swing and miss it's going to hurt. So, I try not to swing and miss and then I try to baby my swing and I don't swing as hard as I usually do or as quick as I usually do. So, it's definitely been tough."

Correa said there's been a domino effect of pain in other areas, most notably in his obliques, as he tries to avoid doing things that make his back hurt.

He's receiving treatment "24/7," but the pain remains. He's using a foam roller at home and been sporadically taking anti-inflammatories.

"It's just a pain down in my lower back that doesn't let me move right," he said. "When I bend over, when I rotate. Sometimes when I wake up and I walk in the morning, I know it's not going to be a good day."

He's accepted that the aching likely will be with him until he gets an extended rest. He's trying not to let it weigh on him, but in private moments at home with his fiancée Daniella Rodriguez, he laments that he simply hasn't been himself this season.

"When I go to sleep at night, I think about especially this year (how) I'm not performing like the way I know I can perform, it's just been tough," he said. "Sometimes I talk to Daniella and I'm like, 'There's nothing I can do about it. I'm hurting.' But I'm a competitor so you grind, you try to perform. But it's definitely ... been frustrating at times."



Correa

Cora sticking with David Price for Game 2 of ALCS vs Astros

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

BOSTON — Red Sox manager Alex Cora is sticking with David Price, saying Wednesday the left-hander will start Game 2 of the AL Championship Series against Houston despite an unprecedented history of playoff struggles.

Speaking on MLB Network radio a day after the Red Sox eliminated the Yankees from the AL Division Series, Cora said he plans to use Chris Sale in Game 1 of the best-of-seven series that begins at Fenway Park on Saturday night. The first-year manager said Price, the loser in the Red Sox only defeat in the ALDS, is still in line to start Game 2.

"We trust him," Cora said last week after Price allowed three runs and got just five outs in a 6-2 loss in Game 2. "He bounced back before. We'll talk to him and make a few adjustments and we'll go from there." Nathan Eovaldi and 2016 AL Cy Young Award winner Rick Porcello are expected to start Games 3 and 4, after picking up wins in the same roles against the Yankees. The current Red Sox staff entered the series with a 9-19 postseason record as starters, and now everyone but Price has picked up a win. Price has

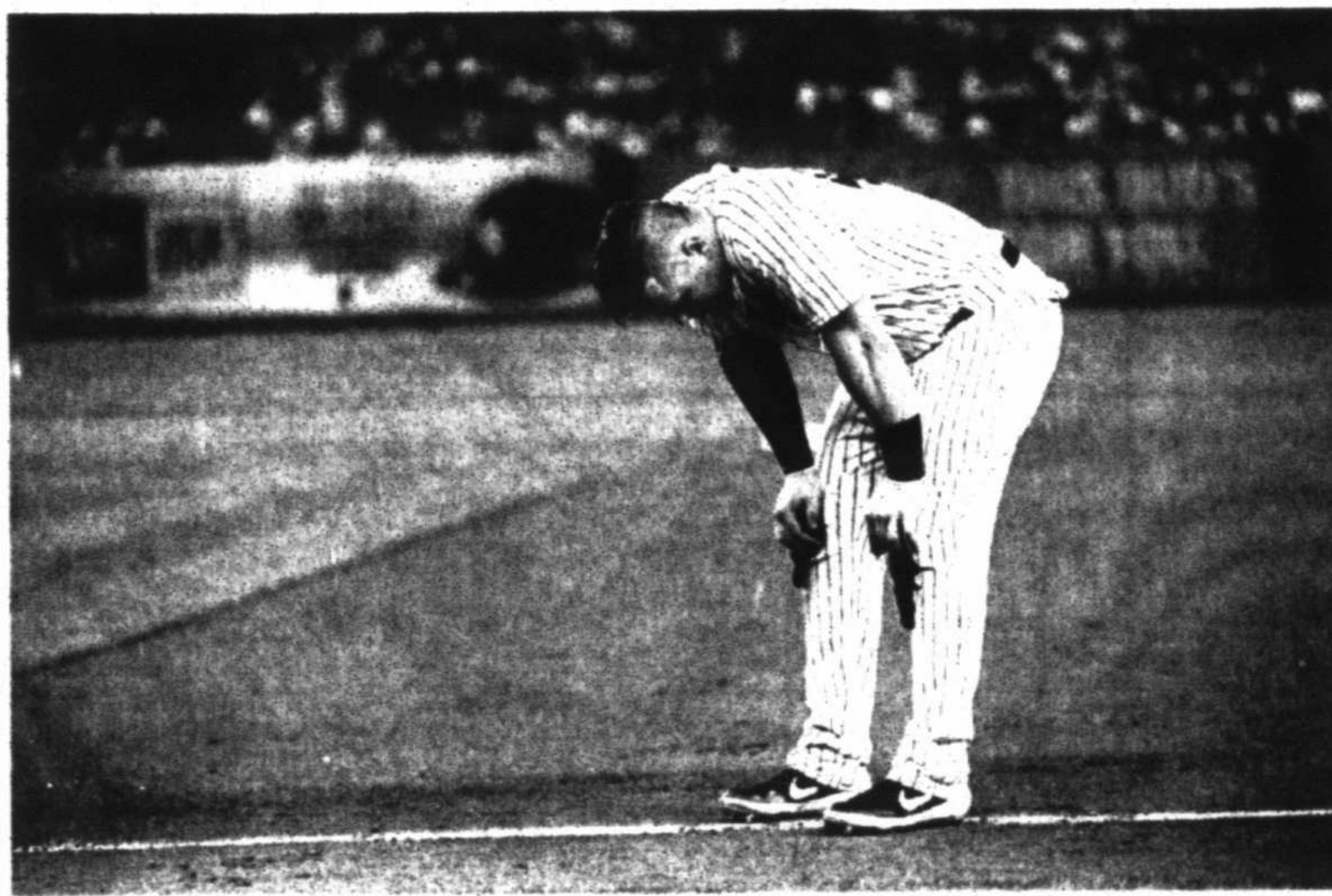
won two games in relief. In all, Price is 0-9 as a starter in the postseason and his team has lost all 10 of his career playoff starts, the longest such skid in postseason history. The latest was a five-out cameo in Game 2 against the Yankees in which he gave up homers to Aaron Judge and Gary Sanchez.

But Cora expressed confidence in Price afterward, claiming that Astros ace Justin Verlander and Red Sox Hall of Famer Pedro Martinez also struggled in the playoffs early in their careers. He also noted that Price pitched well out of the bullpen last year, making two appearances with 6 2/3 innings of scoreless relief against Houston.

Verlander had a 5.57 ERA through his first eight playoff starts, but he won three of them; Martinez struggled in the 2003 and early in the 2004 postseason but had already posted a win in his playoff debut in 1998 and threw 18 shutout innings over three appearances in 1999.

Price said after his start he will pitch in any role that helps the team.

"I just want to win. That's it," Price said after his ALDS start. "My main goal is to win in the playoffs, to win a World Series. ... And whenever I need to do to help us do that, I'm fine with."



Ben Solomon/The New York Times

Luke Voit, of the New York Yankees, looks down after grounding out in the fourth inning of Game 4 of the American League Division Series between the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox at Yankee Stadium Tuesday in New York.

Yankees in danger of decade without World Series

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Yankees are in danger of going an entire decade without reaching a World Series for the first time since the 1910s.

Aaron Boone's rookie season as a manager ended in failure when New York fizzled in the AL Division Series against Boston and was eliminated in four games.

"You're always chasing utopia," Boone said after the Yankees' final rally of the season fell short Tuesday night.

A year after losing in the AL Championship Series was perceived as success, elimination by Boston left a feeling of failure for the title-worshipping Yankees.

