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\$2 million in repairs to begin at Balmorhea State Park pool.

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BRILES IS BACK

Art Briles, fired by Baylor amid a sexual assault scandal at the school, hasn't coached since. He said he has been hired to coach an American football team in Florence, Italy.

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Price of gas drops for second straight week

AAA Texas: Midland's price decreased more than other areas around the state

By Stewart Doreen
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For the second straight week, the average price of gas in Midland has dropped. AAA Texas reported Thursday stores in Midland are bucking a trend across the state as 18 of 27 communities this week reported an average price higher than last week. Of those nine that experienced a lower average or a price that didn't change, more than half were in West Texas — Midland, Abilene, El Paso, Odessa and San Angelo.

Midland's average dropped by 3 cents, which happened to be the biggest decrease of any of the larger metropolitan areas in the state. The average dropped by 2 cents

in Odessa. Midland and Odessa are the only in the state showing an average price of about \$3, according to AAA Texas.

Midland's average is \$3.08 a gallon for regular unleaded. The price is still the highest in the state — 6 cents above Odessa, 21 cents higher than the national average (\$2.87) and 43 cents higher than the state average (\$2.65). Midland's average also is 54 cents higher than the average in San Antonio and 37 cents higher than Abilene's average of \$2.71, which is the third highest in the state. AAA Texas reports San Antonio posted the lowest average in the state. Wichita Falls was second, 1 cent behind.

One year ago, the average price in Midland was \$2.21 — 87 cents lower than

this week's average. This time last year, Midland's average was 7 cents higher than the state average and 12 cents lower than the national average.

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

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Gas price report

Cheapest gas: \$2.91 (Sam's Club, Tradewinds/SH 191)
Cheapest gas (non-membership club): \$2.97 (Murphy USA, Midland Drive/Briarwood, Texaco, Midkiff Road/Wadley, H-E-B, Midkiff Road/Wadley)
Most common price: \$3.05
Cheapest prices in West Texas: Amarillo \$2.37, Lubbock \$2.44, San Angelo \$2.49, Abilene \$2.63, Odessa \$2.68, Midland \$2.91

	Midland-Odessa	Texas
Thursday	\$3.042	\$2.649
Last week	\$3.059	\$2.642
Last month	\$3.047	\$2.656
Last year	\$2.168	\$2.147

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

BEATS IN THE HEAT



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The band Demon Hunter performs during the Rock the Desert christian music festival Thursday. Saturday's lineup includes Matthew West. A story on West will appear in Saturday's edition.

Today's RTD schedule

When: Gates open at 1 p.m.
Where: Rock the Desert Festival Field, 2000 Farm-to-Market Road 1788

Tickets: \$25-\$850

Web: rockthedesert.com

Bands: Switchfoot, DJ Maj, Family Force 5, Joel Bennett, Joe Everson, We Are Messengers, Alive City and Verses, main stage; Seventh Time Down, Bob Lenz, Joshua Micah, Manic Drive and

About the Author, the KISS FM stage

The Midland Police Department has established traffic patterns for Rock the Desert. Three entry and exit points have been established along Farm-to-Market Road 1788: main, north and south gates. The main gate will be used to enter the RTD festival until its conclusion each night. All northbound

traffic will be directed into the event to pick up attendees and will be directed to the pickup area. Traffic will then exit through the south gate and will be directed southbound only onto FM 1788.

The south gate will be used from the opening of the event to its conclusion each night. Both north and southbound traffic will be allowed to use this gate until it is necessary to prepare

for the conclusion of the event each night. Then the south gate becomes an egress point with exiting traffic being directed only southbound onto FM 1788.

The north gate will be used only at the end of each night as an ingress point for traffic traveling southbound on FM 1788.

Source: Midland Police Department

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Source: Midland Police Department

At least one critical after pipeline explosion

Report: At least three pipelines, including the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline operated by Kinder Morgan, may have been involved in the incident

By Rye Druzin

San Antonio Express-News

At least one worker remained in critical condition Thursday evening after an explosion at a natural gas pipeline sent seven people, including two firefighters, to the hospital Wednesday.

At least three pipelines, including the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline operated by Kinder Morgan of Houston, may have been involved in the incident, authorities said. Sara Hughes, a company spokeswoman,

said Kinder Morgan's 12-inch El Paso Natural Gas pipeline exploded Wednesday, but it appeared that another company's nearby pipeline exploded before the El Paso line.

Authorities continue to investigate the cause of the explosion, she said. A Kinder Morgan employee injured in the blast was reportedly in stable condition at the University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Four other workers — it's still unclear which company employed them — were transported by air and ambulance to University Medical Center, said Eric Finley, a hospital spokesman. At least one worker remained in critical condition, while three others were in serious condition in the burn center, he said.

The two firefighters, who suffered minor injuries, were treated and released in Midland.

At least one natural gas pipeline exploded Wednesday afternoon in Greenwood, authorities said. Midland County Fire Marshal Dale Little said there were at least three pipelines in the vicinity of the area.

Little said the Midland Fire Department and Greenwood Volunteer Fire Department were responding to a leak at one of the pipelines at about 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. The explosion happened about an hour later.

New Mexico lawmaker finds lack of say in nuclear waste storage project 'troubling'

Hobbs New Mexico Sun

SANTA FE, N.M. — The chairman of a New Mexico legislative committee that monitors radioactive and hazardous materials in the state says he finds it troubling Attorney General Hector Balderas has concluded the state cannot legally stop a New Jersey-based company from building a nuclear waste storage facility.

Sen. Jeff Steinborn, D-Las Cruces, said

Wednesday the state should have a say about the proposal and that he was disappointed in the attorney general's opinion.

"It's troubling that a project of this magnitude with this much exposure to the state — I mean exposure in the sense of the hazardous materials involved and long-term ramifications of it being here — that our state would not have a say in being able to approve it or not," said Steinborn, who is the interim chair of the Radioactive and

Hazardous Materials Committee.

Balderas said in a letter last month the state cannot legally stop Holtec International from temporarily storing up to 100,000 metric tons of high-level nuclear waste in New Mexico.

Balderas cited the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 and two court cases clearly

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The big number

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Word of the Day

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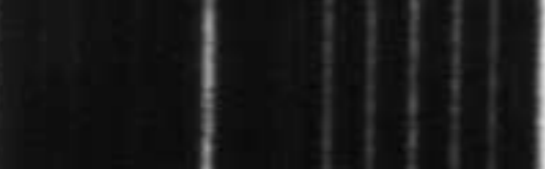
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AP file photo

In this July 23, 2012, photo, a swimmer dives into the spring-fed pool at Balmorhea State Park in Balmorhea. Crews will start repairing the pool after what's touted as the world's largest spring-fed swimming pool collapsed during cleaning. The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department on Thursday announced \$2 million in repairs on the pool, located 120 miles southwest of Midland, should take several months.

Repairs to begin at Balmorhea State Park pool

Associated Press

BALMORHEA — Crews will start repairing the Balmorhea State Park pool after what's touted as the world's largest spring-fed swimming pool collapsed during cleaning. The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department on Thursday announced

\$2 million in repairs on the pool, located 120 miles southwest of Midland, should take several months.

Part of the historic pool, built by the federal Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, collapsed in May. Experts blame erosion linked to flow from San Solomon Springs.

The 3.5 million-gallon pool is up to 25 feet deep.

Officials say hand demolition will be required to protect endangered species.

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation has established an account to accept donations to help fund repairs before the pool reopening.

Oklahoma crash kills driver of horse-drawn carriage

Associated Press

WARNER, Okla. — The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said the 72-year-old driver of a horse-drawn carriage was killed in a collision with an SUV in Muskogee County.

Troopers say carriage driver Billy Rogers was pronounced dead at the scene of Wednesday's crash southwest of Warner. They say Rogers suffered extensive injuries to his head and body in the crash.

The patrol says the collision occurred at about 3:11 p.m. on U.S. Highway 266 when a westbound SUV ran into Rogers' westbound carriage. The driver of the SUV was not injured.

Troopers say the cause of the collision is under investigation.

Police: Arkansas man tried to steal jet to go to concert

Associated Press

TEXARKANA, Ark. — Police say an Arkansas man accused of trying to steal a commercial jet told investigators he thought piloting the plane would involve little more than pushing buttons and pulling levers.

Investigators say 18-year-old Zemarcius Devon Scott wanted to fly to an out-of-state concert when he hopped inside an American Eagle jet at Texarkana Regional Airport.

The Texarkana Gazette

reports Scott was inside the cockpit when he was arrested early on July 4. He was charged Monday and remained jailed Thursday on commercial burglary and attempted theft of property charges.

Envoy Air operates the plane. The company says the 44-seat jet wasn't damaged.

Miller County jail records don't list an attorney for Scott, who lives in Texarkana.

An affidavit says police found Scott after responding to reports of a man jumping an airport fence.

Friends: Suspect in Bush's doctor's killing was mystery

By Juan A. Lozano

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Friends and neighbors of a Houston man accused of killing one of former President George H.W. Bush's doctors said that much of the suspect's life was a mystery to them, describing him as respectful and polite, but withdrawn.

State records show Joseph James Pappas had worked in law enforcement for more than 30 years and was also a licensed real estate agent.

The search continued Thursday for Pappas, who's described by authorities as armed, dangerous and possibly suicidal.

Houston police said they're also looking into whether Pappas tried to sell various weapons online several days after the July 20 fatal shooting of Dr. Mark Hausknecht.

Police allege Pappas shot Hausknecht while the cardiologist rode his bike to work at Houston Methodist Hospital.

Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo said Wednesday Pappas might have been seeking revenge for his mother, who died on

the doctor's operating table in April 1997.

Houston Methodist Hospital was not aware of any previous threats that had been made against Hausknecht, said spokeswoman Stefanie Asin. Any such substantiated threats are reported to law enforcement, she said.

No disciplinary action had ever been taken against Hausknecht, according to the Texas Medical Board.

Hausknecht was shot three times while he was on his bike and Acevedo said the shots that Pappas is accused of firing as he also rode on a bike "took some skill."

Pappas had worked from 1983 through 1995 as a peace officer with two Houston-area constable offices. He also worked from 1995 through 2013 as a reserve officer for these same constable offices, according to records from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

His father, Joseph James Pappas Sr., also worked as a peace and reserve officer for these same constable offices for more than 26 years. The elder Pappas was also an Army colonel, having served in World

War II, and had worked as an attorney, according to his obituary.

Pappas' father died in 2010.

"The whole thing about Joey is amazing. I'm stunned," said Kathy Bilnosky, whose father was good friends with the elder Pappas.

Bilnosky, who grew up on the street behind the Pappas home in southwest Houston, said the younger Pappas was respectful but she didn't spend much time with him or his sister.

"They didn't go bike riding with us or any of that stuff," said Bilnosky, 63, who now lives in Bryan. "They more stayed home than most of the kids on the block."

Bilnosky said that in 1997, Pappas' mother, Julia Alice Walker, had gone into surgery and died unexpectedly.

Neighbor Jim Herd said the death of Pappas' mother "hit him hard." But he doesn't remember hearing Pappas speak bitterly about his mother's death.

Herd and Bilnosky said they didn't know what Pappas currently did for a living.

Pappas was licensed as a

real estate broker and had a business called "Pappas Realty Company," according to the Texas Real Estate Commission.

The company had an address listed in an office building across the street from Houston's high-end Galleria mall. But the building's management on Thursday didn't have any records showing Pappas as a current or former tenant.

Herd said he knew that Pappas collected firearms.

On Armslist.com, a website where people can sell firearms, someone with the same phone number as Pappas' real estate company had several listings for a variety of weapons and accessories, including a .38-caliber revolver, a semi-automatic rifle and some bullet-proof vests.

"We're aware of it and we're looking into it," Houston police spokesman Victor Sentes said regarding the listings on the web site.

Bilnosky said as the search continues for Pappas, she hopes that nobody else is hurt.

"If I could talk to Joey, I would say, 'We still love you sweetie,'" she said. "It's just such a shock."

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SAN ANTONIO

Man who swiped shark says he's an 'activist, not a criminal'

The man accused of swiping a shark from a Texas aquarium says he did so because he was concerned about the sea creature's well-being.

Anthony Shannon is charged with felony theft for stealing the horn shark Saturday from the San Antonio Aquarium. The heist, which was captured on surveillance video, shows a man grabbing the 16-inch-long shark from a petting tank and later wheeling it away in a baby stroller. The shark, named Miss Helen, was recovered Monday night from Shannon's home.

"I'm an activist, not a criminal," Shannon told San Antonio TV station KENS in an interview from his home, which has three saltwater tanks filled with dozens of fish and five sharks.

Shannon said he's a lifelong marine enthusiast and that he became concerned about conditions at the aquarium after a friend told him that marine animals were dying frequently. About a month ago, Shannon posed as a salt distributor so he could investigate conditions and

take water samples from the tanks, he said.

Shannon said he took the shark from the petting tank after he saw a guest squeeze it.

"It's regretful to do something like that, but if it's an emergency for an animal, then no, it's not," Shannon said.

The aquarium said its animals are well cared for and that Miss Helen is on the mend after the caper.

"We appreciate all of the love and support everyone has shown for Helen and invite everyone to come see her when she's back on exhibit," according to a statement from the aquarium.

HEREFORD

Amarillo police fatally shoot wanted man at home

Officers in the Texas Panhandle trying to serve

warrants for assault have fatally shot the suspect after police say he displayed a gun.

Amarillo police on Thursday said 35-year-old Jonathan Joey Mendoza died at the scene. Amarillo officers involved in Wednesday's fatal shooting in Hereford, 40 miles southwest of Amarillo, are on paid administrative leave.

Police Cpl. Job Hilton says Amarillo officers located Mendoza in Hereford and tried to arrest him on warrants for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, assault on a household member, making a terrorist threat and parole violation. Hilton says the suspect had a gun when he exited the back of the home, saw officers, then ran to the front.

Hilton says Mendoza was shot when he displayed the weapon.

Texas Rangers are investigating.

OKLAHOMA

OSHA cites company in rig explosion

TULSA — The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has issued citations to three companies involved in a natural gas rig explosion in Oklahoma that killed five workers.

OSHA announced Monday that it's fined Patterson-UTI Drilling, Crescent Consulting LLC and Skyline Directional Drilling LLC a total of \$118,000 for "exposing employees to fire and explosion hazards" in the Jan. 22 explosion near Quinton, about 100 miles southeast of Tulsa.

An initial state regulator incident report indicates the blast happened when an uncontrolled release of gas caught fire.

Patterson-UTI officials say they disagree with the findings.

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Psalm 43:4-5

Then I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy; And upon the lyre I shall praise You, O God, my God. Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why are you disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.

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adjective
1: full of intense interest or excitement
eager



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TODAY IN MIDLAND

HIP-HOP DANCE CLASS



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A hip hop dance class for 5- through 8-year-olds at JK Dance Center on Thursday was a stop on the Midland Wellness Tour.

Midland Wellness Tour

- Wellness at Midland YMCA, 5 a.m.-9 p.m., Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. Free guest pass will include a variety of group fitness classes for the day.
- Free CycleBar Class, 5:30 and 9 a.m., CycleBar Midland, 3415 N. Loop 250 N. Sign up online for a select \$20 class at midland.cyclebar.com with the promo code MMHWT18 to redeem a free session.
- Women in Wellness offers free consultations and classes, 5:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3:30-6:30 p.m., Curves of Midland, 3001 W. Loop 250 N.
- YMCA Community Garden Tour, 10 a.m., Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. Guests can take a tour of the garden and learn how to get involved in growing local produce.
- Free Pilates Reformer and Tower Class at Pilates Reformer Studio, 3303 N. Midkiff Road. Reserve a spot by emailing dana2822@suddenlink.net.
- Health and Wellness with complementary classes at COM Aquatics, 3003 N. "A" St. Visit website for classes and times.
- Free Yoga Classes at Namaste Yoga Studio, 3303 N. Midkiff Road. Reserve by emailing dana2822@suddenlink.net.
- Raise the Barre to Wellness at Pure Barre Midland, 3208 N. Loop 250.
- Ladies Dance Fusion Class, 7-8 p.m., JK Dance Center, 3211 W. Wadley Ave.

