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Permanent Big Spring VAMC director named

Special to the Herald

Kalautie JangDhari has been appointed the new Medical Center Director of the West Texas Veterans Health Care System, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced Friday.

"We are excited to bring Ms. JangDhari on board as the new Medical Center Director of the West Texas Veterans Health Care System," said Mr. Joseph Dalpiaz, Network Director, Heart of Texas Health Care Network.

"Her sound leadership qualities and proven experi-

ence will be valuable assets for the health care system, the employees, volunteers and most importantly, for the Veterans we are honored to serve. Ms. JangDhari will begin her appointment on Dec. 11."

Ms. JangDhari is currently the acting Interim Director of the West Texas VA Health Care System in Big Spring. She has held her permanent position as the Associate Director of the Orlando VA Medical Center beginning July 2012.

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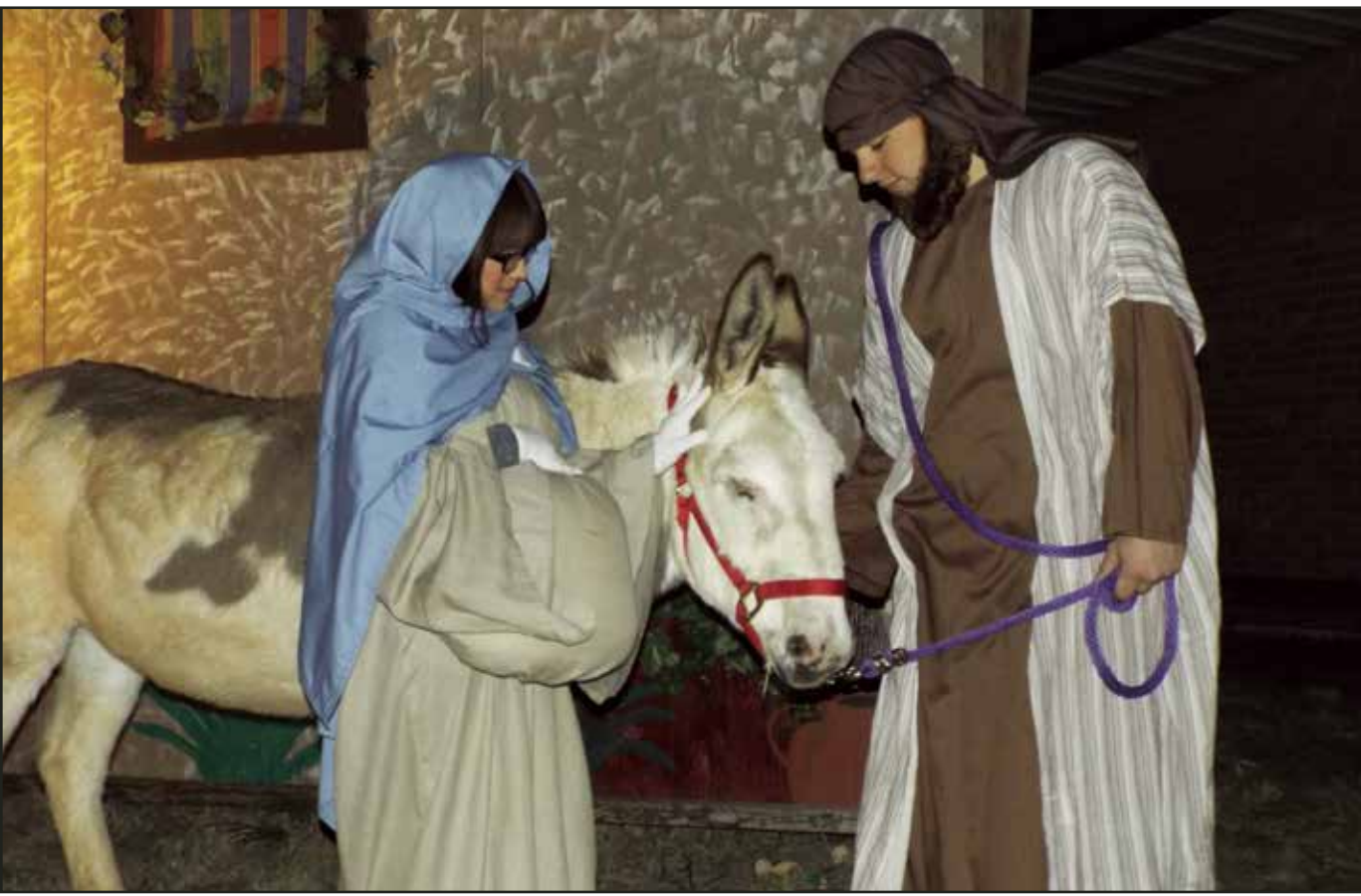
was at the VA Pacific Islands Health Care System, Honolulu, HI from Sept 2006-Jul 2012. Ms. JangDhari started her career as an Administrative Fellow in June, 1993. Ms. JangDhari received her MS in 1993 and her BS in 1990.