New York went 100-62 for its best record since its last World Series championship in 2009, yet finished eight games back of the Red Sox. The Yankees have gone six straight seasons without a first-place finish.

They're set to retool around the young core of Aaron Judge, Gary Sanchez, Gleyber Torres, Miguel Andujar and Luis Severino, plus in-prime regulars Giancarlo Stanton, Didi Gregorius and Aaron Hicks. The Yankees got the power but were plagued by inconsistent production on nights the long ball was lacking.

New York drove in 432 of its 851 runs on homers, at 50.8 the highest percentage in the major leagues, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. The Yankees also were 10-21 when failing to homer, according to Sports Info Solutions.

While they set a big league record with 267 home runs, they were 16th in batting average at .249, eighth in on-base percentage at .329 and tied for 25th in stolen bases with 63.

They also were eighth in strikeouts, topped by Stanton's career-high 211 and Judge's 152 in two-thirds of a season.

"The collection happens to be home runs and strikeouts versus home runs along with contact and high averages," general manager Brian Cashman said last month.

First up will be a decision on New York's \$12.5 million option on 35-year-old outfielder Brett Gardner, who has been with the Yankees big league team since 2008.

"Got a lot of young guys in this room. The future is bright," he said.

If the Yankees choose to pay a \$2 million buyout and let Gardner go, Andujar could be moved from third base — where his range is limited — to the outfield. That would open third base for Manny Machado, one of the premier players on the free-agent market along with Bryce Harper.

And with Gregorius and Hicks eligible for free agency after the 2019 season, it would not be surprising if the Yankees traded the shortstop, outfielder or both when they are coming off superb seasons.

First base remains the position most in flux. Luke Voit was obtained from St. Louis in July and took over from Greg Bird, who returned in mid-May following foot surgery and couldn't shake what became a puzzling season-long slump.

And catcher remains a concern because of Sanchez's season-long struggles, both offensively and defensively.

Cashman's priority is likely to be pitching, and Dallas Keuchel and Patrick Corbin are among the free agent options. Yankees starters averaged 5 1/3 innings, 18th in the majors, according to Sports Info.

Only Severino and Tanaka appear assured of rotation spots among

the current group. Left-hander CC Sabathia is set to become a free agent again at age 38, and he didn't get an out in the seventh inning during the second half of the season.

"We've got a lot of talent, and I want to be a part of seeing this thing through, because it's going to go through," he said.

J.A. Happ, a lefty obtained in July, will be 36 this month but could be offered a chance to stay. He was 7-0 down the stretch but lost the opener against the Red Sox. Righty Lance Lynn, also acquired in the summer, is also a free agent but probably will move on. Sonny Gray, flustered by the intensity of impatient and passionate fans, likely would be better off if he is traded to a smaller market.

Given likely injuries, New York probably will want at least eight starting pitchers able to fill the five slots. Right-handers Jonathan Loaisiga, Chance Adams, Domingo German and Luis Cessa are internal candidates along with left-hander Justus Sheffield.

Relievers David Robertson and Zach Britton also are set to become free agents, and New York might try to re-sign one or both to remain in a formidable bullpen headed by Aroldis Chapman and Dellin Betances.

Outfielder Andrew McCutchen also is set to go on the market along with infielders Neil Walker and Adenys Hachar.

"We're chasing the perfect offense," Boone said. "Unfortunately, it wasn't good enough, and we'll continue to work at getting to that point where we're as complete in every department as we can be: offensively, pitching, defense."

From castoff to playoffs: Max Muncy bashes for Dodgers

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — With all the high-priced talent on the Los Angeles Dodgers' roster, former Midland RockHound Max Muncy had to find a way to stand out. He has done it with his bat, coming from the minors to lead the team in home runs.

He slugged 35 homers in the regular season, propelled by a first-half tear that landed him in the Home Run Derby.

Muncy's three-run drive powered the Dodgers to a win in the opener of their National League Division Series against Atlanta, and they eventually eliminated the Braves in four games.

"The whole experience has been incredible," Muncy said.

Next up is the NLCS against Milwaukee starting Friday, putting Muncy in a best-of-seven series for the first time in his career.

Don't expect him to be rattled, either.

"Starting with game 163 I was kind of nervous, but you look at how everyone else in the clubhouse is walking around handling themselves," Muncy said Wednesday. "There's so much experience there. There's no panic, there's no worry. They're all calm as can be. That kind of resonates through me. If it wasn't for these guys, then maybe it's a different story."

His results seem all the



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Los Angeles Dodgers' Max Muncy fields a ball during practice for Game 1 of the baseball team's NLCS against the Milwaukee Brewers on Wednesday in Los Angeles. With all the high-priced talent on the Dodgers' roster, Muncy had to find a way to stand out. He's done it with his bat, coming from the minors to lead the team in home runs.

more improbable because Muncy isn't an everyday player. He pops up anywhere from first base to second to third, and occasionally the outfield.

The 28-year-old utility player was a non-roster invitee at spring training. He began the season at Triple-A Oklahoma City, shivering in freezing weather during the team's opener at Iowa on April 5. Less than two weeks later, Muncy was called up by the Dodgers because of injuries. He homered in his second at-bat and kept on going.

"He's just killed it for us," teammate Ross Stripling said.

During All-Star weekend, Muncy dedicated the Cubs' Javier Baez in the

where you kind of either have it or you don't."

Stripling faced Muncy back in their high school days in North Texas and later in college, with Muncy at Baylor and Stripling pitching at Texas A&M.

"He was a guy that was always going to command the strike zone and just going to be just an absolute brutal matchup because he spits on good pitches, he commands the zone and puts the bat on the ball and walks," Stripling said after a workout at Dodger Stadium.

"In college he had some power and hit some home runs. He's made some swing adjustments that have maybe created some more power," Stripling said.

A fifth-round pick in the 2012 major league draft, Muncy was released by Oakland in March 2017. He got signed by the Dodgers and sent to the minors, where pitcher Walker Buehler was also in Oklahoma City.

Six months ago in Iowa, Muncy figured Buehler was a lock to wind up in Los Angeles, but wasn't so sure about himself.

Now, the rookie and the seven-year journeyman have created a buzz in the Dodgers' bid to win their first World Series title since 1988.

"I know for both of us to be able to help out this team the entire year the way we have it's just been something that's been very special," Muncy said.

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'Perfect' man vanishes when alcohol loosens his tongue

DEAN ABBY: I have been dating the most amazing man for the past 11 months. As we approach the one-year anniversary of the day we met, this "perfect" man is showing some not-so-perfect traits. I was unlucky in love for many years until he swept me off my feet. We have both become extremely close with each other's respective families and friends. He's everything I have been searching for in a life partner and husband. But when he drinks, he confides his deep fears of dating me and enumerates each and every one of my relationship insecurities — nagging, anxiety, loneliness, etc. The next day he acts like nothing happened! He swears up and down that it was the alcohol talking and he doesn't mean any of the harsh words he spoke the night before.

Should I believe him? Please don't let me be the naive girl traveling down a dark rabbit hole. — **SELF-CONSCIOUS GIRLFRIEND**
DEAN ABBY: Your "amazing" man appears to be a loose-tipped lush. Not knowing him, I can't guess the degree to which he blacks out when he's been drinking. Some alcoholics don't remember what happened the night before. Others simply don't WANT to remember, so they claim amnesia. Regardless of how you feel

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about him, for your own well-being, draw the line and tell him he needs to stop drinking. If he's an alcohol-dependent as I suspect he is, he will give you an argument or an outright refusal. And that's your cue to tell him if he wants a future with you, he will have to make a choice.