Things to do

- Arts Council of Midland Tag Sale with a selection of party and holiday decorations, tissues, centerpieces, materials, supplies and more, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave.
- Christina Greene Trunk Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Julian Gold, 2101 W. Wadley Ave.
- Bridge lessons with Sara Carroll, 10 a.m., Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. Free.
- Evening Storytime at the Library, 4:30 p.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.
- Beef Rib Night, 5 p.m., True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway.
- Winery Party Night celebrates the grand opening with appetizers, tasting flights, live music and giveaways, 5-9 p.m., Texas Sun Winery, 3415 N. Loop 250 W. \$45. texaswinery.com
- Friday Night Fish Fry, 6 p.m.,

Things to do

- Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com
- First Friday features game night and movie screenings for the whole family, 7-10 p.m., Friday at Sleep Inn and Suites of Midland, 5612 Deauville Road. Hosted by Periman Basin LOGIST (Plus).
- Bravo Nights, 7 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airport Lane, 682-5511.
- Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m., The Detour, 1709 Rankin Highway.
- The Ugly Vampire, 7 p.m., Basin Burger House, 607 N. Colorado St.
- Party on the Patio with live music, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com
- "Annie," 7:30 p.m., Periman Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St. Odessa \$15. perimanplayhouse.com
- The 70th season of Summer Mummies: "Diabolical Deeds on the Diamond or Wall - Was that a Squirm in the Infield?" 8 p.m., Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. \$12-\$25. MCTmidland.org
- Mesa Williams, 8 p.m., Riley's Bar and Grill, 3421 W. Wall St.
- ClubNights with DJ Bookee and DJ Danny G, 8 p.m., The Reserve in the DoubleTree, 117 W. Wall St.
- Movie in the Park "Coco," 8:45 p.m. (dark), Windlands Park, 1001 W. Dargatz Ave. Free. midlandtexas.gov
- Austin Meade, 9 p.m., Lone Star Bar, 821 W. Wall St.
- DJ Wildman, 9 p.m., Lift on 7th, 1401 E. Seventh St. Odessa.
- DJ Boris, 9 p.m., Supernova Nightclub, 2215 N. Midland Drive. \$10
- Karatan Karaoke with DJ Cicco, 9 p.m., Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80.
- Los Huracanes del Norte, La Maquinaria, 9 p.m., La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. haciendamidland.com
- Donnie Evetts, 9:30 p.m., The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

Lottery

All or Nothing morning: 3-5-7-8-9-12-14-15-19-21-22-24
All or Nothing day: 4-6-7-8-11-15-17-18-19-20-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 3-4-7-10-13-14-16-17-18-19-20-23
All or Nothing night: 1-3-4-9-13-14-15-18-20-21-23-24
Cash Prize: 3-16-21-28-35

Daily 4 morning: 1-4-7-8
Daily 4 day: 3-7-7-7
Daily 4 evening: 0-5-8-5
Daily 4 night: 5-5-0-6
Pick 3 morning: 3-0-1
Pick 3 day: 3-0-1
Pick 3 evening: 8-2-0
Pick 3 night: 8-0-5
Two-Step: 01-08-15-23
Bonus: 27

Weather

Thursday's temperatures
High: 97
Low: 75
Normal high: 95
Normal low: 70

Aug. 2 records
High: 106, set in 1932 and equaled in 1944 and 2012
Low: 61, set in 1936 and equaled in 1971 and 1973

Precipitation
Wednesday: 0.00 inches
Thursday: 0.00 inches
Month total: 0.00 inches
Year total: 5.26 inches
Normal total (year to date): 8.00 inches

Winds
Average speed: 8.6 mph
Highest sustained speed: 15 mph
Highest gust speed: 19 mph

Forecast for Friday, August 3, 2018

Today's forecast
High: 98
Low: 74
Conditions: Mostly sunny during the day/partly cloudy at night
Winds: 10-15 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise: 7:06 a.m.
Sunset: 8:44 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Beam is more of what you want by letting someone close to you know what is on your wish list. At first, you might get a mixed reaction, which will transform over time. Together, you become even stronger in manifesting this desire. **Tonight:** Too many choices, so little time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You could be off-kilter with regard to socializing and networking. By remaining focused on one topic or activity, you will do well. Your openness will be looked by your impulsiveness when you watch what is happening around you. **Tonight:** Drop the word "no" from your vocabulary.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Your earthiness comes through, no matter what others do and despite any unexpected changes. You understand your limits, but you also recognize how seductive you can be. Your even-tempered attitude wins over friends. **Tonight:** Try being a little naughty for a change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Emphasis is on your domestic and personal life. Do not be surprised if someone acts like a mini volcano and causes some extra excitement on the homefront. You cannot change how this person feels, but you can give honest feedback. **Tonight:** Home is where your heart is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Say what you are feeling, and expect some feedback that might be harsh. The good news is that you can handle everything that is on your plate. One person in your life creates more than his or her share of uproar. Be thankful for the excitement. **Tonight:** Visit with friends over dinner.

BORN TOAY NFL quarterback Tom Brady (1977), singer Tony Bennett (1926), businesswoman Martha Stewart (1941)

Financial fruit: Apple becomes world's 1st trillion-dollar company

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple is the world's first publicly traded company to be valued at \$1 trillion, the financial fruit of stylish technology that has redefined what we expect from our gadgets.

The milestone reached Thursday marks the latest triumph of a trend-setting company that two mavericks named Steve started in a Silicon Valley garage 42 years ago.

Apple's shares gained \$5.89 to close at \$207.39, leaving the company's market value a notch above \$1 trillion — around \$1,001,679,220,000, according to FactSet. Apple sits atop a U.S. stock market that has become dominated by technology-centered companies: Amazon, Google's parent Alphabet, Microsoft and Facebook round out the top five in market value.

The achievement seemed unimaginable in 1997 when Apple teetered on the edge of bankruptcy, with its stock trading for less than \$1, on a split-adjusted basis, and its market value dropping below \$2 billion.

To survive, Apple brought back its once-exiled co-founder, Steve Jobs, as interim CEO and turned to its archrival Microsoft for a \$150 million cash infusion to help pay its bills.

If someone had dared to buy \$10,000 worth of stock at that point of desperation, the investment would now be worth about \$2.6 million.

Jobs eventually shepherded a decade-long succession of iconic products such as iPhone that transformed Apple from a technological boutique to a cultural phenomenon and moneymaking machine.

The stock has been surging this week as anticipation mounts for the next generation of iPhone, expected to be released in September.

Although iPhone sales aren't rising as rapidly as they were a few years ago, Apple has been adding enough new features to persuade consumers to pay higher prices for its top-of-the-line devices. In its most recent quarter, Apple fetched an average price of \$724 per iPhone — a nearly 20 percent increase from an average of \$606 per iPhone at the same time last year.

The price escalation has widened Apple's profit margins to the delight of investors, who have boosted the company's market value by about \$83 billion — nearly equal to the entire market value of American Express — since the quarterly report came out late Tuesday. The 9 percent gain was Apple's biggest two-day advance in nearly a decade.

Apple's stock has climbed by 23 percent so far this year, compared to a 6 percent gain for the

Apple milestones

- **April 1976** Apple is founded by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Ronald Wayne.
- **January 1977** The Apple II computer is released.
- **April 1983** Former PepsiCo executive John Sculley becomes Apple's CEO after being recruited by Steve Jobs.
- **September 1985** Steve Jobs leaves Apple to start NeXT, a computer company that later merges with Apple to become the new Apple.
- **February 1998** Apple introduces the iMac G4, its first all-in-one computer.
- **December 2000** Apple introduces the iPod, which revolutionizes the music industry.
- **May 2005** Jobs announces a plan to buy back 10 percent of Apple's shares.
- **January 2006** Apple introduces the iPhone, which revolutionizes the smartphone market.
- **August 2007** Apple introduces the iPhone OS, which later becomes iOS.
- **January 2008** Apple introduces the iPad, which revolutionizes the tablet market.
- **March 2012** Apple introduces the new iPhone 5, which is the first iPhone to have a metal case.
- **March 2015** Apple introduces the new iPhone 6, which is the first iPhone to have a curved screen.
- **April 2017** Apple introduces the new iPhone 8, which is the first iPhone to have wireless charging.
- **September 2017** Apple introduces the new iPhone X, which is the first iPhone to have a face lock.
- **September 2018** Apple introduces the new iPhone 11, which is the first iPhone to have a triple-camera system.

been one of the best things Jobs did for Apple. As Jobs' top lieutenant, Cook oversaw the intricate supply chain that fed consumers' appetite for Apple's devices and then held the company together in 2004 when Jobs was stricken with a cancer that forced him to periodically step away from work — sometimes for extended leaves of absences.

Just months away from his death, Jobs officially handed off the CEO reins to Cook in August 2011.

Cook has leveraged the legacy that Jobs left behind to stunning heights. Since Cook became CEO, Apple's annual revenue has more than doubled to \$229 billion while its stock has quadrupled. More than \$600 billion of Apple's current market value has been created in that time.

Cook hasn't escaped criticism, however. The Apple Watch has been the closest thing that the company has had to creating another mass-market sensation under Cook's leadership, but that device hasn't come close to breaking into the cultural consciousness like the iPhone or the iPad.

That has raised concerns that Apple has become far too dependent on the iPhone, especially since iPad sales tapered off several years ago. The iPhone now accounts for nearly two-thirds of Apple's revenue.

But Cook has capitalized on the continuing popularity of the iPhone and other products invented under Jobs' reign to sell services tailored for the more than 1.3 billion devices now powered by the company's software.

Apple's services division alone is on pace to generate about \$35 billion in revenue this fiscal year — more than all but a few dozen U.S. companies churn out annually.

Apple had also come under fire as it accumulated more than \$250 billion in taxes in overseas accounts, triggering accusations of tax dodging. Cook insisted what Apple was doing was legal and in the best interest of shareholders, given the offshore money would have been subjected to a 35 percent tax rate had it been brought back to the U.S.

But that calculus changed under the administration of President Donald Trump, who pushed Congress to pass a sweeping overhaul of the U.S. tax code that includes a provision lowering this year's rate to 15.5 percent on profits coming back from overseas.

Apple took advantage of that break to bring back virtually all of its overseas cash, triggering a \$38 billion tax bill. All that money coming back to the U.S. also spurred Apple to raise its dividend by 16 percent and commit to buy back \$100 billion of its own stock as part of an effort to drive its stock price even higher.

White House asserts 'vast' effort to protect elections

By Zeke Miller and Deb Riechmann
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Responding to wide-ranging criticism that it lacked a clear national strategy to protect U.S. elections, the White House said Thursday that President Donald Trump has directed a "vast, government-wide effort" to protect the cornerstone of American democracy.

John Bolton, the national security adviser, also wrote in a letter to Senate Democrats that "President Trump has not and will not tolerate interference in America's system of representative government."

The warning to American adversaries came as top U.S. intelligence and homeland security officials raised alarms about potential efforts to influence the 2018 and 2020 elections. Homeland security chief Kirstjen Nielsen said: "Our democracy is in the crosshairs."

"We continue to see a pervasive messaging campaign by Russia to try to weaken and divide the United States," Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats said.

Their comments during a White House briefing came after Trump publicly undermined the conclusions of American intelligence agencies regarding Russian interference. After suffering a bipartisan outcry, Trump later said he accepted those conclusions.

They, along with National Security Agency Director Paul Nakasone and FBI Director Christopher Wray, appeared together at the White House on Thursday to try to reassure the American people they are doing everything in their power to address the threat.

"We're throwing everything at it," Coats said. Nakasone, who is also the commander of the U.S. Cyber Command, said the command and the NSA are both tracking a wide range of foreign cyber adversaries and "are prepared to conduct operations against those actors attempting to undermine our nation's midterm elections."

Nakasone did not divulge details of the U.S. cyber playbook or say what U.S. responses might have already taken place, saying the operations are sensitive and require confidentiality to achieve success. "I won't discuss the specifics, except to state that our forces are well-trained, ready and very capable," he said.

At one of his confirmation hearings in March, Nakasone said his role was to provide a series of cyber options that might be used as a deterrent to Russian meddling, but he told Congress then that cyber or military options might not be the most effective. "In fact, it may be less effective than other options that might be considered," he said.

Asked specifically if he had been ordered or authorized to conduct any offensive cyber operations in response to foreign meddling in the U.S., Nakasone offered a vague response. "So my guidance and the direction from the present secretary of defense is very clear, we're not going to accept meddling in the elections. And it's very unambiguous."

Nielsen, Wray and Nakasone had all gathered earlier this week in New York City with leaders of top finance, energy and telecommunications companies for a cybersecurity summit, where they spoke of the urgent need for a collective, collaborative approach to security.

At the event, Nielsen said the cyber threat now exceeds the danger of a physical attack against the U.S. by a hostile foreign group.

Wray told reporters that compared to 2016, in 2018 "we are not yet seeing the same kind of efforts to specifically target election infrastructure," but that other efforts to influence public opinion continue. He added that the FBI has active investigations on foreign influence across all 56 of its field offices.

"Make no mistake, the scope of this foreign influence threat is both broad and deep," he said. But Nielsen said U.S. agencies have "seen a willingness and a capability on the part of the Russians" to attack U.S. election infrastructure.

On Capitol Hill, lawmakers in both parties have pushed election security toward the top of the fall agenda amid heightened concerns about interference by Russians and others in the midterm elections.

Both Republicans and Democrats have criticized the administration's response as fragmented, without enough coordination across federal agencies. And with the midterms only three months away, critics have called on Trump to take a stronger stand.

Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia, the ranking Democrat on the Senate intelligence committee, questioned whether Trump was serious about countering Russian interference.

"Glad to see the White House finally do something about election security — even if it's only a press conference," Warner tweeted. "Now, if only it was actually backed up by anything the president has said or done on Russia."

Bolton said Thursday that Trump is "leading unprecedented action to punish Russia" for its efforts to disrupt American elections.

Standard & Poor's 500 index.

The recent rally in Apple's stock contrasts sharply from a deep downturn in the fortunes of two social media companies, Facebook and Twitter that offer some of the most popular apps used on iPhones and other mobile devices.

User growth and engagement on Facebook and Twitter have been wavering amid deepening concerns about their ability to protect people's personal information and shield them from misinformation and other abuses that have been infecting their services.

As mighty as Apple may seem now, economic and cultural forces can quickly shift the corporate pecking order.

Consider the plight of Exxon Mobil, which was the most valuable U.S. company five years ago. Now, it ranks as the ninth most valuable, surpassed by Apple and a list consisting primarily of companies immersed in technology.

Some analysts believe e-commerce leader Amazon.com will supplant Apple as the world's most valuable company in the next year or two as its spreading tentacles reach into new markets.

And Saudi Arabian Oil Co., known as Saudi Aramco, is planning an initial

public offering that Saudi officials have said would value the giant oil company at about \$2 trillion. But until the IPO is completed, Saudi Aramco's actual value remains murky.

This much is certain: Apple wouldn't be atop the corporate kingdom without Jobs, who died October 2011. His vision, showmanship and sense of style propelled Apple's comeback.

But the recovery might not have happened if Jobs hadn't evolved into a more mature leader after his exit from the company in 1985. His ignominious departure came after losing a power struggle with John Sculley, a former PepsiCo executive who he recruited to become Apple's CEO in 1983 — seven years after he and his geeky friend Steve Wozniak teamed up to start the company with the administrative help of Ronald Wayne.

Jobs remained mercurial when he returned to Apple, but he had also become more thoughtful and adept at spotting talent that would help him create a revolutionary innovation factory. One of his biggest coups came in 1998 when he lured a soft-spoken Southerner, Tim Cook, away from Compaq Computer at a time when Apple's survival remained in doubt.

Cook's hiring may have

911 call amid training at base sets off active shooter fears

By Dan Sewell
Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — A 911 call at a sprawling Air Force base on Thursday sent armored vehicles and unmarked police cars rushing to a medical center where people hid behind locked doors until authorities determined there was no threat.

During an extensive search after the call, a security team member shot through a locked door while checking rooms throughout the hospital, according to officials at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

The call came during a training exercise that included an active shooter scenario in another area of the base at least a half-mile away, said Darryl Mayer, a base spokesman.

So far, it's not clear why the 911 call was made from inside the base or whether it

was prompted by the training exercise, he said. Security team members involved in the training don't fire blanks and use guns that clearly aren't real, Mayer said.

Initial tweets from the base and authorities saying security forces were responding to an active shooter report set off a scare at Wright-Patterson, which is Ohio's largest single-site employer with more than 27,000 civilian employees and military personnel.

Some workers said via Twitter that they were locked down and hiding in their offices.

Within about two hours, service members and medical workers began leaving the hospital with their heads in the air and stood outside the building.

The base's commander, Col. Thomas Sherman, said security forces stopped their training exercise and re-

sponded to the hospital after the 911 call. After security searched the hospital, which had been on lockdown, they determined there had been no active shooter.

"I wouldn't say anything went wrong in this case," Sherman said, adding that there will be an investigation into the entire response.

Wright-Patterson first tweeted that emergency units responded to a "reported incident" around 12:40 p.m. An hour later, he said it was a reported active shooter incident and personnel were instructed to shelter in place.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives along with the Ohio State Highway Patrol and local police sent crews to the base, which was the site where the Dayton Peace Accords were finalized in 1995, an international peace agreement that ended the war in Bosnia.

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Founder thinks he should be back as Papa John's public face

By Candice Choi
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The founder of Papa John's said the pizza chain does well with him as its public face, and that it was a mistake for the company to scrub him from its marketing materials after he acknowledged using a racial slur.

John Schnatter told The Associated Press that he believes he can return to TV and radio ads once the public understands the context of his comments.

"My persona resonates with the consumer because it's authentic, it's genuine and it's the truth," Schnatter said in a phone interview late Wednesday, with his lawyer and representative present.

Papa John's International Inc. had said last month that Schnatter would no longer be in any of its marketing, after Forbes reported that he used the N-word during a media training conference call in May. The company also formed a special committee to oversee an external audit of its diversity practices.

Schnatter apologized for using the word, but said it was taken out of context and that he didn't use it as an epithet. He resigned as chairman after the report was

published, but subsequently called the decision a "mistake."

Since then, Schnatter has criticized Papa John's handling of the matter, saying it acted hastily without investigating. He also criticized the company's failure to clarify his comments last year blaming disappointing pizza sales on how NFL leaders were handling player protests during the national anthem. Those comments were seen as insensitive to players, and led to Schnatter stepping down as CEO last year.

Schnatter, who remains a board member and owns nearly 30 percent of Papa John's stock, said the remarks were aimed at the league's leadership, not its players.

Papa John's, meanwhile, pointed to the Celebrity DBI — an index that touts ratings of how well celebrities can influence consumers — which it said showed Schnatter's trust and endorsement ratings fell after his NFL remarks.

Keith Hollingsworth, a professor of business at Morehouse College, said it would be best for the company if Schnatter kept a low profile for the near term.

"Even if everything he's saying is true, I'm not sure you can convince people of that," Hollingsworth said.

Some 'lost everything' in California fire

By Olga Rodriguez and Brian Skoloff
Associated Press

REDDING, Calif. — Carol Smith and her family walked into their hillside neighborhood Thursday to find her home reduced to mangled metal and piles of bricks after a massive Northern California wildfire leveled more than 1,000 homes.

"I'm waiting to probably break down any minute here. Pretty overwhelming," Smith said as the family stood on the sidewalk staring in disbelief at what's left of their house in the city of Redding.

The family, who wore masks and spotted a sign warning of hazardous materials, received hugs and pats on the back from disaster relief volunteers who met them. Chaplains and mental health experts also were being sent to neighborhoods to accompany those returning

home.

"We pretty much lost everything," said Smith, 77, who has lived in the neighborhood with her 80-year-old husband for 29 years. "We're kind of anxious to get in there. I see there's a few statues in the backyard that maybe we can save."

The blaze in the Redding area, 225 miles (360 kilometers) north of San Francisco, is the largest of 18 wildfires burning throughout California. Firefighters were having some success keeping flames away from heavily populated areas, and officials began allowing some residents to return to their neighborhoods.

But tens of thousands of others were still under evacuation orders.

