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Tiki-torch wielding man arrested for Leander home arson

By KAYLA BOUCHARD
Hill Country News



Gary Lee Dill

Williamson County Sheriff's deputies arrested a man neighbors say intentionally burned down a home with a tiki

torch on the Fourth of July, leaving the residents — also tenants of Dill's — homeless and without clothing or any of their other possessions.

Deputies arrested 59-year-old Gary Lee Dill last Friday after a brief standoff involving SWAT and a DPS helicopter. Dill is charged with a first-degree felony count of arson

in connection with the blaze, which neighbors say he started after a financial dispute with the residents.

Thomasina Grillo rented the 4-bedroom home on County Road 270 in Leander from Dill. Grillo admitted that there had been a dispute with Dill over money, but said Dill's actions

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KAYLA BOUCHARD

Witnesses say Gary Lee Dill approached the porch at this property in the 800 block of CR 270 and lit various clothing and paper on fire with a tiki torch on July 4. The house burned, destroying the property and contents.

Concerns spark over zoning as Hill sworn in

By KAYLA BOUCHARD
Hill Country News

Residents hoping to persuade the Leander City Council to vote down a proposal that would have seen substantial commercial and industrial growth in near Oak Grove Road and Heritage Grove Road left happy after newly-elected Mayor Troy Hill and the Leander Council unanimously denied the proposed zoning change.

About 150 residents attended the July 5 council meeting, lining up outside the entrance to Pat Bryson Municipal Hall and filling the venue to capacity. It was Hill's first meeting at the center of the dais; he was sworn in during the meeting by State Rep. Tony Dale.

"It's a pretty special night obviously," Hill beamed. "It's been a long journey. There's so many people to thank that

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H-E-B

The H-E-B Plus! Lakeline store will no longer require customers to use recyclable bags after the city of Austin dropped its bag ban following a Texas Supreme Court ruling.

Austin ends bag ban

By CASSANDRA POLLOCK
The Texas Tribune

The city of Austin announced Tuesday it will no longer enforce its ban on plastic bags after the Texas Supreme Court ruled that a similar ban in Laredo violated state law, KUT reported last week.

"Following the recent ruling from the Texas Supreme Court, the City will not enforce our current rules," a spokesperson for the city said in an emailed statement. "While it's disappointing that the City is losing a tool to help protect the environment, we are also confident that the Austin community will continue to do their best to minimize plastic bag waste."

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KAYLA BOUCHARD

Parking Mobility director Mack Marsh uses the organization's app to collect data on accessible parking offenses at a retail development in Cedar Park Friday, July 6.

By KAYLA BOUCHARD
Hill Country News

Cedar Park resident Mack Marsh volunteers several hours of his time each week working to help ensure that parking spaces set aside for the disabled are available to the disabled public.

Marsh is project director of Parking Mobility, a non-profit, volunteer-based program promoting awareness and support

for accessible parking abuse around the Austin metro area.

Parking Mobility helped generate more than \$400,000 in revenue from parking violation tickets in Travis County last year, all while helping make sure disabled residents have access to their allocated parking spaces.

Members of Parking Mobility began discussions with the Cedar Park City Council to add Cedar Park to the list of areas

served by the nonprofit. If approved, Parking Mobility would contract with the city to allow its volunteers to track accessible parking abuse, and to educate offenders and volunteers.

Marsh said the problem isn't a shortage of accessible parking spaces, it's that the spaces that do exist have a high incidence of violation in Cedar Park.

"I have seen many instances of people using the spaces without displaying a valid

license plate or placard, blocking the critical clearance areas adjacent to accessible spaces or displaying expired or even altered placards," said Marsh. "Two weeks ago, I went shopping at a large store at Ronald Reagan and Whitestone. As I pulled up and parked to use the wheelchair accessible ramp, I noticed seven accessible parking violations."

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Cedar Park to spend \$600K on police camera equipment

By KAYLA BOUCHARD
Hill Country News

Cedar Park will purchase 105 body cameras and 64 in-car video units from Texas-based WatchGuard Video. Officers will begin training with the new systems this month.

The Cedar Park City Council approved \$610,000 for the purchase of hardware, software and related maintenance services for the cameras at its June 28 meeting.

The new in-car video system is designed to work in tandem with the body cameras, replacing older technology dash cameras that have been in use since 2010.

"What this does is allows us to capture everything in an integrated, easily-searchable way and gives us a more streamlined way to be in compliance as it relates to keeping our video evidence together," said Cedar Park Police Chief Sean Mannix.

Mannix explained that the new system will make retrieving and transmitting video evi-



WATCHGUARD VIDEO

The Cedar Park City Council authorized purchase of 105 WatchGuard body camera units at its June 28 meeting. Body cameras manufactured by Texas-based WatchGuard Video are also being used by the Houston Police Department.

dence to the county attorney and district attorney offices easier as well.

"It's really one-stop shopping. Everything is contained, and it's contained into the same evidence management software that becomes easily searchable," said Mannix.

The current dash cameras are nearing the

end of their life cycle and warranties are set to expire during this fiscal year, according to city documents. Additionally, body cameras have become a much-desired item among police departments, providing additional evidence and oversight of contacts with the public.

"More discussion has taken place, more legislation has taken place and, since then, there has been a drive for body cams," said Mannix. "We have had a tremendous issue with being able to count on that equipment."

The police department had to return several of its first-generation body cams but dealt with similar technological problems upon receiving the second-generation body cams, making the system unreliable.

Steve Smith, the city's interim director of information services, said equipment from four different vendors was field tested for a month.

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Calendar

JULY 12

Cedar Park City Council will meet July 12, at 7 p.m. at City Council Chambers, 450 Cypress Creek Road, Building 4. Meetings are open to the public.

Austin Reptile will have a special presentation for elementary kids, July 12, 1:30 p.m. and 2:45 p.m., Cedar Park Library, 550 Discovery Blvd.

JULY 13

Basketball legends The Original Harlem Globetrotters bring their show July 13, 7 p.m., to H-E-B Center at Cedar Park, 2100 Avenue of the Stars. Visit hebcenter.com for tickets and details.

Sue's Tech Kitchen is a tech-fueled experience where visitors of all ages

can enjoy 3D-printed S'mores, robots controlled by candy, edible chemistry experiments, treat-dropping drones and more, at 1890 Ranch in Cedar Park July 13 to July 15, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.. Find more information and tickets at suestechkitchen.com.

JULY 14

Support local farmers and vendors by visiting around 70 booths at the Farmers Market in the Lakeline Mall parking lot Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Support local businesses and artists by shopping at the Old Town Leander Farmer's Market, Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 203 W. Broade St. Interested vendors may contact Angel Maxwell at (512) 698-1839.

Enjoy a dive-in movie,

starting at dusk at Robin Bledsoe Park pool, 601 South Bagdad, Leander. The entry fee is \$2 per person; admission opens at 7:30 p.m. The PG-rated "Peter Rabbit" will be presented July 14. Visit leandertx.gov for information.

JULY 16

Leander Public Library offers hands-on activities for children going into Kindergarten through fifth grade, 1011 S. Bagdad. On July 16, 2 p.m., try something new with a first aid activity with Cedar Park doctors.

