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One person dies after bus crash

Herald staff and wire reports
 According to CBS 7 news, a 52-year-old woman was pronounced dead following a bus crash in Howard County Friday night. The bus was carrying cheerleaders returning from a football game in Colorado City. Howard County Justice of the Peace Robert Fitzgibbons confirmed to CBS that the woman, who has not been identified, was pronounced dead following the crash. Officials say eight people were injured when a bus crashed with a tractor-trailer rig near Big Spring Friday. The bus was transporting the Iraan-Sheffield students back home after attending the

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Iraan Braves-Munday Moguls state quarter-finals playoff football game at Colorado City's Wolf Stadium. Amanda Duforat with Scenic Mountain Medical Center told KWES-TV that eight people were brought in from the crash. She said two were in critical condition, two others were in serious condition and four were being transferred to another hospital for further treatment.

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Grand jury indicts 20

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer
 A 39-year-old man was indicted by a Howard County Grand Jury Thursday for aggravated sexual assault with a deadly weapon, a first degree felony, after an alleged incident that occurred back in September 2015. Zyon Gonzalez of 811 Debra Lane was arrested in September 2015 by the the Howard County Sheriff's Department on a charge of aggravated sexual assault. According to a press release from the sheriff's office at the time of the arrest, the Sheriff's Office responded to Scenic Mountain Medical Center

in reference a alleged aggravated sexual assault. "Upon arrival contact was made with a female victim," Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker stated in the release. "The victim stated she gave a male subject a ride home from a local establishment. When they arrived at his residence, he forced her inside his residence using a knife. Once inside his residence, the victim was sexually assaulted." If convicted, Gonzalez could face a sentence from five to 99 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine. Also indicted in Thursday's grand jury were:
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VAMC lights up for the holidays



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

This young boy was all grins as he told Santa his wish list for Christmas Friday night at the VAMC annual Christmas lighting ceremony. A large turnout from the public came for the official lighting of the building and Christmas tree.

Operation Santa Paws benefits Happy Days Humane Society

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer
 For the dogs living at the Happy Day Humane Society, all they want for Christmas is a forever home or, if not a home, maybe a bone. The second annual Operation Santa Paws, a drive to benefit the Happy Day Humane Society is quickly approaching. The event is held by the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of Big Spring and Howard County.

"Our community does amazingly when it comes to supporting the children and families in need during this time of year," said Gary Tidwell, adult scout leader. "As it is true for most of us, we have four-legged family members of all shapes, sizes, and breeds. Let us reach out and offer our help and support to those that care for these four-legged members of our community that are not yet blessed with forever families."

Dog food is of top priority, said Tidwell whose family has helping the local dog rescue organization for a number of years, but blankets, bedding, treats, balls, and chew toys are also needed. "Some of the dogs are outside in the elements 24 hours/365 days a year and at this time of the year like today, it can get colder so it would be nice to have a little extra comfort for them," he said.
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Breakfast with Santa



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Four-year-old Archer McLain whispers his Christmas wishes to Santa at the Heritage Museum of Big Spring's "Breakfast With Santa" event Saturday morning. The breakfast, held in conjunction with the Museum's annual Christmas Tree Forest display, also featured delectable Christmas cookies, donuts, and cocoa.

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AP file photo

Dallas wide receiver Dez Bryant says the team's 11-1 record is nice, but noted the Cowboys must continue to play at a high level if they are going to have a truly successful season.

Bryant: Plan 'way bigger than 11-1'

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Dez Bryant and the Dallas Cowboys are on the verge of the team's longest winning streak in any form — better than the carry-over run in 1968-69 after already topping the playoff-included surge from the proud franchise's first Super Bowl-winning season in 1971. There's something else a 12th straight win would do when the Cowboys return from an extended break with a visit to the New York Giants on Dec. 11. It would give Dallas (11-1) a firm hold on the No. 1 seed in the NFC.

Now that's progress

toward where the Cowboys hope they're headed. Dallas could clinch a playoff spot as early as Sunday with a Tampa Bay loss or tie or a Washington loss.

"The plan is way bigger than being 11-1," Bryant said after Thursday's 17-15 victory over Minnesota. "It's a pretty cool situation but there's more ball left. This success thing is kind of tricky. You can't get too high. That's the beginning of falling off. That's something that we're not going to do."

The win over the Vikings was the roughest of a run that started after a season-opening

loss to the Giants. Dallas had season lows in points, yards and first downs along with penalties that contributed to just one third-down conversion in nine tries.

The Cowboys needed their punt coverage unit to provide probably the biggest play of the game, when Kyle Wilber forced and recovered Adam Thielen's fumble in the fourth quarter. Bryant scored the go-ahead touchdown on an 8-yard catch on the next play.

And Dallas won despite giving Minnesota a chance to tie when

See **DEZ**, Page 2B

Huskies trample Colorado for Pac 12 title

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Washington's opportunistic defense and dominant running game most likely ended any debate about whether the Huskies' weak nonconference schedule would keep them out of the College Football Playoff.

Taylor Rapp returned one of his two interceptions for a touchdown and Myles Gaskin ran for 159 yards to help No. 4 Washington strengthen its case for a playoff berth with a 41-10 victory over No. 9 Colorado in the Pac-12 championship game Friday night.

"We think we have a heck of a team and we think we belong in there," coach Chris Petersen said. "I think they'll do what they should do, which is the right thing. ... These guys

have done everything they're supposed to do."

With the Huskies (12-1, No. 4 CFP) only narrowly ahead of two-loss Michigan in the latest playoff rankings, there were some questions about whether they could be passed by the Wolverines or even the eventual Big Ten champion for the final playoff spot because of a nonconference schedule of Rutgers, Idaho and Portland State.

But the Huskies dominated the



Buffaloes (10-3, No. 8 CFP) much more thoroughly than Michigan did in September in the most convincing closing argument possible. Now they need to just wait for the final verdict to come in on Sunday before begin preparations for the playoff.

"That's up to them," quarterback Jake Browning said. "I'm happy with being Pac 12 champs right now. Whatever they decide, they

decide. We've created a pretty good situation for ourselves. Worst comes to worst, we're playing in the Rose Bowl. That's pretty nice."

The Huskies broke open a close game when Rapp intercepted Sefo Liufau's passes on the first two drives of the second half for a touchdown and to set up a field goal that made it 24-7.

Washington rolled from there to its first conference title since 2000.

"We didn't play this game for the playoff committee," receiver John Ross said. "We played this game because this is what we worked for."

It was a rough day for Liufau, who was knocked out of the game after twisting his right ankle on a sack on

See **PAC 12**, Page 2B

Leonard hits late shot to lift Spurs over Wizards

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs are still not sure why they're playing so poorly at home.

They certainly aren't panicking, though. A 16-4 start, including an 11-0 road record, will soothe most fears.

Kawhi Leonard scored 23 points, including the winning jumper with 6 seconds left, and the Spurs overcame another sluggish start in their own building to beat the Washington Wizards 107-105 on Friday night.

After matching an NBA record with a 40-1 mark at home last season, San Antonio has already lost four times at the AT&T Center and was seconds from dropping a fifth.

"We can't get it going," said super-sub Manu Ginobili, whose efforts energized the Spurs. "It's taking us a while to get into the rhythm, into the aggressiveness that we need to get leads. Yeah, we are not playing well, but the good thing is that meanwhile we're getting wins and

we're maintaining a good record."

LaMarcus Aldridge added 19 points and Pau Gasol had 19 points and 10 rebounds for San Antonio, which won its 17th straight home game against Washington.

Bradley Beal was 5 for 5 on 3-pointers in scoring 23 points for the Wizards.

Beal's final 3 gave Washington a 103-102 lead with 53 seconds remaining. Danny Green's 3-pointer, his first points of the night, put San Antonio ahead 105-103 with 19 seconds to go.

John Wall tied it at 105 with 11.2 seconds left on a driving layup against Ginobili before Leonard rose for a 20-foot jumper at the top of the key. Otto Porter Jr. missed a 9-foot runner off a Washington inbounds play that would have tied the game.

"The first look was (Beal) coming off of the curl," Wizards coach Scott Brooks said. "They did a good job of



AP photo

San Antonio Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard (2) drives to the basket past a Washington Wizards defender during their NBA game Friday night.

switching. ... But we had a good look."

Washington has just one victory in eight road games, but its fortunes were lifted by the Spurs' struggles at home this season.

San Antonio trailed after the first quarter

for the fifth time in nine home games. The Spurs scored only 24 points, falling behind by as many as 11 before closing the first quarter trailing 28-24.

"It seems like in the second half our defense always picks up and we

get back into the games because of the defense," coach Gregg Popovich said. "That's a good thing, I guess, that it gets better as the game goes along, but we've started out poorly here at home quite often."

The second unit again

came to San Antonio's rescue, led by the 39-year-old Ginobili. He banked in a 14-footer at the close of the first half off an inbounds play that had the Wizards scrambling to find their

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Lighting up for Christmas



By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

A group of volunteers has been hard at work the past two weeks, decking the halls (i.e. the side of the road) of Comanche Trail Park with Christmas finery. The event is the annual Festival of Lights display, set to light up the park Dec. 15 with candy canes and silver lanterns aglow.

Volunteer supervisor Howard Stewart said preparations for the decorations started more like two months ago.

"We started Oct. 1 checking everything," said Stewart. "We had one city guy and three FCI inmates. They started Oct. 1 going in and checking leaves, plugging them in. The other thing they did was replace all the lights on the US flag that's on the dam. That changed that over to LED, which has made a big difference. It's very noticeable this year."

Actual field work started Thanksgiving week, he said.

"We did the dam the Monday before Thanksgiving and got it all up and running," he said. "Then the Monday after Thanksgiving we started at the entrance to the park with the toy soldiers. We've got all the poinsettias and candy canes and cactus up over there. By the end of today (Wednesday) which is Day 3, we'll be ready to turn and go up to Kid's Zone, I hope. It takes us at least 14 days to put all this out. Then we're open

for 16, and we can usually get it taken back down in a week."

The decorations take more time to get set up because each bulb has to be checked to see if it's operational.

"By the time we bring it out here, we'll plug it in and check it, and then nearly everything we have to work on again to get it going," said Stewart.

Construction and high water have slightly reduced the scope of the Festival this year, he said.

"So instead of a mile and two tenths, it's going to be a mile," he said. "The Spring is off limits because it's under construction. Usually you'd go down to the Spring and around and back up. That's part of the construction zone so we can't have anything here. Down around Dora Roberts, we usually have a 50-foot Christmas tree. Well, it's under 2 feet of water because of the lake being up. That and part of the trail are under water. Part of the electrical boxes that we use are under water, so we can't turn it on."

St. Nick himself will take a hand in the Festival, Stewart said.

"Santa Claus will be here the 19th through the 23rd at Belaski (Pavilion), there at the end," he said. "Santa Claus is also going to be at the opening at the entrance on the 15th. CBS News is going to be broadcasting their 6 o'clock news from the entrance up there, and Santa Claus is going to be there to help them."

HERALD photos/Roger Cline

Clockwise from top: Candles adorning the field of Comanche Trail Park next to Whipkey Rd. will light up with Christmas cheer Dec. 15; volunteer supervisor Howard Stewart unloads a candle to set up; Big Spring city workers Ismael Martinez, left, and Jason Jorgensen install a candle; poinsettias and a newly re-lit American flag line the Comanche Trail Lake Dam.



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Obituaries

Afton Christine Ellis

Afton Christine Ellis, former resident of Big Spring, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016, in Bastrop, Texas. She was 89 years old.

She was born in Winters, Texas, to Lillian Roy and Mary Josephine Condra Bowen on Sept. 26, 1927. She attended and graduated from Ballinger High School, and married Jack Floyd Ellis Thanksgiving day, Nov. 28, 1946. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis moved to Abilene and lived there for two years and moved to Big Spring in 1948, where Mr. Ellis went to work for Cosden Refinery. Mrs. Ellis was a homemaker and mother and grandmother. She loved sewing and gardening and serving in PTA and school functions when her son started attending East Ward Elementary and later at Elbow and Forsan schools. She moved to Bryan-College Station, Texas in 1997, and lived there until her husband passed away and eventually moved to Bastrop.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Jack in 1999, one grandson, Brett Alan Ellis; and a brother G.W. Bowen.

She is survived by one son, Jack F. Ellis and his wife Cheri of Excelsior Springs, Mo.; one daughter, Janet Kay Lewis and husband Bill of LaGrange, Texas; two grandsons, Erik Ellis and wife Jamie and their children, Cierra, Brandt, and Hayden of Ludowici, Ga., and Chris Lewis and wife Julie and

their children Lane and Callen of Pickton, Texas; one granddaughter, Stephanie Gilchrist and husband Elton and their children Dario and Emily of Stockdale, Texas; and two sisters, Mary Rice of Arlington, Texas, and Corene Dean of New Braunfels, Texas.

Family visitation will take place Sunday Dec. 4, 2016, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home. Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 5, 2016, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Chaplain Alan Mathies.

The family would like to thank the staff of Bastrop Lost Pines Nursing and Rehab Center and Heart to Heart Hospice of Austin, Texas, for their love and care of Mrs. Ellis during her brief stay at the facility. Also say thank you to Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home for their comfort to the family of Mrs. Ellis.

The family suggests memorials the Wounded Warrior Project, P. O. Box 758541, Topeka, Kan., 66675; or to Heart to Heart Hospice in Austin, www.htohhfoundation.org/donation/.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Harold Dean Gainey

Harold Dean Gainey, 90, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, 2016, at the First Baptist Church Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Mark Lindsey officiating. Interment will follow at Colorado City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

Harold was born May 27, 1926, in Westbrook, Texas, and married Joan Barber Sept. 14, 1951, in Westbrook. She preceded him in death May 9, 2014.

Harold was 17 when he decided to join the United States Navy with his father's permission. He served in the Pacific Theater during World War II aboard the USS San Francisco as a gunner. After returning

from the war, he eventually started working on the oilfield pipelines, retiring from American Petroleum Pipeline after 38 years.

Harold is survived by two sons, Ronnie Gainey and wife Brenda of Big Spring, and Glenn Gainey and wife Jeanie of Kermit; six grandchildren, Sandra Dunbar and husband Rick, Paige Gainey, Nick Gainey and wife Jami, Taylor Gainey and wife Holly, Trent Gainey and wife Ashley, and Allyson Gainey; two great-grandchildren, Beau and Behr Gainey; one brother, Hollis Gainey and wife Nell of Colorado City; and sister-in-law Johnnie Gainey of Sweetwater.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, Hollis Sr. and Helen (Montgomery) Gainey; and one brother, Bobby Gainey.

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Carroll Hardison

Carroll Hardison, 76, of Big Spring passed away Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016, at his residence.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Craig Wallace presiding.

Carroll was born July 10, 1940, in Aquilla, Texas, to Iona Martin Hardison and Glen Hardison. As a young man, Carroll attended many schools as his family moved around the country, but was a graduate of Midland High School, Class of 1958. He also attended SMU and Texas Tech University, where he majored in electrical engineering. He later moved to Big Spring and married Pat Hughes on July 20, 1967, in Coahoma, Texas. Carroll was a loving and supportive husband, father, and grandfather. He was a calming influence and voice of reason in every situation and a blessing to all of his family and friends. He was a veteran of the United States Marines, and was with the 1st Marine Battalion to land in Vietnam. He operated Hardison Appliance

with his father and later his brother-in-law for almost 50 years. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Carroll is survived by his wife, Pat Hardison of Big Spring; two daughters, Lois Wallace and husband Craig of Wolforth, and Nancy Teague and husband Randy of Oklahoma City; two sisters, Suzanne Montague and husband Jim of Guffey, Colo., and Debbie Burrow and husband Guy of Big Spring; his brother-in-law Chalmer Wren and wife Norma of Stanton; five grandchildren, Dalton Wallace and wife Stormy, Taylor Wallace, Hayden Wallace, and Adam Wallace, all of Wolforth, and Morgan McDonald of Norman, Okla.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Kathy Wren.