DEAN ABBY: My in-laws are angry that I have declined to host them over the holidays this year. My husband is never helpful. When company comes, he sits on his mobile phone while I do everything. I told his parents I can't have them over because all the responsibility falls on me. My "no" should suffice, but my mother-in-law, hopes to argue me into hosting.

We don't have children because I knew I would end up raising them alone. I don't want the in-laws here "hinting" that they need us to help them when my husband won't lift a finger.

I recently became disabled, and my in-laws keep pressuring me to share my diagnosis with them.

They think I should cheerfully do all the work of hosting them as a way to fight my disability! They are extremely nosy. I am now blocking her calls. I know they will spend their time here trying to get a look at my medications and any financial information left out. What else can I do? — **UNMERRY IN LOUISIANA**

DEAN UNMERRY: You should all try to achieve a workable compromise, if that's possible. Ask your MIL if she's prepared to take some of the responsibility off your shoulders if she and her husband visit. Suggest they stay in a hotel or motel rather than burden you. And your husband (their son) should back you up on this.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Fourth best?

North-South vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ 10
♥ 10 9 8 5 2
♦ A 10 8
♣ A 9 7

WEST
♠ K J 5
♥ K 4
♦ J 6 5 4 2
♣ J 6 2

EAST
♠ 9 7 6 4
♥ J 7 6 3
♦ K Q 7
♣ 10 4

SOUTH
♠ A 8 3 2
♥ A Q
♦ Q 9 3
♣ K Q 5 3

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1NT Pass 2♠ Pass
3♦ Pass 4♥ Pass
*Transfer to hearts

Opening lead: Four of O

Fourth-best leads were the order of the day for decades, especially against a no-trump contract. This worked well on most hands but created problems on others. Today's deal, played some years ago by French expert Michel Lebel, is a case in point.

The opening diamond lead was ducked to East's queen. East feared

that South might hold the jack of diamonds, so he shifted to a low heart. South's queen lost to the king and West reverted to diamonds. South ducked again in dummy.

East won with the king and continued the suit to dummy's ace. What would you discard from your hand on the third diamond? Lebel made the spectacular discard of the ace of hearts! He now led dummy's 10 of hearts to East's jack, but East was out of diamonds and Lebel had his nine tricks. Nice play!

To avoid this kind of defensive problem, many modern players will only lead fourth best, or a low card, when they hold an honor in the suit — at least the jack. They lead their second highest card in the suit if they don't have an honor.

Had East-West shared this agreement, East would have returned his king of diamonds at trick two and Lebel would have had his work cut out for him. He can still succeed, and we'll leave that as an exercise for interested readers.

BUSINESS & OIL

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OIL PRICES

Futures

Wednesday: \$73.17
Previous: \$74.96

Posted

Wednesday: \$69.75
Previous: \$71.25

West Texas Sour

Wednesday: \$54.10
Previous: \$55.60

Natural Gas

Wednesday: \$3.284
Previous: \$3.266

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Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price \$5.04 Down 0.24

Mexco Energy (MXE)
Closing Price \$5.16 Down 0.54

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Closing Price \$1.69 Down 0.87

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price \$17.00 Down 0.54

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price \$7.73 Down 0.78

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price \$39.49 Down 2.32

Financial roundup

Dow Industrials sink 831 points as tech companies plunge

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks plunged Wednesday as investors ramped up their selling of high-flying technology and internet stocks. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 831 points, its worst loss in eight months.

Although the losses were widespread, stocks that have been the biggest winners on the market, including technology companies and retailers, suffered steep declines. Apple and Amazon both had their worst day in two and a half years.

The Nasdaq composite, which has a high concentration of technology companies, suffered its biggest loss in more than two years and has dropped almost 8 percent since the start of October.

Stocks have slumped over the last week as a combination of strong economic data and positive commentary from Federal Reserve leaders sent bond yields rocketing higher as investors bet that interest rates will keep rising.

Big moves in interest rates tend to unsettle investors, and they can also push them to sell stocks and buy bonds instead. And there is still an overhang from the U.S. trade dispute with China, which accounts for sizeable portions of some tech companies' revenue.

Mac Young, managing director of global markets research at FTSE Russell, said investors fear that rising interest rates and growing expenses are going to erode the tech company profits that have gotten from the GOP tax overhaul.

"The tax cuts juiced earnings this year and that's not sustainable," he said. "The market's starting to say that the glass may be half empty."

The Dow Jones Industrial Average gave up 831.83 points, or 3.1 percent, to 25,598.74. The S&P 500 index sank 94.09 points, or 3.3 percent, to 2,765.66. The benchmark index fell for the fifth straight day, which hadn't happened since just before the 2016 presidential election.

The Nasdaq composite, with a large contingent of tech stocks, tumbled 315.97 points, or 4.1 percent, to 7,422.05. It's fallen 7.5 percent in just five days.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks shed 46.46 points, or 2.9 percent, to 1,575.41.

The market had enjoyed a stretch of relative calm, where even big intraday losses were erased by the end of the day. But over the past five days, the losses stuck, and on Wednesday the selling went on right to the closing bell.

Some of the big losers were stocks that have scored double-digit gains earlier in 2018. Apple gave up 4.6 percent to \$169.36 and Microsoft dropped 5.4 percent to \$106.16. Amazon added 0.2 percent to \$1,705.25 and Alphabet, Google's parent company, gave up 4.8 percent to \$1,002.16.

Amazon has soared 50 percent this year, but has fallen 14 percent from its all-time high in early September. Alphabet has dropped 16 percent since late July.

Investors continued to push through and came ashore in Florida bringing winds of up to 150 miles an hour. Barbara Hattaway added 4.7 percent to \$215.10 and returned Everest Plc added 5.1 percent to \$217.75.

Scramble for holiday season workers already near fever pitch

By Christopher Rugaber and Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Across the country, America's retailers and shipping companies are looking happily forward to a robust holiday shopping season. There's just one concern: Who will stock the shelves, pack the orders and ring up customers?

The U.S. job market is the tightest it's been in five decades, consumer confidence is near an 18-year high and online shopping is surging. Companies that depend on holiday season sales need more workers at a time when the ranks of the unemployed have dwindled to their lowest level since the recession.

Envisioning an even tougher struggle than they've had in recent years, many companies are taking steps they've not tried before. More of them are offering higher pay. They're holding national hiring days. They're dangling bonuses. They're providing more full-time, rather than part-time, work. Some warehousing companies that fear they still won't be able to fill enough jobs, are turning to automation.

"I can't remember the last time it was this tight," said Tony Lee, a vice president at the Society for Human Resource Management. "You are going to see a real battle for seasonal employees."

At 3.7 percent, the unemployment rate is at a 49-year low, and the government says a record 6.9 million job openings are being advertised — more than the number of unemployed Americans.

With more job seekers able to choose among employers, many companies have rushed to begin their seasonal hiring earlier than before. Kohl's, the nationwide discount chain, with 1,100 stores, tried to get a jump on its rivals by advertising seasonal jobs back in late June.

"We are hiring seasonal associates earlier than ever," said Ryan Festerling, Kohl's head of human resources.

UPS is holding its first-ever nationwide job fair next week. In 170 locations, applicants can have interviews on the spot, and driver candidates can schedule a road test. The Atlanta company had been caught off-guard last year when early holiday shipments swamped its network. On its job-fair day — which it's dubbing "Brown Friday" — UPS hopes to hire up to 40,000 of the more than 100,000 seasonal workers it will need.

Sakera Crawford, who will start a seasonal package-handling job with UPS next month, will earn about \$13 an hour — the most she's ever made. Crawford, 24, who lives in Atlanta, hopes to stay on in a full-time permanent job after the holidays. About one-third of UPS full-time employees began as part-timers. Crawford is using the time before the job starts to line up daycare for her son, nearly 4, for whom she hopes the job will also mean a brighter Christmas.