The fire has killed six people, including two firefighters, and destroyed 1,060 homes and nearly 500 other buildings, including businesses, barns and

warehouses, officials said. It has become the sixth most destructive wildfire in state history.

The fire, which is nearly twice the size of Sacramento, was only partially contained after more than a week.

"Unstable conditions, shifting winds, steep terrain and dry fuels continue to challenge firefighters," a state fire update warned, noting that 35-mph wind gusts were expected on ridgelines that could whip up the flames.

More than 13,000 firefighters are battling blazes statewide with the help of crews from as far away as Florida.

Just a month into the budget year, California has already spent more than one-quarter of its annual fire budget, at least \$125 million, Mike Mohler, state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection spokesman has said.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Midland County Hospital District will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 5.64% (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 14, 2018 at 11:45 a.m. at Midland Memorial Hospital Administration Board Room, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas.

The second public hearing will be held on August 22, 2018 at 11:45 a.m. at Midland Memorial Hospital Administration Board Room, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Cressinda Hyatt, Cari Chaplin, Joe Kiowski,
Jeffrey Beard and Tracie Greene

AGAINST: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Dwain Tomlin, Larry Mercer

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Midland last year was \$244,192. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.129994 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$317.43.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Midland this year is \$258,359. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.119420 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$308.53.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.126158 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$325.94.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

Notice of Effective Tax Rate

2018 Property Tax Rates in Midland County Hospital District
(insert year) (insert taxing unit name)
This notice concerns 2018 property tax rates for Midland County Hospital District
(insert year) (insert taxing unit name)

It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 24,942,857.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 6,915,868.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 31,858,725.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 24,455,722,642.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.12999/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 31,858,725.00
- This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 26,678,795,472.00
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless taxing unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$ 0.119420/\$100

In the first year a hospital district collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.00/\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ 0.00/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 24,965,434.00
- This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 26,678,795,472.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.093578/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.101064/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.025198/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.126262/\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ 0.000000/\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.000000/\$100

A hospital district that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.000000/\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.000000/\$100

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Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Midland County Hospital District adopts a 2018 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.119420 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2017 taxes by \$1,240,385.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the Midland County Hospital District's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance and Operations	\$ 0.00

Schedule B - 2018 Debt Service

Midland County Hospital District plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment To Be Paid From Property Taxes	Interest To Be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts To Be Paid	Total Payment
General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009B	\$2,960,000	\$5,946,113	\$ -	\$8,906,113

Total required for 2018 debt service	\$ 8,906,113
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	\$ -
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$ 1,931,298
- Excess collections last year	\$ 144,423
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2018	\$ 6,830,392
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 98% of its taxes in 2018	\$ 139,396
= Total Debt Levy	\$ 6,969,788

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

Not Applicable to Midland County Hospital District

Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties)

Not Applicable to Midland County Hospital District

Schedule E - Transfer of Department, Function or Activity

Not Applicable to Midland County Hospital District

Schedule F - Enhance Indigent Health Care Expenditures

Not Applicable to Midland County Hospital District

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OPINION

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NATO is for more than defending Montenegro

Fox News host Tucker Carlson recently asked President Trump, "Why should my son go to Montenegro to defend it from attack?" It is a fair question — one that many Americans were asking following Trump's performance at the NATO summit — and it deserved a better answer than the president's musing on the "aggressive" nature of Montenegrins.

Instead, Trump should have recalled the words he spoke last year in Poland praising the heroes of the Warsaw Uprising, the 74th anniversary of which was marked on Wednesday. In one of the most powerful speeches of his presidency, Trump recalled the terrible price that millions paid for the West's failure to deter Nazi and Soviet aggression. "Under a double occupation, the Polish people endured evils beyond description," Trump recalled: "the Katyn forest massacre, the occupations, the Holocaust, the Warsaw Ghetto and the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, the destruction of this beautiful capital city and the deaths of nearly 1 in 5 Polish people. A vibrant Jewish population — the largest in Europe — was reduced to almost nothing after the Nazis systematically murdered millions of Poland's Jewish citizens."

The reason NATO was created out of the ashes of World War II was precisely

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to make certain such destruction never happens again. In 1938, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain famously dismissed Germany's threats to Czechoslovakia, declaring that Britain should not get drawn into war "because of a quarrel in a far-away country between people of whom we know nothing." The result was 50 million people dead, a continent in flames and the gas chambers of Auschwitz.

The lesson we learned from that experience is that weakness is provocative. When adversaries believe you are weak, they are emboldened to act — and prone to miscalculate. When they believe you are strong and determined, however, they are far less likely to test you and start cataclysmic wars.

Trump believes in peace through strength. But to have peace requires not

just military strength. As Trump said in Warsaw, "Our defense is not just a commitment of money, it is a commitment of will." President Ronald Reagan used the military far less than any of those who succeeded him in office not just because he rebuilt America's military strength but also because America's adversaries did not doubt his willingness to use it.

Why did Russian President Vladimir Putin believe he could invade Ukraine and annex Crimea without consequence? It was no mere coincidence that Russia's intervention happened just six months after President Barack Obama failed to enforce his red line in Syria. Putin saw that Obama imposed no costs on Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's defiance, unwilling to launch strikes that a U.S. official said would be "just muscular enough not to get mocked." At that moment, he knew there would be no real costs for his intervention in Ukraine.

Obama projected weakness. On taking office, Trump rectified that situation by enforcing Obama's Syria red line, not once but twice — sending a message of strength that was heard not just in Damascus but in Moscow as well.

There is a reason Putin despises the NATO alliance so much — and has

fought to prevent further integration of the countries of Eastern Europe into it. He knows he may be able to bully his unallied neighbors, but he can't bully a NATO ally — because that ally is backed up by 28 others, bonded by a mutual commitment to each other's security and led by an American president who, while seeking friendship with all, is unafraid to flex U.S. military muscle.

That is why Putin opposed the admission of Montenegro into the NATO alliance, reportedly even backing a plot to assassinate Montenegro's prime minister in an effort to stop it. That is why Putin wants Trump to fail in his effort to get the NATO allies to meet their commitments and spend 2 percent of gross domestic product on defense. He understands that a weak NATO cannot deter him but a strong NATO can.

As Trump said in Warsaw, "As long as we know our history, we will know how to build our future. Americans know that a strong alliance of free, sovereign and independent nations is the best defense for our freedoms and for our interests." The whole point of NATO is not to defend Montenegro; it is to make sure we never have to defend Montenegro — or Warsaw, or Paris, or London again.

GUEST VIEW

Jones' grandstanding over anthem dampens enthusiasm for season

The Dallas Cowboys might be America's Team, but owner Jerry Jones' most recent rant that reopened the debate about players and the national anthem doesn't exactly strike us as a unifying message.

Peaceful protests are as American as apple pie and, well, football because they are a legitimate form for the people to peacefully redress their grievances. In this case, National Football League players kneeling during the national anthem has drawn a lot of controversy and a lot of consternation. But underlying them is a peaceful demand for a valid goal.

We understand there are strong feelings on this issue. That's why, while the NFL and the players' union are trying to find a resolution to this sticky situation, the league said it would not penalize any player who stays in the locker room during the anthem. That wasn't a compromise many people loved, but it was one that allowed passions to cool and let us all look forward to enjoying the coming season.

But Jones couldn't resist walking past a smoldering fire without tossing a little gasoline on it. "Our policy is you stand during the anthem, toe on the line," he declared. He also said there will be punishment for any player who doesn't follow his rule.

Never mind that we can't recall a Cowboys player ever taking a knee during the anthem. What Jones did was make it impossible for any player to quietly stay in the locker room.

Truth be told, if this is a can of worms that is going to be reopened, it is worth noting that players who kneel do so to raise awareness about social injustice and police brutality against minorities. These players are Americans, too. And they're trying to bring attention to issues that are often conveniently ignored in this country. We might say that makes them exactly the type of issues that should be advanced through high-profile protests.

There are, of course, plenty of players who don't believe these protests are the most effective way to bring about change. We should respect their rights, too. Count Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott among those who believe action is a better way to go.

But Jones has put Prescott and others in an untenable spot. They will now be criticized for protesting or kowtowing to their owner.

Jones, of course, isn't exactly known for always making the right call. Remember, this is the same team that incomprehensibly signed pass rusher Greg Hardy — who was accused of beating a former girlfriend — before he wore out his welcome with the Cowboys. And who could forget Jones' blanket defense of running back Ezekiel Elliott, suspended for six games last season on domestic violence allegations.

But with his comments, Jones gave himself (and us) an issue that won't die away anytime soon. Rather than debate about what it will take for this team to win another Super Bowl after a 22-year drought, we're treated to divisive political grandstanding.

What they said
"For me, I'm all about making a change and making a difference, and I think this whole kneeling and all of that was just about raising awareness and the fact that we're still talking about social injustice years later. ... I'm up for taking the next step, whatever the next step may be for action and not just kneeling." — Dak Prescott, Cowboys quarterback

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Sanders' strategist doesn't walk the walk

Tad Devine, during his run as chief strategist for the Bernie Sanders presidential campaign, railed against the corrupting influence of money in politics.

He repeatedly echoed the Sanders message that "our economy is rigged," that "special interests" buy politicians, that "all of the new wealth is going to the top of America," that there is a "corrupt system of campaign finance" of which Hillary Clinton offered an "egregious" example. Sanders, by contrast, "supported the little guy."

Those who heard Devine's interviews and watched his Sanders TV ads may be surprised to know that, in the years and months leading up to the Sanders presidential campaign, Devine was making gobs of money to secure the election of one of the world's most corrupt political figures and then his allies.

Thanks to Robert S. Mueller III's prosecution of Paul Manafort, the former Trump campaign chairman and sometime business associate of Devine, we now have an unusual glimpse into the role the Democratic ad man had in electing and preserving the power of Ukraine's Viktor Yanukovich, a crooked pro-Putin autocrat. Though American political consultants routinely rake in cash from foreign leaders — even shady ones — Devine's seamless pivot from advocate for antidemocratic reform to champion of a principled democratic reformer shows extraordinary flexibility.

Yanukovich's fraudulent election in 2004 as Ukraine's president was invalidated, but not before his opponent was poisoned by dioxin. Yet testimony in the Manafort trial and documents released by Manafort's lawyers show Devine helped Manafort on Yanukovich's comeback as prime minister in 2006 and successful presidential run in 2010. Devine produced a memo of advice for Yanukovich's party in 2012, even though by then Yanukovich had thrown the leading opposition politician in jail and had built a \$100 million mansion — complete with zoo, helipad, golf course and replica galleon on an artificial lake — while his people were, in Devine's own words, struggling with "joblessness, hunger and the general despair."

Yanukovich was ousted in 2014 after he halted Ukraine's movement toward the European Union, yet Devine offered to help Manafort's efforts in the 2014 Ukraine election — for a price. "We are ready to take on this project," he wrote to Manafort partner Rick Gates, for \$100,000 per month (payable in advance), \$25,000 per week of runoff, a \$50,000 "success fee" and expenses including first-class airfare. In June 2014 — even as talks about the Sanders presidential run were getting underway — Devine went to Ukraine to help remnants of Yanukovich's party reforming under a new name. "My rate for something like

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this would be \$10,000/day, including travel days," he wrote to Gates.

As Sanders likes to say, let me be clear: Manafort is the one on trial for money laundering and other crimes. Devine is a witness for the prosecution; as prosecutors pointed out when he testified Tuesday, he wasn't the one with a bank account in Cyprus. There is no hint Devine did anything illegal — only cynical.

Manafort, who worked for the world's sleazebags, made no pretense of scruples. But Devine was the guy molding the Sanders campaign as a righteous, everyman's insurgency against the corrupt, wealthy establishment.

Devine, through an employee, declined to comment Wednesday.

Devine wrote with Manafort a January 2006 memo when Russia was cutting off gas supplies to Ukraine, showing Yanukovich how to ride his "good neighbor" policy toward Russia to victory. He became prime minister. Devine drafted a presidential victory speech for Yanukovich in February 2010 ("We are all Ukrainians first," the American wrote) and later that year wrote talking points showing how Yanukovich and his party could attack the opposition.

By April 2012, Yanukovich had jailed his opponent and become an international pariah. Devine told Gates, "I regret that we will not be able to work with you" on Ukraine's parliamentary elections. But four months later, Devine wrote a strategy memo for Manafort. "The number of people who admit they are having difficulty feeding their family throughout Ukraine today is stunning," he wrote, urging Yanukovich to "signal" his concern and calling for his party to attack. "I would recommend a roughly 3:1 negative to positive ratio in the advertising," he wrote.

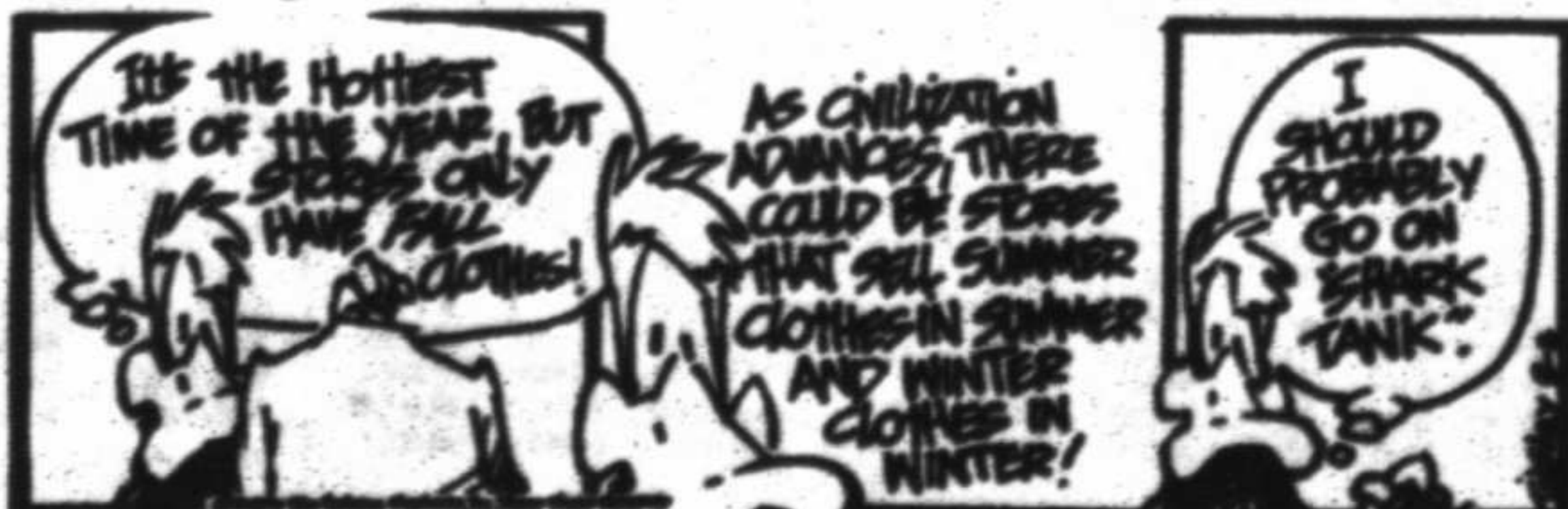
In March 2014, Devine sent Gates a \$100,000-per-month proposed agreement "to work on the election in Ukraine." In court Tuesday, Devine said Gates had recruited him to work for the man who is now Ukraine's president, billionaire Petro Poroshenko, but Devine didn't wind up working on the project.

Just as well. It was almost time for him to launch the anti-corruption campaign of Bernie Sanders.