Pallbearers will be Dalton Wallace, Taylor Wallace, Hayden Wallace, Adam Wallace, Morgan McDonald, and Grant Burrow. Honorary pallbearers will be Pat Grigg, Ronnie Walker and Morris Fraley.

The family suggests memorials to Relay For Life, c/o Vicky Stewart, 6 Coachman Circle, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

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Doyle Rainer

Doyle Rainer, 67, of Big Spring passed away Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. There will be a private family service at a later date.

He was born Aug. 1, 1949, to Tiny Sprayberry Rainer and C.B. Rainer in Overton, Texas. He married Ann Nell Winn on July 20, 1968 in Dam B, Texas. He came to Howard County in 1984 from Victoria. He had worked in the oil field and been a truck driver. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was a Baptist.

Doyle is survived by his wife, Ann Rainer of Big Spring; two daughters, Ticia Rainer of Big Spring and Desiree Thompson and husband Glenn of Big Spring; one son, Chance Rainer and wife Ronda of

Stanton; nine grandchildren, Jackie Rainer, Keristine Callow, Cassie Williams, Miranda Park, Brianna Woodson, Summer Sandoval, Caitlin Garcia, Amanda Strain, and Adley Rainer; 11 great-grandchildren, Joshua Tisdell, Haylee Callow, Tyler Callow, Kenzie Callow, Jaelyn Ramey, Jayden Williams, Travis Callow, Melody Garcia, Cori Ramey, Grant Williams, Ares Garcia, and one on the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents, C.B. and Tiny Rainer; three brothers, Calvin Rainer, Raymond Rainer, and Robert Rainer; and two sisters, Janie Swafford and Mary Rainer.

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Mary Patricia Ward Smith



Mary Patricia Ward Smith, 89, was born to eternal life on December 1, 2016 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Vigil service will begin at 7:00 PM. Funeral Catholic Mass will be at 10:00 AM Monday, December 5, 2016 at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mary was born July 11, 1927 to Mildred and Riley Ward in Columbus, Ohio. She married Maurice L. "Smitty" Smith, Sr. on September 30, 1950 in Brownwood, Texas. Mary graduated high school from St. Stevens, Port Huron, Michigan; college at Providence Hospital School of Nursing in Waco, Texas and San Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. Mary retired from the Big Spring State Hospital as the Medical Unit Administrator.

She is survived by her husband of sixty-six years: Maurice L. "Smitty" Smith of Big Spring; her children: Anna Marie Smith of Austin, Teresa Brumley and husband Johnny of Big Spring, Paula Naill of Danbury, Wisconsin, Maury Smith and wife Molly of Big Spring, Bill Smith and wife Deborah of Big Spring and Beth Nail of Blackwell, Texas; fourteen grandchildren; twenty-one great-grandchildren and one brother in law: Calvin Smith and wife Sandra of Brownfield, Texas.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son: Tommy and her sisters: Ann and Eleah.

Pallbearers are: Jason Thompson, Joe Crum, Sean Crum, Austin Bryand, Richard Grant and J Ryan Gicklhorn.

Mary wished memorials go to St. Vincent de Paul, Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, 1009 Hearn St. Big Spring, Texas 79720.

A special thanks for her care goes to Maple Ridge Care Center, Spooner, Wisconsin, Big Spring Center for Skilled Care, Big Spring, Texas, Compass Hospice and Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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Paid obituary

Charles John "Tuna" McGrath



Charles John "Tuna" McGrath, 54, died Nov. 28, 2016, in Little Rock, Ark.

Charles was born on Sept. 20, 1962 in Yonkers, N.Y., to Charles and Hilda McGrath. He attended Big Spring schools from 1972 to 1980. Charles briefly served in the United States Marine Corps. After moving to Vinton, La., he worked at Delta Downs racetrack.

Charles is survived by his daughter, Emma Leanne Miles of Board Camp, Ark.; brothers Sean McGrath of Zachary, La., and Danny McGrath of Vinton, La.; sisters, Ann Marie Matheny of Tulsa, Okla., Hilda McGrath of Biloxi, Miss., and Sharon Shamburger of Owasso, Okla.; his stepmother, Nancy Lee McGrath of Cameron, Texas; stepbrothers, Charles Crockett of Atlanta, Ga., and Casey Crockett of Temple, Texas; step-sisters, Melody Hill of Cameron, Texas, Monica Crockett of Birmingham, Ala., and Melissa Talley of Cove, Ark.; and his fiancée, Glenda Hagood of Gillham, Ark. Charles also had 12 nephews, 13 nieces, and one set of twin grandsons.

He is preceded in death by his father, Charles Francis McGrath, formerly of Breau Bridge, La.

Charles wished to be cremated and placed next to his father in Texas, a small family memorial will take place there.

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Houston guard James Harden, right, loses control of the ball during the Rockets' NBA game against Denver Friday night.

Harden scores 20 as Rockets down Denver

DENVER (AP) — The Houston Rockets sure didn't look — or play — like a tired team.

James Harden scored 20 points and the Rockets led from start to finish in beating the Denver Nuggets 128-110 on Friday night.

Eric Gordon and Ryan Anderson had 18 points each and Sam Dekker added 17 for Houston, which completed an impressive back-to-back road sweep that began with a 132-127 win over Golden State in double overtime Thursday.

The latest victory came despite the Rockets' 5 a.m. Friday arrival in Denver. Most of the players and coaches got little sleep before playing the Nuggets.

"It's a good win for us," Harden said. "Last night, double-overtime game, getting in at 5 a.m. and not really sleeping. ... We got off to a really good start, guys knocked down shots and just rode that wave the entire game."

Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni said the win was especially gratifying because of the circum-

stances and the way his team played.

Wilson Chandler had 24 points to lead the Nuggets, who had won three straight against the Rockets. The Nuggets have lost four of five overall and fell to 3-7 this season at home, the high-altitude venue where they once routinely dominated.

Moreover, coach Michael Malone lit into his squad after the game over its lackluster performance.

"It's one thing to lose games but when you're outworked on your home

floor — Miami did it, Houston did it — I have no explanation," Malone said. "All I know is that it is unacceptable and that's why I do apologize to our fans because they deserve better."

"We're a bad team right now and I have to start doing a much better job because the direction we're headed right now is in a bad, bad place."

Up by 10 points at half-time, the Rockets took a 99-84 lead into the fourth quarter and kept the pressure on the rest of the way.

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the Buffaloes' first drive of the game. He returned to start the second half and threw three interceptions, including one on the first play from scrimmage that Rapp returned 35 yards for a score.

Liufau threw another interception on the ensuing drive and Colorado could never recover.

"We just didn't execute as an offense," Liufau said. "It's

probably the most frustrating part, especially as one of the captains and one of the leaders and your group isn't performing to the level it should be."

THE TAKEAWAY

Colorado: From the opening kickoff that went out of bounds, little went right for the Buffaloes, who were unable to cap an impressive turnaround season with a conference title. Liufau's injury didn't help the cause. Steven Montez went 5 for 12 for 60 yards in the first half and was unable to generate

any consistent offense and Liufau was even worse when he returned. He threw as many interceptions in the third quarter (3) as he had all season and was just 2 for 12 for 12 yards after coming back into the game.

Washington: The usually efficient Jake Browning struggled throwing the ball but it didn't matter as the Huskies dominated the game with 265 yards on the ground behind Gaskin and Lavon Coleman (101 yards). Browning went just 9 for 24 for 118 yards but did throw two TDs to give

him 42 on the season, one shy of Jared Goff's Pac-12 record.

LUCKY PLAY

Browning's second TD pass won't go down as his best highlight of the season. With a defender draped all over him, Browning threw a ball up from grabs that Ross caught in front of Chidobe Awuzie and ran in 19 yards for the score.

"I was trying to throw it away," Browning said. "It's a lucky play. That was a hell of a play by him, but that was pretty lucky for me."

CRAZY PLAY

Following Browning's TD pass to Ross, Anthony Julmisse returned a kick to near midfield for Colorado before fumbling. Phillip Lindsay scooped it up and ran down to the 2 but Colorado was held to a field goal.

UP NEXT

Colorado: The Buffaloes must wait to see if they will remain ahead of No. 11 USC in the playoff rankings and get a Rose Bowl bid if Washington goes to the playoff or likely head to the Alamo Bowl if they drop behind the Trojans.

DEZ

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rookie quarterback Dak Prescott and center Travis Frederick botched a snap to force a punt.

A play earlier, Prescott thought he scrambled for a critical first down with a brilliant slide along the sideline that kept the clock moving. The spot was overturned on review.

"There's no question

you can get challenged differently over the course of a 16-game season," coach Jason Garrett said Friday. "And if you do have an ability to win different ways, it's certainly going to make you more difficult to beat."

While Prescott was limited to 139 yards passing on just 18 attempts, fellow rookie Ezekiel Elliott was slowed before a 30-yard run in the fourth quarter helped push him

to 86 yards and set up Dallas' final points on a field goal.

The pattern for Elliott has been consistent in recent weeks — a slow start before a late surge that gets his rushing total close to 100 yards.

And now he gets ready for a rematch with the only team that contained him the entire game. Elliott had season lows of 51 yards and a 2.6-yard-per-carry average in a 20-19 loss to the Giants in his regular-

season debut.

"We've certainly changed as a team, they've changed as a team, different guys have played, there's a lot of different factors that go into it," Garrett said. "But there's no question we'll use that game extensively to prepare for this one. We're just starting that process right now."

The Cowboys won 11 straight over two regular seasons in 1968-69 and two years later won

the last 10 games, including the playoffs, for the Super Bowl title.

The last time Dallas was 12-1 was 2007 with Tony Romo at quarterback, when the Cowboys rested regulars late in the regular season, finished 13-3 and lost to the Giants in their first playoff game.

Dallas could be looking at a similar scenario this season, with Romo as the backup to Prescott after the rookie took the job and kept it

following Romo's pre-season back injury.

Owner and general manager Jerry Jones isn't interested in top seed talk.

"Let's don't go there," Jones said on his radio show Friday. "We've got some teams that are looking better. And then of course we know playing Philadelphia played us to the wire. And this Giant game has the makings of a playoff game itself. So, let's don't count it."

SPURS

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man.

In the third quarter, Ginobili helped the Spurs avoid a backcourt violation on an errant pass by tossing the ball back before tumbling to the backcourt after a leaping, one-handed grab. The save led to a jumper by Aldridge that cut Washington's lead to 71-66.

"Those are the kind of plays he's made his whole career," Popovich said.

Ginobili finished with 13 points.

San Antonio's bench outscored Washington's 11-2 in the third quarter, leading the Spurs to their first lead (78-76) since the opening minute of the game.

"We let another one go," Wall said. "These are the ones at the end of the season when you look back at games where you could have made the playoffs, there are about seven games already this season for us that could haunt us."

Wizards center Marcin Gortat had 21 points and 18 rebounds, collecting his 11th double-double of the season in the first half.

TIP-INS

Wizards: Washington's last victory in San Antonio was Dec. 11, 1999. ... Wizards C Ian Mahinmi (sore right knee) and F Danuel House Jr. (broken right wrist) missed the game with injuries.

Spurs: PG Tony Parker sat out with a bruised left quadriceps, missing his fifth game this season. ... San Antonio, which entered leading the NBA in free throw percentage, opened 1 for 6 from the line. ... The Spurs have won 19 of 21 against the Wizards overall.

THAT'S NUTS

Popovich is puzzled as to why people believe Spurs reserve guard Patty Mills has so much more energy than the rest of his teammates.

Mills finished with 10 points and eight assists in 28 minutes.

"I don't know if it's because he's not very tall and he runs around real quick or something, but everybody else has energy, too," Popovich said. "They might not look like it, because they're not built like I'm not going to say. He's just smaller and he runs around. Like a squirrel looks like he has more energy than an elephant, right?"

The Ford Holiday Sales Event

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Dodd, Dancehall Drifters slated for Snyder's Big Country Christmas Ball



Special to the Herald

Landon Dodd and the Dancehall Drifters will be providing music at The Coliseum in Snyder on Dec. 10 for the Big Country Christmas Ball.

2016 marks the event's 13th year under the leadership of Snyder chairmen, Dr. Charles Church, Kinney Hart, and Cindy Wright. The Ball benefits West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

On Saturday, doors will open at 7 p.m. and the dance will run from 8 p.m. through midnight. No reservations, but table and chairs will be on hand. Admission tickets are \$15 at the door and coolers welcomed, but please...no glass containers.

As part of the activities, numerous donated items that will be on display and drawn for that evening. For more information or advance tickets, call 325-660-8338 or 325-660-8334.

TV's 'Full House' home is staying in the Tanner family



Courtesy photo

The San Francisco house of TV's Tanner Family in "Full House" has been purchased by the producer who created the show, Jeff Franklin

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The San Francisco home featured in television's "Full House" has sold to the producer who created the show.

KGO-TV reports veteran TV producer Jeff Franklin bought the 3-bedroom Victorian in August. It was on the market for more than \$4 million.

The real estate agent had declined to say who bought the home in San Francisco's lower Pacific Heights neighborhood.

The home's exterior was used as the Tanner family's residence in the original show.

Inside scenes were filmed on a set in Burbank, California.

The shots were used again in the recent "Fuller House" reboot of the show on Netflix.

The report says the new owner plans to repaint the front door red, just like in the original show.

Previous owners had painted it a seafoam green.

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Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, grapes, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Meaty queso, peas, garden salad, veggie cups, pineapple chunks, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage breakfast pizza, apples, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Rib patty sandwich, roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruity Jell-O, fruit cup, garden salad, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, banana, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Meaty macaroni, green beans, veggie cups, garden salad, strawberries, animal crackers, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: PBJ Uncrustable, orange smiles, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Sloppy Joe sliders, sweet potato tots, twisted applesauce, fruit cup, veggie cups, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Mini pancakes or cereal with cinnamon buttered toast, chilled pineapple, fruit juice, milk, syrup; Lunch: Chili dog basket with tots, or mandarin chicken salad, or homestyle chicken patty with cream gravy, or meatloaf with tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, Romaine and spinach garden salad, apples and oranges, chilled mixed fruit, wholegrain rolls, mustard, ketchup.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast taco or cereal with buttered toast, fruit juice, fresh fruit, milk, salsa; Lunch: Cheesy chicken Philly sandwich basket with seasoned fries, or chef salad with ham, or chicken Alfredo, or beef ravioli, steamed broccoli, baked Italian zucchini and tomatoes, Romaine and spinach garden salad, bananas and oranges, fruit slush cup, wholegrain garlic breadstick.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Chicken-n-waffle sticks or cereal with cinnamon buttered toast, apple cinnamon bake, fruit juice, milk, syrup; Lunch: Chicken ranch wrap basket with Sun Chips, or strawberry grilled chicken salad, or homestyle pizza (cheese/pepperoni/Mexican), seasoned corn, Romaine and spinach garden salad, oranges and apples, chilled mandarin oranges, apple crisp.

Thursday: Breakfast: Scrambled egg and diced ham with buttered toast or cereal with buttered toast, fruit juice, fresh fruit, jelly, milk; Lunch: Burrito basket with chips and salsa, or loco Dorito beef taco, or chicken nachos, or chicken enchilada casserole, Spanish rice, refried beans, lettuce and tomato salad, seasonal fresh fruit, fruit slush cup, bananas and oranges, jalapeno, salsa, sour cream.