JULY 17

Be amazed and amused by special performers each Tuesday morning at Leander Public Library, 1011 S. Bagdad. Austin Reptile Show will be featured July 17, at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon.

JULY 18

Rock artists 3 Doors Down, Collective Soul and Soul Asylum perform July 18, 7:30 p.m., at H-E-B Center at Cedar Park, 2100 Avenue of the Stars. Visit hebcenter.com for tickets and details.

JULY 19

Leander City Council will meet Thursday, July 19, at 7 p.m. at City Council Chambers, Pat Bryson Municipal Hall, 201 N. Brushy Street. Meetings are open to the public.

Strike it up with the gang and join us for the first ever Leander Chamber Challenge and Member Mixer at Main Event, 13301 North U.S. Highway 183, Austin. Visit leandercc.org for registration and information. Five area chambers are competing in this throw-down.

Frost Bank is hosting a school supply drive, collecting school supplies to make sure local kids are prepared when school starts. Supplies may be dropped off at any Frost lobby, including the Cedar Park location, 1450 E. Whitestone Blvd., until July 27.

Earn prizes for summer reading, with the Cedar Park Public Library Summer Reading Club. The reading club is open to all ages. Visit cedar-parktx.gov for more information.

Keep reading throughout the summer, with Leander Public Library's Summer Reading program. Visit leandertx.gov for more details.

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Journalists aren't so different from our usual readers

If you stay in the news business long enough, you're inevitably going to run into a reader who has a grievance — sometimes legitimate, sometimes not — against their hometown newspaper.

Sometimes it's because they feel they've been portrayed unfairly in a story. Or they feel like a reporter or editor did not give a sufficient enough airing of their views. Or sometimes it's because they don't like the font of the baseball box scores.

I have been on the receiving end of those complaints. And it can occasionally be profoundly unpleasant.

But these aggrieved readers rarely, if ever, march into a newsroom and open fire on the people with whom they have that disagreement.

Until now. Recently Jared Ramos, 38, was arrested and charged with killing five journalists, and wounding two more people, at The Capital-Gazette of Annapolis, Md. Published reports indicated that he had a long-standing grievance with the newspaper, one that he took to a murderous extreme.

As a matter of full disclosure, I'll note that, years ago, I interviewed for a job at The Capital-Gazette. It ended up not being the right fit. But I remember the staff and editors there as kind-hearted and dedicated professionals, and my soul just aches for them and their community.

The day after the shooting, journalists across the country, including those at my employer, went to work under a new normal. Sometimes, armed guards greeted reporters where previously there had been none.

It was a weird way to feel. But it might also be a necessary one.

There are people in all kinds of jobs — soldiers, law enforcement officers, teachers — who go to work in the morning and just want to make it home safely to their families at the end of the day.

After all, anything that brings us closer to our readers and empathizing with their day-to-day concerns is a good thing. It makes the reporting better. And it makes us better people as well.

And now we know, a little bit better, what that feeling is like. And hopefully, if we do it right, and we're smart about it, that perspective will in-



form our journalism.

Local papers are funny. People are invested in them. They feel a sense of ownership, even in a time when a local paper's actual ownership may be many hundreds of miles away in the headquarters of some journalism conglomerate (or hedge fund).

Local news outlets are a reflection of their community — the entire community, irrespective of skin color, political beliefs or creeds. It can be difficult to capture and reflect that myriad of voices sometimes. But we keep trying anyway.

It helps that the journalists who work at local news outlets live in their communities; they shop at the same grocery stores, attend the same churches and send their kids to the same schools.

Like our readers, we sweat paying the same bills, save for the same rainy days and try to sock away a little extra cash for that week at the beach in the summer.

We get our hands dirty cutting the grass. We turn up the radio when a good song comes on. And we get angry when our favorite team loses (don't even get me started on the Orioles right now).

But there is a sense right now that journalists are somehow the other. And some of that is our fault. And I have given serious thought to the consequences of my words.

And some of it is the product of external forces.

And sometimes that is a fair criticism. And sometimes it is not.

But on a day like this, when five families aren't going to have their loved ones coming home to them, none of what's different about us matters.

If you try hard enough, you can find a way to disagree with almost anyone about anything. Finding the common ground becomes a rarer and rarer thing.

It now just feels like one of those times when there's way more to bring us together than to set us apart. We can get back to arguing tomorrow, if that's your thing. Maybe, right now, we all just take a breath.

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The day wartime London stopped to watch Yanks play baseball in 1918

Exactly 100 years ago last week, in World War I England, a baseball game like no other before or since was played.

On July 4, 1918, before an enthusiastic crowd that included King George V, Queen Mary and Winston Churchill, then Minister of Munitions, and other dignitaries, the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy squads faced off in a nail biter. All of England's attention was focused on what became known as "The King's Game."

Baseball in England had been around in various forms since 1890 when the National Baseball League of Great Britain made its debut. The American sporting goods tycoon A.G. Spalding provided financial assistance to the new league, but it lasted just a single 44-game season. The London Baseball Association followed in 1894, but it too failed. Other leagues came and went. Then in 1914, the New York Giants and the Chicago White Sox traveled to London as part of their world tour. A large and boisterous crowd that included King George watched the Pale Hose eke out a 5-4 win.

When America entered the World War in April



1917, baseball went along too. Nearly every unit of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps had at least one good baseball team that drilled on the basics in anticipation of the future games that they would soon play.

Eventually, in 1918, 30 London-based expatriate American businessmen founded the Anglo-American Baseball League. The four Canadian and four American military teams played in and around London, often in British soccer stadiums. Red-white-and-blue posters promoted the league's games from lamp posts and walls across the crowded metropolis. Old Glory flew side-by-side with Union Jack atop government buildings to symbolize the shared commitment of America and Britain to beat back Germany. Churchill: "Germany must be beaten until she knows she is beaten."

AABL's spokesman and chief umpire was Walter Arlington "Arlie" Latham, a colorful former major league ball-player, coach, shoemaker, vaudevillian, bar owner, jokerster, deli owner and

hustler. Latham, whose baseball days dated back to the era before players wore gloves, tutored King George on pitching mechanics so that His Majesty could throw out the first ball in the game named after him. The King, according to Latham, needed "Speed, more speed."

When July 4 rolled around, the Army and Navy rosters were dotted with crackerjack active and former MLB players, including Hall of Fame 241-game winner Herb Pennock, infielder "Minnoka" Mike McNally, and first baseman Hughie Miller. McNally was an MLB fixture for more than 50 years as a player, manager, scout and executive.

The "baseball match," as London newspapers referred to it, was highly anticipated on both sides of the Atlantic. As 34,000 fans, or cranks as they were called stateside, streamed into Stamford Bridge, home of the Chelsea Football Club, specially assigned personnel gave them a brief overview of baseball's rules.