"I'm very, very happy that I even have the opportunity," Crawford said. "I need something stable."

Target wants to hire 120,000 seasonal workers, 20 percent more than last year. The



Mark Lennihan/AP File Photo

A UPS employee loads packages onto a truck at a company facility in 2017 in New York. The job market is the tightest it has been in nearly five decades and online shopping is still growing at a double-digit rate. Businesses now need more workers at a time when fewer are available. UPS plans to hold nearly 170 job fairs around the country on a single day, Oct. 19.

company has raised its starting wage by a dollar to \$12 an hour, and is offering a new perk: It will randomly select one hourly worker at each store and distribution center to receive a \$500 gift card and \$500 donation to a local community organization of their choice.

Angie Thompson, a Target spokeswoman, said the higher wage and other inducements appear to be paying off. Applications jumped 20 percent in the first week after they were announced compared with the same period last year.

In 2017, Target raised its minimum hourly pay by \$2, to \$11, which it says helped produce 60 percent more applicants. The company is further raising its minimum wage, in stages, to \$15 by 2020. Yet Amazon beat it to the punch just last week by announcing that it would boost its starting hourly wage to \$15 on Nov. 1.

"It's an investment in the future growth of the company and to ensure that we can continue to hire, retain, and develop the best talent for years to come," said Dave Clark, Amazon's senior vice president of worldwide operations.

Amazon, the nation's second-largest private employer after Walmart, says it wants to hire applicants quickly. Its online job ads stress not what is required but what isn't: "No resume. No interview."

Applicants who have an informal face-to-face meeting at a hiring event and who match Amazon's requirements can be offered a job on the spot. With lesser resources, smaller retailers are struggling to keep up with the higher pay and greater perks. It definitely doesn't help if a retailer has to compete with an Amazon location.

Steve Fusek, who owns Fusek's True Value Hardware in Indianapolis, says he had already found it a challenge to find workers who could reliably show up on time. Making matters worse, his store is just 10 miles from an Amazon

warehouse. Now, even though Amazon's jobs are more stressful and demanding, he expects to have to raise his starting hourly pay by a dollar or two from \$10 to compete with Amazon.

"Whether they want to work there (Amazon) or not, that is the new norm," Fusek said.

It's an unusual shift. In the retail industry, the huge store chains used to be known for paying less, not more, than smaller competitors.

"It's even tougher for them to compete when the big chains — which traditionally had paid the lowest minimum wage — are now paying more," Lee said. "You're going to see everyone forced to raise wages."

Radial, an e-commerce company based in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, says its most competitive markets are places where Amazon and UPS also have operations, as in Lexington, Kentucky, or Reno, Nevada, where Amazon has a warehouse. Radial, which fills online orders for such retailers as Shoe Carnival, PetSmart and Kate Spade, has had to offer more perks than before. It wants to recruit more than 20,000 workers for its 22 distribution centers and five customer call centers.

Sean McCartney, an executive vice president, said Radial raised hourly pay for its holiday workers in four more markets than it did last year, though he wouldn't say which ones. The company began advertising for some holiday jobs in June, a month earlier than in 2017. Radial is also offering bonuses of \$1,000 or more in the most competitive markets to those who work during the crucial "Black Friday" weekend after Thanksgiving.

That bonus is helping keep Linda Connor-Lewis happy about her job packing online orders at Radial's warehouse in Louisville, Kentucky, even though her email inbox is stuffed with invitations to job fairs at rival companies. Though Connor-Lewis, 54, already has a permanent job

with Radial, she expects to share in the holiday bonanza: She plans to work 30 more hours of work a week on top of her current 40-hour schedule and expects to earn more in holiday bonuses than she did last year.

Even so, Radial is using more automation to help keep up and has installed robotics in the order-picking section at its Louisville facility. McCartney estimates that the automation will reduce physical labor by 15 percent to 20 percent in that area.

At XPO Logistics, a firm that specializes in shipping appliances, furniture, and other large items that Americans are increasingly willing to order online, plans are to hire 8,000 workers — one-third more than last year. XPO is also installing 5,000 robots in its warehouses in the United States and Europe.

"The combination of the man plus machine is the best way to give our customers an edge," said Bradley Jacobs, the company's CEO.

Jacobs said the robots, which lift entire shelves and bring them to workers, should enable the company's warehouse workers to raise their productivity. They will be able to pack 200 items an hour, up from 80 beforehand.

Retailers are posting far more full-time jobs compared with last year, and fewer part-time positions, according to research by Indeed, a job-listing website. The proportion of retail jobs that are part time, like sales associates at clothing stores, plummeted this year compared with 2017.

Walmart plans to manage the holiday rush by providing more hours to its part-time workers, a step it implemented just two years ago. Some stores may hire additional seasonal employees, it said.

"There has been a shift because the job market is so strong," said Andrew Flowers, an economist at Indeed. "To find workers, you pretty much have to offer them a full-time job."

After backlash, Amazon to boost pay for longtime workers

By Joseph Pisani
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Amazon, facing a backlash from longtime warehouse employees who say its \$15 hourly minimum wage wouldn't benefit them, will provide a bigger raise to those workers.

The company said Wednesday that some adjustments are being made this week, and workers who already made \$15 an hour will get more than the \$1 an hour raise promised last week. The amount will differ by warehouse and affect a small amount of employees, but Amazon declined to say how many.

"We moved quickly to get this information to our teams as fast as possible knowing there would be certain cases that would need to be adjusted between the announcement and November 1st when this new \$15 minimum takes

effect," Amazon said in a statement, adding that it has been "adjusting site by site and person by person as needed since the announcement to ensure everyone experiences the benefit of this change."

When Amazon announced last week that it would boost its hourly minimum wage to \$15, it also cut two benefits: monthly bonuses and a chance to own Amazon's sky-rocketing stock, currently worth nearly \$1,800 a share. Several employees told The Associated Press last week that they expected to earn less because of the cut benefits.

Amazon said in a statement at the time that the changes meant "compensation will be more immediate and predictable." The Seattle company, which has more than 100 warehouses around the country, said "the significant increase in hourly cash wages more

than compensates" the benefits that will be phased out.

A worker at a Maryland warehouse, who spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of being fired, said employees were told Tuesday that they would get a raise of \$1.25 an hour after Nov. 1. That's 25 cents more an hour than what they were told last week.

The worker said they were also told they would get cash payouts for reaching certain milestones. They'll receive \$1,500 for staying with the company for five years and \$3,000 after reaching their 10-, 15- and 20-year anniversaries. Previously, the company gave workers one or two shares of Amazon stock after each of those anniversaries.

"Definitely happier, but we are still losing a bit," said the Maryland worker of the changes. "But it's better than it was."