Friday: Breakfast: Super donut or cereal with buttered toast, chilled mandarin orange, fruit juice, jelly, milk; Lunch: Cheeseburger basket with seasoned fries, or chicken salad, or barbecue meatball, or roasted ranch chicken, au gratin potatoes, green peas, Romaine and spinach garden salad, chilled pineapple tidbits, apples and oranges, wholegrain roll, mustard, ketchup, mayo.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap with yogurt or cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Popcorn chicken or steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, garden salad,

fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Blueberry mini pancakes or cereal with toast, fruit juice, applesauce, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Chicken sandwich or chicken parmesan with breadstick, corn, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast or cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Pizza or chef's salad, Italian vegetables, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pocket or cereal with toast, fruit juice, pears, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Chicken nuggets with roll or chicken spaghetti, savory green beans, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Dutch waffle or cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Hamburger or corn dog, tater tots, pinto beans, baby carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Sands CISD

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon pull-a-parts, cheese stick, fruit; Lunch: Breaded pork chops, roll, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrot coins, strawberries.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Muffin, yogurt, fruit; Lunch: French bread pizza, garden salad, California blend vegetables, sliced peaches, pudding.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap, fruit; Lunch: Chicken quesadilla, seasoned corn, charro beans, salsa, lettuce and tomato garnish, apple sauce.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit; Lunch: Texas chili, cornbread, broccoli bites, tiny tomato cup, orange smiles.

Friday: Breakfast: Waffle and cheese stick, fruit; Lunch: Sloppy Joe sandwich, fries, cucumber dippers, fresh fruit, cookie.



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DAR hears from Young Marines

Special to the Herald

The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, NASDAR met at 11:30 a.m. on November 12, 2016, at the Big Spring Country Club with Regent Clara Lewis presiding, 13 members were present. Hostess Sue Ann Damron decorated the tables with a patriotic theme in honor of Veterans Day.

Dottie Britton introduced Carrie Rodman of the Crossroads Young Marines. She gave a history of the organization in Howard County. Carrie and Roger Rodman are co-leaders of the local chapter that was established three years ago.

Members of the Young Marines, Lance Corporal Ty Clark and Lance Corporal Riker Grove spoke about their involvement in the organization and the values of patriotism, service, discipline and respect that the organization teaches. Both young men discussed the positive influence the organization has been to them. They encouraged other people in Big Spring to become involved. Meetings are held every other Saturday at 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at first Baptist Church. The Rodmans can be contacted at 325-232-0551 for more information.

Dottie Britton provide the National Defense Minute, informing members about General George Washington's Lifeguards.

Marylin Staggs reported on her Constitution Week activity. She distributed pocket copies of the United States Constitutions to 18 students at Sands High School in Ackerly, Texas.

Lori Pavlovsky provided the Conservation Minute. She discussed the reasons for the decline in fireflies around the country and tips for creating a habitat friendly to fireflies to encourage an increase in their numbers.

Neva Green gave the treasurer's report, filling in for Mary Schuelke.

Secretary Jan Lentz read the minutes for the Oct. 8, 2016 meeting, which were approved as read.

On March 11, 1776, from his headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts, General George Washington issued a General Order to Colonels or Commanding Officers of regiments of the Continental Army. Washington's order directed these officers to select four men from each regiment who would form his personal guard. The Lifeguards protected General Washington from 1776 to Nov. 9, 1783. Their last duty was an order from General Washington to "take charge of the Wagons which contain my baggage, and proceed with them to Virginia and deliver the baggage to his home in Alexandria". Six wagons filled with General Washington's belongings, and official records of eight years of war, were successfully delivered to Mount Vernon on Dec. 20, 1783, by this special service.

Jan Lentz read the a message issued by General George Washington forming his personal guard, the Lifeguards.

Sue Ann Damron passed the Pennies-in-a-Can and gave the Indian Minute about the organization of Five Civilized Tribes and their museum in Muskogee, Oklahoma. The museum houses the art, history and culture of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw and Muscogee Creek and Seminole tribes.

A collection was taken up to provide Christmas presents to residents of the VA hospital who will be in the TLC and Domiciliary during the holidays.

The next chapter meeting will be the Christmas party Dec. 10, 2016, at the Heritage Museum.

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday: Hamburger on a bun, lettuce, tomato, onion, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, sliced peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Mexican chicken casserole, lime cilantro rice, calabacita, oatmeal cookies, tortilla, milk.

Wednesday: Sliced turkey, red potatoes with onions, green bean casserole, lime pineapple Jell-O, rolls, milk.

Thursday: Catfish with tartar sauce, corn on the cob, oven okra, hush puppies, lemon pudding, milk.

Friday: Steak fingers and gravy, French fries, broccoli, tropical fruit, bread, milk.



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Obituaries

Twyla Marie Stroup



Twyla Marie Stroup, 90, of Big Spring died Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with Bro. Rick Wilson officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday evening at the funeral home.

Twyla was born Aug. 30, 1926, in Glenwood, Wash., and married R. M. Stroup in 1943 in Washington. He was in the military and brought her to Big Spring in 1945. He preceded her in death Sept. 14, 2001. Twyla worked for many years for the EP Driver Insurance Agency. She was a faithful member of the Baptist Temple.

She is survived by one daughter, Lou Ann Zappia of Brocton, N.Y.; a daughter-in-law, Betty Stroup of Melbourne, Fla.; a nephew; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, R.M. Stroup Jr. and Mac Murray Stroup; her parents, Raymond Edward and Ethel Marie (O'Neal) Murray; one brother, Loren Murray; and one sister, Audrey Murray.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **BOBBY LEE AGUE-RO JR.**, 34, of 1402 Mt. Vernon was arrested on charges of false report to peace officer or law enforcement employee, duty on striking a fixture or landscaping (more than \$200 damage), and driving with an invalid license.
- **ADRIAN AGUILAR**, 23, of 2505 Carol was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **JOSEPH RAY BRIM JR.**, 46, of 700 e. 15th St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **SIMON JACOB AR-ENIVAZ**, 26, of 2603 Ent was arrested on a warrant for criminal mischief (\$750 to \$2,500) and possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram).
- **CONSTANCE LEE BRAMLETTE**, 25, of 3304 W. Highway 80 Apt.

#46 was arrested on outstanding warrants.

- **L.C. GIBBS**, 64, of 4901 N. Salem Rd. was arrested on a charge of duty on striking a fixture or landscaping (more than \$200 damage).
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1700 block of Johnson Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 300 block of Northeast 12th Street and the 3900 block of West Highway 80.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 600 block of East FM 700 and the 800 block of Saunders.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2600 block of South Gregg Street, the 100 block of East FM 700, and the 1200 block of East 11th Place.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 7100 block of Kyle Road.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Six-year-old Alexsa Gomez speaks with Santa at the VAMC lighting ceremony Friday night.

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Ken Turnbow, 64, died Saturday. The family received friends from 9 a.m. to noon today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial service began at 1 p.m. at Full Gospel Fellowship.

Jesse James, 90, died Sunday. Memorial service will at 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Mary Patricia Ward Smith, 89, passed away Thursday. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Vigil service will begin at 7 p.m. Funeral Catholic Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at Trinity Memorial Park.

Carroll Hardison, 76, died Thursday. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Doyle Rainer, 67, died Tuesday. There will be a private family service at a later date.

CRASH

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Photos from the crash scene showed an Iraan-Sheffield school bus with its front end crumpled against the damaged side of a tractor trailer rig.

The Texas Department of Public Safety said westbound lanes of Interstate 20 were closed and traffic was being diverted from the scene.

SMMC spokesperson Duforat told the Herald this morning there were no new updates on the condition of the bus crash victims.

Take note

The Salvation Army of Big Spring is seeking volunteers to ring a bell for their Red Kettle program this Christmas season. Each year, more than 25,000 Salvation

Army volunteers raise money through the program to help serve more than 3 million people in need during the holiday season from Thanksgiving to Christmas. All money raised in the Red Kettle program stays in the communities where it is raised. For more information call 432-352-2005. If you don't have

time to ring a bell, you can visit RedKettleReason.org to create an online kettle to raise funds for the program.

Meetings

The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

BENEFIT

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The event will be held at Tractor Supply at 1104 I-20 Service Road near the Roy Anderson Sports Complex on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tidwell said although he expects Happy Day to hold an adoption event in conjunction with Operation Santa Paws at Tractor Supply, the humane society will also be open at the same time for those consid-

ering adding on to their family.

"A rescue pet makes a great Christmas present," he said. "If you are going to get a pet for Christmas, why not make it a rescue? You take care of the kids but also you are taking care of a puppy."

Happy Day Humane Society is located at 5710 W. Interstate 20, off the north service road. For more information about the rescue organization, contact 432-267-7832.

"While Operation Santa Paws is scheduled as a one day event, the need exists throughout the year," Tidwell said. "If

you are interested in giving at any time... please call or make the short trip out the Happy Day Humane Society. If you are interested in donating (to Operation Santa Paws), but are unable to get to Tractor Supply the day of the event or to Happy Day Humane Society, then please feel free to call me at 432-213-2321, and we will have someone come and accept your donation."

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or email citydesk@big-springherald.com.

INDICTMENTS

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• **Mark Anthony Chavera**, 27, of 1108 W. 8th St., evading arrest with a vehicle, (third degree felony).

• **Rafael Jesus Hernandez Jr.**, 19, of 1519 Wood, evading arrest with a vehicle, (third degree felony).

• **Quincy Lamar Henry**, 30, 1406 Kentucky Way, Midland, criminal mischief, more than \$2,500 but less than \$30,000, (state jail felony), burglary of a habitation with commission of other felony (enhanced to a first degree felony).

• **Rodney Joseph Keleman**, 32, currently in the Nolan County jail, possession of a controlled substance, more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams, (third degree felony).

• **Phillip Samuel Lozano Jr.**, 27, of 1003 W. Seminary Dr., Fort Worth, Texas, burglary of a habitation intend assault, (second degree felony).

• **Kristin Shena Marmolejo**, 24, currently in the Howard County Detention Center, delivery of a controlled substance, more than 4 grams but less than 200 grams (second degree felony).

• **Anthony Diego Martinez**, 21, currently in the state jail, theft, less than \$1,500 with two prior convictions, (state jail felony).

• **Sadid Amir Yohann Muhammad**, 36, currently in the Howard County Detention Center, possession of marijuana, more than 50 pounds but less than 2,000, (second degree felony).

• **Akinlolu Ododo**, 23, of 3200 Avenue C., sexual assault, (second degree felony).

• **Michelle Nicole Prince**, 34, of 4510 Arlen Ave., Apt. 103 El Paso, possession of marijuana, more than 50 pounds but less than 2,000 pounds, (second degree felony).

• **Aaron Audrick Pena**, 19, of 600 E. 12th St., assault/family violence impeding breath or circulation (third degree felony); burglary of a habitation, (enhanced to a first degree felony).

• **Reymundo Perez Jr.**, 48, forgery, homeless, forgery, (state jail felony).

• **Chad Lee Puga**, 32, of 109 E. 16th St., theft, more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000, (state jail felony); burglary of a habitation, (third degree felony).

• **Roberto Saiz**, 49, of 901 Magnolia, secure execution of document by deception, more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000, (enhanced to a third degree felony).

• **Rachel Gutierrez Salinas**, 32, 6707 Robinson Rd., tampering with a governmental record, (state jail felony).

• **Ryan Allen Ward**, 23, 705 Craigmont, possession of a controlled

substance with intent to deliver, more than 4 grams but less than 200 grams, (first degree felony).

• **Preciliano Viera III**, 48, 1802 Owens, indecency with a child by sexual contact, (enhanced to a first degree felony).

• **Emmett Earl Woodard**, 55, 1819 Benton, criminal mischief, more than \$2,500 but less than \$30,000, (state jail felony).

• **Ashley Nicole Yanez**, 25, 1414 Wood St., secure execution of document by deception, more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000, (state jail felony).

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Big Ten:
Wisconsin, PSU concentrate on game, not playoff

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Paul Chryst and James Franklin left the outside world behind Friday.

As college football pundits debated whether two Big Ten teams should make the four-team playoff, the two coaches vying for a Big Ten championship Saturday night trained their attention on something less nebulous: Winning one more game.

For No. 6 Wisconsin and No. 8 Penn State, it's not the selection committee that matters right now. It's taking home the trophy and winning the title.

"The only thing that exists for us is Wisconsin and the Big Ten championship game," said Franklin, the Penn State coach. "I'm not going to

sit here and make a case for us. Our whole focus will be on Wisconsin and getting ready for this game."

That may sound good in the confines of a locker room or in a stadium decked out in cardinal and blue. Or at least until Sunday afternoon, when the playoff choices become final.

But even inside Lucas Oil Stadium, it's hard to move beyond the resumes of these teams.

Wisconsin (10-2, No. 6 CFP) earned its fourth division crown in six years with six straight victories and by posting a 3-2 mark against top-10 teams. The only stumbles were a seven-point loss at No. 2 Michigan and an overtime loss to No. 2 Ohio State.

"I think one quality of this team that I've appreciated a ton this year is their ability to make the most of the moment," Chryst said of his Badgers. "They've done a good job of that. So I don't spend any time thinking about what you're asking about (the playoffs). It's not a big deal right now. We'd be doing this game and this team a real disservice if we didn't put all of our energy into it."

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SEC:

Bama-Florida looks like mismatch

ATLANTA (AP) — Talk about a mismatch. Alabama's defense is the best in the nation. Florida's offense looks like one of the worst.

They'll face off Saturday in the Southeastern Conference championship game, with the top-ranked Crimson Tide (12-0, 8-0 SEC) heavily favored to lock up its third straight trip to the College Football Playoff with a victory over the No. 15 Gators (8-3, 6-2).

Alabama has not given up a defensive touchdown in 17 quarters, a span that covers its en-

tire November schedule. The Tide leads the nation in three major categories, giving up the fewest points, rushing yards and total yards.

"When we go out there Saturday, we just try to dominate," defensive lineman Jonathan Allen said. "Just do your

job and just dominate the opposing offense. That's the legacy."

Florida will get a jarring reminder of its high-scoring legacy when former coach Steve Spurrier helps with the coin toss before the game.

These Gators are certainly a long way from the Fun 'n' Gun days.

Over its last 10 quarters, Florida has scored just one offensive touchdown — a 98-yard pass from Austin Appleby to Tyrie Cleveland that sparked an SEC East-clinching win over LSU. The Gators rank No. 114 nationally in total yards, ahead of only six other Power Five schools, and they haven't shown much ability to move the ball either running or passing.

Now, this offensively challenged team must contend with the stingi-

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ACC:

Clemson not looking past Virginia Tech

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — There's one more hurdle in third-ranked Clemson's quest to get back to the College Football Playoff — Saturday night's Atlantic Coast Conference championship game against No. 19 Virginia Tech.

Win, and the Tigers (11-1, No. 3 CFP) are a lock for a berth in the national semifinals for the second straight season.

Lose, and the dream of resolving unfinished business in January is over for Deshaun Watson and Co.

"It's all about the finish now," coach Dabo Swinney said Friday. "The headline every-



body is going to remember is the last one."

For the record, Swinney was talking about his team's ACC aspirations.

In reality, anything short of making it back to next month's national title game — and winning — will be a huge disappointment for a team still drawing motivation from a six-point loss to Alabama in last season's final.

Underdog Virginia

Tech (9-3, No. 23 CFP) is intent on not only showing up, but making the most of its first appearance in the ACC championship game since 2011.

The Hokies, who last won the conference title in six years ago, reject the notion that all the pressure is on Clemson.

"That's not where we're at mentally. We know we have a tremendous challenge. We know we're playing a

well-coached, talented football team. But we didn't do all this work just to get here. We still have work left to do," Hokies coach Justin Fuente said.

"Our kids are prepared that way. And we know we have to play extremely well in order to get it close there at the end. But I've stayed away from (saying) 'you've got nothing to lose' because I don't believe that," Fuente, the ACC coach of the year, added. "I think we've got a great opportunity, and we've got a great group of kids that have worked incredibly hard

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Roger's Reviews: Moana



By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

By a lot of metrics, "Moana," the new offering from Walt Disney Studios, is a great film.