The cranks were treated to a topnotch baseball match. Behind Pennock's left-handed slants, Navy bested Army Captain Edward "Doc" Lafitte, for-

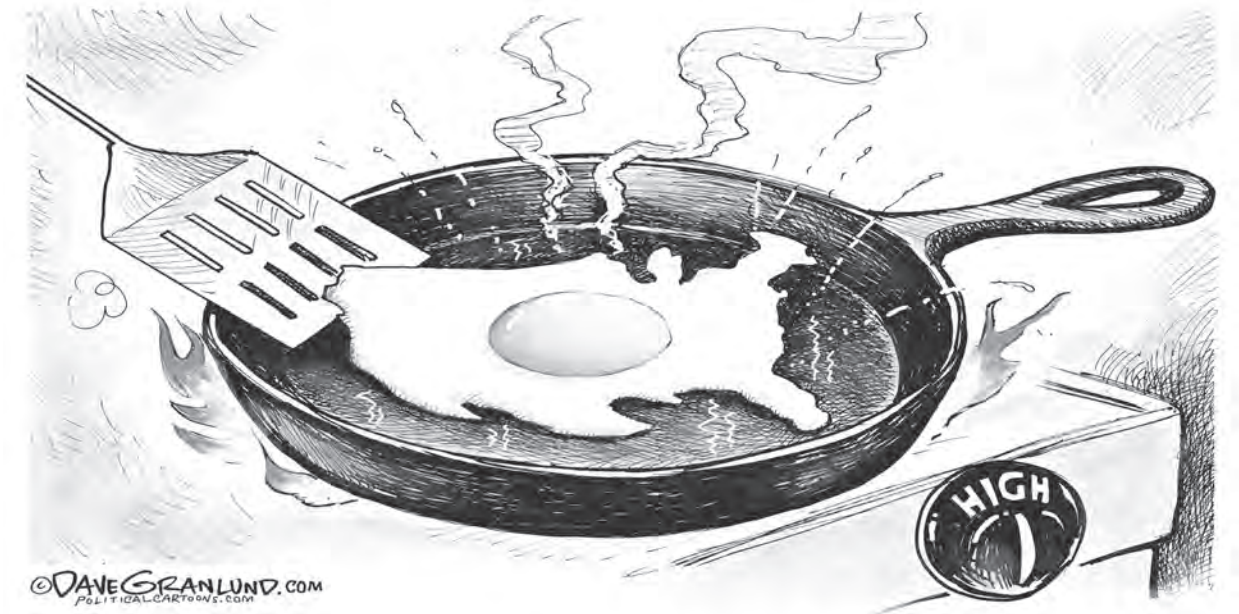
merly of the Detroit Tigers and the Federal League's Brooklyn Tip-Tops, 2-1. The Times of London reported that "The afternoon was crammed full of extraordinary moments. It passed in such a pandemonium as was perhaps never heard before on an English playing field; not even on a football ground."

Few were more delighted with the day's events than King George who, upon returning to his Buck House home, wrote in his diary: "Large crowds — Quite exciting. Only got home at 6:00."

Baseball never caught on in England. But the King's Game had global significance. The Illustrated London News wrote that "--the Great War was won on the baseball ground at Chelsea."

And indeed, as Jim Leeke wrote in his book, "Nine Innings for the King," the game boosted English spirits and laid the foundation for the special U.S.-British relationship that continued throughout the Great War, into World War II, and beyond.

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How the light gets in

Sheldon "Shel" Silverstein had one of the more extraordinary literary, music, and art careers you will ever read about, though many people will not recognize his name or face.

His two most famous works are on opposite ends of the creative spectrum. The first is a country music song recorded by Johnny Cash for which Silverstein won a Grammy, a song entitled "A Boy Named Sue."

Silverstein's work that I most enjoy is called "The Missing Piece," a book about a rolling circle that has a huge, gaping wedge cut out. The circle rolls along clumsily while singing, "I'm lookin' for my missin' piece; I'm lookin' for my missin' piece; here I go, lookin' for my missin' piece."

Since the circle has this missing piece, he travels slowly. But his pace allows him to enjoy the scenery around him, to talk to the butterflies, and to live happily. After many miles, one day he finally he finds his missing piece - a triangle chunk left along the road that fits him perfectly.

Now the made-whole circle can zip along at incredible speed, and he does, having a marvelous time. But after a while of zooming through life, the circle realizes that he can't do the things he used to do. He can't enjoy the countryside. He doesn't move slowly enough to



sing his songs. He has no time to enjoy the company of the butterflies.

Consequently, the circle removes that once missing piece and goes back to his previous life, a life that was slower, a life where weakness was obvious, but the life he best lived. And that is Silverstein's stroke of brilliance: He reveals both the human condition, and the way we can be happy and healthy.

All of us have gaping holes, missing pieces as it were. Sometimes they are obvious, and sometimes we hide them. They may be physical ailments, emotional trauma, past mistakes, or shameful failures. These limit us, forcing us to shuffle along the road slower than we would like.

Yet, it's at the places where we feel vulnerable and empty - sore spots and cracked veneer - that allow God to arrive with something the New Testament simply calls "grace." In fact, the only receptacle for divine grace is human emptiness. When we are weak, God is strong. When we decrease, spiritual power increases. When we feel like life is one huge, colossal malfunction, that is the cry to heaven for some necessary help.

As Leonard Cohen said (another artistic genius), "There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in." So, we must embrace the holes in our hearts, where pieces are missing, as the very places that grace can break through. And once grace is inside, it can heal and truly complete us.

Dear young couple that I surprised last week

Greetings in the Name of the Lord. I'm the guy in the black dress that was tapping on the window of your car at 5:45am. And, yeah, I know: when you're sitting in your car with nothing on but your underwear, a priest is pretty much the last person you want to see. But, in the future, if you refrain from parking behind churches, you'll significantly lower the odds of that kind of encounter.

There's a good deal more advice that I would have given you, but you didn't roll down the window when I tapped on it the second time. In fact, neither of you looked at me; you just started the car, backed away and drove off.

I can't say that I blame you. I mean, it was a pretty weird way for me to start the morning, and I had on all my clothes. Nevertheless, on the off chance that you might happen to read this column, I thought I would go ahead and let you know what I would have said if you had given me a chance to actually speak to you.

I'm sure that you believe that you know everything that you need to know about sex. After all, you've probably looked at lots of porn, and you most likely have all sorts of friends who've tried all sorts of things, and chances are good that you



had to sit through those classes at school where they talk about how to do it safely and how to avoid STDs and how to make sure everyone involved has given their consent.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit is sacred.

In fact, we often hold weddings in the building just a few yards from where you were parked, and in those services we actually thank the Most Holy Trinity for all the sex that the couple will enjoy across the years.

Here's a selection from one of those prayers,

That's what happens when sex is used properly — it's the sacred expression of a life-long love; it creates a bond of peace, and it leads to children and grandchildren. But you're never going to experience any of that as long as sex is just something you do in a parked car.

Which leads us to the biggest irony of all in this odd and awkward situation: You're probably thinking that this is all about control. You're probably convinced that we Orthodox Christians want to tell people when they can and can't have sex. But you're wrong. What we Orthodox want is for couples like you to get the most out of sex. We want the two of you to experience the bond of peace and the dew of heaven.

But the only way that's going to happen is if you understand that sex is sacred. And the only way you can receive all the blessings that accompany that sacred gift is through marriage.

So, hopefully, one day, I'll see the two of you again — fully clothed, please — and we can talk about what that might look like.