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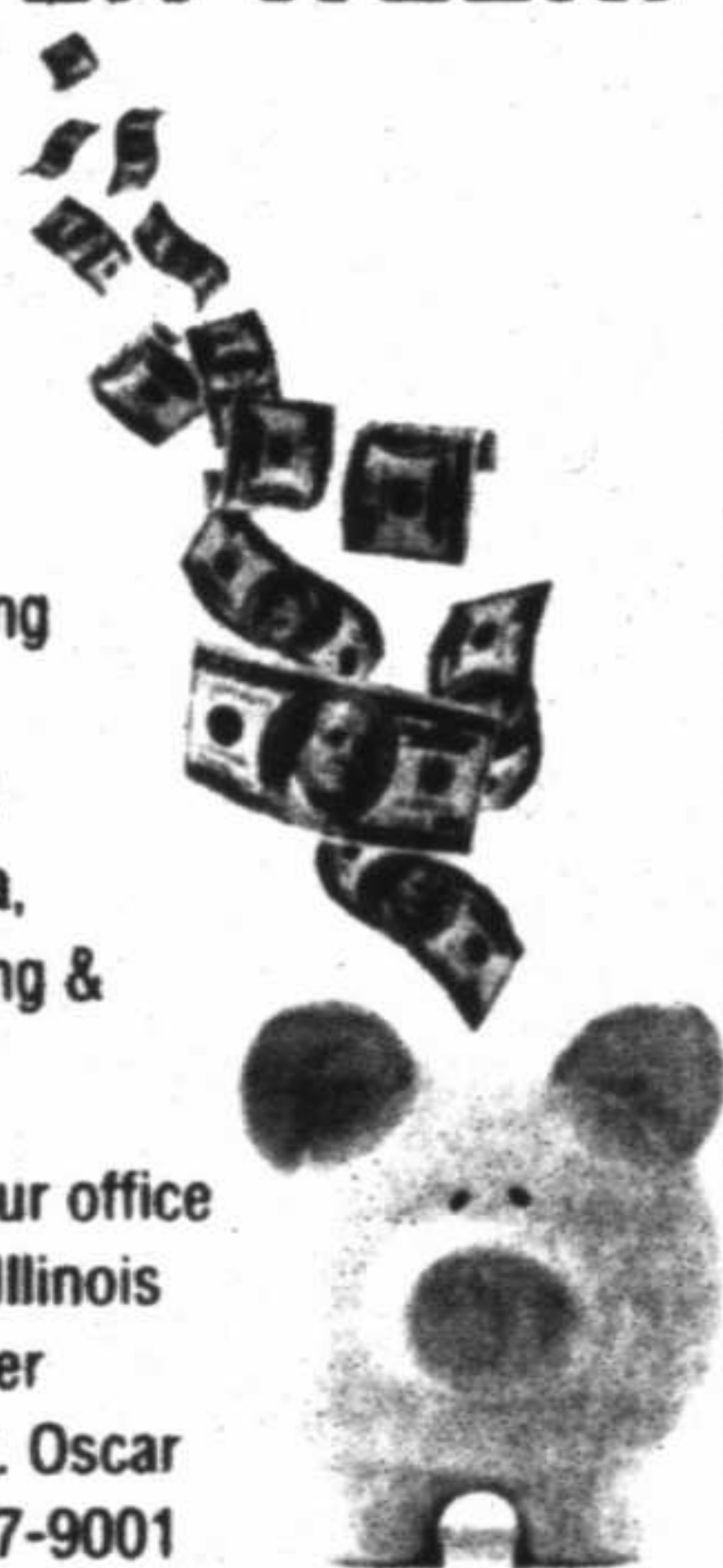
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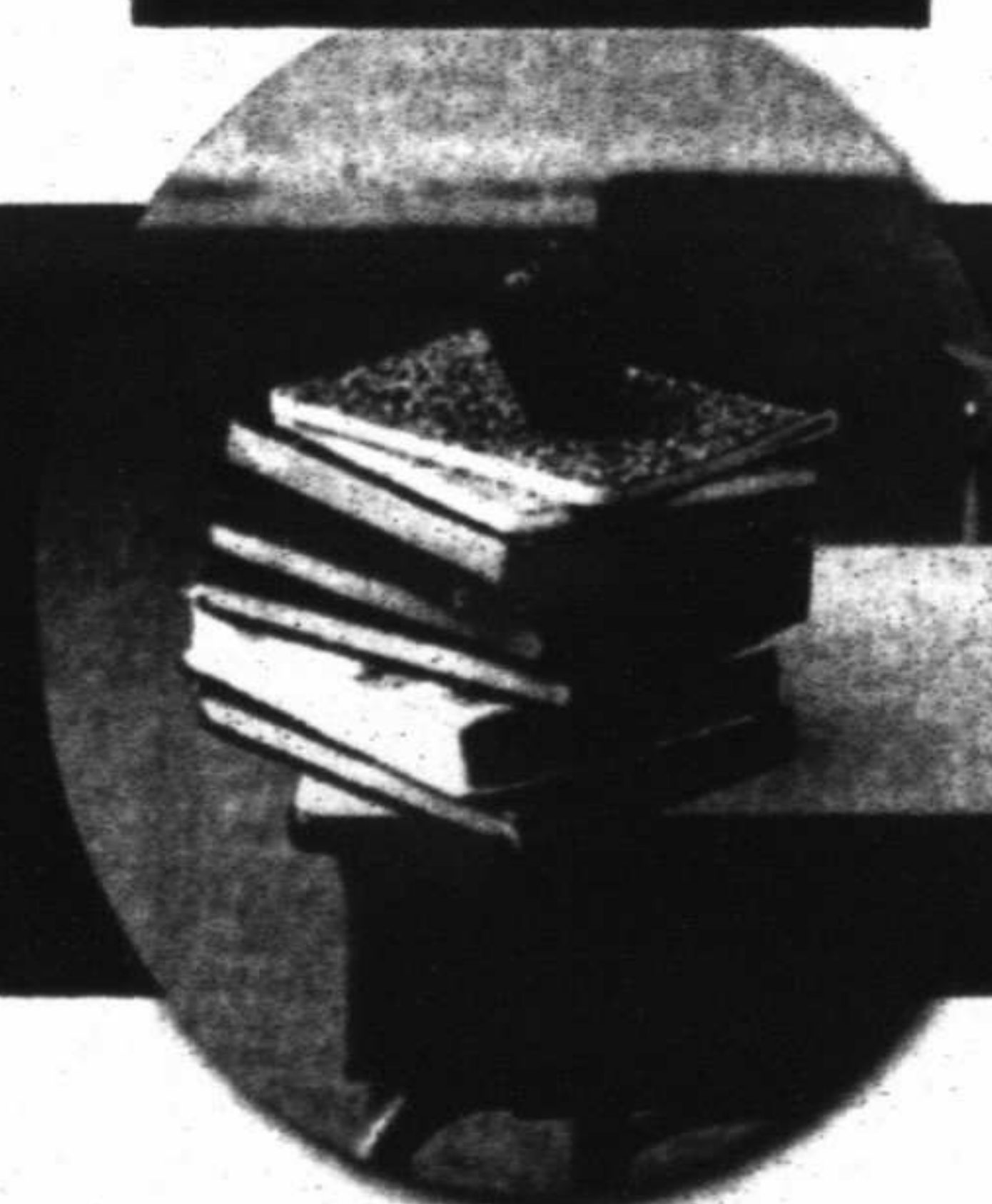
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Lease/Unit Acres	958.7
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Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	419.0

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Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location

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Terminus Location

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	JIM TOM W41G
Lease/Unit Well No	207H
Lease/Unit Acres	958.7
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	2537.0

Lease Lines	865.0 F South L.	1210.0 F West L.
Survey Lines	865.0 F South L.	1210.0 F West L.

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location

Lease Lines	100.0 F SOUTH L.
	450.0 F WEST L.

Terminus Location

BH County: MARTIN	Block: 35 T1S	Abstract: 793
Section: 32	Survey: T&P RR COOKSHEER, F.G. JR.	
Lease Lines	100.0 F NORTH L.	
	450.0 F WEST L.	
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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10204 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Brett Jennings, at (972)969-162.

Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0315085
DATE OF ISSUANCE Sep 25, 2018 Status/Permit No. 844793
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE 5:00 PM, Oct 30, 2018
Address Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P.O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	MILLIKEN SYLVIA 34E
Lease/Unit Well No	105H
Lease/Unit Acres	648.2
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	249.0

Lease Lines	221.0 F SOUTH L.	1352.0 F EAST L.
Survey Lines	221.0 F SOUTH L.	1352.0 F EAST L.