The animated musical feature starts off with some backstory: The demigod Maui (Dwayne Johnson) has a lot of adventures, including stealing the magical Eye of the creation goddess Te Fiti. This causes a curse of darkness and decay which begins to spread

across the islands of Polynesia. Then, we're introduced to Moana (pronounced Mo-ana, not Moan-a, Auli'i Cravalho). She's the daughter of an island chief with an affinity for the water. When the curse starts to affect the islands food supply (coconuts are blighted, fishing yields fewer fish), Moana suggests fishing outside the lagoon in the open sea, but her father, Chief Tui (Temuera Morrison) shoots down the idea as too dangerous. Moana's grandmother Tala (Rachel House), the "crazy lady" of the island, encourages her to pursue her dreams, and shows her some giant canoes hidden in a cave; the islanders used to be travelers and explorers. Moana has a vision urging her to seek out Maui and get him to restore the Eye of Te Fiti to the goddess and lift the curse. Even after discovering the demigod, she must convince him to return the Eye, help him retrieve his magical fishhook from a giant crab (Jermaine Clement of "Flight of the Conchords") in the Realm of Monsters, and face the evil fire demon Te Ka.

Alan Tudyk, "Firefly"'s talented "Leaf on the Wind" pilot Wash, lends his voice talents in "Moana" to a character of inspired and transcendent idiocy, Heihei the rooster. Not that there's much to voice, a few noises here and there, but Tudyk probably got a paycheck for it.

Like most animation from the major production companies these days, "Moana" is a beautifully drawn art piece. Characters are iconic and recognizable, penned with a style that enhances the story. The settings are well-conceived and interesting to the eye.

The voice acting is well-done. Johnson's Maui is annoying when he should be annoying (and some-

times when he should be heroic). Cravalho carries Moana's emotions of doubt, fear, and longing well; and her stubborn persistence to save her island is inspiring. House's Grandma Tala is an able mentor.

There's a fair amount of humor in the movie. That rooster. Heihei is just so stupid. Maui's interactions with Moana are pretty funny, especially when the duo first meet. Maui's tattoos with a life of their own, and his attempts to re-master shapeshifting when he regains his magic hook.

One area that was a bit hit and miss was the music. Disney animated movies are known for iconic songs, from the beginning with "Snow White"'s "Whistle While You Work" to "The Little Mermaid"'s "Under the Sea" to the recent ubiquitousness of "Frozen's "Let It Go." When you see a Disney animated feature, you expect a big blowout song. Moana has some decent music, notably "Shiny," sung by Clement's giant gold-encrusted crab; and "You're Welcome," Maui's egotistical hymn of self worship, ably voiced by The Rock. But the remainder of the film's songs, including Moana's "inspirational" song "How Far I'll Go" just seems kinda...blah. I mean, it's competent, but kinda flavorless.

All in all, Moana is a good effort. Kids will like it. Music needs work. Seven and a half stars out of 10.

Moana
Directors: Ron Clements, John Musker, Don Hall, Chris Williams

Writers: Screenplay by Jared Bush; Story by Ron Clements, John Musker, Chris Williams, Don Hall, Pamela Ribon, Aaron Kandell, and Jordan Kandell.

Production companies: Walt Disney Pictures, Walt Disney Animation Studios

PG, 103 min., Animation/Adventure/Comedy, Nov. 23, 2016

Roger saw this movie at Big Spring's own Cinemark Cinema 4, located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. For more information visit www.cinemark.com and enter the ZIP Code 79720.



South Texas children participated in CRMWD's sponsored deer hunt of the season



Courtesy photo

Hunters bottom row, left, Deray, Ty, Aaray, Isaiah, and Edna participated in the CRMWD's first antlerless/spike deer hunt of the 2016/2017 season. The kids are residents at a Texas children's home. Assisting the hunters were guides, top row, left, Mark Halfmann, Joel, Jacob, Chris Grimes, and Monica Minzenmeyer.

On Oct. 29, the Colorado River Municipal Water District hosted its first antlerless/spike deer hunt of the 2016/2017 season for kids from a Texas children's home. Four boys and one girl from the children's home participated in the doe and spike hunt. The kids enjoyed a very comfortable morning hunt and an unseasonably warm afternoon hunt.

An anonymous donor from Nebraska donated several gift cards for prizes. Each child received a participation gift card, and additional cards were awarded for the harvest of the biggest doe, biggest spike, best shot at the shooting range, and a luck of the draw prize. Biggest doe honors went to Edna (guided by Monica Minzenmeyer). Her doe weighed in at 78 lbs. Edna bagged three deer during the hunt. The biggest spike prize went to Isaiah (guided by Chris Grimes). Isaiah also earned the title of "best shot" at the shooting range which earned him another gift card. The Luck of the Draw card went to Ty (guided by Mark Halfmann). For some of the hunters, this was their first deer ever taken and they were very excited to do so.

A grilled hamburger meal with fixings, chips and cookies was provided by the Ballinger Morning Lions Club.

David and Vicky Steward of Voss provided breakfast and soft drinks for the hunters. Paige Grimes of Ballinger and Norene Jamison of Voss also provided treats and homemade cookies for the kids.

Those assisting as hunting guides were Monica Minzenmeyer of Rowena, Chris Grimes of Ballinger, and Mark Halfmann of San Angelo, along with Joel and Jacob of the children's home.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Warden Jacob Crumpton of Concho County gave an informative Q & A program.

Deer corn was provided by the Coleman Grain Inc. of Coleman, Shopping Basket (IGA) of Ballinger, and Ballinger Feed & Seed of Ballinger.

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Family: Wife: Cathy Green; Sons: Wesley Porras, Justin Green and Charles Green; Daughter: Dominique Green Smith; Son-in-law: Scott Smith; Grandchildren: Khalil and Kylie.

Hobbies, organizations, clubs: Greater Big Spring Rotary Club; Knights of Columbus; Golf (love it).

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Seminole has a new watering hole

If you drive along Seminole's Main Street you notice a building with an upstairs open-air patio. It's a place to drink and dine called Perica's Terrace. Perica in Spanish means parakeet or small parrot. "Perica is my wife," says Mike Diaz, who built the place. "Her name is Anna, but she got the nickname Perica because as a young child she was always talking loud. Her parents jokingly called her Perica."

Perica's Terrace serves food and alcohol. "Anna and I have always wanted to own a place like this. We thought about buying one or building one. We thought about locating further east, but since we were raised here, our kids and parents are here, we have good friends here, so we decided that it would be a good thing for

Seminole."

Perica's Terrace has a dining room downstairs and a covered patio in back, which has a colorful plastic parrot on a stand. A stairway takes customers to the upstairs area that has a comfortable atmosphere with cushioned chairs and couches. Waitresses don't seem to mind the climb when they're delivering orders of food or drink. From the upstairs terrace, patrons get a view of the town.

"We pretty much established it as a wine bar," says Mike. "You know, try to serve a good variety of wines. We also wanted to offer a good variety of cocktails and beer. We serve food, but it's not a full service restaurant. We try to make something different every day for lunch. We have a salad bar. In the evenings we have an entrée for every different day."

Seminole is not completely wet when it comes to serving liquor in restaurants, so if customers want a drink, they have to buy temporary memberships. Mike says when he opened this past

summer, customers filled the place.

"It was a very popular response. We had a certain amount of yearly memberships which sold out the first week."

The structure housing the establishment was originally built around 1940 and was home to an eating-place called Master's Café. Mike has a construction company and he got a crew together to re-do the building. He and Anna had no experience whatsoever in running a restaurant or bar.

"It's very exciting and we enjoy it. We traveled around the country visiting places like this. We saw one in San Francisco that had a unique entrance and we sort of copied it."

Mike is a musician. "My five brothers and I had a band and did some recordings. Sometimes we'll play some of our stuff over the speakers in the restaurant."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"It was the wind"

To the Editor:

He'd carved his name and dates on Big Spring State Park roads as did almost everyone in those early 1900 days. He walked the foothills and the dam (behind Walmart) when it was unbroken, explored the caves of South Mountain and swam in the historic spring.

This former Big Spring pioneer was to be quizzed with a question about his reason for leaving Big Spring when there (then) was good family business at 3rd and Main. A new innovation - the automobile - was beginning to make its presence through his older brother. He departed to the Navy and the battleship Texas than relocated to live at the edge of Texas national forest in a small town. The town he chose had lost its economic soul. The town that would be little changed by the future Great Depression. No electricity in rural areas. Little more variety than a rail depot, post office, service station, and saw mill. No highway stop light. Speeding trains threw incoming postal mail sacks to the ground for pick up rather than stop. Once through, it had been a premier, respect place known in New York and its product highly esteemed as being number 1 in the U.S. Decades of degeneration followed and it was forgotten after the United States changed a tariff policy. It would lose what was then called a college, later to become a grammar school. A grand place for growing up youngsters - free roam, vine swinging into rivers, fields of red clover to the horizons. A big event was turning out school to fight forest fires. Fortunately, a major highway ran through its

middle and eventually became part of an interstate. "What was it that caused that person to leave Big Spring, a then good family business?" The reply came back simple, trite, but startling. "It was the wind." Unfortunately, the pioneer didn't live to see his memorable wind dilemma become a Big Spring economic friend nor his small town in regeneration later supplying a president to the Texas Municipal league - that guides all Texas towns and cities. This true story holds a couple of strategic messages for our Big Spring. Are we overlooking a natural asset as did he and could we become a town mimicking in some of the ways to where he moved and taking generations to regenerate unrecognized assets?

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Bobby McDonald
Big Spring, TX

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DAILY PRAYER

Your love, Lord, can change all our works
this day in strange and wondrous ways.
Amen.

Rescue dogs roll the dice

I really don't know if old dogs can be taught new tricks. A more pertinent question is whether a couple of canines can —or choose —to remember old tricks.

Early on, they understood the "do-you-want-to-go" question warrants affirmative response. The query usually means trips to the store, bank or post office. The possibility of such trips offer numerous pleasures, including partially open thrust through ready access to fresh air.

If they were kittens, they'd offer loudest purrs upon hearing comments that rescue dogs are smarter. Instead, they kick tail-wagging into high gear, indicating that all —or at least much — is well in their world.

Such trips are interspersed with occasional other "go" offers that result in visits to the vet or the groomer.

Neither is a favorite destination. On such occasions, they droop, as if betrayed. Thankfully, memories seem short. Soon, the "go" word again is regarded as a signal of auto rides to more favored places.

After experiencing a short ride in a "runaway car," however, they may re-think their stance on whether to remain eternal optimists concerning the appeal

of bounding into the garage and hopping into the car.

I was an eye-witness to the accident, trying my best to jump back into my car, where gear shift — intended to have been left in "P" — was in the "N" position instead.

Sadie, our mostly Jack Russell terrier, and Sailor — perhaps a purebred Daschund — accompanied me to pick up pizza. They were stationed in the backseat, having learned recently that when the console lid is raised, they are forbidden to join me in the front seat.

On the return trip home, I spotted our community's largest commercial building, an attractive new three-story structure under construction. It is topped by a clock tower that is bound to become a conversation piece.

Remembering my intent to write about the clock, I stopped at a grocery store parking lot across the street. (It should be noted that my parked vehicle was "pointed" toward Renfro Street, one of Burleson's busiest thoroughfares.)

I stood beside my car, bracing my arm on the open door while trying to figure out how to use my flip phone as a camera. I felt the door leaving me as the car coozed slowly forward, and I attempted to jump back in the car.

I fell, wondering why I felt no pain as the rear wheel rolled over about a one-inch width of my size 12 foot.

I had a "worm's eye" view, sprawled on the parking lot, as my car rolled slowly across four lanes of traffic. It jumped the

curb on the other side, soon coming to a stop by a security fence surrounding the new structure.

Embarrassed, I surveyed the scene quickly to see if there were witnesses. There were many. About 15 motorists in the four lanes somehow stopped to give my errant vehicle wide berth.

Seconds later, I jogged across the street, happy to see my dogs had remembered to stay in the backseat. I don't guess if I'll ever know if they were obedient, traumatized or realized that if they'd jumped forward, they'd have distanced themselves from the aroma of pizza in the trunk.

Upon re-parking at the grocery store, three motorists drove alongside to make sure I was okay. Then, one of Burleson's finest arrived in a squad car. He offered to call an ambulance, but I "poo-pooed" such action. My foot didn't hurt, then or later. Before leaving the scene, I made a photograph—WITH MY FLIP PHONE — and without assistance.

The accident knocked my bumper off, and my son-in-law repaired it. Yes, the pizza was good, and no, I didn't file an insurance claim. The dogs still enjoy car rides, but now, only with my wife. If I invite them, they head for their beds, pulling the covers over their heads....

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DR. DON NEWBURY

SEC

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est defense in the land.

Coach Jim McElwain joked that it might be best to skip the filmwork this week, just so his players wouldn't realize what they're up against.

Then he turned serious. "The thing you point out is really how close you are from a consistency standpoint," McElwain said, doing his best to put a positive spin on such a dire predicament. "We had our opportunities last couple games, yet the mindset of finishing is something we have to do."

Good luck with that against the Tide, which has given up 10 points or less in eight games.

"Obviously with these guys that we're playing, the thing that really stands out is how short the explosive play reel is when you look at it," McElwain said. "They don't give a lot of big plays up. You've got to go earn it."

Under coach Nick Saban, Alabama has certainly earned the right to be called one of college football's greatest dynasties. Since the beginning of the 2008 season, the Tide is 110-12 with four national championships.

Saban has won five national titles during his career, leaving him one shy of the record held by Bear Bryant.

Of course, Saban is merely focused on the next one.

"Can't really fall in love with what we've done in the past," he said.

Some things to watch for Saturday at the Georgia Dome:

HURTS BLOSSOMS: While defense is always the name of the game at Alabama, the development of freshman quarterback Jalen Hurts has been a major part of the Tide's success. He took over the starting job in Week 2 and gave the offense a dual threat, throwing for 2,454 yards and 21 touchdowns and running for 840 yards and

12 TDs. Saban is most impressed with his maturity. "He really has a resiliency just to come back and focus on the next play," the coach said.

LOCKDOWN CORNERS: Hurts will have to contend with two of the country's best cornerbacks. Teez Tabor has four interceptions, Quincy Wilson has three, and both have returned a pick for a touchdown. If the Gators are to have any chance against Alabama, it's likely that either Tabor and Wilson will have to come up with a game-changing play.

KIFFIN'S FUTURE: There's plenty of speculation about how much longer Lane Kiffin will be Alabama's offensive coordinator. He's been mentioned for head coach openings at Oregon and Houston, and LSU new coach, Ed Orgeron, reportedly wants Kiffin as his offensive coordinator. "I know nothing about it," Saban said. "He's never mentioned it to me. I'm sure he would if there was something out there."

DAVIS RETURNS: Florida linebacker Jarrad Davis, the team's defensive leader and second-leading tackler, returned to practice this week after missing three games with ankle injuries. He's a senior and Georgia native who desperately wants to play in the title game. "If you can give the team one play, whatever that play might be, that's what it's all about," McElwain said.

STORIED RIVALS: It's only appropriate that Alabama and Florida meet in the SEC's 25th annual championship game. They played in the first three contests, and this will be their ninth meeting overall with the title on the line. In a nod to the inaugural game in 1992, the coin toss will be conducted by Spurrier, former Alabama coach Gene Stallings and Roy Kramer, who was SEC commissioner at the time. "It's two storied programs, two programs that year in and year out expect to be in Atlanta," McElwain said.

Big 12:

Bedlam rivalry reaches new heights

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — It's another high-stakes Bedlam game for Oklahoma and Oklahoma State.

The Cowboys have emerged in the past decade under coach Mike Gundy, turning the showdown into much more than just a yearly meeting between schools from the same state.

Oklahoma leads the series 85-18-7, but Saturday's meeting will be the second straight that will decide the Big 12 title. A win for the Cowboys would be their second over the Sooners in three years and second straight in Norman, and it would give them their second conference title under Gundy. Matchups in 2008, 2010, 2011 and 2013 also affected the conference title race.