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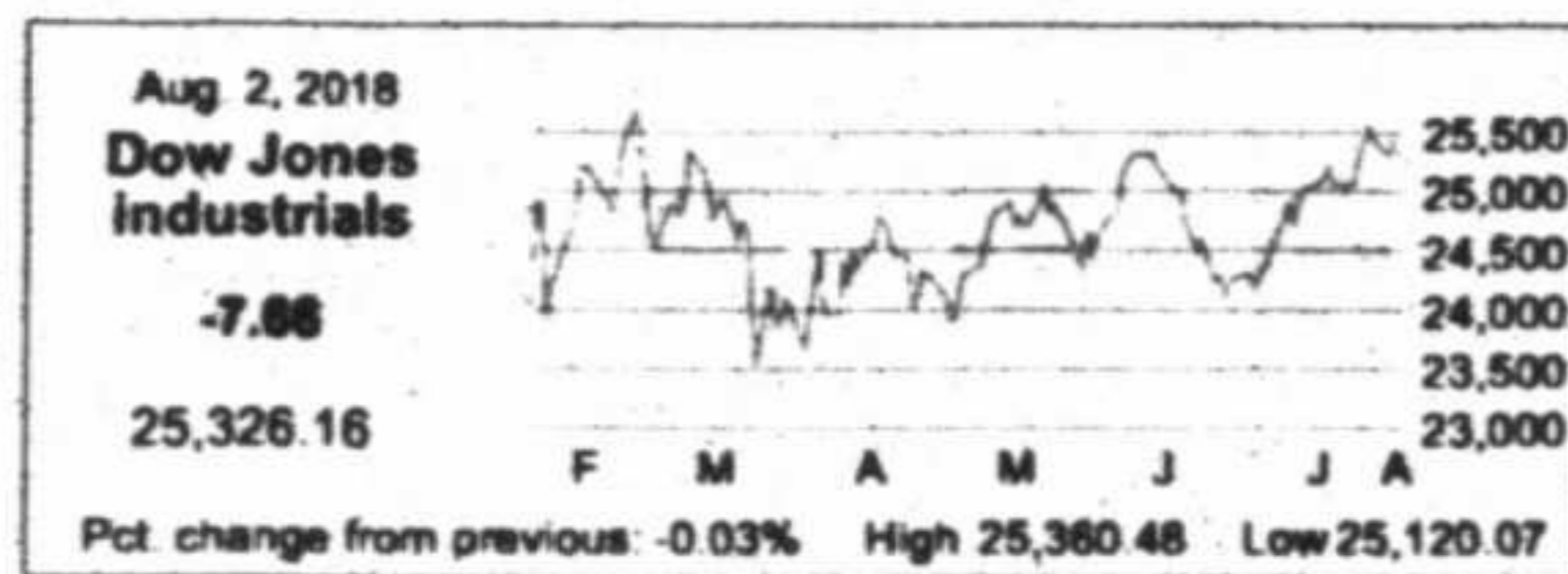
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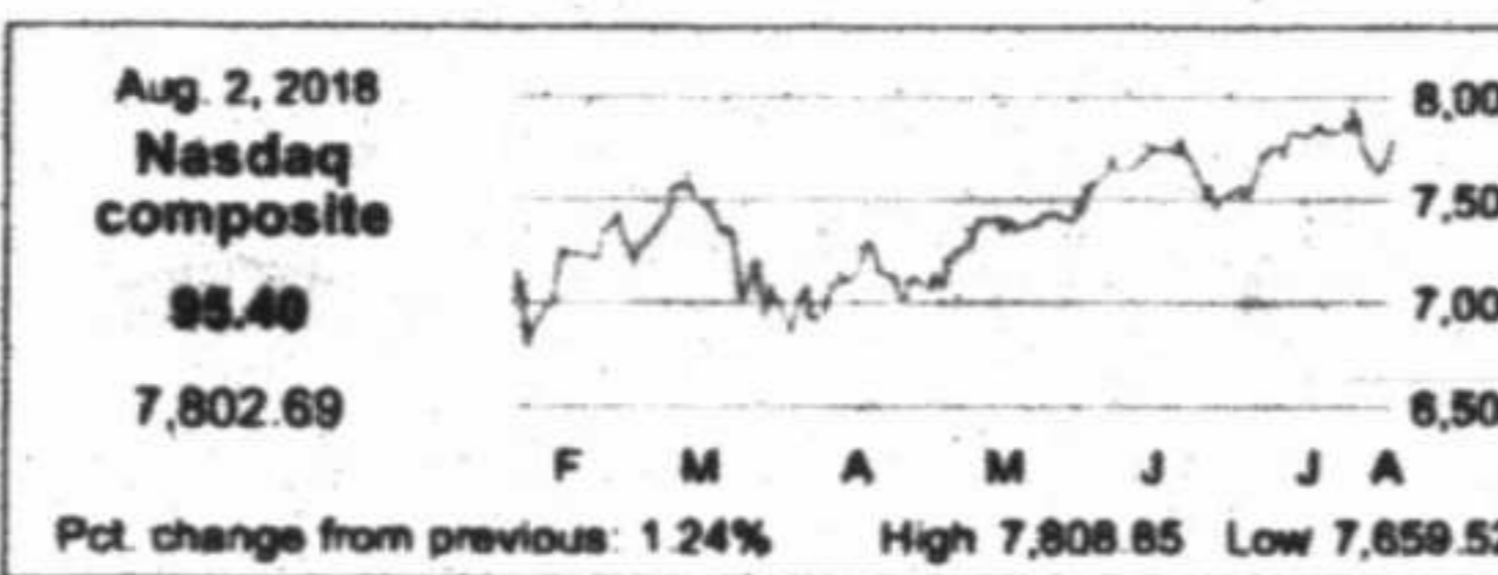
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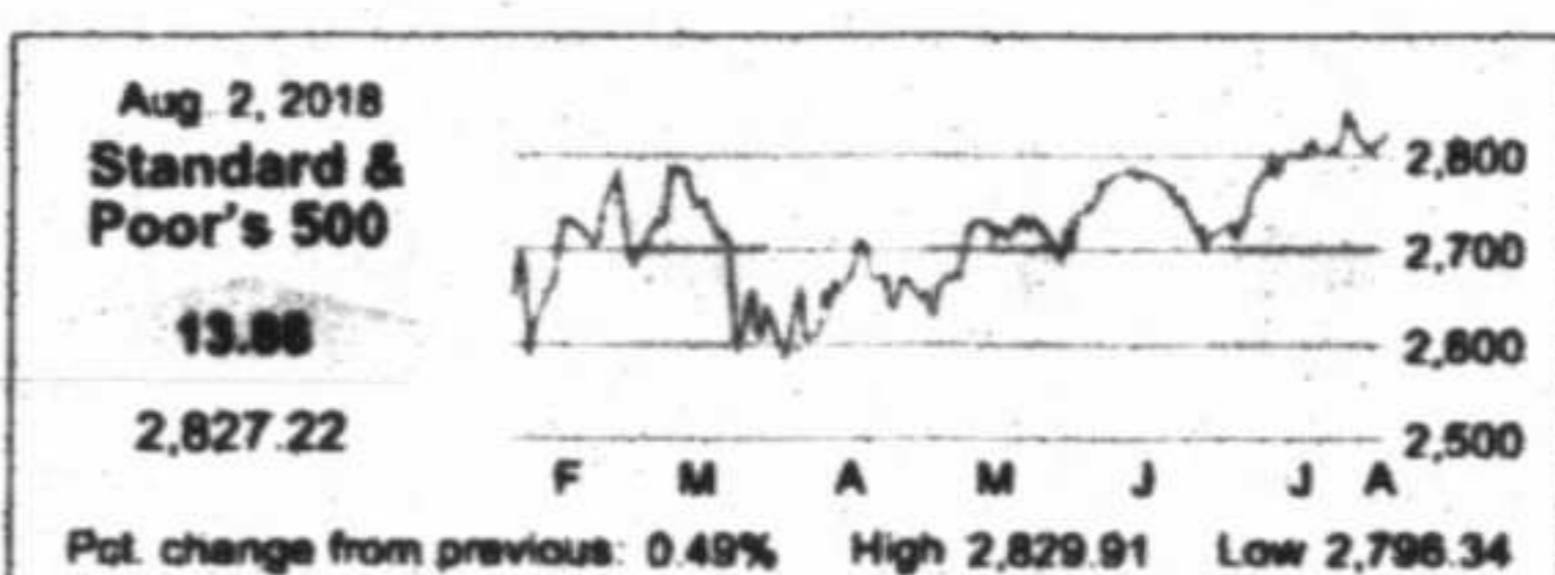
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Thursday:	\$68.96
Previous:	\$67.66
POSTED	
Thursday:	\$65.25
Previous:	\$64.25
WEST TEXAS SOUR	
Thursday:	\$52.20
Previous:	\$51.20
NATURAL GAS	
Thursday:	\$2.816
Previous:	\$2.758



NYSE				
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SPDR S&P 500	68,787	43.87	-0.09	-0.20
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GAINERS (\$2 on stock)				
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SPDR S&P 500	68,787	43.87	-0.09	-0.20
LOSERS (\$2 on stock)				
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AMEX				
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NASDAQ				
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Trump proposes car-mileage rollback; states sue in protest

By Ellen Knickmeyer and Ton Krishner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Citing safety, the Trump administration on Thursday proposed rolling back car-mileage standards, backing away from years of government efforts to cut Americans' trips to the gas station and reduce unhealthy, climate-changing tailpipe emissions.

If the proposed rule becomes final, it could roil the auto industry as it prepares for new model years and weaken one of the federal government's chief weapons against climate change — regulating emissions from cars and other vehicles. The result, opponents say, will be dirtier air and more pollution-related illness and death.

The proposal itself estimates it could cost tens of thousands of jobs — auto workers who deal with making vehicles more fuel-efficient.

The administration also said it wants to revoke an authority granted to California under the half-century-old Clean Air Act to set its own, tougher mileage standards. California and 16 other states already have filed suit to block any change in the fuel efficiency rules.

The EPA has handed decision making over to the fossil fuel lobbyists ... the flat-Earthers, the climate change deniers," said Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey.

The proposal would freeze U.S. mileage standards at levels mandated by the Obama administration for 2020, when the new vehicle fleet will be required to hit an average of 30 miles per gallon in real-world driving.

The proposed change, halting further improvement requirements, stakes its case on consumer choice and on highway safety claims challenged by many transportation experts.

The administration says waiving requirements for greater fuel efficiency would make cars and light trucks somewhat more affordable. And that, it said, would get vehicles with the latest technology into the hands of consumers more quickly.

It's got "everything to do with just trying to turn over the fleet ... and get more clean and safe cars on the road," said Bill Wehrum, assistant administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The administration will now seek public comment on its proposal and a range of other options, including leaving the tighter, Obama fuel standards in place.

Some Republican lawmakers supported the mileage freeze, but environmental groups and many states assailed it.

"This has to be absolutely one of the most harmful and dumbest actions that the EPA has taken," said Healey of Massachusetts, one of the attorneys general from 19 states and the District of Columbia objecting to the change. "It's going to cost driv-

ers here and across the country hundreds of millions of dollars more at the pump."

The EPA under President Barack Obama had proposed mileage standards that gradually would become tougher, rising to 36 miles per gallon in 2025, 10 mpg higher than the current requirement. California and the automakers agreed to the rules in 2012, setting a single national fuel economy standard.

Soon after taking office, President Donald Trump called for a rollback, urging "common sense changes" if the mileage requirements threatened auto industry jobs.

However, his administration's report on Thursday projects that relaxing mileage standards would cost 60,000 auto jobs by 2030. Those losses would hit the estimated 200,000 U.S. jobs that deal with making vehicles more fuel-efficient, said Simon Mui of the Natural Resources Defense Council.

A Transportation Department spokesperson called the estimate of job losses "rough approximations."

Two former EPA mileage officials said the administration's proposal departed from years of findings on fuel efficiency, car safety, exhaust emissions and costs.

"They don't offer any meaningful example of what has changed so dramatically" to warrant the reversal, said Jeff Alson, who until this spring was a senior engineer in the EPA's transportation and air quality office. "In my opinion, the only way they got there was, they knew what kind of results they were told to get and they cooked the books to get that result."

Chet France, an EPA senior executive until his retirement in 2012, called the administration's contention that the mileage freeze would cause only a tiny increase in climate-changing exhaust emissions "bogus."

California Gov. Jerry Brown said his state "will fight this stupidity in every conceivable way possible."

The Obama administration had planned to keep toughening fuel requirements through 2026, saying those and other regulations on vehicles would save 40,000 lives annually through cleaner air. That argument remained on the EPA's website Thursday.

According to Trump administration estimates, the Obama fuel efficiency standards would raise the price of vehicles by an average of \$2,340. That would price many buyers out of the new-vehicle market, forcing them to drive older, less-safe vehicles that pollute more, the administration says.

Heidi King, deputy administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said the freeze would reduce highway deaths by 1,000 per year "by reducing these barriers that prevent consumers from getting into the newer, safer, cleaner, more fuel-efficient cars."

But private transportation experts say there are so many factors involved that the 1,000-lives figure is questionable.

Stocks rise

U.S. stocks climbed Thursday as Apple led a rally in technology companies and reached \$1 trillion in value. Consumer products and health care companies rose as second-quarter results from corporate America continued to surpass investors' expectations.

Stocks in Asia and Europe fell after the White House said it will consider even higher tariffs on Chinese imports, escalating the trade conflict between the world's two biggest economic powers.

U.S. stocks opened lower as energy and basic materials companies slumped, but those early losses eased as the day went on. Solid results from companies including Clorox, drugmaker Regeneron and electric car maker Tesla sent the market higher.

Apple jumped again, and became the first publicly traded company to top \$1 trillion in market value. The stock climbed 9 percent over Wednesday and Thursday, its biggest two-day move in more than four years, to hit the milestone.

The S&P 500 index rose 13.86 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,827.22. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped 7.66 points to 25,326.16. The Nasdaq composite jumped 95.40 points, or 1.2 percent, to 7,802.69. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks added 12.84 points, or 0.8 percent, to 1,682.10.

Gold falls

Gold lost 0.6 percent to \$1,220.10 an ounce. Silver fell 0.4 percent to \$15.39 an ounce. Copper dipped 0.4 percent to \$2.74 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price \$142.00 Down 1.14

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price \$6.36 Down 1.47

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price \$134.49 Up 1.61

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price \$5.12 Down 0.23

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price \$5.79 Up 0.21

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price \$22.00 Up 0.05

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price \$16.61 Up 0.35

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price \$12.01 Down 0.17

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price \$35.67 Up 1.27

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD		
AK Steel	20	4.43	-14	-21.7			Conoco	76	17	34.94	-76	-13.2		Enbridge	40	24	13.96	+14	+12.8			
AT&T Inc	2.00	6	31.85	-0.18	-0.56		Conoco	88	18	36.88	+29	+0.8		Enbridge	378	18	36.88	+29	+0.8			
Alcoa	35	2.48	+0.2	+8.2			Conoco	21	42.00	-1.4	-4.5			Enbridge	20	19	36.29	+0.1	+12.4			
AdVest	1.32	-	-15.98	+0.8	+6.2		Conoco	1,148	57	71.58	-25	-36.4		Enbridge	1,889	16	131.28	-3.9	-4.1			
AMD	-	18.79	+31	+82.8			Conoco	5,007	16	145.69	-30	-4.3		Enbridge	4,889	23	115.37	-43.9	-4.4			
Alcoa	54	182.60	-2.67	-5.9			Conoco	1,826	16	14.88	+8.3	+1.2		Enbridge	30	22	17.88	+1.5	+2.2			
Alpha	1.35	-	11.16	+2.5	+3.4		Conoco	3.12	63	44.90	+1.30	+23.6		Enbridge	-	-	5.12	-23	+218.0			
Alcoa	-	72.09	-1.99	-3.2			Conoco	3.53	19	106.70	+8.6	+7.1		Enbridge	-	-	2.87	-0.4	-6.4			
Amgen	0.56	9	5.09	+0.27	+5.2		Conoco	2.22	23	18.95	+5.2	+9.8		Enbridge	-	-	2.03	+0.6	+3.2			
Amgen	5.28	17	188.38	+5.4	+2.9		Conoco	1.88	18	112.75	-3.2	-4.9		Enbridge	-	-	2.87	+0.4	+3.2			
Amgen	1.88	17	188.38	+5.4	+2.9		Conoco	1.52	21	88.44	-1.52	-4.7		Enbridge	-	-	1.92	24	195.41	-1.51	-0.7	
Amgen	1.88	17	188.38	+5.4	+2.9		Conoco	1.52	21	88.44	-1.52	-4.7		Enbridge	-	-	1.92	24	195.41	-1.51	-0.7	
Amgen	1.88	17	188.38	+5.4	+2.9		Conoco	1.52	21	88.44	-1.52	-4.7		Enbridge	-	-	1.92	24	195.41	-1.51	-0.7	

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7,802.69	7,659.52	7,802.69	7,802.69	+1.24	+1.24	+16.98	Nasdaq Composite
2,827.22	2,786.34	2,827.22	2,827.22	+13.86	+0.49	+16.98	Standard & Poor's 500

Sanders won't dispute claim that media 'enemy' of people

By Jill Colvin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders on Thursday refused to distance herself from President Donald Trump's assertions that the media is the "enemy" of the American people.

Pressed during a White House briefing on the issue, Sanders said Trump "has made his position known."

In a heated exchange with reporters, she recited a litany of complaints against the press and blamed the media for inflaming tensions in the country.

"As far as I know, I'm the first press secretary in the history of the United States that's required Secret Service protection," she said, accusing the media of continuing "to ratchet up the verbal assault against the president and everyone in this administration."

CNN's Jim Acosta, who has become a lightning rod for anti-media sentiment and was loudly heckled during a Trump rally in Florida on Tuesday night, implored Sanders to break from the president, who first declared the press as the "enemy of the American people" last year.

"I think it would be a good thing if you were to say right here at this briefing that the press, the people who are gathered in this room right now ... are not the enemy of the

people," Acosta said, adding: "All the people around the world are watching what you're saying."

Sanders, appearing to read from prepared remarks, responded with a critique of the press for resorting "to personal attacks without any content other than to incite anger."

"The media has attacked me personally on a number of occasions, including your own network, CNN," she told Acosta. She also cited the comedian who performed at the annual White House Correspondents' Association dinner, saying the comic was brought in "to attack my appearance and call me a traitor to my own gender."

Acosta later walked out of the briefing in protest. Another reporter quickly filled his seat.

The exchange came hours after the president's eldest daughter and adviser, Ivanka Trump, broke with her father at an event hosted by Axios, and said that she does not view the news media as "the enemy of the people."

"I've certainly received my fair share of reporting on me personally that I know not to be fully accurate. So ... I have some sensitivity around why people have concerns and gripe, especially when they sort of feel targeted. But no, I do not feel that the media is the enemy of the people," Ivanka Trump said.

The president tried to minimize the divide in a tweet later Thursday. "They asked my daugh-

ter Ivanka whether or not the media is the enemy of the people. She correctly said no. It is the FAKE NEWS, which is a large percentage of the media, that is the enemy of the people!" he wrote.

The president regularly lashes out at news outlets and individual reporters, accusing them of spreading "fake news" — his term for stories he dislikes.

His attacks have drawn rebukes from free press advocates, human rights experts, professional journalism associations and the publisher of The New York Times, who said this week that he took Trump to task for "deeply troubling anti-press rhetoric" that is "not just divisive but increasingly dangerous" when the two met privately at the White House this month.

The tensions have been especially acute at Trump's rallies, where his supporters often jeer at, curse and harass reporters working in a closed-off media pen.

A Politico reporter responded to one such scene at Tuesday's rally in Florida with tweets calling the hecklers "garbage people" with missing teeth.

Marc Caputo, who covers Florida, deleted his tweets and apologized Wednesday for his "caustic remarks."

"In the age of social media, where divisiveness serves no decent purpose, these flippant comments on my part only made things worse and contributed to a cycle of rage that I should not have inflamed further. So I'm sorry," he wrote.

US puts tax on Canadian newsprint

By Paul Wiseman
and Kevin Freking
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Commerce Department is going ahead with a tax on Canadian newsprint, a threat to the already-struggling American newspaper industry.

The revised tariffs unveiled Thursday are mostly lower than those originally imposed earlier this year. But they would still hit the paper used by newspapers and other publications with an anti-dumping border tax as high as 16.88 percent.

The tariffs are a response to a complaint from a hedge fund-owned paper producer in Washington state, which argues that its Canadian competitors are taking advantage of government subsidies to sell their product at unfairly low prices. Still, Commerce decided to spare two Canadian producers from the antidumping charges.

In addition to antidumping duties, Commerce is imposing newsprint levies ranging from 0.82 percent to 9.81 percent to counter Canadian subsidies.

The Commerce decision is not final. The independent U.S. International Trade Commission could change or kill the tariffs in a ruling scheduled for next month.