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location

Lease Lines	221.0 F SOUTH L.
	1352.0 F EAST L.

Terminus Location

BH County: MIDLAND	Block: 39 T2S	Abstract: 1376
Section: 22	Survey: T&P RR CO JACKSON, H.F. / HALEY, J.A. & J.P.	
Lease Lines	100.0 F NORTH L.	
	1210.0 F EAST L.	
Survey Lines	2546.0 F SOUTH L.	
	1210.0 F EAST L.	

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

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Kim Brand, at (972)969-0500.

Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0315165
DATE OF ISSUANCE Sep 24, 2018 Status/Permit No. 844626
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE 5:00 PM, Oct 29, 2018
Address Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P.O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	JIM TOM W41H
Lease/Unit Well No	209H
Lease/Unit Acres	958.7
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	417.0

Lease Lines	865.0 F South L.	1250.0 F West L.
Survey Lines	865.0 F South L.	1250.0 F West L.

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location

Lease Lines	100.0 F SOUTH L.
	512.0 F EAST L.

Terminus Location

BH County: MARTIN	Block: 35 T1S	Abstract: 793
Section: 32	Survey: T&P RR COOKSHEER, F.G. JR.	
Lease Lines	100.0 F NORTH L.	
	1771.0 F WEST L.	
Survey Lines	100.0 F NORTH L.	
	2128.0 F WEST L.	

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

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres

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If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Brett Jennings, at (972)969-162.

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OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
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NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Oct 26, 2018
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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P O Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax (512) 463-6780
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FIELD SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	JIM TOM W41J
Lease/Unit Well No	210H
Lease/Unit Acres	958.7
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	10
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	419.0

Lease Lines	865 0 F South L.	1270 0 F West L.
Survey Lines	865 0 F South L.	1270 0 F West L.

Wellbore Profile(s) Horizontal

Lateral TH1		
Penetration Point Location		
Lease Lines	100 0 F SOUTH L	
	869 0 F WEST L	
Terminus Location		
BH County MARTIN		
Section 32	Block 35 T1S	Abstract 793
Survey T&P RR CO OXSHEER, F G JR		
Lease Lines	100 0 F NORTH L	
	514 0 F WEST L	
Survey Lines	100 0 F NORTH L	
	869 0 F WEST L	

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

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Special Rules 330/0, 80 0 acre

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Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 031508
DATE OF ISSUANCE Sep 25, 2018 Status/Permit No. 844796
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5 00 PM Oct 30, 2018
Address Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P O Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

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FIELD SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	MILLIKEN-SYL VIA 34F
Lease/Unit Well No	106H
Lease/Unit Acres	648.2
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	10
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	2490

Lease Lines	221.0 F SOUTH L.	1332.0 F EAST L.
Survey Lines	221.0 F SOUTH L.	1332.0 F EAST L.

Wellbore Profile(s) Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
 Penetration Point Location
 Lease Lines 2210 F SOUTH L
 13320 F EAST L
 Terminus Location
 891 County MIDLAND
 Section 22 Block 39 T2S Abstract 1376
 Survey: T&P RR CO JACKSON, HE / HALEY, J A & J F
 Lease Lines 1000 F NORTH L
 3800 F EAST L
 Survey Lines 25480 F SOUTH L
 3800 F EAST L

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SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) - Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acre

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tative, Kim Brand, at (972) 989-0000

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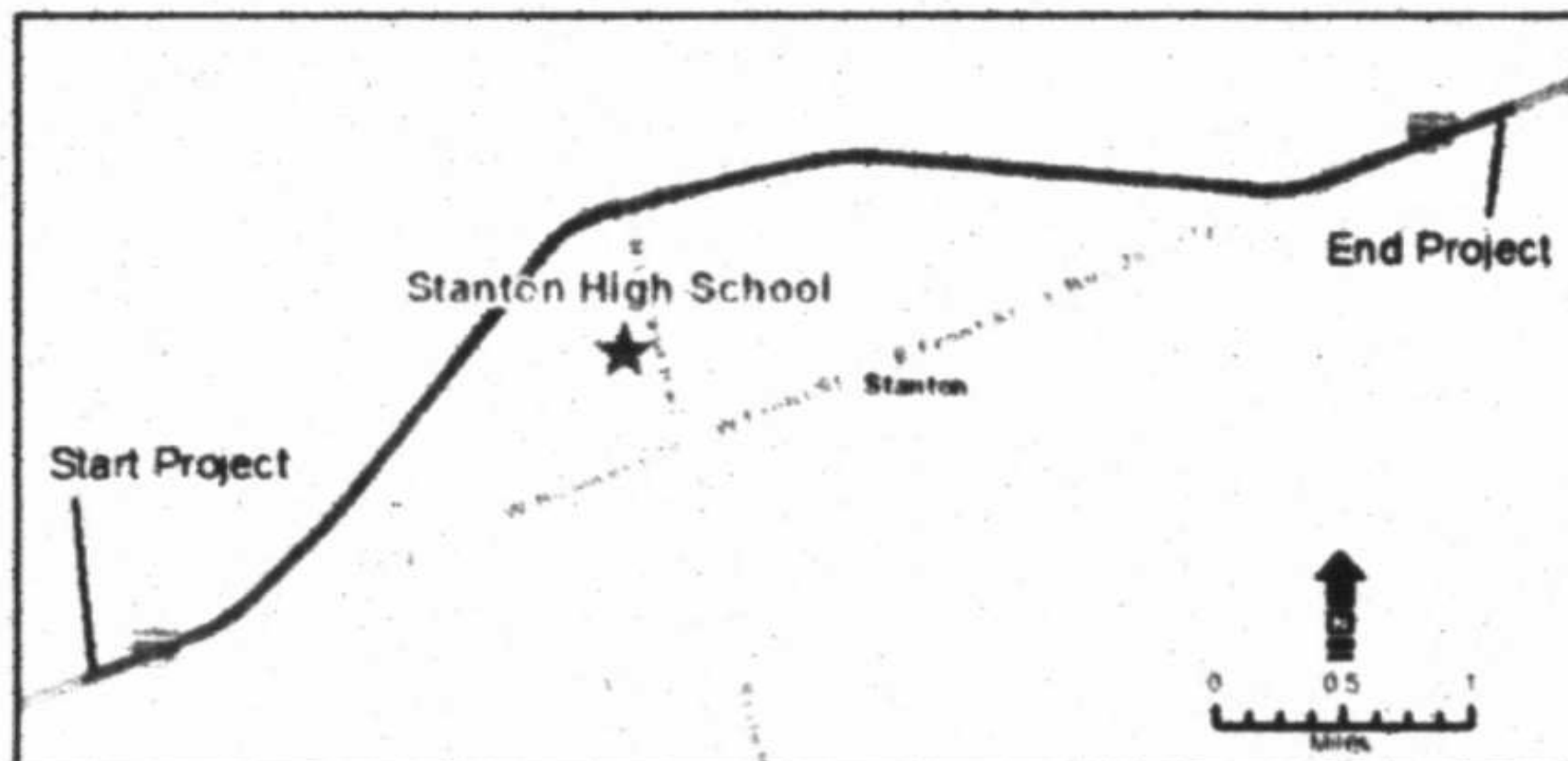
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Proposed Project on IH 20 from West BI 20 to East BI 20

The Odessa District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has scheduled a public meeting for a proposed project on IH 20 from West BI 20 to East BI 20 in Martin County, Texas. The public meeting is scheduled for:

6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, October 30, 2018
Stanton High School
705 Koonce Street, Stanton, Texas 79782



The purpose of the meeting is to provide information about the proposed project and to gather input from the public. Maps of the project area and other displays will be available for review and comment. TxDOT staff will be available to answer questions. The meeting will consist of an open house from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., with a brief presentation at 7 p.m. followed by a question-and-answer session.