"I think what's encouraging for the state of Oklahoma is that for a considerable number of times over the last six years, these two schools have gotten together to decide a conference championship, and I don't

think we can ask for anything else," Gundy said.

Seventh-ranked Oklahoma (9-2, 8-0, No. 9 CFP) has won eight straight since a rough start, while No. 11 Oklahoma State (9-2, 7-1, No. 10 CFP) has won seven in a row since losing to Baylor. Both teams still have an outside shot at reaching the College Football Playoff.

"The only thing that we can control is how we play Saturday," Gundy said. "What I told them is that I wanted them to play how they've played the last two months because as a coach it's enjoyable to watch them. They play for each other. There aren't any selfish players on the field, and I would fully expect them to play that way Saturday. Then, we can worry about the playoff system next Monday."

Oklahoma State quarterback Mason Rudolph has much to gain against the Sooners. While Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield has been men-

tioned in the Heisman Trophy race and is the defending Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year, Rudolph could shake things up by outplaying his more decorated counterpart and getting a win.

Rudolph barely played during Oklahoma's 58-23 win last season. But he is healthy this season.

"It's what you look forward to all season long, and last year, I kind of let it slip through my grip," he said. "Injuries happen, but I was kind of angry that I wasn't able to play and be at 100 percent. I've got a completely different mindset this year, and I'm ready to get out there and play in the game."

Here are some things to watch Saturday:

MAYFIELD TO NY? Mayfield, who leads the nation in passing efficiency, could make a serious statement to Heisman voters with a strong performance. He wasn't invited to New York for last year's Heisman ceremony.

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for this opportunity."

Five things to know about the first ACC title matchup between Clemson and Virginia Tech since 2010:

ASK ME LATER: Swinney was asked how he feels about the prospect of second-ranked Ohio State receiving a spot in the CFP without playing in Saturday's Big Ten championship game, possibly over the winner of that game or another league champion. "Ask me that on Sunday. Right now, it's about beating Virginia Tech. That's really all that matters to me. I could care less about Ohio State or any of the rest of them. We've got to focus on what we're trying to do," the Clemson coach said.

"When it's over on Sunday, I think it would be a very clear picture. I think the committee will get it right," Swinney added. "But for us, we just want to win and be there."

HELLO, JUMBO: When

Clemson absolutely needs to convert a short-yardage situation, it calls in the heavy offensive artillery — namely, 310-pound defensive end Christian Wilkins and 340-pound defensive tackle Dexter Lawrence. The two typically pave the way for a Tiger runner like Wayne Gallman to get through the stacked up front and into the end zone. Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said the pair of defensive starters are athletic and adept at moving their feet to get in front of bull-rushing defenders. Wilkins is so agile, in fact, the Tigers have used him as an offensive weapon. He caught a fake punt pass for a first down in the College Football Playoff win over Oklahoma last season. This year, Wilkins caught a TD pass in Clemson's 30-24 win over Troy in September. He also converted a first-down on a 10-yard run on a fake punt against North Carolina State.

BUCKY FACTOR: The Hokies always have a mismatch in the passing game with 6-foot-7 Bucky Hodges, who has played more wide receiver than tight

end this year. Hodges is third on the Hokies with 42 receptions, but tied for the lead with seven catches for touchdowns. He's too big for cornerbacks and safeties to cover one-on-one, too fast for most linebackers and a great attention-taker to free WRs Isaiah Ford and Cam Phillips to make things happen.

WAIT FOR IT: Clemson receiver Mike Williams leads the Tigers with 79 catches for 1,114 yards and 10 touchdowns. He's surpassed 1,000 yards in receiving yards for the second time in three full seasons, yet was not in the mix for the Biletnikoff Award given to college football's best receiver. Don't worry too much, Swinney told Williams, he'll hear his name called first when it matters most at the NFL draft. The 6-foot-3, 225-pound Williams is expected to be a first-round selection at next spring's draft. "I think he's the most complete guy that we've had," Swinney said of a list that includes first-round picks in Deandre Hopkins (2013) and Sammy Watkins (2014).

BIG TEN

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Penn State (10-2, No. 7) is the surprise newcomer to championship weekend.

It got here by winning eight straight since a 39-point drubbing at the hands of Michigan in late September. And while they only played one ranked team during that stretch, they did hand the Buckeyes their only loss of the season.

Franklin declined several times to explain why his own team deserved to play for the national championship, though he did imply the Nittany Lions may have won the nation's toughest division — the Big Ten East.

He'd just rather let the conference title make the case for him.

"I'm not sure about resumes, what resumes have to do with the Big Ten championship game," Franklin said. "I think to play for a Big Ten championship is a tremendous honor on its own and then to find a way to win this game and take that baby home would be great."

Here are some other things to watch Saturday:

INJURY WATCH

Penn State running back Saquon Barkley looks good to go Franklin. "He's been drinking a lot of milk all week and orange juice and vitamin C," Franklin said before turning to a reference from "The Karate Kid." "We flew in Mr. Miyagi, hit him on the ankle with the hands."

The bigger question will be Wisconsin quarterback Alex Hornibrook, who left last week's game with a head injury and is questionable. If Hornibrook plays, Chryst will likely use his starter and backup Bart Houston. Otherwise, Houston will have to win it. Wisconsin also lists defensive lineman Conor Sheehy (right arm) as questionable.

GETTING DEFENSIVE

In an era where gaudy offensive numbers and high-scoring games have become the norm, these teams are throwbacks — relying heavily on the run and stout defenses. Wisconsin leads the nation with 21 interceptions, 11 in the past three weeks. Penn State finished fourth in the Big Ten in total defense and hasn't allowed a touchdown in its last two games.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Indiana has been a fertile ground for both teams recently. The Badgers have won eight straight regular-season games against Purdue and Indiana and won two of the first three title games in Indy. Penn State, meanwhile, is making its third trip to the state since Oct. 29 when they routed Purdue 62-24. Two weeks later, they hung on for a 45-31 victory at Indiana.

GETTING CLOSE?

Wisconsin won the Big Ten's inaugural title game 42-39 in 2011 and Michigan State drove for a late score to beat Iowa 16-13 last year. In between, the games have been mostly blowouts. This time, at least on paper, it looks like a more evenly matched contest — one that may whip the large crowd into a frenzy Saturday night.

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| James T. Shelton, 704 Capri Court, Res re-roof, Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$25 | Carol Stephens, 1907 Birdwell Lane, Com addition, Val: \$25,000, Fee: \$135 | Erica Dawn Cate, 3225 Cornell Ave., Res re-roof, Val: \$5,685, Fee: \$40 |
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| Bobbie Johnston Easterling, 2107 Runnels St., Res re-roof, Val: \$4,000, Fee: \$30 | Kinsey Hansen, 1729 Yale Ave., Res elec, Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$25 | Jeffrey Ward, 608 Edwards Blvd., Res re-roof, Val: \$3,500, Fee: \$30 |
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Public records

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 Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6th St. #19, Big Spring
 Corina Avila, 1800 Winston St., Big Spring
 Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring
 Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake
 Vanessa Malu Calderon, 2600 Chanute Dr., Big Spring
 Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17th St., Big Spring
 Gloria Cerna, PO Box 55, Lamesa
 Pedro Chavarria, 1408 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
 Matilda Cortez, 302 N. St. Teresa, Stanton
 Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble
 Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
 Selena Bethani Enriquez-

- King, 100 E. Parker, Midland
 Jose Enrique Faz, 509 N. Goliad, Big Spring
 Juana Fierro, 406 N.W. 5th St., Big Spring
 Michael Dean Fleming, 5216 Tremont Ave Apt 901, Midland
 William Gene Garner, 704 Rosemont, Big Spring
 Anthony Ray Garza, 117 E. Davis, Big Spring
 Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring
 James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler St. #502, Atlanta
 Christina Nichole Gutierrez, 2809 25th St., Snyder
 Dylan Hammons, 4401 E. 11th Place, Big Spring
 Christi Grant Harrison, 5621 E. Midway Rd., Big Spring
 Adela Juarez Hernandez, 908 NW First St., Big Spring
 Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E. 4th St., San Angelo
 Kaleb Hill, 910 Baylor, Big Spring
 Shatiya Lasha Jenkins, 4590 N. Texas #198, Odessa

- Stephanie Ford Johnson, P.O. Box 483, Coahoma
 Keith James Kochmick, 1003 Stadium, Big Spring
 Caleb Browning Lyle, 1603 Vines, Big Spring
 Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa
 Ruann R. Martinez, 1005 N.W. 2nd St., Big Spring
 Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring
 Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover No. 236, Big Spring
 Nicole Preston, 1605 E. 11th Place, Big Spring
 George Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Rd. #14, Big Spring
 Andy Rodriguez, 1904 Runnels Street, Big Spring
 Linda Eva Rodriguez, 2519 Gunter Circle, Big Spring
 Juan Romero, 2504 March Circle, Big Spring
 Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road, Big Spring
 Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar P.O. Box 173, Colorado City

- Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W. Highway 80, Big Spring
 Stacie Lyanne Salas, 5102 Wasson Road, Big Spring
 Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place 301, Big Spring
 Brandy Logsdon Stanislaus, 2507 Carol Dr., Big Spring
 Kendra D. Tatum, 412 S. Moss Lake Rd, Big Spring
 Joe Anthony Villarreal, 2206 Cecilia, Big Spring
 Ricky Lynn Waltenbaugh, 538 Westover Road Apt. # 133, Big Spring
 Linda Cortez White, 6601 E. Robinson Rd., P.O. Box 429, Coahoma
 Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connery, Big Spring
 Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses

- Jared Lane Scott, 24, of Big Spring and Ariel Chanel Watson, 19, of Lubbock.
 Vicente Ortiz Maldonado, 25,

- and Sylvia Yvette Hinojos, 25, both of Odessa.
 Gurinder Singh, 28, and Kandy Dawn Joy, 39, both of Big Spring.
 Gail Lee Damgaard, 53, and Jennifer Lee Knoke, 51, both of Big Spring.
 Leohono Lorenzo Herrera, 68, and Evelyn Elaine Clark, 59, both of Big Spring.
 Rickey Jay White, 29, and Pam Kay Gruis, 41, both of Big Spring.

County Court Judgments

- (Note: The State of Texas is listed as prosecutor for all county court judgments)
 Defendant: Gilbert Jimenez
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Trustworthy pet care

For pet owners looking for a safe place to house their furry friend, locally kenneling or boarding your animal is a great option. Still, the thought of leaving your family pet with strangers can be worrisome. Whether you're going out of town for just the Christmas weekend or taking an extended winter vacation, Better Business Bureau advises you to do some research to ensure your pet is in good hands.

According to the U.S. Humane Society, family, friends or neighbors may not have the experience or time to properly look after your pet. It's recommended that you leave pet care to the professionals, such as a pet sitter or boarding kennel. However, it's important to know what to look for when searching for trustworthy care.

Last year, BBB received more than 350 complaints against pet day care, boarding, kenneling and sitting services nationwide. Complaints allege problems with billing, as well as concerns about the treatment of their pet. Some owners allege their pets were neglected and without access to food and water for several hours after staying with these facilities. A few even allege their pet became ill after their brief stay at certain kennels. For those looking to board their pets during the holidays, BBB offers the following tips:

- Ask for recommendations. Turn to friends and family members who own animals for recommendations on where they take their furry friend. Do your research, select a few kennels and confirm that there will be availability for your pet when you need it. Additionally, check out any recommendations at bbb.org to see their BBB rating and history of complaints.

- Schedule a visit. Ask to tour the facilities and make sure the conditions are livable and in good condition. Check for cleanliness outside and inside and note the overall safety of the kennel and cages. If your pet is prone to running away, ask about steps the kennel takes to make the facility secure.

- Ask about interactions between animals. Some kennels let animals play together while others keep them separate at all times. Make sure the facility requires that all entering pets have proof of immunization. Also, ask about its policies regarding flea and tick control.

- Take notice of the staff. Ask about the background and experience of company staff and take a few moments to see how they interact with the other pets that are being boarded. Find out who will be feeding your pet and what they will be fed. Also, find out if staff members play with or take pets on daily walks, especially if you have a dog.

- Thoroughly read the boarding agreement. Verify it includes the feeding and exercise schedule, as well as pick up and drop off hours. Some facilities offer bathing, nail trimming and immunization as additional services. Make sure these and any other additional fees, like medical emergencies or other care, are included in the agreement.

- Be prepared. Before you board your pet, make sure that you have your pet's medications and special food (if any), your veterinarian's phone

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Defendant: John C. Rutherford
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Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 12 months.
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District Court Filings

Howard County et al vs. James Morales, tax case
Howard County et al vs. Allen Gilbert, tax case
Howard County et al vs.

Ruth Sewell, tax case
City of Big Spring, Howard County et al, Big Spring ISD, City of Coahoma, City of Forsan, Forsan ISD, Howard County Water Control and Improvement District #1, Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District, Howrd County Junior College District vs. C.C. Nix Estate, tax case
Horace Carroll vs The Hartford Insurance aka Southern County Mutual Insurance Company, injury/damage – motor vehicles
William Barnes vs. Lisa Barnes, divorce
Lawrence Linson vs. Carolyn Malenick, injury/damage – motor vehicles
Jason Seay-Davidson, individually and as next friend of H.A.D. vs. Joseph Riley Knowles, Joseph Michael Knowles, and Lisa Ann Porras, injury/damage – motor vehicles
State of Texas vs. David Rios, civil cases relating to criminal matters

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Ricky L. Hyatt
Grantee: Elizabeth Ann Nichols
Property: South 2/3 of Tract 19A2, Silver Heels Subdivision, Lots 14 and 19, Sec. 18, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey.
Date: Nov. 23, 2016

Grantor: Librado and Eliese Hernandez
Grantee: James and Krissann McKinnon
Property: Lot 40, Blk. 3, College Park Estates
Date: Nov. 23, 2016

Grantor: Willie L. Garrett
Grantee: DRK Investments LLC
Property: Lot 2, Blk. 28, Original Town of Forsan.
Date: Nov. 28, 2016

Grantor: Lucy Flores
Grantee: Nadia Torres
Property: Lots 5 and 6, Blk. 3, Sunset place Addition
Date: Nov. 28, 2016

Grantor: J. Kilgore and Barbara Sue Kilgore
Grantee: Jeffrey Bunch
Property: Lot 19, Blk. 19, Monticello Addition
Date: Nov. 28, 2016

Grantor: Donald R. and Mavis E. Taylor
Grantee: Robert L. and Gloria J. Hanson
Property: A 5.83-acre tract in NE/4 Sec. 27, Blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: Nov. 28, 2016

Grantor: Norman L. Rains
Grantee: Juan F. and Ines V. Ramos
Property: Surface estate only of Lot 3, Blk. 1, Mesa Addition.
Date: Nov. 28, 2016

Grantor: Olga O. Solis
Grantee: Abel Solis
Property: E/65 feet and S/100 feet of SW/4 Blk. 21, College Heights Addition
Date: Nov. 29, 2016

Grantor: Raymond M. Hattenbach and Phyllis H. Labbe, co-independent executors of the estate of Douglas E. Hattenbach, deceased.
Grantee: Jose Cibrian Cuevas
Property: Lot 10 and E/2 Lot 9, Blk. 3, May Thixton Addition.
Date: Nov. 29, 2016

Grantor: Shirley Shroyer, individually and as trustee of the Sonny Shroyer Bypass Trust
Grantee: Moss Lake Resources LLC
Property: Tract 1: Surface estate and 1/2 minerals of a 320-acre tract in S/2 Sec. 11, Blk. 33, T-2-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey; Tract 2: 106 2/3 acres in N/2 Sec. 13, BLK.