Newsprint is usually the second-highest cost for newspapers. Already contending with falling readership and plummeting advertising revenue, newspapers are struggling as the tariffs drive up the cost of newsprint.

The Robesonian newspaper in Lumberton, North Carolina, for instance, last week announced that it was dropping its eight-page color comics sections from its Sunday edition to cut costs.

"Readers in our towns will welcome the news that their local newspapers are in a little less in jeopardy from devastating tariffs," said Susan Rowell, president of the National Newspaper Association and publisher of the Lancaster News in South Carolina. "We appreciate the Commerce

Department's more careful review of the paper markets. But this use of trade laws to weaken our economies still puts communities at risk of losing their local newspapers."

Other papers have turned to layoffs to help offset the additional costs of newsprint. The Tampa Bay Times announced in April it would lay off about 50 employees in response to a potential \$3 million annual cost increase.

This decision will make our jobs harder, in part because we know we will be able to employ fewer people to do those jobs," said Alfredo Carbajal, president of the American Society of News Editors.

Congress is overwhelmingly opposed to the tariffs on the paper used by newspapers and other publications.

House Speaker Paul Ryan contacted Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross directly to voice his concerns. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer declared in a newspaper column that the tax "would do irreversible harm" to the newspaper industry.

The tariffs are a response to a complaint to the Commerce Department from the North Pacific Paper Co. The company's CEO, Craig Anneberg, said that since the imposition of the current tariff rates, the market has stabilized to the point the company has been able to hire 60 new employees and is working to hire 40 more.

Christina Freeland, Canada's minister of foreign affairs, said that despite the slight reduction in some duties, "Canada remains disappointed with the final duty rates" announced by the Commerce Department.

"For decades, U.S. publishers and printers have relied on fairly and competitively priced imports of Canadian newsprint," Freeland said.

She added that the Canadian government will work with the forest industry and nearby communities to "defend this vital sector and help diversify its trade with new international markets."

Pope seeks to abolish death penalty

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis has decreed that the death penalty is "inadmissible" under all circumstances and that the Catholic Church must work to abolish it, changing official church teaching to reflect his view that all life is sacred and there is no justification for state-sponsored executions.

The Vatican said Francis had approved a change to the Catechism of the Catholic Church — the compilation of official Catholic teaching — to say that capital punishment constitutes an "attack" on the dignity of human beings.

Previously, the catechism said the church didn't exclude recourse to capital punishment "if this is the only possible way of ef-

fectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor." Previous popes have upheld that position, while urging an end to the practice.

The new teaching, contained in Catechism No. 2267, says the previous policy is outdated, that there are other ways to protect the common good, and that the church should instead commit itself to working to end capital punishment.

"Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme means of safeguarding the common good," the new text reads.

It said today "there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the

commission of very serious crimes." New systems of detention and sanctions have been developed that don't deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption, it added.

"Consequently, the church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide," reads the new text, which was approved in May but only published Thursday.

Francis has long railed against the death penalty, insisting it can never be justified, no matter how heinous the crime. He has also long made prison ministry a mainstay of his vocation and even opposes life sentences, which he has called "hidden" death sentences.

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THIS WEEK



ROCK THE DESERT 2018

Today's lineup includes Switchfoot, Family Force 5, Alive City and Seventh Time Down on two stages. Gates at 1 p.m.
Saturday's lineup includes Matthew West, Tenth Avenue North and Nobigdyl, pictured. Gates at 1 p.m.
For more information, visit rockthedesert.com

SATURDAY



DOLLARS FOR DOGS

Sizzling Summer Sip and Shop at the Atrium Lounge is a shopping event benefiting Freelance Rescue, which helps animals in need. Donations of dog food, puppy pads and towels will be accepted. Noon-5 p.m.

SUNDAY



GO WEST
After headlining Rock the Desert, singer Matthew West will perform an intimate, acoustic concert at First Baptist Church of Midland. 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

KID COOKS
Midland County Public Library's Centennial branch will host Little Chefs cooking class for children 3 and older and their parents to learn nutrition and safety. 11 a.m.

LUNCH AND LEARN

CASA of West Texas hosts an informational meeting and lunch for those interested in becoming court-appointed special advocates for children. Noon.

WEDNESDAY

IN GOOD SPIRITS
Faith Temple COGIC hosts its 44th annual Spiritual Explosion: Holding on to the Righteousness of God with special guest speakers and performers. The services will run through Aug. 11. 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY



SUPER FRIENDS
Comic book and movie fans can put on their capes for Superhero Night at Palmer Activity Center to enjoy a screening of "Avengers: Infinity War." Costumes encouraged. 6:30 p.m.

IN NEED

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



Pat Stevens, left, and Lucy Melgoza of Nifty Knitters for Newborns sort some of the knitted items that will be packaged together and taken to Midland Memorial Hospital. *Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram*

Knitters make clothes for newborns

By Lauren Eckert
Midland Reporter-Telegram

Some babies born at Midland Memorial Hospital go home with a blanket and clothes, courtesy of Nifty Knitters for Newborns.

Organizer Patsy Stevens moved to Midland last year and approached MMH about starting a group similar to one she was involved with in the Dallas area. She said hospital officials

Get Involved

To donate to Nifty Knitters for Newborns, go to gotfundme.com/nifty-knitters-for-newborns. For more information, contact Linda Griffin at 681-7636 or lgriffin@seniorlinkmidland.org.

were thrilled to have the group's involvement. Nifty Knitters for Newborns began as a group of women from the churches of Christ and

has expanded to the Midland Senior Center, at the invitation of director Linda Griffin.

"It's just a really good fellowship," Stevens said. "We talk, and we work on (the clothes and blankets) and we laugh. It's really great." Stevens leads three knitting groups: one meets at her home, another meets at North 'A' Church of Christ and the third is at the senior center.

The women make blankets, hats, booties, bibs and hair

bands with flowers on them.

Nifty Knitters provides about 100 packets a month and spends about \$150 on supplies. The packet includes onesies from Carters, which donated 72 last year.

With more than 200 babies born a month at Midland Memorial, the group relies on donations, which are accepted through a GoFundMe account. "I think that just helping

Please see CLOTHES/4B

Fundraising, management skills improve with volunteerism

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

PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR CAREER OR ROLE IN THE NONPROFIT SECTOR.

I began volunteering in the Permian Basin in 1962. I've been fortunate to be involved on boards and committees that continue to make a difference in our community and the lives of people here. Whether it is Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Junior League of Midland, Midland ISD, city of Midland and Chamber committees, or any of the other groups I worked with, each organization gave me opportunities and experiences that developed worthwhile fundraising and nonprofit management skills.

Eventually, this volunteer work evolved into advisory and leadership roles where I also enjoyed the impactful experiences. Being a founding member of the West Texas Aphasia Center continues to be rewarding as I see the work they do in the community.

In 1985, the volunteer work changed into a new career when I started working as a development consultant for Stringer-Reid and Associates. I continued to work in fundraising in the political sector as well as the nonprofit sector. In 1994, I began my new job as a planned giving associate with the Midland Memorial Foundation. I continued my work there until I retired from the executive director position in 2012; I so treasure my time helping support Midland Memorial Hospital and the medical needs of our community.

Today, my volunteer involvement continues as a governor of the Midland Memorial Foundation and as the development chairman for the executive committee. I serve as the fundraising chairman at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, where I also served in several capacities.

As a trustee for the Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust, I value getting to see what all of these organizations in Midland are doing as they are good stewards of the financial assistance the trust provides each year.

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

BARBARA TOM JOWELL

Midland Memorial Foundation



Lael Cordes-Pitts asked me to help, but I give Lael all of the credit. She "made" us help her and get involved. She was much more forward thinking than the rest of us. She knew we needed this organization, and the rest of us just wanted to get our careers started. She knew what we needed.

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

We have grown so much. At our first awards luncheon, I was in charge of getting the location and setup organized. There may have been 40 people in attendance, and I do not think they even knew what they were attending. Look at us now — again, thanks to Lael.

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

The most helpful aspect of AFP was the education we received through our speakers. They improved over the years, and we picked up great ideas. We were flying "by the seat of our pants" in the beginning.

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

A highlight has been watching AFP grow and seeing people in this area who are learning about philanthropy. At the beginning, I do not believe a lot of people had even heard the word philanthropy.

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

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Churches to host back-to-school celebrations

By Rich Lopez
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Two events will help students enter the new school year with food and supplies. Community Worship Center and Greater St. John Baptist Church are hosting back-to-school celebrations on Aug. 11.

Senior Pastor Edward Mayberry, organizer of Community Worship Center's Community-Fest, hopes to follow the success of last year's event.

"Over 400 individuals from across our city were blessed with school supplies, school uniforms and clothing," he wrote in an email. "During our luncheon, we discussed solutions for pressing issues as it relates particularly to families living in Midland's District Two."

Community-Fest, which is open to the public, is expected to serve more than 500 students and families and ease any financial burden, while also celebrating with food, contests, jumpers and live music.

"We hope to provide school uniforms, school supplies, men and women work clothes, required vaccinations and so much more all for free," Mayberry said.

The event is planned for 6:30 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. For more information, call 638-3504.

Greater St. John is hosting a double celebration with its "Cops" Kids and Bar-B-Q III.

There will be face painting and bouncers for children, and school supplies will be provided to families. A barbecue meal will be served.

The event will honor interim Police Chief Seth Herman, Judge Robin Malone Durr and Constable Larry Woodruff.

The event is planned for 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 701 S. Calhoun St. For more information, call Pastor Dennis Hodge at 553-7745.

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each other is important," Griffin said. "We all need help at some point in our lives. We want to offer this service, especially since having a baby is a difficult transition for a lot of women. And just getting them something nice and saying, 'We support you, and we want this new period in your life to be better.' I think that is going to bring a smile to their face — that they know that someone is thinking about them."

Griffin said she is pleased the center's sewing room is being used and the seniors look forward to meeting there on Fridays.

Stevens said the women now have another place to go and spend time with friends.

"(Nifty Knitters is) important to the community, because they help other people. (The group is) important to the women who are doing it, because it gives them purpose," Stevens said. "I have had women come up to me with tears in their eyes and say, 'I am so glad you got me involved in this. It gives me a purpose.'"

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Joann Flemming works on a knitted bib to go with knitted caps, socks and blankets July 27 at the Midland Senior Center; Rita Vasquez works on knitting; Pat Stevens shows one of the completed bags.



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■ **Today (gates open 1 p.m.)** Switchfoot, DJ Maj, Family Force 5, Joel Bennett, Joe Everson, We Are Messengers, Alive City and Verses, main stage; Seventh Time Down, Bob Lenz, Joshua Micah, Manic Drive and About the Author, the KISS FM stage.

■ **Saturday (gates open 1 p.m.)** Matthew West, Compassion, Tenth Avenue North, Joel Bennett, Joe Everson, Mosaic MSC, Tauren Wells and Trala, main stage; AC Jr. and Brady James, Brian Sumner, Aaron Cole, Nobigyl and RTD Talent Search winner, KISS FM stage.

CODA Groups 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m. Fridays and Sundays at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. 599-4490.

First Friday features game night and movie screenings for the whole family. Hosted by Permian Basin LGBTQ (Plus), 7-10 p.m. at Sleep Inn and Suites of Midland, 5612 Deauville Road.

Play therapy social and membership drive by High Plains Chapter for Texas Association of Play Therapy, 6-8 p.m. at One Hope Church of Christ, 2503 W. Ohio Ave.

SATURDAY

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.

Yoga classes are offered weekly, 9 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. Free. uumidland.org.

Author signing: Joseph A. Willis will sign copies of "Teaching Lessons: Creating a Cultural Infrastructure for Great Schools." 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Strolling Summer Sip and Shop is a shopping event benefiting Freeland Rescue. Donations of dog food, puppy pads and towels accepted. Noon-5 p.m. at Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St. Free.

SUNDAY

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

Reclaiming Jesus Bible Study, 11 a.m. Sundays through Aug. 12 at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 4000 W. Loop 250 N.

Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder training for caregivers and professionals, 3 p.m. Nine-part series continues through Oct. 14 at High Sky Children's Ranch, 8701 W. Country Road 60. For more information or to sign up, email lynnalsup@att.net.

Matthew West, 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Midland, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave. fbc-midland.org.

MONDAY

Odessa Optimist Club is dedicated to recognizing youth in the community. Noon at the Zant Community Room at Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd.

Gentle Healing Yoga. This weekly yoga camp is open to all survivors of cancer. Led by Anne Lucero. 5:30 p.m. Mondays at Yoga Sanctuary, 4202 Dawn Circle. Free. 575-937-3609.

TUESDAY

PBS Mornings, 10:30 a.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

Little Chefs is a cooking class for children 3 and older and their parents to learn nutrition and safety. The class will be led by registered dietician Denise DelPrincipe. 11 a.m.-noon at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 Loop 250 N. tinyurl.com/mcplittlechefs.

Midland Lunch and Learn. Information will be provided on how to become a court-appointed special advocate for children. Noon-1 p.m. at CASA of West Texas, 1611 W. Texas Ave. casawtx.org.

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

Cuentos y Leyendas bilingual storytime. 4:30 p.m. at Midland County

Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 Loop 250 N.

Permian Basin Buddhists meet with a free discussion group and meditation basics. Open to all. 7 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. meetup.com/Permian-Basin-Buddhists.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

The 44th annual Spiritual Explosions Holding on to the Righteousness of God. The event will feature workshop services with guest evangelist Latrice Ryan, Bishop Keith Jones, Pastor Melton Mitchell, Melton Timmons and guest psalmist Rosalind Jones. Hosted by Pastor William C. Kenan. 7:30 p.m. through Aug. 11 at Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, 1605 N. Terrell Ave. ftc-midland.org.

THURSDAY

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

Superhero Night will feature games and activities and a screening of "Avengers: Infinity War." Costumes encouraged, and capes will be provided. 6:30 p.m. at Palmer Activity Christian Center, 1305 E. Illinois Ave. Free.

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

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

Obituaries



George Allen Thomas

George Allen Thomas, 78, died on July 30, 2018. He was born in Midland, Texas on May 20, 1940, to the late Bennie Sue and James Louis Thomas.

He graduated from Midland High School in 1958 and Texas Tech University in 1963. A lifelong Midlander, he had numerous successful business interests in the area. He was the president and treasurer of Specialty Sports, Inc., which operates Ski Skeller Sports, and he also managed mineral and property interests on behalf of his extended family.

He had passions for filmmaking, jazz, and travel that he shared with friends and family members throughout his life. He was the first producer of Movieola features for the Midland Summer Mummies in the 1960s, which he continued for many years. He also served on the board of the Midland Community Theatre and organized their Classic Film Series, which became a successful fundraiser. His proudest accomplishment as a director was his remake of the classic Western High Noon, filmed on then-state-of-the-art 16mm film in Rimrock City near Odessa, and starring many of his friends from Midland, including Bobby Holt and Marty Conine in the lead roles. His interest in film also included its history, and by the end of his life he had watched most of the film noir canon.

His love of jazz led him on pilgrimages to see many jazz greats in concert, especially Stan Kenton, whose band reunions he frequently traveled to California to attend. He also inculcated a love of jazz in his children through endless replay of classic jazz CDs on long car trips, which they now remember fondly even if they failed to appreciate it at the time. He loved to travel and tried to see as much of the world as he could, especially with his kids and his beloved late wife, Sandy, whom he married in 2010, and who predeceased him in 2016.

George is survived by his daughter, Alexandra Thomas, and her husband, Christian Burset, of South Bend, IN; his son, Luke Thomas, and his fiancée, Joan Ferguson, of Houston; his brother, Tack Thomas, and his wife, Diane, of Tyler, and his sister, Dorothy Boykin, and her husband, Cue, of Austin. George's survivors also include several nieces and nephews and their families: Elizabeth Beal of Dallas, Leslie Bryant of Fort Worth, Ellen Thomas of Canton, Jill Miller of Richardson, and Louis Thomas of Dallas, as well as many cousins and loyal friends.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Midland. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Midland Community Theatre or the Museum of the Southwest.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory
(432) 556-5800



Lillie Pearl Menefee Hollins

Lillie Pearl Menefee Hollins was born February 27, 1928 to Edmond & Susie Menefee. She was raised by her step-mother, Sarah Menefee.

She joined the St. Paul Baptist Church at an early age under Rev. William Kennedy in Marlin, Texas. She later moved to Midland, Texas where she met Rev. L. B. Hollins and they were united in marriage for 41 years.

Mother Hollins united with Faith Temple Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Supt. William C. Kenan where she served faithfully until her demise. Mother Hollins could be found working in various areas of the church, a few being the Mother's Board, Sr. Usher Board, Sunday School, Bible Band, and the Mission Dept. She also lent her talent to singing with the Faith Temple Voices. But she is probably best known for her baking those delicious Pound Cakes!

Lillie worked as a nurse's aide for a number of years; she also worked for the Hargrove Family.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Rev. L. B. Hollins; her parents, Edmond & Susie Menefee; step-mother, Sarah Menefee; one brother, Samuel Menefee; and one sister, Frankie Lewis Sledge.

She leaves to cherish one sister, Lornc Weatherpoon of Marlin, Texas; two sisters-in-law, Dorothy McGruder of Midland, Texas and Dorothy Hollins of Olney, Texas; a special niece, Patricia Lewis of Marlin, Texas and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, friends and church members.

Her viewing will be Friday, August 3, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, August 4, 2018 at Faith Temple of God. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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Death Notices

Claudene Kilgore

Claudene Kilgore, 92, of Odessa, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at Madison Medical Resort in Odessa, Texas. The family will accept guests from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Sunday, August 5, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, August 6, 2018 at Sunset Memorial Gardens. She is survived by her daughter, Delene Young.

Guillerminis

"Minnie" Tinoco

Guillerminis "Minnie" Tinoco, 76 of Midland, Texas passed away on July 30, 2018. A funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 3, 2018 at San Miguel Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

JOWELL

From 1B

There are so many more people involved in philanthropy, like the young people, companies, and the increase in the number of foundations in Midland alone.

WHAT PRIORITIES MIGHT AFP AND OUR

COMMUNITY NEED TO CONSIDER AS THEY RELATE TO PHILANTHROPY AND FUNDRAISING NOW?