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Faith Calendar

JULY 13

SummerFest is a fun-filled, family-friendly "street carnival" which includes inflatables, carnival games for kids, live music and food, July 13, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Hill Country Bible Church Lakeline, 12124 FM 620, Austin. Visit hcbc.com.

JULY 14

The Shenandoah Christian Bass Club promotes Christian fellowship while creating an air of friendly competition in the sport of black bass fishing (catch and release). The next Bass Club Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, July 14. Contact Randy Cook at (512) 745-2889 for details.

SummerFest is a fun-filled, family-friendly "street carnival" which includes inflatables, carnival games for kids, live music and food, July 14, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hill Country Bible Church Brushy Creek, Walsh Middle School, 3850 Walsh Ranch Blvd., Round Rock. Vist hcbc.com.

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MOVIE REVIEW

“Sicario: Day Of The Soldado” fights to a draw

By STEPHEN WHITTY
TV Guide

It's not that there are no winners in the war on drugs. It's that it's hard to tell the combatants apart.

That seems to be the message of “Sicario: Day of the Soldado,” a sequel to 2015's simply named “Sicario” that has brutal American agents fighting vicious Mexican cartels.

The original movie had a similar setting, but it also had Emily Blunt as an FBI agent assigned to a super-secret, super-macho anti-drug task force. She provided audiences with a different point of view, and provided the film with a bit of a conscience.

She's missing from this sequel, though, which turns things over to her former co-stars Josh Brolin and Benicio Del Toro. And without the softening perspective of Blunt's character, the movie gets very mean very quickly.

The story revolves around human smuggling, which, the U.S. government insists, has become a new profit center for Mexican gangs. So CIA operative Matt Graver (Brolin) comes up with a plan: kidnap the daughter of one gangster, then blame it on another. And watch while they all kill each other off.



Benicio Del Toro and Isabela Moner in “Sicario: Day of the Soldado,” out in theaters now.

It's an idea, all right, but not a very good one.

It's hard to believe Washington would sanction a mission like this, and even harder to root for Brolin and Del Toro's characters once they pull it off. No matter who her father is, this is still a 12-year-old girl in her school uniform, grabbed at gunpoint, tied up, blindfolded and driven away screaming.

And these guys are our heroes?

That may be the movie's point — desperate times require desperate measures — but it makes the film hard to take. Particularly after we've already watched Graver torture one suspect by blowing up his brother on camera. And seen assassin Alejandro (Del Toro) catch up with a mob lawyer and execute the unarmed man in the street.

SICARIO: DAY OF THE SOLDADO
Rated R
Stars: Benicio Del Toro, Josh Brolin, Isabela Moner
Director: Stefano Sollima

Director Stefano Sollima finds interesting ways to change the look and color of the film, bouncing between satellite surveillance footage and green-tinted night vision. Brolin and Del Toro exude cold determination, if little else.

And there's no arguing about whether the action sequences — the in-broad-daylight abduction, a desert highway ambush — are exciting. Or that the tension doesn't ratchet up tremendously in one scene, when Alejandro is recognized at just the wrong moment.

But even for an exploitation movie, the way this film treats hot-button issues feels needlessly exploitive. (There's an entire terrorism subplot that goes nowhere.) And its calm characterization of our own government agents as violent criminals leaves us little to hold onto.

There's great drama — and maybe even a strong message — in a movie about the war on drugs. But if you really want us to care, first you have to give us people worth caring about.

Stephen's Grade: C+

Veronica Cartwright remembers battling an “Alien”

By NICK THOMAS
Tinseltown Talks

It's been 39 years since Ridley Scott's classic horror sci-fi movie “Alien” opened in U.S. theaters. On May 25, the anniversary of the film's release, cast member Veronica Cartwright shared memories from her time on the set of the film.

“The film still holds up,” said Cartwright, from

Los Angeles, who played navigation officer Lambert on the merchant spaceship Nostromo. “Ridley had an incredible eye. Everything was built and filmed on the largest sound stage in London, so walking onto those sets was an incredible experience.”

While tame by today's standards of graphic screen violence, “Alien” still creeped out audiences due to a menacing mon-

ster eerily metamorphosing through several life stages — concluding with the adult creature portrayed by Nigerian Bolaji Badejo (1953-1992), in a costume.

“He was extremely thin and almost 7-ft tall, from the Masai tribe, and they discovered him in a (London) pub. They built the alien suit to fit his body and sent him to mime and tai chi classes so he could

roll into a ball, then unfold himself. Oh my God, in that suit, he was incredibly creepy so I just worked off of him in my final scene where Lambert is killed.”

Another memorable scene for Cartwright features the alien in post-embryonic form emerging from John Hurt's chest while the remaining cast - Sigourney Weaver, Tom Skerritt, Harry Dean Stanton, Ian Holm, and Yaphet Kotto - watch in horror.

“We didn't really rehearse that scene,” recalled Cartwright, who knew something (a puppet dubbed the chestbuster) would be popping out of Hurt's fake chest. When it did, she says the surprise reaction by her and the rest of the cast was genuine. She was also splatted with more fake blood than expected.

“As I leaned in to watch, a blood jet hit me in the face. I backed up but hit my knees and flipped over (unseen on film), then quickly got back into the scene.”

Cartwright first viewed the completed film at the Egyptian Theatre in Hol-



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It's hard to believe the alien in “Alien” was just a guy in a costume, but Bolaji Badejo was incredibly tall and lean, seen here in Lambert's (Veronica Cartwright) final scene.

lywood after it opened in 1979.

“There was no formal premiere,” she recalled. “I actually stood in line to see it like everyone else. I was a bit disappointed they never did shoot my actual death scene — I was supposed to hide in a locker and be pulled out by the alien. So all you see is the alien's tail moving up my body — which was actually Harry Dean's in the scene. Later they filmed me hanging from a meat hook, but you just see my legs hanging down covered in blood.”

Critical reaction to “Alien” was mixed on release, but today many re-

gard it as one of the all-time great sci-fi thrillers. Cartwright went on to work on numerous TV and film projects including hit movies such as “The Right Stuff” and “The Witches of Eastwick” (see www.veronica-cartwright.com).

“None of us were really famous actors at the time we made ‘Alien,’ but Ridley Scott felt there was great competence in the cast and I think we all realized we were part of something that could become bigger than we anticipated,” recalled Cartwright. “And with no CGI, what you see is actually as it was. I think people still really appreciate that.”

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Rated PG-13

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Director: Peyton Reed
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Rated R

Stars: Marisa Tomei, Lex Scott Davis, Y'lan Noel
Director: Gerard McMurray
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NEVER Say Die

After playing for 17 teams over more than 16 professional seasons, **BRANDON MANN** finally broke through to the big leagues

By **ZACH SMITH** | Hill Country News Sports Editor

Brandon Mann literally couldn't believe what he'd just been told. After more than 16 professional seasons and 17 teams in two countries in both affiliated and independent baseball, the late-round draft pick that at one point quit the sport altogether to work at a grocery store was about to make his MLB debut at age 33.

"The ultimate goal was to make it to the major leagues," Mann said. "Not just to make it, but to have an impact. I've made it and I still want to make that impact. It's all just part of the journey and everything I did has led me to where I am."