33, T-2-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey; Tract 3: Sec. 23, Blk. 33, T-2-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey; Tract 4: Non-executive right in 1/2 of minerals in Sec. 14, BLK. 33, T-2-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey.
Date: Nov. 30, 2016

Grantor: MA Snell Investment Fund LLC with Marion A. Snell, trustee.
Grantee: Moss Creek Resources LLC
Property: Surface estate only of 98.42-acre tract in Sec. 36, Blk. 33, T-2-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: Nov. 30, 2016

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Liens

Grantor: Gary Lee Christian and Wendy Gwen Christian
Grantee: Traci C. and Anthon Kael Phillips
Property: A 10.0-acre tract in SW/4 Sec. 41, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: Nov. 28, 2016

Grantor: Dale and T.J. Walker
Grantee: Kenneth James Hudson
Property: A 9.64-acre tract in NE/4 Sec. 44, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: Nov. 29, 2016

Grantor: Eddie and Tina Earls
Grantee: Stetson and Linda Earls
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Date: Nov. 8, 2016

Defendant: Gilbert Lopez
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 12 months.
Date: Nov. 8, 2016

Defendant: John C. Rutherford
Offense: Terroristic threat placing a person in fear of serious bodily injury.
Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 12 months.
Date: Nov. 17, 2016

District Court Filings

Howard County et al vs. James Morales, tax case
Howard County et al vs. Allen Gilbert, tax case
Howard County et al vs.

Ruth Sewell, tax case
City of Big Spring, Howard County et al, Big Spring ISD, City of Coahoma, City of Forsan, Forsan ISD, Howard County Water Control and Improvement District #1, Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District, Howard County Junior College District vs. C.C. Nix Estate, tax case
Horace Carroll vs The Hartford Insurance aka Southern County Mutual Insurance Company, injury/damage – motor vehicles
William Barnes vs. Lisa Barnes, divorce
Lawrence Linson vs. Carolyn Malenick, injury/damage – motor vehicles
Jason Seay-Davidson, individually and as next friend of H.A.D. vs. Joseph Riley Knowles, Joseph Michael Knowles, and Lisa Ann Porras, injury/damage – motor vehicles
State of Texas vs. David Rios, civil cases relating to criminal matters

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Ricky L. Hyatt
Grantee: Elizabeth Ann Nichols
Property: South 2/3 of Tract 19A2, Silver Heels Subdivision, Lots 14 and 19, Sec. 18, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey.
Date: Nov. 23, 2016

Grantor: Librado and Eliese Hernandez
Grantee: James and Krissann McKinnon
Property: Lot 40, Blk. 3, College Park Estates
Date: Nov. 23, 2016

Grantor: Willie L. Garrett
Grantee: DRK Investments LLC
Property: Lot 2, Blk. 28, Original Town of Forsan.
Date: Nov. 28, 2016

Grantor: Lucy Flores
Grantee: Nadia Torres
Property: Lots 5 and 6, Blk. 3, Sunset place Addition
Date: Nov. 28, 2016

Grantor: J. Kilgore and Barbara Sue Kilgore
Grantee: Jeffrey Bunch
Property: Lot 19, Blk. 19, Monticello Addition
Date: Nov. 28, 2016

Grantor: Donald R. and Mavis E. Taylor
Grantee: Robert L. and Gloria J. Hanson
Property: A 5.83-acre tract in NE/4 Sec. 27, Blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: Nov. 28, 2016

Grantor: Norman L. Rains
Grantee: Juan F. and Ines V. Ramos
Property: Surface estate only of Lot 3, Blk. 1, Mesa Addition.
Date: Nov. 28, 2016

Grantor: Olga O. Solis
Grantee: Abel Solis
Property: E/65 feet and S/100 feet of SW/4 Blk. 21, College Heights Addition
Date: Nov. 29, 2016

Grantor: Raymond M. Hattenbach and Phyllis H. Labbe, co-independent executors of the estate of Douglas E. Hattenbach, deceased.
Grantee: Jose Cibrian Cuevas
Property: Lot 10 and E/2 Lot 9, Blk. 3, May Thixton Addition.
Date: Nov. 29, 2016

Grantor: Shirley Shroyer, individually and as trustee of the Sonny Shroyer Bypass Trust
Grantee: Moss Lake Resources LLC
Property: Tract 1: Surface estate and 1/2 minerals of a 320-acre tract in S/2 Sec. 11, Blk. 33, T-2-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey; Tract 2: 106 2/3 acres in N/2 Sec. 13, BLK.

33, T-2-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey; Tract 3: Sec. 23, Blk. 33, T-2-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey; Tract 4: Non-executive right in 1/2 of minerals in Sec. 14, BLK. 33, T-2-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey.
Date: Nov. 30, 2016

Grantor: MA Snell Investment Fund LLC with Marion A. Snell, trustee.
Grantee: Moss Creek Resources LLC
Property: Surface estate only of 98.42-acre tract in Sec. 36, Blk. 33, T-2-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: Nov. 30, 2016

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Liens

Grantor: Gary Lee Christian and Wendy Gwen Christian
Grantee: Traci C. and Anthon Kael Phillips
Property: A 10.0-acre tract in SW/4 Sec. 41, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: Nov. 28, 2016

Grantor: Dale and T.J. Walker
Grantee: Kenneth James Hudson
Property: A 9.64-acre tract in NE/4 Sec. 44, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: Nov. 29, 2016

Grantor: Eddie and Tina Earls
Grantee: Stetson and Linda Earls
Property: SW/4 Blk. 21 College Heights Addition
Date: Nov. 29, 2016

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number and emergency contact numbers. If your pet has a specific meal plan or medications, make sure to write down the amount and schedule that is unique to your pet.

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6.80 miles west of Big Spring
A-1349, Section 34, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8500 feet
185' FNL, 1372' FEL of 640.85-acre lease
185' FNL, 1372' FEL of the survey

Partee Drilling, Inc.
110 W. 22nd
Big Spring, TX 79721-0000
Jack Richardson, Engineer
(432) 263-0632

#1 Horace Garrett Estate et al, re-completion, El: NA
Signal Peak (Wolfcamp) Field, API #42-227-34405
7 miles northeast of Forsan
A-461, Section 97, Block 29, W&NW RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8900 feet
660' FEL, 660' FSL of 320-acre lease
660' FEL, 660' FSL of the survey

Surge Operating, LLC
7850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West
Suite 300
Houston, TX 77064-0000
Connie Swan, Agent
(918) 621-6533

#4AH FGR "27", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
4 miles east of Knott
A-331, Section 27, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
346' FSL, 655' FWL of 326.17-acre lease
346' FSL, 2082' FEL of the survey

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#1AA Horton "2223", API #42-227-38720
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2513' GR
6.70 miles west of Big Spring
A-392, Section 23, Block 34, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
200' FSL, 710' FEL of the survey
Latitude 032.2339021, Longitude -101.5902597
Total Depth: 7941 feet. PBTD: 7941 feet.
Logs: Radial Cement Gamma Ray CCL
Daily Potential: 730 Bbls 38.0 gravity oil w/ 1,398 BWPD
Pumping. GOR: 652
Spud: 4-29-16. Completed: 9-07-16. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 8195 feet w/ 1,100 sx.
MS tool @ 4549 feet w/ 1,050 sx.
5-1/2" @ 17,917 feet w/ 2,900 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7075 feet
Perfs: 8276-17,859
8276-17,859: Frac w/ 16,875,207# sand and 469,531 Bbls frac

Contractor not listed

Yates 1774'
San Andres 3348'
Glorieta 4073'
Clear Fork 4908'
Spraberry 6268'
Dean 7509'
Wolfcamp 7616'

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
P.O. Box 1287
Natchez, MS 39121-1287
(281) 589-5200

#A-1H Silver City Unit, API #42-227-38674
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: NA
6 miles north of Knott
A-349, Section 31, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
500' FNL, 2109' FWL of the survey
Latitude 032.4865944, Longitude -101.6614723
Total Depth: 8107 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma Ray

Contractor not listed

(MWD)
Yates 2075'

Daily Potential: 2,241 Bbls 38.1 gravity oil w/ 1,577 BWPD

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Nation's largest solar installer to open Fla. facility

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The largest U.S. solar panel installer is moving into Florida's residential market after the state's voters last month rejected a utility-backed ballot measure that critics said would make going solar more expensive.

SolarCity, a San Mateo, Calif.-based subsidiary of electric car maker Tesla Motors, on Thursday said it is opening an operations center in the Orlando area and plans to expand into other areas of Florida.

The company's decision to enter the Florida market was helped by voters' rejection of Amendment 1 on Nov. 8. If successful, the utility-funded Amendment 1 would have opened the door to new laws that could have hindered the growth of residential solar power.

Lyndon Rive, the company's CEO, said the vote strengthened the company's resolve to move into the state.

"It reinforces to any policymaker or regulator that when you're making the rules, consider that the voters voted for competition and energy choice," he said in a telephone interview.

A typical SolarCity operations center employs about 100 people,

a company spokesman said, and the company is hiring for sales and installation jobs at its Orlando area facility in Clermont. Right now, that facility has about 40 employees.

SolarCity installs custom solar systems that it leases to homeowners. It also maintains and repairs them, a business model that allows property owners who want to go solar to do so without having to buy and maintain an entire system.

In some states, the company also sells the power directly to consumers from the panels it leases.

In Florida, however, the law allows only utility companies to sell power directly to consumers, so SolarCity has been slow to enter the state's market even with its abundant sunshine.

The company said it will be serving customers of Duke Energy Florida and Orlando Utilities Commission.

SolarCity was recently acquired by Tesla, whose CEO Elon Musk is also chairman of the solar company.

Musk has said that he wants to sell solar panels through Tesla's stores so that customers can use them to power their electric vehicles and homes.



Dino Ferretti/ANSA via AP

Flames and smoke billow following a blast in a refinery in Sannazzaro de Burgondi, near Pavia, northern Italy, Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016. Italian oil company Eni says a fire erupted in a refinery in Pavia province south of Milan, and that the flames were being extinguished. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

Oil refinery in Italy erupts in flames, black smoke

MILAN (AP) — A blaze at an Eni oil company refinery south of Milan sent flames and plumes of smoke into the air Thursday evening, but no injuries were reported.

The cause of the fire at the Sannazzaro de' Burgondi refinery south of Milan was under investigation. Italian gas and oil giant Eni said there was no explosion, contrary to initial media reports, and that the area where the fire broke out was immediately isolated. The flames were brought under control after several hours.

A cloud of black smoke was visible for 10 kilometers (6 miles) from the site in northern Italy and was spreading toward the neighboring

Piedmont region, the news agency ANSA reported. Officials urged people in the area to

stay inside as a precaution.

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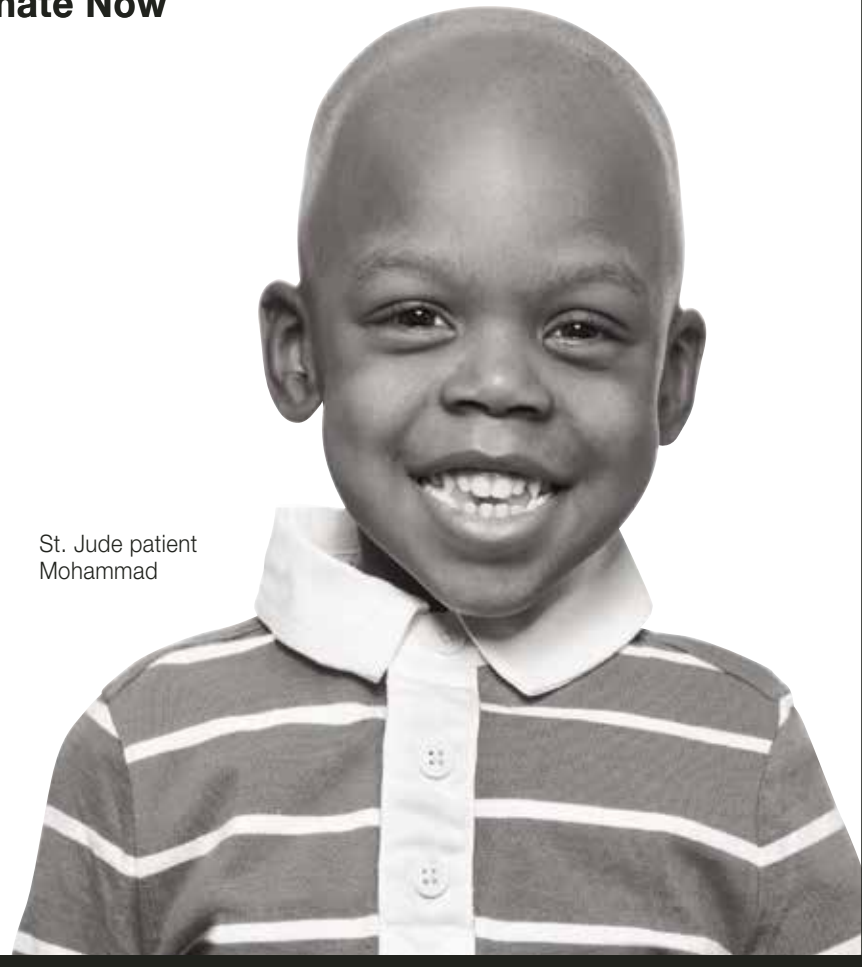
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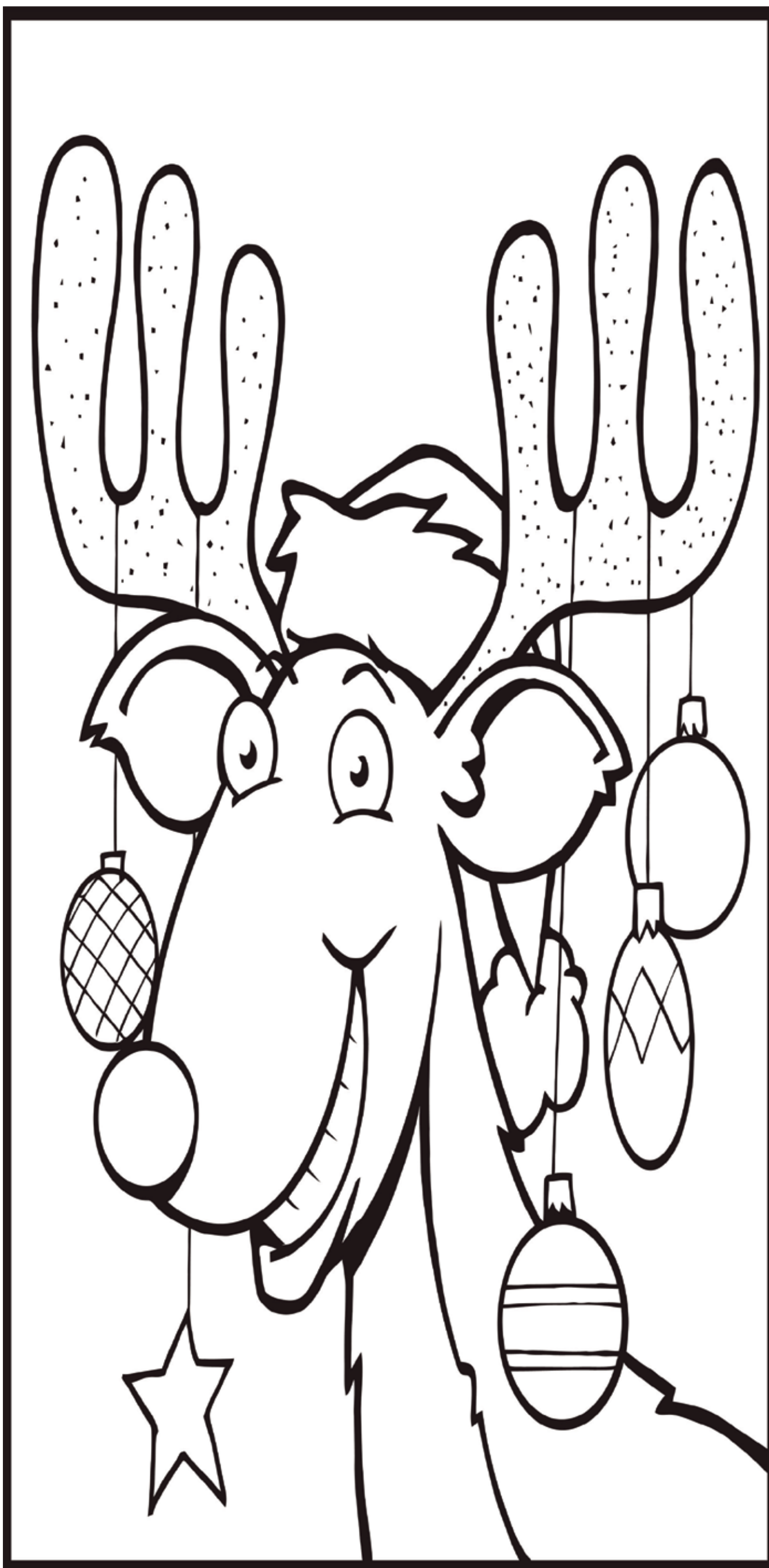
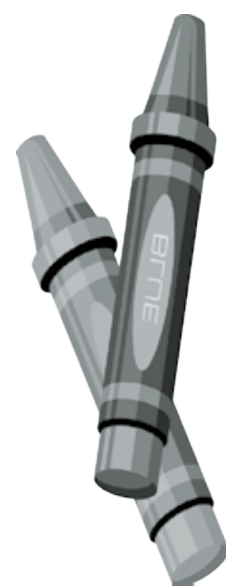
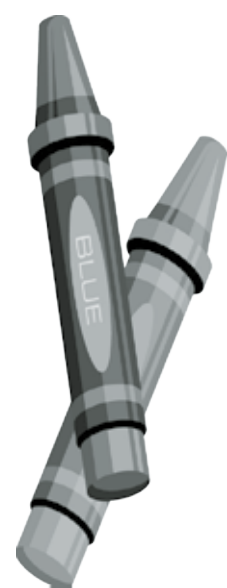
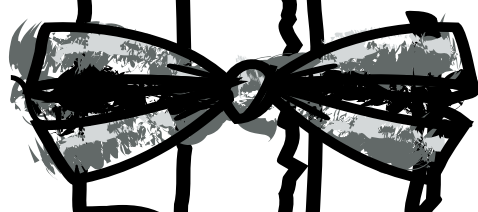
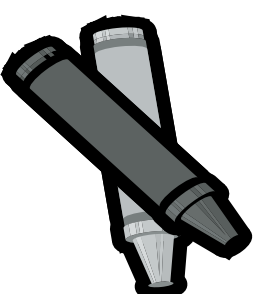
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Seven Rivers 2185'
San Andres 3050'
Glorieta 4990'
Clear Fork 6000'
Spraberry 6740'
Dean 8062'
Wolfcamp 8251'