The Odessa District of TxDOT proposes to make improvements along the IH 20 corridor, including ramp reconfigurations, conversion to one-way frontage roads, and reconstruct interchanges at West BI 20 and East BI 20. The proposed improvements are located in Martin County, near Stanton.

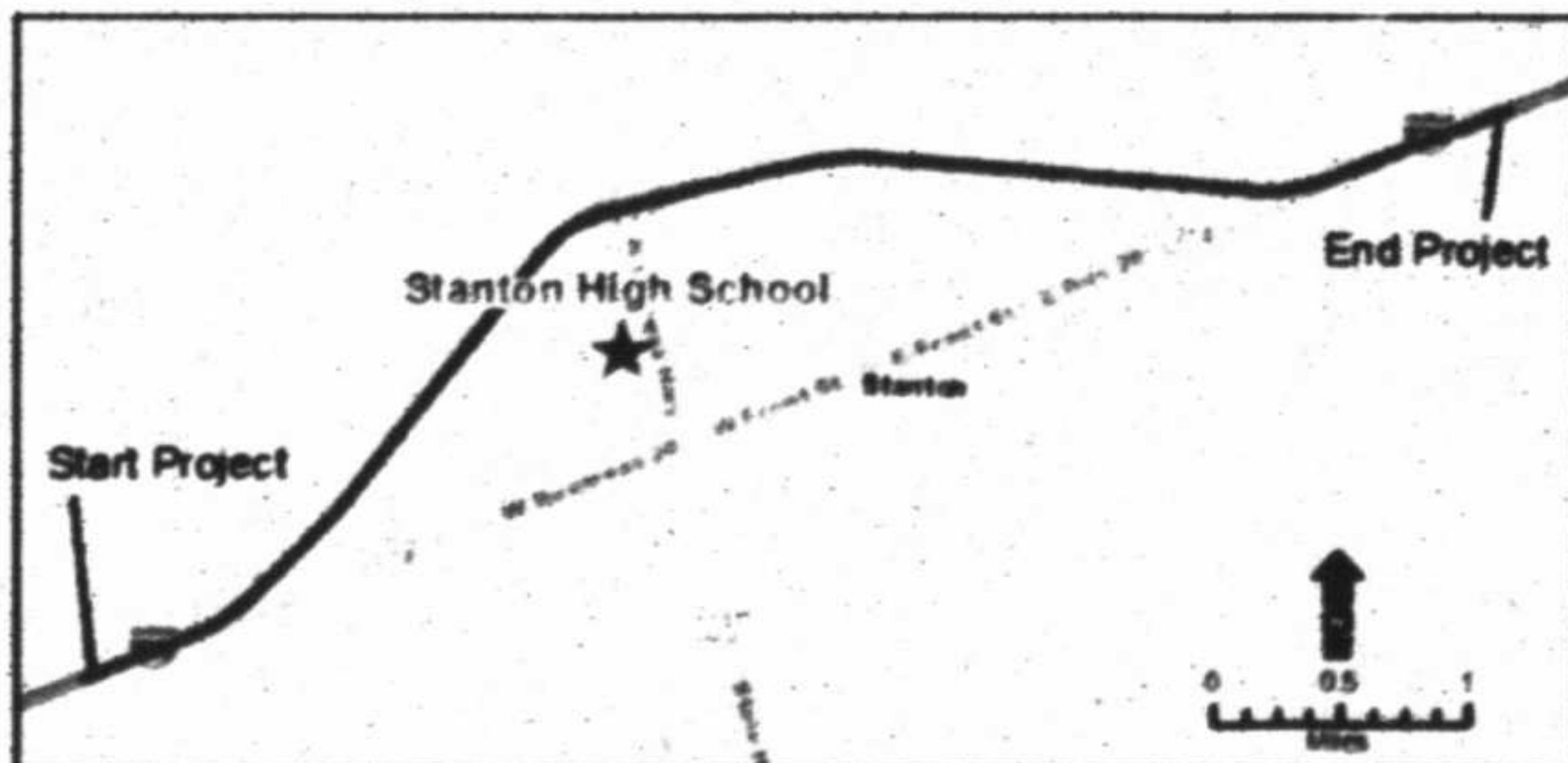
Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the Public Information Office at (432) 498-4746 at least two working days prior to the meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are encouraged. Comments may be submitted either at the public meeting or in writing within 15 days of the public meeting and must be postmarked by November 14, 2018, to be included as part of the official public record. For additional information, please contact Gabriel A. Ramirez, P.E., Advanced Planning Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District Office, 3901 East Highway 80, Odessa, Texas 79761, by telephone at (432) 498-4645, or email Gabriel.Ramirez@txdot.gov.

Propuesta de construcción en IH 20 desde BI 20 Oeste hasta BI 20 Este

El Distrito de Odessa del Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT) llevará a cabo una reunión pública con respecto a la propuesta de construcción en IH 20 desde BI 20 Oeste hasta BI 20 Este en el condado Martin, Texas. La reunión se conducirá desde las:

6 p.m. a 8 p.m., martes, 30 de octubre, 2018
Stanton High School
705 Koonce Street, Stanton, Texas 79782



El propósito de la reunión es presentar información sobre la construcción propuesta y reunir opiniones del público. Mapas del proyecto y otras exhibiciones estarán disponibles para inspección. Se invitan los comentarios del público. TxDOT y su equipo estarán disponibles para contestar preguntas. La reunión se conducirá en un formato abierto desde las 6 de la tarde hasta las 8 de la noche. Habrá una breve presentación a las 7 p.m., seguida por tiempo para responder preguntas.

El Distrito de Odessa de TxDOT propone reconfigurar rampas, crear carriles laterales de un solo sentido, y reconstruir intercambios en BI 20 Oeste y BI 20 Este. La construcción propuesta está situada en el condado Martin, cerca de Stanton.

Se anima a las personas interesadas en ir a la reunión pública que requieren comunicación especial o necesidades de alojamiento favor de comunicarse con la oficina de TxDOT en el Distrito Odessa, Oficina de Información Pública al (432) 498-4746 por lo menos dos días laborales antes de la reunión. La reunión pública se llevará a cabo en inglés. Solicitudes de traducciones en otros idiomas, o requerimientos especiales de comunicación deberán realizarse con por lo menos dos días laborales de anticipación al día de la reunión pública. TxDOT hará todos los esfuerzos razonables para acomodar estas necesidades.

Se invitan todas las personas interesadas en esta reunión pública. Los comentarios por escrito en relación con el proyecto propuesto se pueden entregar en la reunión o enviar por correo o (correo electrónico) en o antes del 14 de noviembre 2018 para que sean incluidos en el archivo de la audiencia. Si tiene preguntas generales o inquietudes sobre el proyecto propuesto, puede comunicarse con Gabriel A. Ramirez, P.E., Ingeniero de Planificación Avanzada, TxDOT Odessa District Office, 3901 East Highway 80, Odessa, Texas 79761, por teléfono al (432) 498-4645, o correo electrónico al Gabriel.Ramirez@txdot.gov.

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is Tuesday, October 23, 2018, 11:00 AM at 3420 Thomason Drive - Midland, TX. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash, immediate removal is required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property includes the contents of the following delinquent tenants: Clarie Graham, Household Goods; Amy L. James, Household Goods; Beinda Vizcaino, Household Goods; Knab Henderson, Household Goods; Paula Campos, Household Goods; Chester Hall, Household Goods; Jaime Lerma, Household Goods; Leticia Ann Garcia, Household Goods. Property from the above listed delinquent tenants will be sold as individual units. For further information, contact Affordable Self Storage at 432-694-4444.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0315084
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Sep 25, 2018 Status/Permit No. 844792
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Oct 30, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P.O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	MILLIKEN-SYLVA 34H
Lease/Unit Well No.	108H
Lease/Unit Acres	648.2
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	249.0
Lease Lines	191.0 F SOUTH L. 92.0 F EAST L.
Survey Lines	191.0 F SOUTH L. 1412.0 F EAST L.