He allowed one hit over 1.2 innings in his debut with the Rangers on May 13 against the Astros. Overall, he gave up one run and four hits across six innings in four games with the big league club, which included a game at Safeco Field against his hometown Seattle Mariners.

After the initial shock of being called up wore off, he called his wife and got her and his sister on the first flight from their home in the Pacific Northwest to Houston.

"I don't think he necessarily believed me at the time," Express manager Jason Wood said. "He's persevered through ups and downs in his career. He got a taste of that and I don't think he wants to quit. He's going to continue to grow even with the age that he's at. He's going to pitch in the big leagues again."

He's been one of the most consistent pitchers out of the bullpen in Round Rock this season, boasting a perfect 3-0 record and 2.31 ERA with 33 strikeouts and 35 innings pitched in 26 appearances, the third-most on the team.

Originally a 27th round draft pick of the Tampa Bay Rays, Mann toiled in the lower levels of the minor leagues for five seasons and finished the 2006 season with the Class A-Advanced Visalia Rawhide, finishing 4-9 with a 5.64 ERA.

He sat out all of 2007, returning to his native Washington and work at Whole Foods.

"I kind of hit a wall," Mann said. "I struggled in 2006 and I was still young and I questioned if I wanted to play. I missed it the entire time I was out. I was with Tampa Bay at the time and they told me I'd have a spot in spring training the following year, so I showed up."

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LIGA MX SOCCER

Tigres downs Pachuca in friendly at Dell Diamond



SCOTT W. COLEMAN

Tigres forward Eduardo Vargas (9) and midfielder Enner Valencia (13) celebrate after scoring a second-half goal during a Liga MX friendly match between Tigres and Pachuca at Dell Diamond in Round Rock, Texas, on July 8, 2018.

By **ZACH SMITH**
HCN Sports Editor

Home run calls and no-hitters were traded in for corner kicks and red cards Sunday evening at Dell Dimond.

Mexican soccer teams, Tigres and Pachuca, and their fans invaded the home of the Round Rock Express baseball team for a friendly with Tigres coming away with a 2-0 win thanks to two second-half goals.

"We're very happy," said SPD Sports president and event promoter Juan Carlos Padilla, "Texas has been our home. We normally take our games to Houston or Dallas. We have more than 7,000 people here today in the middle of the World Cup. Tigres is a big team and we're very happy."

This was the fourth time two Liga MX teams faced off in Round Rock and 7,255 fans showed up. Chivas and Pachuca drew 11,181 during their friendly at Dell Diamond in 2015.

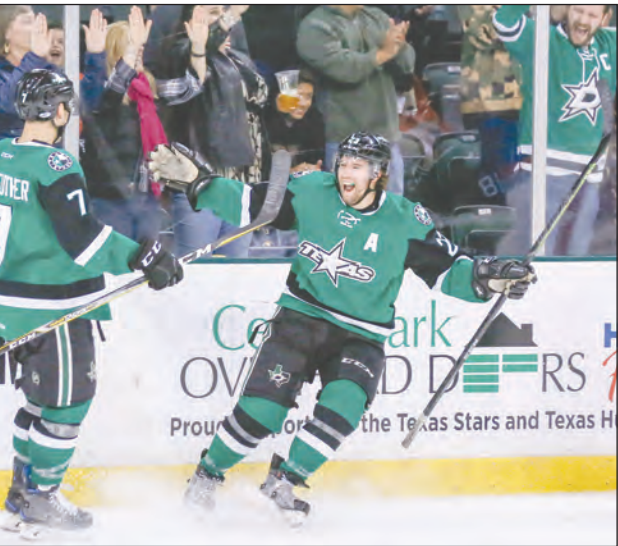
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TEXAS STARS

Arrivals and departures for the Texas Stars

By **ZACH SMITH**
HCN Sports Editor

With the NHL free agency period beginning in late June, the roster that helped the Texas Stars' advance to the Calder Cup Finals for the third time in franchise history



ANDY NIETUPSKI/TEXAS STARS

Travis Morin signed a new contract with the Texas Stars this offseason that will keep him in Cedar Park for a 10th season next year. He is the only player to be on the Stars since their inception.

RETURNERS

Travis Morin signed a one-year deal to keep him with the Stars for the 10th season. He is the only player to take the ice in Cedar Park every year the team has been in existence. The veteran center led the AHL with 51 points last season.

"Texas has become home for me and my family," Morin said in a release. "We have had great success over my time with the Stars and we are excited to come back and continue being a part of it."

Speedy forward **Colin Markison** re-signed with the AHL team on June. 28. He scored seven goals with 27 assists in 73 games in Texas last season.

Forward **Robbie Payne** and defenseman **Shane Hanna** joined the Stars on tryout agreements late last season. Payne made six appearances and had two assists, while Hanna played in 20 AHL games with three assists.

Jason Dickinson signed a one-year, two-way contract with Dallas worth \$875,000, according to Sean Shapiro of The Athletic. Dickinson scored 20 goals and had 18 assists during the regular season and playoffs last year and also played 27 games in NHL.

Dallas also re-signed defenseman **Reece Scarlett** to a one-year, two-way contract. He made 66 appearances for Texas last year after being accrued via trade and scored one goal with nine assists during the regular season and playoffs.

has already undergone some changes.

A few players have re-signed with the team, some have signed NHL deals that allow them to play in Dallas and Cedar Park and more players and a coach have gone elsewhere across the league.

Here's a breakdown of the transactions up to this point:



ANDY NIETUPSKI/TEXAS STARS

Mike McKenna signed a one-year, two-way contract with the Ottawa Senators after playing a key role in helping the Texas Stars get to the Calder Cup Finals last season.

DEPARTURES

Curtis McKenzie signed a two-year deal with the Las Vegas Golden Knights worth \$750,000 per season.

McKenzie was the AHL rookie of the year in the 2013-14 season and helped Texas win its first Calder Cup. This season, he scored 36 goals with 32 assists and was the team's only All-Star selection.

"It's hard to believe I won't be returning to the lone star state after 5 years but I am leaving with countless memories and great friends," he tweeted. "Thanks to the (Dallas Stars) and (Texas Stars) for giving me my start to pro hockey and to all the fans that overwhelmed us with support in Texas."

After spending four years as an assistant coach in Texas, **Karl Taylor** was named the head coach of the AHL's Milwaukee Admirals on June 29. He made the playoffs three years he was with the team.

Mike McKenna signed a one-year contract with the Ottawa Senators. The veteran goalie was a key cog in helping the Stars get to the Calder Cup Finals, boasting an impressive .927 save percentage across 22 postseason games.

"Thank you," he tweeted. "I've spent the past hour racking my brain trying to write something poignant and self-deprecating but the right words fail me. We are so grateful for this season. Our (Texas Stars) team gave it our all and I am so proud to have been a part of it."



ANDY NIETUPSKI/TEXAS STARS

Curtis McKenzie signed a two-year contract with the Las Vegas Golden Knights after helping the Texas Stars get to the Calder Cup Finals this season.

NEWCOMERS

The Stars announced on July 3 that **Bob Jones** was to be the next assistant coach at Texas.