We need to keep talking about philanthropy. AFP needs to continue to publicize it, so people start to understand how they can be involved.

SPORTS

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

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Art Briles gets another coaching job

By Mac Engel
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Art Briles has agreed to become the coach of an American football team in Italy and says he still has not been given a definitive reason why he was fired by Baylor University.

Guelfi Firenze American Football team, located in Florence, Italy, has hired Briles to coach its adult league team beginning in the fall. The move will be announced later Thursday.

More than two years have passed since Baylor fired Briles, and shortly after agreeing to become a head coach in Italy, he spoke briefly about his time in Waco and specifically what he would have done differently.

"I would have done more if I had known more," Briles said in a phone interview. "When these allegations came out, we found out at the same time you did. I had a meeting with the (Baylor) Board of Regents where I made suggestions that I never had the

chance to fulfill; it would have been similar in the NFL that handles the discipline problems that took it out of the football coaches' hands."

Briles was the head coach at Baylor when the school was enveloped by a rape scandal, which included dozens of complaints of alleged sexual assault by members of the football team.

"Hindsight is a blessing and a curse. I've always been about trying to be fair and honest with everyone I came into contact with," Briles said. "The thing that hurts me as much as anything [was] the culture at Baylor at the time; I don't think victims, I know they didn't feel comfortable going to report assaults that took place. I don't think they were represented and taken care of with the level that needed to be handled with. That's something that through all of this and as time goes will become more clear."

"Not only me but many of us felt betrayed because we were not privy to the information that was available in a way we wanted to respond. ... With

the way things are going, with some of the transparency starting to take place, I am confident the truth will come out. It's not just important for me."

He said he will go into greater detail regarding his tenure at Baylor at a later date.

He has accepted his second job since he was dismissed in May 2016. And unlike when a Canadian Football League team hired and fired him in one day last year, this job figures to stick.

The two sides have been talking for about three weeks and came to an agreement within the last 24 hours.

The American football league's season in Europe does not begin until March, and Briles said he will not go to Italy until October. The contract, per Briles, is flexible and allows him to return to the U.S. to accept a coaching position if such a scenario happens.

"I'm a football coach and it's all I've ever done and all I've ever really

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Jerry Larson/Waco Tribune Herald via AP

Baylor coach Art Briles runs through a line of strength coaches Aug. 5, 2014, during the first day of practice for the season in Waco.

HOF IN THE CLASSROOM



AP file photo

Robert Brazile, linebacker for the Houston Oilers, poses for a photo.

NFL's 'Dr. Doom' Brazile excels as teacher, too

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Robert Brazile was so feared as a linebacker during his career with the Houston Oilers that he earned the nickname Dr. Doom.

In his retirement he found contentment in a vastly different line of work that he believes was even more challenging than chasing down quarterbacks for a living.

"It was more difficult being a teacher," he said. "I was a middle school special ed teacher and it was a challenge every day to find out something to build the trust, the love and the care for these kids."

Though he loved football and enjoyed his time in the NFL, the 65-year-old Brazile admits working with children was more fulfilling.

"If I had to choose it all over again, I would love being a teacher more than a football player," he said.

Though he turned in his Dr. Doom persona decades ago for the role of Mr. Brazile, he'll revisit the success of his first career on Saturday when he'll be one of eight men inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Brazile was drafted sixth overall in 1975 out of Jackson State, two picks behind teammate and fellow Hall of Famer Walter Payton, and was voted Defensive Rookie of the Year. He was the anchor of the 3-4 defensive scheme which coach Bum Phillips used and was a Pro Bowl selection in seven straight seasons from 1976-1982. He also earned a spot on the NFL's All-Decade team of the 1970s.

The 6-foot-4, 241-pound Brazile was one of the first players to rush quarterbacks from the outside linebacker position. Many, including Phillips, believe his work paved the way for the success of other stars at the position such as Lawrence Taylor, who was drafted six

seasons after Brazile.

Phillips, who died in 2013, was fond of saying that Brazile was "Lawrence Taylor before Lawrence Taylor."

"Robert was the forerunner of the Lawrence Taylor era," Phillips said in a radio interview before his death. "They remember Lawrence Taylor, but Robert was a guy that proved that you could do that in the NFL. Everybody said 'You can't run a college defense in pro ball.' But you can, and we did."

With running back Earl Campbell and quarterback Dan Pastorini leading the offense, Brazile headlined a defense that helped the Oilers to some of their most successful seasons. Houston reached the AFC championship game in consecutive seasons in 1978-79 before falling to the Pittsburgh Steelers both times.

Brazile fondly remembers the throngs

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Mid City eliminated by host Livermore in World Series

From staff reports

LIVERMORE, Calif. — The incredible run by the Mid City All Stars came to an end Thursday night at the Intermediate 50/70 World Series.

Host Livermore Little League avenged a loss to Mid City on the opening day of the tournament with a 13-5 victory in an elimination game in front of an announced attendance of 4,200 at Max Baer Park.

With the victory, Livermore advanced to play West Boynton Beach (Florida) for the United States Bracket championship at 7 p.m. CDT Saturday, which will be shown on ESPN.

The loss for Mid City was the second in as many days as West Boynton Beach rallied from being down six runs going into the sixth inning to win 10-9 in eight innings in a United States Bracket semifinal on Wednesday.

Livermore, which had lost to Mid City, 4-0, on Sunday, not only saw its offense respond but took advantage of six Mid City errors.

Livermore jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first with a sacrifice fly before Mid City answered with an RBI single by Jace Martinez.

Livermore threatened in the second inning but an RBI groundout got Mid City out of that jam. However, in the third inning Livermore struck for five runs for a 6-1 advantage as two of the runs scored on wild pitches. Livermore also had four hits and two walks in the big inning.

Mid City rallied for three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning as Dawson Bullard had a two-run single and later scored on a wild pitch to cut the Livermore lead to two runs.

But Livermore again responded with five runs in the sixth to take a commanding 11-4 lead. Livermore had five hits and also took advantage on an error and a wild pitch in the frame. Livermore added two more runs in the top of the seventh for a 13-4 lead.

Mid City added a run in the bottom of the seventh when Jake Cunningham (3-for-4) hit his second double of the game and scored on a Marcos Davila single.

Eli Price also went 2-for-4 for Mid City.

The run by Mid City was an impressive one as it won 13 straight games during the all-star season before its suffered the back-to-back losses.

This was also the first Mid City team to get past the state tournament round since the 2014 squad that also reached the Intermediate World Series.

T.O. learned valuable lessons from his grandmother

By Rob Masdidi
Associated Press

Terrell Owens learned a valuable lesson at a young age from the most influential person in his life.

"I've always listened and learned a lot from my grandmother and how she lived her life and how she wanted me to live my life," Owens told The Associated Press about Alice Black, who died of Alzheimer's disease in 2012. "No matter what people say about you good, bad or indifferent, you just have to believe in yourself. And when you have belief in the man above, knowing you're not perfect, the people who walk this Earth aren't perfect either, and (if) you start to pass judgment and start to believe things about people who you don't know personally, then that's really a reflection of yourself."

Growing up in a poor family in

Alabama, Owens had a difficult childhood and he was often lonely. He was raised by his grandmother and his single mother, who spent much of her time working double shifts to support her children.

"Early in my career when I was an adolescent and teenager, I had self-esteem issues," Owens said. "I had to get out of that and understand that you have to believe in yourself in order to progress in order to do anything in your life. I'm very proud of how my grandmother raised me."

Plenty of people have formed strong opinions about Owens, sometimes based on rumors and innuendo. T.O. certainly brought much of the criticism on himself with some of his outlandish behavior, but he believes he was also misunderstood at times. It was easier for critics to pile on than try to understand what made Owens tick.

That's why Owens believes it took Pro Football Hall of Fame voters three tries to finally get him into the Canton shrine, although he's not actually going to Ohio. Miffed that he was passed over twice, Owens is skipping the induction ceremony and instead giving his acceptance speech at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Owens said he visited the hall after his selection and decided he'd rather celebrate the big day at his alma mater.

"I feel the Hall of Fame committee needs to find a better formula and format in which guys get nominated and inducted, because all the hard work we're doing as players to better our lives, our careers, our fate is in guys' hands that have never played before," Owens said, perhaps ignoring that Hall of Famers Dan Fouts and James



Matt Stoen/AP

Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Terrell Owens talks with the media July 28, 2008, after practice on the first day of training camp in Oxnard, Calif.

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'HOUNDWATCH



THURSDAY'S SCORE
Midland 8, San Antonio 2

TODAY'S GAME
San Antonio at Midland 7 p.m.

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Midland 15-26
San Antonio 21-19

Table with columns: Thursday, Today, Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday. Rows: Midland 8, San Antonio 2; San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.; San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.; San Antonio at Midland, 2 p.m.; Midland at NW Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

- TV BASKETBALL: 7 p.m. FS1 — Big3, Week 7 games, at Boston. 8 p.m. ESPN — The Basketball Tournament, championship Overseas Elite-Golden Eagles (Marquette alumni) winner vs. Team Fredette-Eberlein Drive winner, at Baltimore. CFL FOOTBALL: 6:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Hamilton at Montreal. DRAG RACING: 6 p.m. FS1 — NHRA, Northwest Nationals, qualifying, at Seattle. GOLF: 5 a.m. GOLF — Ricoh Women's British Open, second round, at Lytham, England. 12:30 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour & WGC, Bridgestone Invitational, second round, at Akron, Ohio. 5:30 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour, Barracuda Championship, second round, at Reno, Nev. 8 p.m. GOLF — Champions Tour, 3M Championship, first round, at Blaine, Minn. (same-day tape). HORSE RACING: 3 p.m. FS2 — Saratoga Live, National Museum of Racing Stakes, at Saratoga Springs, N.Y. MLB BASEBALL: 1 p.m. MLB — San Diego at Chicago Cubs. 6 p.m. MLB — Regional coverage, N.Y. Yankees at Boston OR L.A. Angels at Cleveland. NFL FOOTBALL: 8 p.m. NFL — 2018 Pro Football Hall of Fame, Gold Jacket Ceremony, at Canton, Ohio (same-day tape). WNBA BASKETBALL: 6 p.m. NBA — Las Vegas at Washington. 9 p.m. NBA — Minnesota at Seattle.

WHAT'S ON DECK

Swimming: Southern Zone Age Group Championships, FMH Foundation Natatorium

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

GREENWOOD'S MERRYMAN HONORED BY TSWA: Recent Greenwood grad Dawson Merryman has been named as a Third Team All-State Class 4A pitcher on the Collin Street Bakery/Texas Sports Writers Association All-State Team. Merryman, who was also named the Reporter-Telegram's Inaugural High Baseball Player of the Year for the 2018 season, went 7-3 with 0.37 ERA as a senior. He also allowed just 31 hits, struck out 92 and walked just 22 batters in his senior campaign with the Rangers in which he was also named District 4-4A Most Valuable Player.



Merryman

UTPB SPORTS BRIEFS

UTPB BASEBALL ADDS ASSISTANT: ODESSA — U.T.-Permian Basin announced that Wes Hunt has joined the baseball team as an assistant coach. Hunt comes to UTPB after two seasons as an assistant at Tarleton State where he graduated with a master's degree in Kinesiology. He worked with outfielders and was the third base coach with the Texans, who had a No. 12 national ranking and won the Lone Star Conference Tournament championship. He played at the College of Southern Nevada in 2010 and Chippola College in 2011 before transferring to UNLV where he began his coaching career as an undergraduate assistant. He also coached at Ranger College from 2015-16.

UTPB BASKETBALL SIGNS TWO: ODESSA — U.T.-Permian Basin announced that basketball coach Josh Newman announced the signings of guards Isaiah Hammons and Demarco Jackson for the 2018-19 season. Hammons is a 6-foot-3 guard from Oklahoma City who played last season at St. Petersburg College where he averaged 12.5 points, 3.7 assists and 1.9 steals per game. He was a first team All-Sun-coast Conference selection in helping St. Petersburg to a 19-14 record as a sophomore. Jackson is a 6-5 guard from Nashville who played two seasons at Collier College in Hartsville, South Carolina, where he averaged 8.1 points and 4.8 rebounds per game.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Table with columns: Rank, Team, Conf., Pts, Pct. Lists top 25 football teams including Alabama, Clemson, Ohio State, Georgia, Oklahoma, Washington, Wisconsin, Miami Fla., Penn State, Auburn, Notre Dame, Michigan State, Stanford, Michigan, USC.

TRANSACTIONS

- BASEBALL: American League: TEXAS RANGERS — Signed RHP Chris Taylor to a one-year contract. National League: COLORADO ROCKIES — Re-signed INF DJ LeMahieu from the 10-day DL. Colorado SP Garrett Hampson to Albuquerque (PCL). SOUTH FALLS CAROLINA — Released INF RHP Sean White. TEXAS RANGERS — Signed RHP Cole White. WICHITA WINDSUNTS — Released INF Ryan Wilson. FOOTBALL: ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed DE Cap Cap to a one-year contract. Wounded-Report DE Bryan Alpin. CINCINNATI BENGALS — Terminated the contract of WR Brandon Lefell. Wounded DE Arlon Johnson. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed G Mike Colter. LOS ANGELES CHARGERS — Placed CB Jason Verrett and TE Austin Pettit on injured reserve. Signed WR Maurice Peterson and CB

WNBA GLANCE

Standings table for WNBA Eastern and Western Conferences. Columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB.



Ron Schwane/AP

Chicago Bears linebacker Isaiah Irving (47) knocks the ball loose from Baltimore Ravens quarterback Robert Griffin III (3) on Thursday during the first half of the Pro Football Hall of Fame preseason game in Canton, Ohio.

Ravens and Bears show off D, Baltimore wins 17-16

By Barry Wilner, Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — The Ravens and Bears honored their great linebackers Ray Lewis and Brian Urlacher with some defense to make them proud in the Hall of Fame game that opened the NFL's preseason Thursday night. Oh, there was a little spark of offense, some provided by Baltimore's first-round draft pick Lamar Jackson in the second half of a 17-16 victory. His 7-yard touchdown pass to fellow first-rounder Hayden Hurst came after the Ravens' defense recovered a fumble. Chicago put together its best drive in the final minutes and journeyman Tyler Bray connected with Tanner Gentry for a 10-yard score to cap a 92-yard march. But the 2-point conversion pass fell incomplete. Otherwise, D was the letter of the day: there were six turnovers in all, and 12 sacks, eight by the Bears. The teams exchanged tipped interceptions on the first two possessions of the

preseason. Chicago moved swiftly downfield only to have Chase Daniel's pass to Josh Bellamy deflected to safety Chuck Clark at the Baltimore 6. He returned it 15 yards, then the Ravens replicated the turnover. Robert Griffin III, attempting a comeback after sitting out 2017, had his pinpoint throw go off the hands of receiver Breesh Perriman, then off rookie cornerback Michael Joseph. DeAndre Houston-Carson dived to make the pick at the Ravens 34. The Bears soon converted when Michael Burton caught a 4-yard scoring pass from Daniel. Baltimore tied it, sparked by two big gainers by undrafted rookie running back Gus Edwards. Griffin found Maxx Williams for a 4-yard score. Then Lewis' old unit thrilled him. On the next play from scrimmage, linebacker Kamalei Correa sped 19 yards with an interception to the Chicago 9. But Urlacher's former defense made him smile, sacking Griffin on third down to hold Baltimore to a 31-yard field goal by

Kaare Vedvik. Generally, it was a sloppy affair marred by a slew of dropped passes, poor protection for the quarterbacks, and misthrows by those QBs. But something Lewis and Urlacher would approve, the defenses hit hard and tackled well. New coach, offense: Matt Nagy, of late the offensive coordinator in Kansas City, made his head coaching debut with the Bears. He has said his new offense is in the early steps of development, and it looked that way all night. Of course, with backups playing it's nearly impossible to gauge progress. Injuries: Each of the seven inductees to the hall who were on hand — Terrell Owens is a well-publicized no-show — received a rousing ovation when they were introduced before the game. Lewis replicated his patented warmup dance for a few seconds, and Urlacher slapped hand with every Bears player lined up

on the 45-yard line. Also walking along midfield between the lines of Ravens and Bears were Randy Moss, Brian Dawkins, Jerry Kramer, Robert Brazile and Bobby Beathard. Owens did make it onto the cover of the Hall of Fame enshrinement magazine, however. At halftime, Hall of Famers Ozzie Newsome, the general manager of the Ravens, and Dan Fouts received their "Rings of Excellence" from David Baker, the hall's president. Helmet rule: The first application of the NFL's enhanced enforcement of penalties for players lowering their helmet to make a tackle occurred early. Ravens linebacker Patrick Onwuasor was flagged for his hit on Benny Cunningham, earning a 15-yard penalty that helped set up Chicago's first touchdown. Correa got nailed for the same violation in the third quarter, but he also had a sack that forced a fumble in that period, and three sacks overall.

SOUTHERN ZONE MEET DAY 3 RESULTS

Table with columns: Event, Winner, Score, Location. Lists results for 2018 USA Swimming Southern Zone Age Group Championships, COB Aquatics' PFDI State Meet, and various swimming events.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION

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Thursday, August 2: Microchipping at Yappy Hour 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Beer Garden. Monday, August 13: Adoption Center Volunteer Orientation 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Midland Humane Coalition Enhanced Adoption Center (inside the Midland PetSmart). Thursday, September 6: Microchipping at Yappy Hour 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Beer Garden.



Gabby is a 1 year old small female yellow Lab Mix (approximately 40 lbs). She was found as a stray and never claimed. Gabby is energetic and reported to be a bit of a wild child. She has a friendly demeanor with people she meets. Gabby's foster said that she likes other dogs but they don't always like her level of energy.

Enhanced Adoption Center: Open for adoptions Mon-Sat 12-7, Sun 12-6. Adoption Fees (fully vetted & chipped): Cats \$110, Dogs \$150. 432.557.3405. Located within Midland's PetSmart Store.

Adopters must be approved by our Enhanced Adoption Center Adoption Counselors. 870 Spay & Neuter Vouchers available for Midland County & City of Midland residents. Learn more & sign up at: midlandhumane.org. Sponsored by Brown's Powerline Electric Co.

HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROCKHOUNDS 8, MISSIONS 2
At Security Bank Ballpark
TOP HITTERS: Nate Mondrow was one of four RockHounds to have multiple hits as he was 2-for-4 with a double, RBI and a run scored.

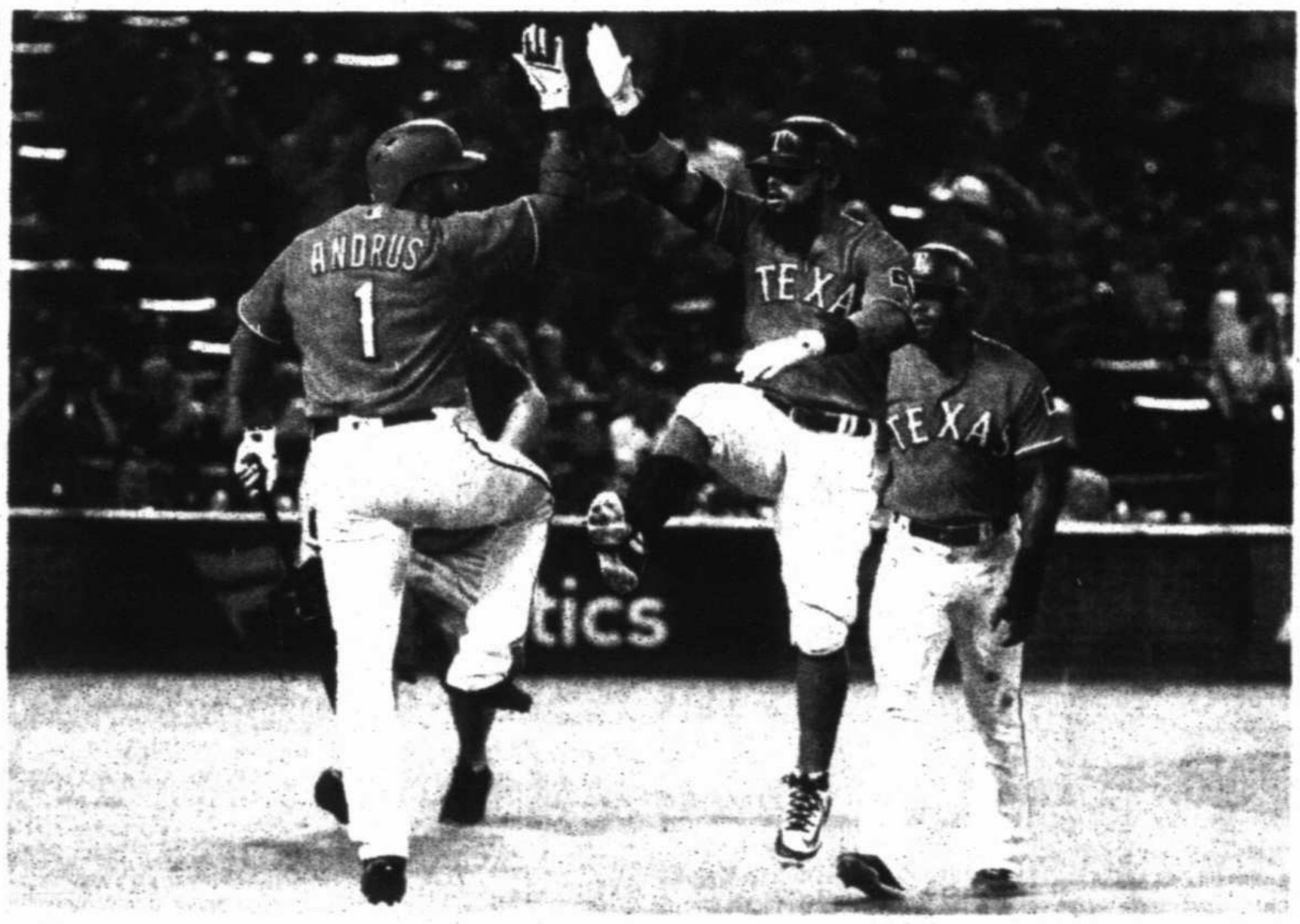
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Texas (Dodgers) 24 16 600 -

Wednesday's Scores
Midland & San Antonio 2
Texas 5, Arkansas 1
Corpus Christi at Frisco 10

ROCKHOUNDS 8, MISSIONS 2
San Antonio 7 1 1 Midland 10 1 1

MLB GLANCE

Standings
AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division
Boston 75 44 61
New York 69 50 66



Texas Rangers' Elvis Andrus (1) and Rougned Odor (12) celebrate Odor's two-run home run against the Baltimore Orioles on Thursday during the sixth inning in Arlington.

Rangers score 10 in first 2 innings, beat Orioles 17-8

Associated Press
ARLINGTON — Jurickson Profar hit a three-run home run and a run-scoring single as Texas scored 10 runs during the first two innings, Rougned Odor homered and walked a career-high five times, and the Rangers routed the Baltimore Orioles 17-8 on Thursday night.

MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS
American League
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Beeks got his first major league win after a disastrous performance in his Tampa Bay debut, C.J. Cron had a two-run single and the Rays completed a three-game sweep by beating the Los Angeles Angels 4-2 on Thursday.

BASEBALL NOTES

Associated Press
Archer to make Pirates debut, Rays roll at home
A look at what's happening around the majors today.
More than a rental
Chris Archer makes his first start for the Pirates in what the team hopes could be the beginning of a long and productive stint in Pittsburgh.

ROYALS 6, WHITE SOX 4
CHICAGO — In a matchup of teams on track to both lose 100 or more games, the White Sox avoided getting swept in a three-game series.
Jesse Abreu hit a tying home run off Jason Adam in the eighth and pinch-hitter Daniel Palka had a three-run homer off Jason Hammel later in the inning, leading Chicago over the Kansas City Royals 6-4 Thursday.

Be sure to check out Sunday's edition to read weekly LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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KMD ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	What Would You Do? (R)	20/20	Big 2 News (R)	10:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live!	11:30 News Highlights
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (R)	Ent. Tonight	Whitechapel (R)	Humil Five-0	CBS 7 News (R)	10:30 The Late Show	11:30 J.Carden
KWWT CW	5	14	5	14	5	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	The Resident "Lost Love"	The Orville "About a Girl"	Moon	Modern Family	11:30 Meet Your Maker
KPEJ FOX	8	5	8	3	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Update News	American Heritage	Light of the Southwest	Light of the Southwest	11:30 Shepherd's Heart
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Mom sees danger everywhere as daughter leaves for school

DEAR ABBY: I'm the proud mom of a wonderful 21-year-old daughter whom I find myself worrying about more and more lately. She just graduated from our local college and is heading to medical school in another state six hours away.

Rationally, I know she'll be fine and can take care of herself, but I am terrified that something will happen to her and I won't be there. My husband and daughter keep telling me nothing will happen and I need to calm down.

My question is, how do I go about staying calm when there is danger everywhere? She's our only child. Aren't my fears justified? Or am I overreacting like they keep telling me? — **WORRIED MOM IN ALABAMA**

DEAR WORRIED MOM: You are overreacting. Many parents experience the fears you are having to some degree when their child leaves home. For many of them, it happens when the child boards the

DEAR ABBY
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school bus at the age of 6. For others it happens when their young adult leaves for college.

While tragedies do sometimes occur, they can happen when a parent is present as well as when their child is absent. These incidents are magnified when they dominate the news cycle. If you are unable to control your anxiety, a licensed therapist may be able to help you regain your balance.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Russell," and I have had a good relationship for five years. He's black; I'm white. The problem is, on every holiday — Mother's Day, Easter, Father's Day, etc. — Russell and his family go out to dinner and I am not invited. I have a feeling it's

because I'm white. His ex-girlfriend was black and she was always invited to family functions.

I love Russell but don't think our relationship will go anywhere because his family doesn't approve of me. My family totally accepts him, by the way.

What should I do? Should I stay in a relationship where I am shunned? He doesn't think it's that big a deal and says I shouldn't let it bother me, but how can it not? His brother's girlfriend is invited. She's black, of course. Help, please. — **EXCLUDED IN DELAWARE**

DEAR EXCLUDED: You have been seeing Russell for five years? It is a big deal, and you would have to have a hide of Kevlar not to be bothered by it. Have you

asked him why you are consistently excluded? Have you asked where he thinks your relationship is going? If not, it's time you did.

Not knowing Russell's family, I don't know whether they may have some other objection to you than the fact that you are white. Regrettably, racism exists in every community to some degree. Without more information, I am reluctant to label them.

DEAR ABBY: Recently I've noticed more people saying "Excuse you" instead of "Excuse me" if someone is in their way. I consider it very rude because the person being addressed often has no idea he or she is in the way before something is said. What's an appropriate response when someone says "Excuse you"? — **EXCUSE ME IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR EXCUSE ME: This is what I would say: "Excuse me? Excuse you! If you need to get by, all you have to do is ask politely."

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North-South vulnerable, South deals

NORTH	EAST
♠ K Q 2	♠ J 7 5 3
♥ K 10 8 6	♥ 9 7 4 3
♦ A 7 2	♦ J 9 8
♣ A 7	♣ 6 4

WEST: ♠ 10 9 8 6 4 3 2, ♥ A Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2, ♦ K 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2, ♣ A K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

SOUTH: ♠ A K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2, ♥ A K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2, ♦ A K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2, ♣ A K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

The bidding: SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♠ 1♥ 1♠ 1♥
2♠ 2♥ 2♠ 2♥
3♠ 3♥ 3♠ 3♥
4♠ 4♥ 4♠ 4♥

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

Trump Coup Tommy hadn't been to the club in quite a while. There hadn't been enough opportunities for Tommy to show off his special skills and his losses had been mounting. A long break had allowed Tommy to refill his coffers and regain some confidence, and he was back in the game today. North's wild leap to slam reminded

Tommy of how he got in a hole in the first place — some rubber bridge players are short on patience and long on greed.

Tommy won the opening club lead in hand with the king and led his heart. West rose with his ace and continued clubs to dummy's now stiff ace. Tommy cashed the king of hearts, discarding a club, and ruffed a heart. He led a spade to dummy's king and was delighted when West showed out. Here was a chance to show off his specialty.

Tommy ruffed another heart in his hand and then cashed the king and ace of diamonds before ruffing a diamond in his hand. He ruffed his last club with dummy's queen of spades at trick 11. The lead was in dummy and Tommy held the ace-10 of trumps sitting over East's jack-seven. Tommy took the last two tricks on, what else, a trump coup and Tommy made his slam.

Note Tommy's perfect timing. Had he led a trump any earlier than he did, he would not have had the entries to execute the trump coup. Tommy was glad to be back!

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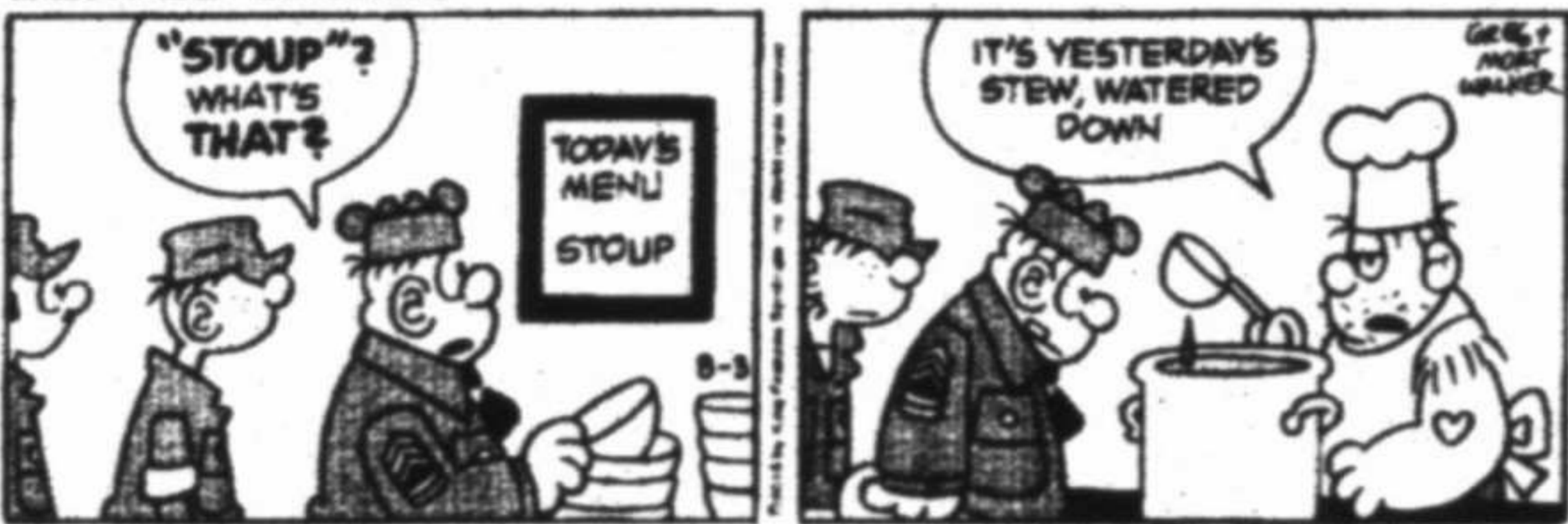
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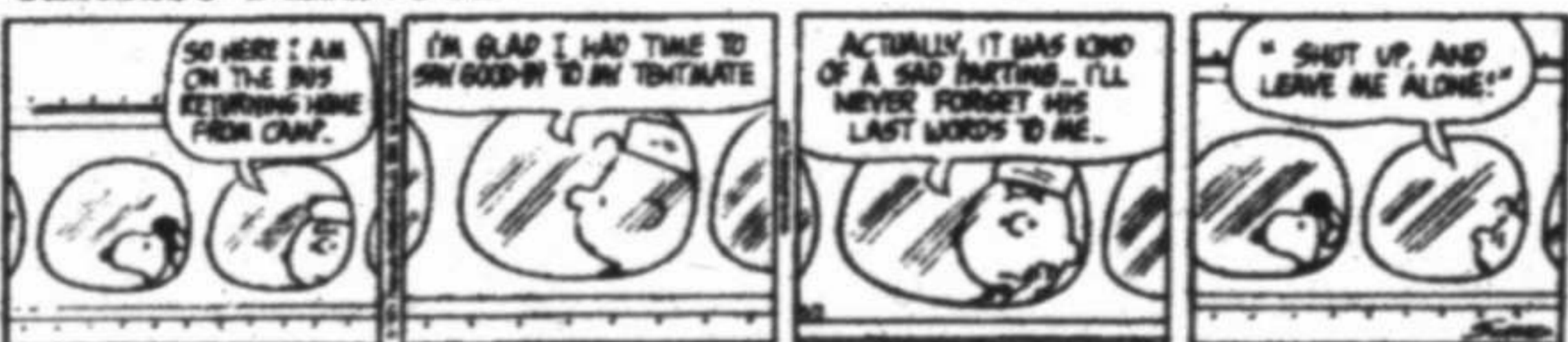
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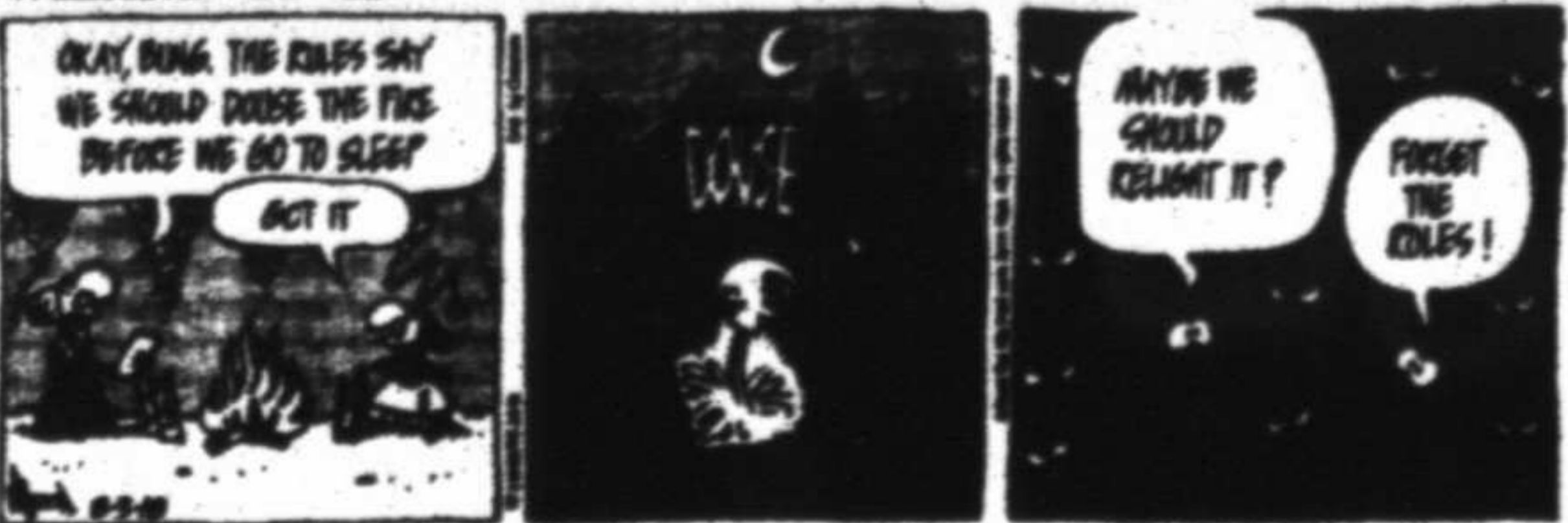
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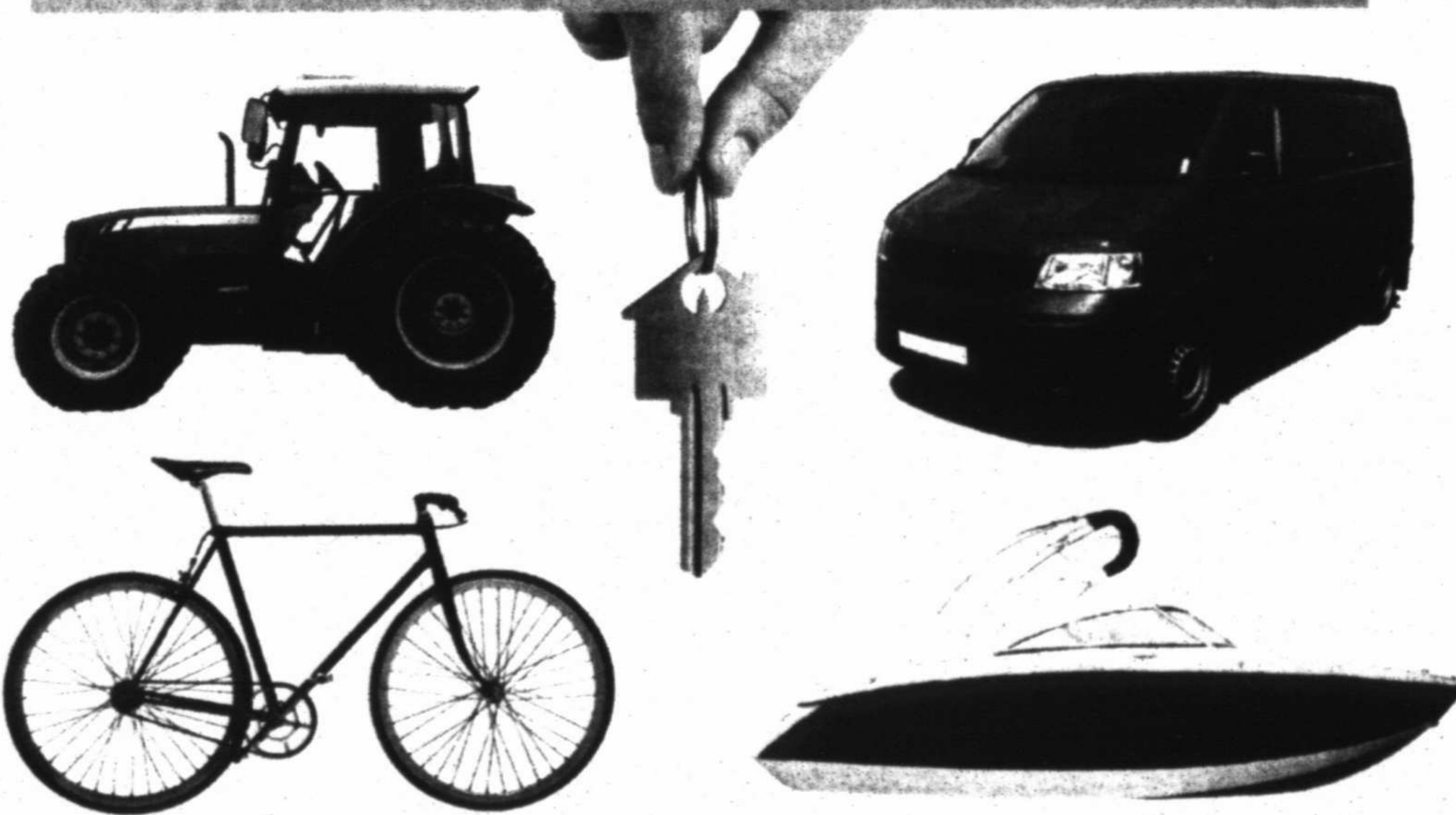
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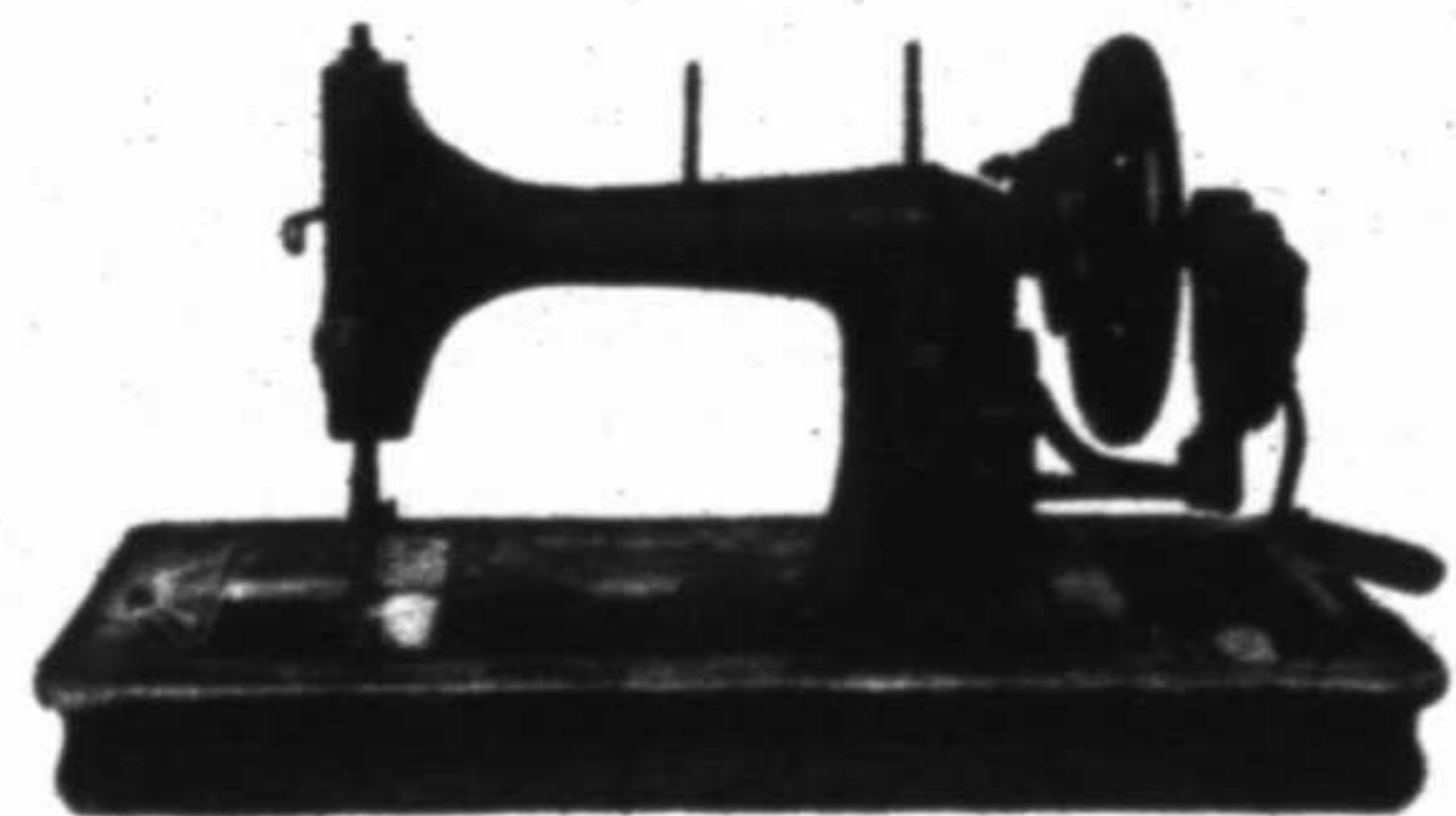
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	840.0