Pumping. GOR: 584
Spud: 12-10-15. Completed: 8-03-16. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 8073 feet w/ 800 sx.
5-1/2" @ 16,538 feet w/ 2,500 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7732 feet
Perfs: 9067-16,430

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#192 S. Wilkinson, API #42-227-38700
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2465' GR
10.10 miles northwest of Elbow
A-390, Section 19, Block 34, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
1962' FWL, 2300' FSL of the survey
Latitude 032.2405258, Longitude -101.6541165
Total Depth: 10,370 feet. PBTD: 10,318 feet.
Logs: Neutron/Density
Daily Potential: 192 Bbbls 38.0 gravity oil w/ 423 BWPD
Pumping. GOR: 1869
Spud: 2-29-16. Completed: 5-25-16. Pay: NA
8-5/8" @ 4383 feet w/ 1,025 sx.
5-1/2" @ 10,370 feet w/ 1,700 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7574 feet
Perfs: 7148-10,184
7148-10,184: Frac w/ 1,073,780# sand and 47,924 Bbbls frac

Contractor not listed

Yates 1698'
San Andres 3233'
Clear Fork 4938'
Spraberry 6402'
Dean 7712'
Wolfcamp 7809'
Cisco 9185'
Strawn 9564'
Mississippian-Fusselman 9905'
Atoka 9694'

#5 Whiteface "36", API #42-335-35946
Purvis Ranch (Wolfcamp) Field, new well, El: 2205' GR
9.60 miles southeast of Iatan
A-1559, Section 36, Block 19, LN Co. survey
1500' FSL, 2116' FEL of the survey
Latitude 032.21288789, Longitude -101.0541799
Total Depth: 5800 feet. PBTD: 5572 feet.
Logs: Neutron/Density, Laterolog
Daily Potential: 86 Bbbls 39.0 gravity oil w/ 20 BWPD
Pumping. GOR: 488
Spud: 7-20-16. Completed: 8-29-16. Pay: NA
5-1/2" @ 5620 feet w/ 355 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 5386 feet
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5343-5362: Acidize w/ 5,000g 20% NEFE HCl

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Seven Rivers 752'
San Andres 1530'
Clear Fork 2070'
Glorieta 2145'
Tubb 2722'
Wichita 3250'
Wolfcamp 3990'

FIRE

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Farmer Emilio Sala said he was working about a kilometer (half a mile) away from the plant when he heard the refinery alarms go off. Initially the flames

weren't very high, he said.

"Then, there were a series of bursts with a lot of smoke and flames that rose well above the chimneys, more than 60 meters (197 feet)," Sala was quoted as saying by the Italian news agency ANSA.

Ambulances were in place to respond to any health repercussions for nearby residents.

Eni said it was monitoring air quality around the refinery, and that the first samples taken by local authorities indicated no significant concentrations of pollutants.

House passes
\$611 billion
defense policy
bill by wide

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican-led House on Friday overwhelmingly backed a \$611 billion defense policy bill that rejects a number of President Barack Obama's key proposals for managing the nation's vast military enterprise.

Lawmakers passed the legislative package, 375-34. The bill now goes to the Senate where a vote is expected early next week.

The bill, crafted after weeks of talks between House and Senate negotiators, prohibits Obama from following through on his long-standing campaign pledge to close the prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The bill also bars the Pentagon from reducing the number of military bases even though senior U.S. defense officials said there is excess capacity, and it awards U.S. troops their largest pay raise in six years. Obama had recommended a smaller pay increase.

The bill would prevent the Pentagon from forcing thousands of California National Guard troops to repay enlistment bonuses and benefits they received a decade after they signed up to serve in Iraq and Afghanistan. Soldiers would have to return a bonus only if a "preponderance of the evidence" shows they knew they weren't eligible to receive the money.

Even at \$611 billion, the Republican chairman of the House Armed Services Committee lamented that more money is needed in the defense budget to restock the U.S. arsenal worn down by 15 years of conflict. Rep. Mac Thornberry of Texas said he is hopeful President-elect Donald Trump, who pledged during the campaign to spend more on the military, will ask Congress early next year to boost fiscal year 2017 military spending even further.

During his 2008 bid for president, Obama pledged to close the detention facility at Guantanamo, which he called a recruiting tool for extremist groups. But Republicans and a number of Democrats repeatedly thwarted his goal over the ensuing years, arguing the prison was badly needed for housing suspected terrorists. The ban on closing the prison also includes a prohibition on moving Guantanamo detainees to secure facilities in the U.S.

Trump has not only pledged to keep Guantanamo open, he said during the campaign that he wants to "load it up with some bad dudes."

The defense legislation also authorizes a 2.1 percent pay raise for the troops — a half-percentage point higher than the Pentagon requested in its budget presentation.

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Date/Time: Friday, December 9, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., for the following:

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#9237 November 20, 27 & December 4, 2016



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To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CARSON KENDALL Defendants, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Second Amended Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after expiration of 42 days after the date of this publication, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows to wit: SONDR A QUALLS VS. THOMAS CALDWELL and CARSON KENDALL is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Second Amended Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office this 26th day of October, 2016

COLLEN BARTON District Clerk of Howard County, Texas By: Jury Padron

#9230 November 13, 20, 27 & December 4, 2016

GLASSCOCK COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TIME

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing before the Board of Trustees of Glasscock County Independent School District will be held Monday, December 12, 2016 beginning at 5 P.M. in the Glasscock County ISD Boardroom of Administration Building, 308 West Chambers, Garden City, Texas, to discuss:

- 1. Creation of the Bearkat Reinvestment Zone Number 2 pursuant to Texas Tax Code §312.0025
2. Application of Bearkat Renewable Energy, LLC for an

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#9254 December 4, 2016

Invitation To Bid Howard County 2017 Sealcoat

The Howard County Auditor will accept sealed bids until 10:00 AM on December 12, 2016. Specifications may be obtained at the Howard County Road and Bridge Department, 3604 Colorado City Road, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Bids may be mailed to the Howard County Auditor, at P.O. Box 1949, Big Spring Texas 79721-1949 or delivered to the Auditor's Office, Room 2002, Howard County Courthouse. Mark Sealed Envelope "Howard County 2017 Sealcoat"

Bids will be presented to the Commissioner's Court at 4:30 PM on December 12, 2016 for their consideration. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Jackie Olsen-Howard County Auditor

#9240 November 27 & December 4, 2016

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#9241 November 27 & December 4, 2016

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

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is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

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Public Notice

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

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

#9253 December 4, 2016

PUBLIC NOTICE

To All Interested Parties:

Notice is hereby given that the Region Water Planning Group (RFRWPG) is taking comment on the 2021 Region F Regional Water Plan scope of work. The comments will be used in developing an approved regional water plan by RFRWPG. The RFRWPG area, also known as Region F, includes the following counties: Andrews, Borden, Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Kimble, Loving, Marti, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Mitchell, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green, Upton, Ward and Winkler. The RFRWPG will accept written comments from the date of this notice through January 2, 2017 and will accept written and oral comments at the public hearing.

Notice is also hereby given that the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) will submit by 12:00 P.M. February 21, 2017, a grant application for financial assistance to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) on behalf of Region F, to carry out planning activities to develop the 2021 Region F Regional Water Plan as part of the state's Fifth Cycle (2017-2021) of Regional Water Planning under 31 TAC §355.91.

Copies of the grant application may be obtained from CRMWD when it becomes available or online at www.regionwater.org. Written comments from the public regarding the grant application must be submitted to CRMWD and TWDB by no later than March 1, 2017. Comments can be submitted to CRMWD and TWDB as follows:

John W. Grant Administrative Agent for Region F Colorado River Municipal Water District PO Box 869 Big Spring, Texas 79720

Jeff Walker Executive Administrator Texas Water Development Board PO Box 13231 Austin, Texas 79711- 3231

Prior to taking action on the regional water plan scope of work, a public hearing will be held and there will be a public comment period.

Public Notice

The date, time and location of the public hearing is as follows:

Notice is given that a public hearing will be held on February 2, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the Administrative Offices of the Colorado River Municipal Water District in Howard County, located at 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas.

A summary of the proposed action to be taken is as follows:

The proposed action is taking public comment and input on development of the next Regional Water Plan by gathering suggestions and recommendations from the public as to issues that should be addressed or provisions that should be included.

The name, telephone number, and address of the person to whom questions or requests for additional information may be submitted as follows:

John W. Grant, telephone (432) 267-6341, Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, TX 79721. The CRMWD is the Administrator for the RFRWPG.

How the public may submit comments is as follows:

The RFRWPG will accept written and oral comments at the public hearing. The RFRWPG will accept written comments after posting of this notice until the deadlines. Written comments may be sent directly to the RFRWPG by delivery to the CRMWD and the TWDB as listed above.

The deadline for submission of public written comment for the scope of work for the 2021 Region F Regional Water Plan is January 2, 2017. The deadline for submission of public written comments for the intent to submit a grant application for financial assistance is March 1, 2017.

#9252 December 4, 2016

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 38 Case No. 08-0302419 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Nov 29, 2016 Status/Permit No. 619392 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jan 3, 2017

Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967 Fax: (512) 463-6780 Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the AMENDED REENTER permit in Sec. 36, Bk. 32 T2N, T&P RR CO/CLINTON, C A Survey, A-620, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 10 miles NE direction from BIG SPRING, 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 Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a

Public Notice

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 WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jan 3, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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

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Lease/Unit Name : STRIPLING 36 Lease/Unit Well No. : 1 Lease/Unit Acres: 40.0 Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 646.0

Lease Lines : 672.0 F S L, 646.0 F W L Survey Lines : 672.0 F S L, 1990.0 F E L

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

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By Steve Becker

Never relax

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val in Tel Aviv. North-South — Pam Granovetter and Kathie Wei-Sender of the United States — reached a game few other pairs did. Wei-Sender then brought the contract home by avoiding a trap that would have ensnared many another declarer. West led a diamond to East's ace, and East returned the heart jack. West won with the ace and returned the queen. Many declarers would have put up the king at this point and been jolted by East's ruff. Eventually declarer would have lost a club to East to finish down one. Wei-Sender, a multinational and world champion, did not achieve that status by taking success for granted. Instead of risking a potential heart ruff by East, she played low from dummy on West's queen, preserving the king for later. When West then led another heart, Wei-Sender again ducked in dummy, ruffing in her hand as East discarded diamonds on the second and third hearts. The A-K of spades were then cashed. When the queen fell, declarer claimed the remainder, discarding her losing club on the heart king to put the finishing touch on a well-played hand.

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Legals

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All Aboard the Peace Trine

"Life is a game," they say. But is it really? You're not always in a challenge with the others. There doesn't have to be one winning side. Though strategy may help you get where you want to go, the others are not pieces to be manipulated across a board. The lunar trine to Jupiter in Libra promises that good will come from a noncompetitive mindset.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The ordinary thing before you has a deep truth to it. You'll find out just what that is -- or at least glimpse it for a pleasurable moment. Your full attention and engagement is the magic key.

TAURUS (April

Tomorrow's Horoscope

20-May 20). If you're looking for it, you'll find it. So look for the good stuff, fresh excitement, the sweetness in the middle, the pretty sky and the emotional equivalent of that.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It will be better to get guidance from an approachable person who can give you the practical steps than from an expert who can dazzle you with science and theory. Because really, this one should be pretty simple.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The puzzle of the day will be best navigated through emotional intelligence and intuition. Expect other inner voices to pipe up. Tell the voice of reason and your inner critic, "Kindly calm down, friends. I got this."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It won't be easy, and it won't be hard; it will just be necessary. Don't show up trying to change things or improve things. Don't show up ready to make your mark. Show up ready to work and all will

click into place. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's not about finding your joy today, although you certainly may find it along the way. If that happens, it will be a byproduct of your pursuit for a greater understanding and respect for what's around you. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Though you'll mostly keep your unique opinions and observations to yourself, there is one thing you notice that you absolutely must share; otherwise, everyone would miss out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll get the sneaking suspicion that you're the central oppressed figure in a repetitive, drawn-out drama. That's your signal to decentralize yourself. Make it about someone else. Suddenly, you'll see it differently.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Just because a crisis is not material doesn't make it any less real. Existential crisis is every bit as dangerous. You'll avoid it by reminding yourself of

your purpose often throughout the day. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What would happen if you met that (probably very difficult and unreasonable) person halfway? Today, believe it or not, the outcome will be better than fully getting your own way. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll earn the respect of those around you, not because you're so great at what you do but because you have the heart to keep going forward even when there's no clear sign that you'll be successful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you make a mistake, you'll bounce back from it, but with a little effort on the front end, you can avoid the pitfall in the first place. Do your research. Find your mentor. There are many who would love to help you.