Jones spent the last three seasons as head coach of the Oshawa Generals of the Ontario Hockey League. He spent eight years before that as head coach of the Windsor Spitfires, winning two straight OHL titles with the team in 2008-09 and 2009-10.

"Bob has been very successful in junior hockey for two decades and we are pleased to welcome him to the Dallas Stars organization," Texas Stars General Manager Scott White said. "He has over 21 seasons of coaching experience and his wealth of knowledge and ability to develop young players will be a tremendous asset to our organization."

The team also announced the signing of **James Phelan** from the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. He scored 86 goals with 105 assists over five years in the non-professional junior league.



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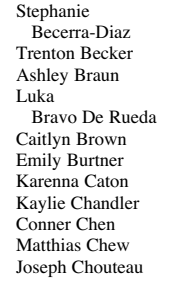
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MANN, from pg.7

Mann spent three seasons in Japan from 2011-2013. His first start in Japan was in Tokyo Dome in front of 40,000 fans, and he threw six shutout innings.

His first two seasons were spent with Yokohama Bay Stars in the Japan Central League, one of the top leagues in the country. He then pitched for the Shinano Grandserows in the Baseball Challenge League, an independent minor league.

He loved every minute of it, even if his Japanese was never as polished as he would’ve liked.

“I acclimated myself to the culture and the game over there and it just became normal pretty quickly,” Mann said. “They work really hard. They put a lot of emphasis on having fun and playing hard. We do things differently over here and some guys can’t adjust.”

Now 34 years old, the lefty is one of the oldest players on the Round Rock roster, but he doesn’t always feel like an elder statesman.

Mann spends his summers at Driveline Baseball, a data-driven player development program. He and former Cy Young Award winner Tim Lincecum — who spent a month in Round Rock earlier this season — both train and were scouted by Texas at the Seattle-based facility.

He credits their weighted ball program with his jump in velocity beginning in 2016. His average fastball averaged 86-89 mph before, while his average now is 92.4 mph and he’s thrown as hard as 96 mph.

“In the sense where baseball is now, I don’t feel older,” he said. “I work with all the spin rates and (data) and try to use all of that to my advantage. That’s where baseball has gone. I just wish I did this when I was 25 not 34.”

Up until this season, Mann was really just wanting a chance in Triple-A, having advanced to the top minor league level for a short time last season. He got that with the Rangers and Express and it’s paid off for everyone.

The biggest thing that keeps him going is the belief that he has the ability to help a major league club.

At least for a small moment, he proved that to be true.

“It’s definitely been my favorite year playing baseball,” Mann said. “Texas took a flier on an older guy. They invited me to Spring Training and let me try to prove myself. I don’t know if they had plans for me the way they’ve turned out, but I appreciate the opportunity.”



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CITY OF LEANDER REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Sealed responses addressed to the Purchasing Department, City of Leander, 200 W. Willis St. Leander, Texas 78641, for:

LEANDER POLICE DEPARTMENT SITE IMPROVEMENTS

will be received prior to 3:00 P.M., August 2nd, 2018. A MANDATORY pre-bid meeting is scheduled for July 24th, 2018 at 2:00 Pm at the Leander Police Department located at 705 Leander Drive, Leander, TX 78641. Solicitation documents may be downloaded from the millerids.com plan room or the City website at <http://www.leandertx.gov/rfps>. Solicitation number is S18-024.

The City of Leander seeks to reconfigure the existing parking lot and add a new parking lot, add new security gates, reconfigure an existing drainage swale and reroute a building water supply line (scope of work identified as Alternate 1 (Phase 2)). Funding for the site improvements is in place. The City estimates the construction project budget to be \$350,000.

BLOCK HOUSE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT INVITATION TO BID

The Board of Directors of the Block House MUD invites qualified bidders to submit sealed bids for the repair and refurbishment of approximately 12,346 linear feet of perimeter fence along the District right-of-way. This project includes determining how much of the existing fence needs to be removed and replaced, and how much can be retained and refurbished; some vegetation removal; and coordinating with the District general manager, landscapers, and affected residents as required.

Sealed bids will be accepted at the District office, located in the Walker House, 2600 Block House Drive, Leander, Texas, until 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2018. Email walkerhouse@blockhousemud.com for office hours. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

Bids shall be clearly identified on the outer envelope with "BLOCK HOUSE MUD FENCE PROJECT." Bids received after 12:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26, 2018 will be returned unopened.

The Scope of Work and District map are available in electronic format by request. Email gm@blockhousemud.com with cc to walkerhouse@blockhousemud.com. Materials Specifications will be provided at the **mandatory pre-bid meeting** on Friday, July 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Walker House.

The successful bidder shall be required to provide evidence of insurance coverage including proof of Commercial General Liability and Workers Compensation coverage.

The Block House MUD Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any and all technicalities or formalities.

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids, in duplicate, addressed to TRAVIS COUNTY MUD NO. 21, Attention Mark Sprague, President, Board of Directors, will be received at the office of Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc., until 3:00 p.m. Local Time, July 27, 2018, and then publicly opened and read for "Travisso, Phase 2, Sections 2C-2H" for Leander, Travis County, Texas".

Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following: reclaimed water improvements.

Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on July 20, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. Local Time, at the office of Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc. located at 10801 N. MoPac Expy., Bldg. 3, Suite 200, Austin, TX, 78759. Attendance by each prospective bidder or its representative at the pre-bid conference is **MANDATORY**, and no Bid will be opened unless the bidder or representative was present at the pre-bid conference.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract and execute the Bonds on the forms provided, and provide the required insurance certificates within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the Contractor.

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TRAVIS COUNTY MUD NO. 21

CITY OF LEANDER INVITATION TO BID

Sealed responses addressed to the Purchasing Department, City of Leander, 200 W. Willis St. Leander, Texas 78641, for:

BENBROOK RANCH PARK PHASE III

will be received prior to 3:00 P.M., August 2nd, 2018. A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for July 23rd at 10:00 AM at Benbrook Ranch Park located at 1100 Halsey Drive, Leander, TX 78641. Solicitation documents may be downloaded from the City website at <http://www.leandertx.gov/rfps>.

The City of Leander seeks to complete Phase III construction of the Benbrook Ranch Park to include a new lighted, irrigated natural turf baseball field, a large concrete pad, spectator shade canopies, dugouts, bullpens and a pedestrian bridge.

CITY OF LEANDER REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Sealed responses addressed to the Purchasing Department, City of Leander, 200 W. Willis St. Leander, Texas 78641, for:

COLD WATER RADIO FREQUENCY WATER METERS AND READING SYSTEM

will be received prior to 3:00 P.M., August 2nd, 2018. Solicitation documents may be downloaded from the City website at <http://www.leandertx.gov/rfps>.

City seeks multi-year vendor contract to provide all labor and materials necessary to supply and deliver radio frequency cold water meters and meter reading system to the City. City seeks proposal on 5/8", ¾", 1", 1 ½", 2" Compound, 3" Compound, 6" Compound, 8" Compound, fire hydrant and construction meters. Meters, readers and software shall fully integrate into the City's existing Tyler Technology Incode billing software.