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

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 570.0 F SOUTH L.
1245.0 F EAST L.

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 2
Survey: D&W RR COMMOSELEY, M S
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L.
1170.0 F EAST L.
Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L.
1170.0 F EAST L.

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

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

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

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 19, 2018
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 23, 2018
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Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule 37 Case No. 0311696
Status/Permit No. 840267

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 3, Bk. D, D&W RR CO Survey, A-122, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, UPTON County, being 7.9 miles S direction from MIDKIFF, Texas.

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

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name	BROOK D-W3A
Lease/Unit Well No.	1H
Lease/Unit Acres	1278.8
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	840.0

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

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 570.0 F SOUTH L.
1200.0 F WEST L.

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 2
Survey: D&W RR COMMOSELEY, M S
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L.
748.0 F WEST L.
Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L.
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Rule 37 Case No. 0311699
Status/Permit No. 840268

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name	BROOK D-W3B
Lease/Unit Well No.	2H
Lease/Unit Acres	1278.8
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	840.0

Lease Lines	570.0 F SOUTH L.	1245.0 F WEST L.
Survey Lines	570.0 F SOUTH L.	1245.0 F WEST L.

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 570.0 F SOUTH L.
1245.0 F WEST L.

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 2
Survey: D&W RR COMMOSELEY, M S
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L.
1588.0 F WEST L.
Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L.
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Rule 37 Case No. 0311700
Status/Permit No. 840269

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Lease/Unit Well No.	3H
Lease/Unit Acres	1278.8
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	840.0

Lease Lines	570.0 F SOUTH L.	1290.0 F WEST L.
Survey Lines	570.0 F SOUTH L.	1290.0 F WEST L.

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 570.0 F SOUTH L.
1290.0 F WEST L.

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 2
Survey: D&W RR COMMOSELEY, M S
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L.
3428.0 F WEST L.
Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L.
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<p>CAUSE NO. P-19191 NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF CLEMMIE SORGE, DECEASED</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary were issued to Sean Sorge on June 5, 2018 in Cause No. P-19101 pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending, and that Sean Sorge now holds such letters. All persons having a claim against this Estate, currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law to: Sean Sorge as Administrator of the Clemmie Sorge, Deceased c/o Brendan P. Harvell SPENCER & JOHNSON, PLLC 500 N Akard St. Ste. 2150 Dallas, Texas 75201</p> <p>Dated: August 1, 2018</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, SPENCER & JOHNSON, PLLC Brendan P. Harvell Texas Bar Card No. 24083150 brendan@spencerprobate.com</p> <p>500 N Akard Street, Suite 2150 Dallas, Texas 75201-3302 (214) 985-9999 (214) 985-9500 - Fax</p> <p>ATTORNEY FOR ADMINISTRATOR</p>	<p>Fabulous Estate Sale 907 Harvard - Midland, TX. Thur. August 2nd 10am-5pm Fri. August 3rd - 10am-5pm & Saturday August 4th - 10am-3pm</p> <p>Deco English wardrobe, Victorian 6 drawer chest, 1870's carved table, early French chair, Fairing sofa, 6 panel Japanese screen, large embroidered Chinese framed panel, Mahogany Partners desk, Eastlake chest, four beds, Italian display table, 20th Century Modern table, fine art, Silver, Crystal, glass, costume & estate jewelry, fine linens and too much more to mention.</p> <p>Check out photos and in depth descriptions at Estatesales.net Services provided by The Cat's Meow in conjunction with Bengal Cat Estate Sale Service. AMEX, MC & Visa accepted Please no children.</p>	<p>BLUESHONEY ESTATE SALE 4823 Spring Meadow Lane, Unit #3 Thursday 2nd - Friday 3rd - Saturday 4th 8 A.M. - 2 P.M.</p> <p>GUNS, AMMO, and accessories, King Horn silver number bed, Ward made ZebraWood Table with 6 hand carved chairs, Local artwork, Leather sectional with electric recliners, matching couch & chair with ottoman, marble coffee table, patio furniture, love seat, fabric bench, kitchen items, microwave, refrigerator, microwave cart, kitchen island on wheels, table with leaf & 4 chairs, bar stools, 3 home air purifiers, book shelves, Washer and dryer, 2 twin size beds with box springs & frames, twin Aero Bed, corner desk w/ chair, 7 piece LANE bedroom set, black jacket, AND SO MUCH MORE!</p> <p>Photos can be viewed at https://www.estatesales.net/TX/Midland/79705/1958277</p>	<p>HUNTING, RETIREMENT, INVESTMENT PROPERTY 20 - 40 AC. IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES: EDWARDS, KINNEY, CONCHO, COKE AND MENARD. SCENIC VIEWS. NATIVE GAME WITH FREE HANGING EXOTICS IN SOME COUNTIES. FIXED RATE 30 YEAR OWNER FINANCING. 5% DOWN CALL VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO. 800-676-9720 ranch@terpenteel.com</p> <p>COMMERCIAL YARD BUILD TO SUIT FOR LEASE 5 ACRES, FENCED 2 AC CALCHED. \$22500/MONTH JUST EAST OF MIDLAND 432-664-7764</p> <p>LAKE BROWNWOOD Resort. Ph. 8 1.95 ac. Tract 560 ft. of waterfront. Zoned Commercial Ph. 1. 4 ac. 21 RV lots 7 1/4 ac. Lots 1 1/2 Ac tot. Ph. 8 ac. 15 total lots 7 developed. Buy 1 or all. Tim Burpess Agent (325) 217-0210.</p>
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<p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of Sharon S. Young, Deceased, were issued on June 19, 2018, in Cause No. P19411, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Raymond Young</p> <p>The residence of the Independent Executor is Raymond Young, the attorney's address is:</p> <p>c/o: Melanie Hoffmann Attorney-At-Law 3806 East 42nd Street, Suite 506 Odessa, Texas 79762</p> <p>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.</p> <p>DATED the 31st day of July, 2018.</p> <p>Atkins, Hoffmann, Jones, Peacock, Lewis & Lyon 3800 East 42nd Street, Suite 500 Odessa, Texas 79762</p> <p>By: Melanie Hoffmann Attorney for the Estate State Bar No.: 24051286</p>	<p>2706 CALDERA Dr. Fri. & Sat. 8am-2pm Antiques, craft phone, dvd phone, tv, blue, dressers, lamps, dishes, clocks, camera, pictures, pillows, shelves, microwave, fireplace screen & TOPS & DRESSERS</p> <p>3212 FANNIN Ave. Family Garage Sale! Don't miss this one! Lots of everything. Furniture, house wares, little golden books, Dvds, seasonal, vinyl signs, jewelry, shoes. Tons of clothes, some new with tags, including mens, big & tall, Gals, jr., misses, Womens, Plus Size & Tall from Athleta to Dress Clothes and Sport! NO EARLY BIRDS Saturday 8AM/2018 only 7am - Noon</p> <p>2903 DORA PLACE Friday & Saturday & noon. Lots of girls clothing & accessories!</p> <p>3007 MARK Lane Apt A Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8am-11am. Moving Sale. Appl. name brand clothes, furniture & much more.</p> <p>3413 Humble Ave. George Sale Saturday, August 4 from 8-12. Clothing, shoes, candles, misc table items, nice household items, gun safe, blue, dresser, bed, bedding.</p> <p>2 CEMETERY plots in Rosebush Memorial Park, Garden of Devotion, lot 297, space 3 & 4. \$2,200 each. 325-227-2970.</p> <p>FRISON R12 WANTED Certified buyer pays CASH for cylinders & cans. (312) 291-9188. rtf@gerardfrison.com</p> <p>Garage for Sale Miles 20 Garage, Taurus 38 SP, Manhattan cap ball pistol, (Batterton), 432-599-0429 jayfrison01@gmail.com</p> <p>Garage, good condition \$300. Corral, \$300. 488 Phons 7 plus, excellent condition, \$400. A/C unit 4 ton \$1500. Call 432-230-1788</p> <p>Single cemetery plot near the mausoleum in Rest Haven for \$1795. 432-413-1883</p> <p>RECOVER LEVEL A1 to telephone with C Star mouth piece. \$400. 432-588-8897</p> <p>WOODLAND PARK Sat ONLY 7-11 Multi-Family Yard Sale through-out the neighborhood north end of A. 10. Misc clothes, sport, items, 1111 S. 9th St. Home, furniture, and much more!</p> <p>Garage & Backyard Sale! 1108 W. CR 130 Friday 7am-7pm & Sat. 7am-3pm. Cleaned out the barn - Lots of clothes, outdoor, dining, new & used items, green glass, many new wares, beer, girl & kids good clothing, games, bedding, toys, much to mention! Worth the drive! Cash only please.</p> <p>JUMBO GOLF GROUND Fresh off the boat in Fort Worth. Duff and bath to Midland. Saturday August 4th. New looking odds. (959) 783-7842</p> <p>VERY AFFORDABLE RENT: 1 and 2. Bedrooms, call 432-687-8514</p>	<p>LAND FOR SALE Lots 2 acres plus. SE Midland County. 50K down. Call \$895/mo. Call 432-631-3850.</p> <p>4% WORKING Interest Available in 7,950 Ft. Pennsylvania Decker. Text with offer and production from the same zone encompassing the deficits. Numerous shallow zones that produce in the area will be evaluated. If successful on the way down to total depth, including the Ward S. 7-7Bent; Shipley Queen/Oriente/Vista and the Estee Block 34 Wolfcamp/White Albany zones. 640 acre lease held by production (1 well) with 80% net revenue. 1. Block 34, HSTC Ry Co Survey, Ward County, Texas. No promotion on the drilling and completion Lease Costs is estimated to be \$13,827.00 for 1% Working Interest. Call (979) 937-4242.</p> <p>FOR SALE By Owner 3821 W Lodi Lane, 4BR, 2B, 2 garage, large vaulted ceiling. Don't miss! 2381 square feet. New Carpet \$272,000. 432-349-3477.</p> <p>HOUSE FOR SALE in Pecos, Texas 2137 Texas Street. Interested persons call 972-849-8433.</p> <p>FOR SALE Lincoln NE40 River Go to Tru.com enter address 6872 U S Hwy 380 Lincoln NE for pictures and details or call 432-988-1108 or -432-888-8788.</p> <p>FOR SALE 14 acres with 54 RV spaces and a zoning change. All with big drop with office. 150 acres. \$975,000. For more information 432-664-6898.</p>
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF
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mentary were issued to Sean Sorge on June 5, 2018 in Cause
No. P-19101 pending in the County Court of Midland County,
Texas, which is still pending, and that Sean Sorge now holds
such letters. All persons having a claim against this estate, cur-
rently being administered, are required to present them within
the time and in the manner prescribed by law to:
Sean Sorge as Administrator of the
Clemme Sorge, Deceased
c/o Brendan P. Harvell
SPENCER & JOHNSON, PLLC
500 N Akard St. Ste. 2150
Dallas, Texas 75201
Dated August 1, 2018
Respectfully submitted,
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of Midland County, Texas, to Raymond
Young.
The residence of the Independent
Executor is: Raymond Young, the
attorney's address is:
c/o: Melanie Hoffmann
Attorney-At-Law
3800 East 42nd Street, Suite 900
Odessa, Texas 79782
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 the 31st day of July, 2018.
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