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Annie's Mailbox

Tired of Being the Hostess

Dear Annie: My spouse has a large family, but his mom, aunt and I are the

only family members who have hosted holiday meals for the past 30 years. His sister, brother and cousin used to say their houses were too small. Well, his broth-

er's family just did a huge remodel on their home, and his sister moved to a larger house -- and they still don't offer to host. I think it's because they are cheap. These folks could squeeze change from a penny. I once heard them say that the reason they could afford to go on vacation was they had saved money by getting my kids' hand-me-downs. I now have a job five days a week and am too exhausted to go into full-on hostess mode this year. His aunt and mom are getting too old for hosting such large events. How do I get the siblings to step up? -- Fed Up in Philly

Dear Fed Up: You might start by asking. Every family is a creature of habit, and I'll bet these relatives don't even think twice about your playing host each year. That's just what they're used to. In fact, they probably think you enjoy doing it. (Which is almost funny, given how very wrong they are.) The same goes for the comment about the hand-me-down

clothes. Maybe they weren't bragging about being able to afford those vacations thanks to your charity. Maybe they were just expressing gratitude. Regardless, I agree that it's way past time for them to step up. Now is a natural time to raise the subject, as you can cite all the factors you mentioned. And if they still manage to weasel their way out of the job? Write me again, and we'll set those freeloaders straight.

Dear Annie: I just read the letter from the woman wanting advice on her smelly husband. I, too, dealt with this for many years. It didn't matter how I approached my husband; he simply would not shower but once or twice a week. He would never change his clothes or his underwear and would then get furious with me for not wanting any kind of intimacy with him. He sat on his own couch. I changed the bedding almost every day.

I did everything, even to the point of putting clean clothes

out for him. He would ignore them. I would try to make shower time "fun time." He still wouldn't budge. His excuse was always, "I don't need a shower. I don't smell." My mother even commented on his smell once, and it was completely embarrassing knowing that anywhere we went, everyone could smell him.

And you are right; he dealt with depression and utter laziness. There were many other factors that ultimately led to our divorce, but this was a very prominent reason. I couldn't help him, and he wouldn't get help for himself.

When I left, I let him keep our mattress, all of the bedding and his couch. I couldn't stand the thought of any of that filth in my new apartment. The point I am making here is that she really needs to try to get him help. There are serious underlying issues to her husband, and I hope he can turn it around. -- Hygienic Ex-Wife

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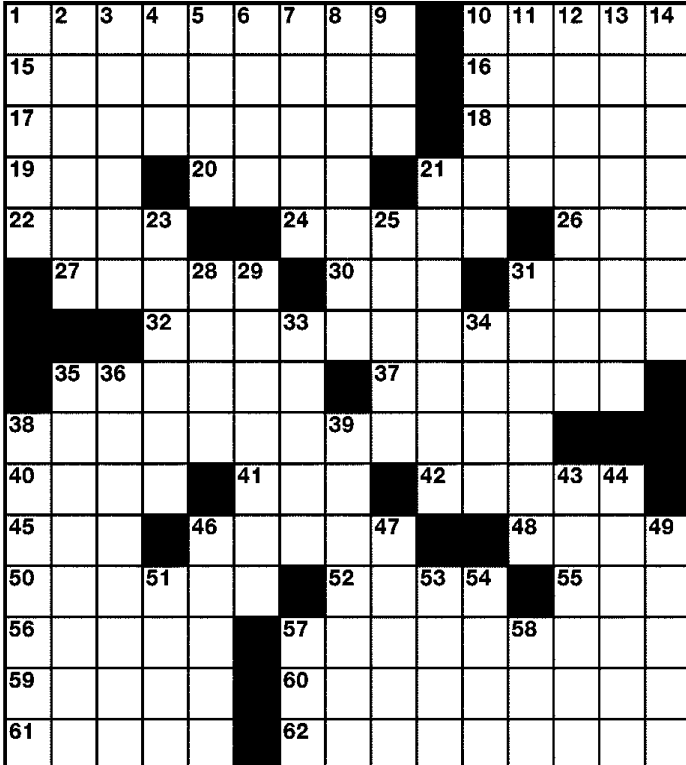
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AP Photo/Alex Brandon

President Barack Obama, sings "Jingle Bells," with Santa Claus, James Taylor, Eva Longoria, and Garth Brooks during the lighting ceremony for the 2016 National Christmas Tree on the Ellipse near the White House, Thursday in Washington.

President Obama lights National Christmas Tree for his final time

By KEVIN FREKING

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Thursday marked his final time lighting the National Christmas Tree with a wish that Americans will care for the sick, the hungry and the downtrodden this holiday season and treat one another as they would want to be treated.

The president said that message rounds out his family's Christian faith, and that of Americans of all backgrounds.

"It's a message of unity, and a

message of decency and a message of hope that never goes out of style," Obama said. "And it's one that we all need very much today."

Obama reflected on his eight years in office and said the United States is a country that has come back from economic crisis, wars and national tragedies.

"What I've seen is a big-hearted and hopeful and resilient people who look out for each other," Obama said.

The lighting ceremony tradi-

tion began in 1923 and takes place in President's Park, just south of the White House fence. Obama and first lady Michelle Obama turned on the red, white and blue lights that adorned the massive tree, with help from their daughter Sasha.

Performers at this year's ceremony included Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood, Kelly Clarkson, Marc Anthony, Yolanda Adams, The Lumineers, James Taylor and Chance the Rapper. The host was actress Eva Longoria.

New 'Hamilton' CD features songs by Alicia Keys, Usher

NEW YORK (AP) The Broadway megahit "Hamilton" has already spawned a best-selling cast album, a PBS documentary and a book about its creation. Now it's spinning off a CD by fans who happen to be some of popular music's biggest stars.

The 23-track "Hamilton Mixtape," set for release Friday, features covers by such artists as Usher, Kelly Clarkson, Nas, Ben Folds, Alicia Keys, Ashanti, John Legend, Sia, Common, Wiz Khalifa, Queen Latifah, The Roots, Jill Scott and Busta Rhymes.

It was unveiled Thursday during a four-song performance at the Broadway home of "Hamilton" at the Richard Rodgers Theatre,

which was packed with those who had won an online lottery. A live stream also captured the event.

Tariq Trotter of The Roots served as host, and he helped open the show with his version of "My Shot." There were also performances by Ashanti and Ja Rule ("Helpless"), Andra Day ("Burn") and Regina Spektor ("Dear Theodora").

The album features songs from the show that have been reworked with new arrangements and new lyrics, as well as demos that never made the show, remixes and new songs like "Immigrants (We Get the Job Done)."

Highlights include Legend reimagining

"History Has Its Eyes On You" as a gospel anthem, Clarkson turning "It's Quiet Uptown" into a power ballad and TV host Jimmy Fallon channeling his inner-Broadway with "You'll Be Back."

Joell Ortiz, a New York rapper who is featured on the mixtape, said he thinks the new album has more appeal to a non-Broadway audience. "I have friends who have never been

to Broadway," he said. "I realized they're just scared of it. The buildings seem big and the elevators seem like places they don't belong."

Lin-Manuel Miranda's hip-hop-flavored biography about the first U.S. treasury secretary has become a hot ticket on Broadway and has birthed a production in Chicago, with plans for others for San Francisco and London.

'Harry Potter' play eyes Broadway jump in spring 2018



LONDON (AP) — The stage play "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child" has become London's theater event of the year. Producers hope Broadway will shortly be under its spell, too.

Talks are underway to bring the show to The Lyric Theatre by the spring of 2018.

Rowling The Ambassador Theater Group owns the space and plans an extensive renovation to make a smaller playhouse — from 1,900 seats to 1,500 seats. It plans to kick out the Cirque du Soleil show "Paramour" in April to start work.

The Harry Potter play was written by Jack Thorne from a story by Thorne, J.K. Rowling and John Tiffany. It picks up 19 years after the end of the final novel, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows."

Former Dallas police chief David Brown writing memoir

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dallas police chief who was praised for his response to last summer's shootings of five law enforcement officers is working on a memoir.

Ballantine Books announced Thursday that it had a deal with David O. Brown for a "deeply revealing" book, currently untitled, to come out next year. Brown, who retired in October, received national attention after a sniper killed five officers at a July protest. According to Ballantine, the book will reflect his "measured, motivating" approach to his work.

Brown said in a statement that he hoped to emphasize the importance of trust and "other philosophies" he had developed over the years. Earlier this week, ABC News announced that he would join the network in January as a commentator on race, policing and other subjects.

'La La Land' leads Critics Choice Awards with 12 nominations

NEW YORK (AP) — The Los Angeles romance "La La Land" has landed 12 nominations from the Critics' Choice Awards, including best picture, best director for Damien Chazelle and nods for its stars, Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling.

The Broadcast Film Critics Association, which presents the Critics' Choice Awards, announced the nominations Thursday. Barry Jenkins' coming-of-age drama "Moonlight" and Denis Villeneuve's sci-fi thriller "Arrival" followed with 10 nominations each.

The Critics' Choice Awards are now in their 22nd year. Previously announced television nominations were led by FX's "The People v. O.J. Simpson."

Winners will be announced at a Dec. 11 gala hosted by actor T.J. Miller and broadcast on A&E.

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News in brief

Stocks move mostly higher as big dividend payers jump

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks are mostly higher Friday thanks to gains for companies that pay large dividends. Real estate and phone companies are rising. Banks are slipping after a huge rally over the last few weeks. Bond prices rose after a string of steep declines, sending yields lower. The Dow Jones industrial average, which closed at a record high a day ago, is down slightly.

KEEPING SCORE: The Dow Jones industrial average lost 15 points, or 0.1 percent, to 19,176 as of 10:55 a.m. Eastern time. Goldman Sachs, which closed at a nine-year high Thursday, was responsible for the entire loss as it fell \$2.80, or 1.2 percent, to \$223.83. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 4 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,195. The Nasdaq composite edged up 7 points, or 0.1 percent, to 5,258.

US JOBS DATA: U.S. employers added 178,000 jobs in November as hiring remained steady. However, fewer people looked for work and hourly wages slipped. The results cemented market expectations that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates later this month. A very weak jobs report would have the last thing that might have stopped the Fed from raising rates.

BONDS: Bond prices, which have been falling sharply since the presidential election, rose in early trading. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.38 percent from 2.45 percent. That helped utility and real estate companies, which are often compared to bonds because of their big dividend payments. When bond yields fall, those stocks become more appealing to investors seeking income. Public Storage rose \$4.22, or 2 percent, to \$212.08 and Exelon rose \$1.09, or 3.4 percent, to \$33.26.

US employers add 178K jobs as unemployment sinks to 4.6 pct.

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. employers added a solid 178,000 jobs in November, reflecting the steady economy President-elect Donald Trump will inherit. The unemployment rate hit a nine-year low of 4.6 percent, though mainly because many people stopped looking for jobs and were no longer counted as unemployed.

Friday's report from the Labor Department reflected a resilient job market that is helping drive the U.S. economy. Job gains have averaged 180,000 a month this year — more than enough to lower the unemployment rate over time.

The pace of hiring keeps the Federal Reserve on track to raise short-term interest rates at its next meeting in less than two weeks.

"This jobs report paves the way for Fed rate hikes," said Jason Schenker, president of Prestige Economics. "It also tops off a recent run of continually positive economic data."

Still, sluggish pay increases and a decline in the number of Americans either working or seeking work point to longer-term challenges for the economy that Trump will face.

Those same challenges bedeviled President Barack Obama and might have helped lead millions of voters to choose Trump over Hillary Clinton.

Ford recalls 680,000 cars; seat belts may not hold in crash

DETROIT (AP) — Ford is recalling more than 680,000 midsize sedans mainly in North America because the front seat belts may not hold people in a crash.

The recall covers certain 2013 to 2016 Ford Fusion, 2013 to 2015 Lincoln MKZ and 2015 and 2016 Ford Mondeo cars.

Ford says heat generated when the seat belt pretensioners deploy can cause cables to break. If that happens the belts may not hold people. Ford says it knows of two injuries related to the problem.

Pre-tensioners tighten seat belts when they sense that cars are stopping.

Dealers will inject insulation into the pre-tensioners to protect the cables from heat at no cost to owners. The recall is expected to begin on Jan. 16.

Most of the cars are in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

FCC: AT&T, Verizon shouldn't exempt own apps from data caps

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. regulators are calling out AT&T and Verizon for exempting their own video apps from data caps on customers' cellphones.

The Federal Communications Commission sent letters to the country's biggest wireless carriers Thursday saying the way they handle the practice, known as "zero rating," can hurt competition and consumers. The agency had warned AT&T in November and said Friday that AT&T's response did not ease its concerns.

Other services — say Hulu or Netflix — can pay Verizon and AT&T so that consumers could also use those apps without eating up cellphone data. The FCC says that could harm the market for streaming services as it makes it more expensive for internet companies to compete with video services that are owned by the carriers.

Mall of America, nation's biggest, hires first black Santa

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (AP) — The nation's largest mall is hosting its first-ever black Santa Claus this weekend.

The Star-Tribune reports The Mall of America in suburban Minneapolis hired Larry Jefferson to play Kris Kringle from Thursday to Sunday as part of its Santa Experience.

Santa Experience co-owner Landon Luther says

they "want Santa to be for everyone, period." With that in mind, he tells the newspaper he launched a nationwide search for a diverse Santa and found Jefferson at a Santa convention in Branson, Missouri, over the summer. He was the only black Santa among the 1,000 impersonators in attendance.

Jefferson tells WCCO-TV that playing the jolly old elf is "no big deal" to him, saying "I'm still Santa, I just happen to be a Santa of color."

Jefferson will return home to play Santa in the Dallas-area after Sunday.

Denmark files charges against Uber over 'illegal' business

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Danish prosecutors have filed charges against Uber's European regional hub in the Netherlands with "helping to commit illegalities."

The move comes after a Danish appeals court in November upheld a conviction against an Uber driver, saying he lacked a permit to drive as an occupation and his car was not registered or licensed as a taxi. He was fined 6,000 kroner (\$856).

Chief prosecutor Vibeke Thorkil-Jensen said Friday that the ruling established that Uber was an illegal transport service. She said that she now wants to have "the assessment of a court of law" on Uber's broader activities. No date for a trial has been set.

She is filing the charges against Uber in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, because drivers in Denmark have contracts there.

Uber has been banned in several countries and cities in Europe.

Speaking from Amsterdam, Uber spokesman Daniel Byrne welcomed "the opportunity to clarify our legal position to the prosecutor." He said Uber was "helping create opportunities for 2,000 drivers and their families in Copenhagen."

Breitbart urges Kellogg's boycott over pulled ads

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Breitbart is encouraging a boycott of Kellogg's products after the cereal maker said it would no longer advertise on the news and opinion website, formerly run by President-elect Donald Trump aide Steve Bannon.

The Kellogg Company cited company "values"

in explaining its decision; a spokeswoman said Thursday it has "nothing to do with politics."

Breitbart has been condemned for featuring racist, sexist and anti-Semitic content.

Breitbart said Kellogg's decision amounted to "economic censorship of mainstream conservative political discourse" and "as un-American as it gets." It launched a #DumpKelloggs petition Wednesday calling for a boycott of Kellogg's.

Breitbart said Kellogg's decision represents "an escalation in the war by leftist companies like Target and Allstate against conservative customers" and their values.

Target and Allstate also have reportedly pulled ads from the site.

Traditionally, news organizations maintain a separation between their editorial and advertising operations in order to avoid potential conflicts.

House bill would relax bank rules aimed at averting crash

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House approved legislation Thursday easing bank curbs that Democrats imposed to prevent another financial crisis, as Republicans offered a symbolic preview of regulatory changes they plan to pursue after President-elect Donald Trump takes office.

The GOP bill targets the landmark Dodd-Frank law, which President Barack Obama and Democrats enacted to rein in Wall Street following the financial crisis that struck in 2008. Trump urged during his campaign that the 2010 law be dismantled, and his transition team has set that as a goal.

The House measure has virtually no chance of passage by the lame-duck Congress, which could adjourn for the year next week. For good measure, the White House threatened a veto if it reaches Obama, telling lawmakers in a letter that the law has discouraged large banks from "engaging in the risky behavior that precipitated the 2008 financial crisis."

Republicans, who overwhelmingly opposed Dodd-Frank, will control the White House and Congress in January and see an opening to go after key parts of the law — such as the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

"The No. 1 problem with Dodd-Frank is it's way too complicated and it cuts back lending," Steven Mnuchin, Trump's choice for Treasury secretary.



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