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids, in duplicate, addressed to TRAVIS COUNTY MUD NO. 19, Attention Brian Pitman, President, Board of Directors, will be received at the office of Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc., until 2:30 p.m. Local Time, July 27, 2018, and then publicly opened and read for "Travisso, Phase 4, Sections 1, 2 & 3" for Leander, Travis County, Texas".

Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following: drainage, water and wastewater improvements.

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TRAVIS COUNTY MUD NO. 19

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids, in duplicate, addressed to TRAVIS COUNTY MUD NO. 20, Attention Samuel G. Billings, President, Board of Directors, will be received at the office of Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc., until 2:00 p.m. Local Time, July 27, 2018, and then publicly opened and read for "Travisso, Phase 3, Section 5" for Leander, Travis County, Texas".

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TRAVIS COUNTY MUD NO. 20

SOCCKER, from pg.7

With a crowd made up of mostly Tigres fans, the team's high-profile players showed up and produced.

Enner Valencia — a veteran of the Ecuador national team — scored the first goal five minutes into the second half. Young midfielder Damián Torres doubled the lead for Tigres in the 80th minute.

French international André-Pierre Gignac started the game, while Chilean international was a second-half substitute for Tigres. Both players represented their countries at the 2014 World Cup in South Africa.

The move to bring the Columbus Crew SC to Austin had a presence at the match, too. MLS2ATX had a table handing out scarves and hats while the MLS in Austin Supporters group had a contingent sitting along the first-base line.

"I hope they (move the team)," Padilla said. "I really enjoy bringing teams here. Eighty percent of our games will happen in Houston and Dallas because of the population. I love Austin because it's a mixed city with a not only Hispanic and American people. I hope the MLS team comes here because it's going to help with other events."

As soon as the Express finished their nine-game homestand last Tuesday, Nick Rozdilski went to work transforming the field.

The RS3 head groundskeeper first started digging out the mound, which took about four hours. He then had to take a little more than an inch off the infield so that the sod being laid on top would be even with the outfield.

"It's always interesting to do," Rozdilski said. "The good part

about being here is that there is always something different and new and it's always a challenge. We had two days to rip everything out and put sod down and paint and get ready. We have about three days to turn it back to a baseball field."

Rain on Saturday and Sunday meant the crew had to cover and uncover the field about six times. Too much rain would make the sod a sloppy mess while having it covered would kill the fresh turf.

Rozdilski has been working on the field at Dell Diamond for about two years and said the biggest stress is the initial transition to a soccer field, but they've been able to find little tricks to make the process easier.

The baseball players don't complain too much. Except for the pitchers, who are prone to



SCOTT W. COLEMAN

Tigres fans cheer on their team during a Liga MX friendly match between Tigres and Pachuca at Dell Diamond in Round Rock, Texas, on July 8, 2018.

crack that the mound isn't how it was before.

"There are a few divots here and there in the outfield, but they'll be filled in," Rozdilski

said. "The biggest thing they worry about is getting the mound back to size. Most of the time it's not an issue, but (pitchers) always joke that somethings wrong."

COUNCIL, from pg. 1

I don't even know where to start... My family has stuck by me the whole time and it wasn't easy because, during an election, you're gone a lot. I can't tell you how proud I am of each one of you."

After the official swearing-in, the Council heard 25 citizens speak during a public hearing regarding a zoning case to change the northeast corner of Oak Grove Road and Heritage Grove Road in Leander from single-family rural to heavy commercial and heavy industrial. The proposal was met with overwhelming outcry, with many concerned that the zoning change would transform their quiet suburban streets into a noisy and dangerous area.

Before the public hearing was opened, Jud Stringer of Building



COURTESY CITY OF LEANDER

Newly-elected Leander Mayor Troy Hill stands with wife Sally as Texas State Representative Tony Dale conducts the oath of office during the July 5 Leander City Council meeting.

Abatement Demolition Co., Inc., said that he wanted to withdraw the zoning request after hearing the worries of local citizens, many with young children.

"We've followed all the steps, we've done everything we thought

we were supposed to do," Stringer said to the Council. "The Friday before the last Thursday meeting, we met with some of the residents over at the property just to listen to their concerns. They had a lot of legitimate concerns... I'm kind of in agreement that there's no way that you going to be able to be able to have a residential community like that and something else for heavy industrial when nobody knows what the future of that is."

Reia Parks, a resident of 924 Hillrose Dr., said the Council would face heavy scrutiny with the passing of this decision, as the property plans included warehouses and storage units. Parks said a relative of hers living in Missouri had a development similar and that it generated obscene crime includ-

ing prostitution, drug-dealing and butchering of cattle.

"My initial concerns and those of all these people here have been reduced considerably in Mr. Stringer's small presentation," Parks gestured. "However, I do still want to address something and circle back to something that I think can't be stressed enough. And that is the future of this property... if this is ever allowed to happen, ever, Mr. Stringer or whoever, these folks in this room, we're not going to be hunting Mr. Stringer down. We're going to be looking at you and we're going to be asking why. Why did this happen to us when you could have protected us with your vote. And that's what we're asking tonight. Finish this process, vote and protect us with your vote."

The Council voted the zoning proposal down in a unanimous decision, with a motion by Council Member Andrea Navarrette and a second by Council Member Christine Sederquist.

"I sure do appreciate everyone coming out here," said Council Member Marci Cannon. "I apologize to Mr. Stringer for the time and money used on this piece of property... We obviously want to welcome businesses into our city but we don't want to encroach upon and harm our current residents."

Council Member Michelle Stephenson was also unanimously selected to serve as Mayor Pro Tem, and former Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Seiler was honored by the council.

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Following the suggestion of Cedar Park Police Chief Sean Mannix, Marsh said he called the CPPD non-emergency number to report the issue.

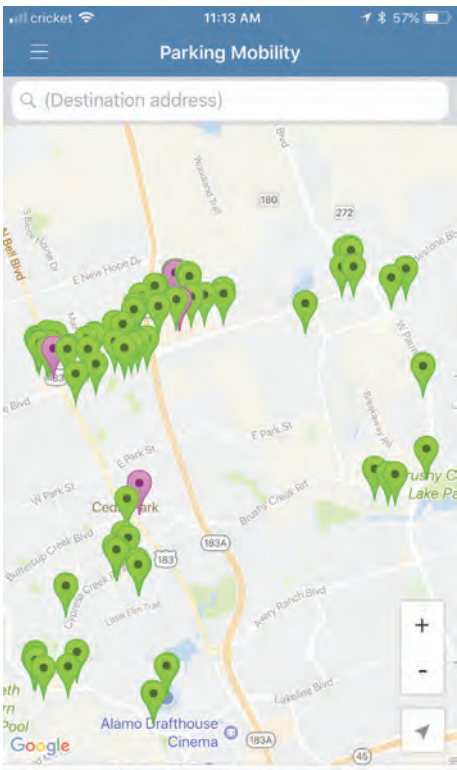
Marsh told Hill Country News that he spent more than nine minutes on the phone as he gave the operator the required information to dispatch an officer. He then reported all seven violations using a Parking Mobility app, developed specially for the program, taking just under three minutes complete the report.

Marsh said it took forty-three minutes for a Cedar Park motorcycle officer to arrive, but by that time, all seven of the vehicles originally reported for violations were gone. However, there were four new violations within Marsh's sight.