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location	191.0 F SOUTH L.
Lease Lines	92.0 F EAST L.

Terminus Location

BH County: MIDLAND	Block: 39 T2S	Abstract: 1376
Section: 22	Survey: T&P RR COWILSON, H.E./HALEY, J.A. & J.F.	
Lease Lines	100.0 F NORTH L.	
Survey Lines	1201.0 F WEST L.	
	2546.0 F SOUTH L.	
	1459.0 F EAST L.	

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

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10500 feet.

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

Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0315083
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Sep 25, 2018 Status/Permit No. 844791
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Oct 30, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P.O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 34, Bk. 39 T2S, T&P RR COWILSON, G.H.M. Survey, A-1006, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 6.8 miles S 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 lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6781.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY OCT 30, 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	MILLIKEN-SYLVA 34D
Lease/Unit Well No.	108H
Lease/Unit Acres	648.2
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	249.0
Lease Lines	221.0 F SOUTH L. 52.0 F EAST L.
Survey Lines	221.0 F SOUTH L. 1372.0 F EAST L.

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location	221.0 F SOUTH L.
Lease Lines	52.0 F EAST L.

Terminus Location

BH County: MIDLAND	Block: 39 T2S	Abstract: 1376
Section: 22	Survey: T&P RR COWILSON, H.E./HALEY, J.A. & J.F.	
Lease Lines	100.0 F NORTH L.	
Survey Lines	600.0 F WEST L.	
	2546.0 F SOUTH L.	
	2000.0 F EAST L.	

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

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

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10500 feet.

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

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Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Diamondback E&P LLC 500 W. Texas Ave., Ste. 1200 Midland, TX 79701, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to amend permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to amend permit interval to inject fluid into the ELLENBERGER formation, Breedlove Ursa well number 1. The injection well is located 12 miles Northwest of Tarzan, TX in the Ursa (Devonian) field, in Martin County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 10,800 to 14,100.

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

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to Technical Permitting, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6782).

Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Proposals will be accepted by the Midland County Purchasing Agent, located in Suite 1101 of the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Lorraine Street, Midland, Texas 79701 until 10:00 a.m. Local Time, Thursday November 8, 2018. The proposals will be opened and acknowledged at 10:05 a.m., Local Time, Thursday November 8, 2018.

Generally, the Commissioners Court selection will be made within 30 days. Interested parties are invited to attend the proposal acknowledgment and the Commissioners Court meeting.

RFP 18MCO540 - OIL AND GAS LEASE

Pursuant to Chapter 71 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Midland County, Texas is accepting proposals for the purpose of entering into a Non Surface Use Oil and Gas Lease for certain designated County owned property.

Midland County reserves the right to reject any or all of the responses, to waive all formalities, and to withdraw the RFP at any time.

The RFP will be available on Thursday, October 11, 2018. Information may be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent's Office 432-688-4872 or pur103@co.midland.tx.us or on the Midland County Purchasing webpage <https://www.co.midland.tx.us/593/Midland-County-Request-for-Proposal>

Kristy Engeldahl
Midland County Purchasing Agent

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION
TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that KTO Energy Inc., Operator 945936, has filed to amend existing P-17 permit #7030 with the Texas Railroad Commission. The following amended P-17 application is for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingling production from oil and gas leases in (18819) LHS Ranch lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field, (45329) Little Midkiff 5 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field, (48057) Little Midkiff 44-41 Allocation 4101 Spraberry (Trend Area) R40 EXC field, (47597) Little Midkiff 44-41 Allocation 4107 lease Spraberry (Trend Area) R40 EXC field, (47973) Little Midkiff 44-41 Allocation 4111 lease Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field, (48516) Little Midkiff 44 0812AH lease Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field, (19962) LHS Ranch 4-40 Allocation 4004 lease Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field, (19961) LHS Ranch 4-40 Allocation 4014 lease Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field, (New Lease) LHS Ranch Allocation 4505 lease Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field, (New Lease) LHS Ranch Allocation 4516 lease Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field, (New Lease) LHS Ranch Allocation 4517 lease Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field, (New Lease) LHS Ranch Allocation 4518 lease Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field, in Upton/Midland County. This application is for common separation and common storage. Production will be measured by W-10. Any royalty interest owners who have not received written notification please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to Darlene Williams, P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days after the date the application is filed.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT Notice is hereby given that SM Energy Company (RRC P-5 # 788997) has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission an amended P-17 Application for an exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to add production from the following oil and gas leases to existing surface commingling Permit No. 6262 CVX Katie (SA) A 4470WB (RRC Lease No. 821456), CVX Katie (SA) B 4471WB (RRC Lease No. 821456), CVX Katie (SA) C 4472WB (RRC Lease No. 821463), CVX Katie (SA) D 4473WB (RRC Lease No. 821470), CVX Katie (SA) E 4474WB (RRC Lease No. 821931), Wilma Dorcus (SA) E 2971WB (RRC Lease No. 830108), Wilma Dorcus (SA) F 2972WB (RRC Lease No. 830114), Wilma Dorcus (SA) G 2973WB (RRC Lease No. 830116), Wilma Dorcus (SA) H 2960WA (RRC Lease No. 19946), Wilma Dorcus (SA) V 2940LS (RRC Lease No. 19951), Wilma Dorcus (SA) X 2942LS (RRC Lease No. 19927), Wilma Dorcus (SA) O 2961WA (RRC Lease No. 827200), CVX Katie (SA) R 4441LS (RRC Lease No. 837807), CVX Katie (SA) Q 4440LS (RRC Lease No. 837801), CVX Katie (SA) S 4442LS (RRC Lease No. 837801), CVX Katie (SA) K 4480WA (RRC Lease No. 837806), and CVX Katie (SA) J 4420MS (RRC Lease No. 839185), all in the Spraberry (Trend Area) in Upton County, Texas. The wells and leases are located in all of Section 41(CVX Leases), all of Section 44 (Katie Leases), 5/2 of Section 32 (Wilma Leases), 1/2 of Section 29 and 1/2 of Section 32 (Dorcus Leases), Blk 41, T-4-S, T&P Ry Co. Survey, Upton County, Texas. This application is for off lease storage, common storage and casinghead gas metering by allocation by well test. Production will be allocated by W-10 Tests. Any royalty interest owners who have not received written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the date of last publication.

CAUSE NO. P-19,995
ESTATE OF JUAN SAMUEL URIAS
DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS
AGAINST THE ESTATE OF
JUAN SAMUEL URIAS, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Juan Samuel Urias, Deceased, were issued on October 5, 2018, under Cause No. P-19,995, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Healy Urias.

Claims may be presented in case of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

Representative:
Estate of Juan Samuel Urias, Deceased
c/o Shaffer, Davis, O'Leary & Storer
Christopher J. Terry
P.O. Drawer 1552
Odessa, Texas 79760

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

DATED: October 9, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

SHAFER, DAVIS, O'LEARY & STORER
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Notice of Application for Surface Commingling

Pankey Energy Operations, LLC, is applying to the Railroad
Commission of Texas to surface commingle oil and gas produc-
tion into the Hayden 14-23H Central Battery, located in RRC
District 68, in Martin County.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Pursuant to Statewide Rules 26, 27, and
28, requests for a public hearing or objections to any aspect of
the application must be submitted in writing to the Railroad
Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711
(Telephone 512-463-6782), within 21 days of publication, or the
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