"Two expired placards, an altered placard and a blocking violation," Marsh described. "The officer looked around at each of the vehicles in the accessible spaces... I drove over to him and noticed that he was writing a citation on a vehicle with no plate or placard. I pulled up and rolled down my window. I thanked him for what he was doing and then asked why he didn't write the four violations at the other area. He said he didn't see any violations."

Marsh said he would like to see the Parking Mobility program make the move into Cedar Park.

"We are making an effort to protect the spaces for people who need them," Marsh explained. "Cedar Park has grown enough that it needs to have this program for the population to use."



COURTESY MACK MARSH

A snapshot from the Parking Mobility app shows parking violations reported over the past six months in Cedar Park, marked in green. The purple tags signify suspected placard abuse.

lion people with disabilities living in Texas.

Travis County approved a \$75,000 contract with Parking Mobility in 2015 and has recouped far more than the original start-up cost in revenue from parking violations. Marsh said Travis County made more than \$400,000 in revenue in the past 12 months.

Hays County began a contract with Parking Mobility for \$65,000 and generated \$120,000 in revenue in the last year.

The County now pays \$5,000 per year for a maintenance agreement with the organization.

Parking Mobility is currently negotiating with several other cities in central Texas.

If approved in Cedar Park, Parking Mobility would recruit and train citizen volunteers, as provided for in Texas Transportation Code 681.

The Cedar Park Police Department would perform a background check on volunteers and then approve them as certified volunteers for the city. The volunteers would use the Parking Mobility app to report violations. The police department would then review the reports and mail a ticket to the owner of the offending vehicle.

The owner can either pay the \$500 fine, request a court hearing if they feel they aren't guilty, or opt to pay a reduced fee to the city and complete an offender education class online.

Marsh says Parking Mobility is the only program that offers this process and has proven successful in solving the problem.

Ken Kornblum, a disabled Cedar Park resident, agreed that there is widespread abuse of the parking spaces in the area.

"These spots are not just convenient spots," Kornblum said. "They give access to disabled people who need them. This program wakes you up to why people need to observe these laws. What I want to see is education for all. Not fines, not a legal part, per say, but I want people to see the importance of using disabled spots only when you are legally allowed to do so."

Under state law, citizen volunteers have no authority other than to enforce accessible parking statutes.

"When they see a violation, they use the Parking Mobility App to report those violations quickly, easily and discretely," said Marsh. "Anyone can use the app and we encourage everyone to do so. Those 'casual' reports are important to helping build data to detail the scope of accessible parking and understand the problem."

Only trained, approved volunteers' reports result in a citation, Marsh said.

Marsh believes that if Cedar Park accepts the Parking Mobility program, repeat offenses will diminish exponentially.

"I have tremendous respect for our law enforcement officers," said Marsh. "They do a lot with very few resources. They have to deal with stressful and often dangerous situations every day. They cannot possibly know and understand the nuances of every law; especially when there is not a commitment from the community for any one particular issue... like accessible parking."

Marsh said the benefit of Parking Mobility for law enforcement agencies is that it provides a positive, proactive, non-confrontational program that builds a partnership between law enforcement and citizens.

"As our community grows, and it is growing fast, this problem is going to get worse and it is time for Cedar Park to get in front of this issue," said Marsh. "Engaging the disability community and empowering them to be a part of solving this issue makes a lot of sense. It will reduce confrontations, it will change behavior in a positive manner and it will make our community safer and more accessible for everyone."

"It is great to see that a discussion is getting started," added Kornblum. "We want people to see why these violations are wrong and learn from their mistakes."

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placed her family in mortal danger and resulted in the loss of virtually all of the family’s possessions.

“My neighbors saw that, with a tiki torch in hand, Mr. Dill put clothes and paper on the porch and lit it on fire knowing there were seven people in the house,” she said. “He also set off the water to the house so there was no way for us to fight the fire.”

Neighbors helped the seven tenants escape from the fire without injury via the back porch as flames came rolling through the front door, engulfing the house in a matter of minutes.

Firefighters fought the fire from 9:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. the next morning. Now, Grillo says she is left with nothing but charred rubble.

“We lost everything, save for the clothes on our backs,” she said. “This is a major

tragedy. I’ve never experienced a fire before but it was absolutely horrific.”

Grillo also said she was thankful for the help from Red Cross and the community she and her family and friends are receiving.

“We have nothing left but we are grateful for Red Cross,” she said. “They are fantastic. We are seeking out any assistance we can right now.”

Dill has had at least 14 run-ins with the law since 2002, online records show, including arrests for assault and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Dill pled guilty to misdemeanor charges of deadly conduct and assault causing bodily injury family violence in 2017 and served short jail sentences with no fines in those two cases. He is currently being held in the Williamson County Jail.

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SHELBY KNOWLES FOR THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

Single-use bag ban advocates hold a press conference before the Texas Supreme Court prior to oral arguments on the legality of Laredo’s ban on Jan. 11, 2018.

The change affects stores in the Lakeline Mall shopping district, which are all inside Austin’s city limits. The H-E-B Plus! at Lakeline Boulevard and 183A as well as the Parkline and Walden Park retail developments at the intersection of 183A and SH 45 are also affected, as well as retail establishments in the Four Points area.

The court ruled unanimously on June 22 that a state law on solid waste disposal pre-empted Laredo’s local ordinance, resolving a long-standing question over whether local governments are allowed to impose such bans.

Cities including Fort Stockton, Port Aransas and Brownsville had implemented similar bans in recent years, and the court’s

decision held that those bans are unenforceable as well. The ruling drew applause from Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and criticism from environmental groups.

On Monday, Paxton sent letters to 11 cities across the state with plastic bag bans as a reminder that such those ordinances are now “illegal” and “unenforceable.”

“Municipalities ignoring this law are unlawfully passing their duty to manage solid waste on to their residents and retailers in violation of settled Texas law,” Paxton wrote in letters to Port Aransas and Brownsville, among others. “A dislike of state law is no justification for a municipality to violate it.”

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“That month was spent with officers in the field utilizing the product daily in their work activities. After evaluating the results and compiling the recommendations of field officers, WatchGuard was the one with the highest rating,” said Smith.

According to WatchGuard’s product description, the integrated system can use the different cameras on the scene to simultaneously capture an incident from multiple angles, “ensuring the entirety of the scene is available for review and analysis. When any camera in the system initiates a recording, the other cameras automatically sense a change in status and may begin recording based upon a configuration of pre-set criteria. Playback of captured video is synchronized in the Evidence Library 4 Web evidence management system and can be viewed simultaneously, hearing audio from the body

camera while viewing video from the in-car system.”

City staff told council that funding for the purchase was lined from various sources, including the vehicle and equipment services fund, forfeiture fund, child safety fund and the police department’s general fund savings, which are all authorized for equipment and public safety purchases.

Mannix also liked the fact that WatchGuard Video is a Texas-based company, especially since the department experienced problems with its previous body camera equipment.

“When we have equipment issues, this is a Texas company with a robust inventory,” Mannix said.

Cedar Park police officers will commence WatchGuard’s systems training in July and finish by the end of September.

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