The West Texas VA Health Care System (WTVAHCS) proudly veterans in 33 counties across 53,000 square miles of rural geography in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

The George H. O'Brien, Jr. VA Medical Center is located in Big Spring, Texas. The Permian Basin Community Based Outpatient

Clinic (CBOC) is located in Midland/Odessa, Texas, with other CBOCs in Abilene, Texas, San Angelo, Texas, and Hobbs, New Mexico.

There are two outreach clinics in Stamford, Texas, and Fort Stockton, Texas. Two Vet Centers also provide services and are located in Abilene, Texas and Midland, Texas. More than 56,000 Veterans reside within the service area, of which approximately 17,000 (30 percent) receive care from the WTVAHCS. On average, the health care system supports over 170,000 outpatient visits annually.



HERALD Photo/Lyndel Moody

The Living Drive-Through Nativity began its three night run Friday. The nativity, produced by the First Church of the Nazarene, will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The church is located at 1400 S. Lancaster.

Festival of Lights opens Thursday

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Christmas lights are already popping up all over Howard County, but the Big Show is scheduled to start later this week.

The Comanche Trail Park Festival of Lights will light up the night in Big Spring starting at 6 p.m. Thursday and running through the end of the year.

"We're not going to do anything today or tomorrow because of the weather," said Festival supervisor Howard Stewart. "But we've got until Thursday. We'll be ready."

Stewart emphasized that the Festival of Lights is a community-wide project.

"This is for the whole community," he said. "For the whole city and for people driving

through. Not just the north side and not just the south side. This is for everybody."

Crews have been hard at work checking and replacing lights, and setting up decorations throughout the park and on the Comanche Trail Lake Dam, Stewart said.

"We replaced all the lights on the US flag that's on the dam," he said. "We changed that over to LED, which has made a big difference. It's very noticeable this year."

Even though construction and high water have blocked part of the area normally decorated during the festival, Stewart said he's hopeful the display will break attendance records.

"We're hoping to get over 25,000," he said.

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Miles and miles of West Texas

New district director for Arrington focusing on more engagement with public

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

As the new District Director for U.S. Congressman-elect Jodey Arrington, Jay Hardaway will be investing heavily in good tires and car cell phone chargers as he plans to hit the highways and byways of the U.S. 19th Congressional District in the upcoming years.

"It's important for me if I'm going to set the field reps up to be

everywhere," Hardaway said in a phone interview last week while traveling to Albany. "I need to know the lay of the land and people are going to need to know me. At first, you are going to see a lot of me."

As part of a new strategy to engage with the public, Arrington announced last week he was investing less in office space and more for travel time for his staff to get out to all the 29 counties his district encompasses.

This new reprioritizing of resources also means the closure of the permanent district office in Big Spring. However, Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman said Arrington's office contacted her about the possibility of setting up an office at the county courthouse. The issue is listed on the Howard County Commissioner's meeting agenda set for Monday.

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Commissioners to meet Monday

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Big Spring's new U.S. Congressman won't have a permanent office in Big Spring anymore, but he might have permanent office space.

During their Monday meeting Howard County commissioners will discuss providing an office at the county courthouse for Congressman-elect Jodey Arrington's staff.

The commissioner meeting will

convene at 3:30 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom of the county courthouse.

Arrington, who was elected in November to be the next representative from Texas' District 19 — which includes Big Spring — recently announced that he will close the district office in Big Spring and consolidate its operation with offices in Abilene and Lubbock.

Arrington added, however, that his

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NFL teams enter home stretch of season

By BARRY WILNER

Associated Press

And down the stretch they come. The Cowboys already are in the playoffs. The Patriots and Seahawks almost certainly will qualify soon, too. Believe it or not, Raiders fans, your team is about to end its 13-season drought.

As for the rest, well, the scramble is on. Here's what's ahead in the frantic final four weeks of an already unpredictable season:

AFC

It would seem that the wild cards will come out of the West, by far the best division in football. Whether

it's Denver, Kansas City or Oakland, those teams will provide quite a test for the North or South winner in the first round of the postseason.

Whoever wins the West almost certainly will have a first-round bye, too. After the Chiefs' win Thursday night and their sweep of Oakland — plus a win over Denver in their pocket — they hold most of the cards in the division.

"It just shows how good our division is," Raiders quarterback Derek Carr says. "I think it's a cool thing, to be honest. I think it's awesome. Competition brings the best out of everybody. It's been like that all year. We've all

been right there with each other and we've all been pushing each other. It's fun, man."

Defending Super Bowl champ Denver (8-4) has the toughest road with games against Tennessee, New England, Kansas City and Oakland.

The other bye figures to go to the Patriots — no surprise there. It would be the seventh straight year New England was off for the first weekend of the playoffs.

The other two divisions are murky, with the South a tossup.

Houston has led the division all

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Andrews outlasts BSHS

HERALD Staff Report

ANDREWS — Close in horseshoes is good. Close in basketball games? Not so much.

But "close" is exactly how the Big Spring Lady Steers did in their Friday basketball game at the Kristen Corbin Classic, dropping a 54-53 decision to host Andrews in a consolation bracket contest.

The Lady Steers jumped out to an 11-9 lead after one quarter, then expanded their lead to four points at intermission, but Andrews outscored Big Spring 17-12 in the third quarter to regain the lead, and held on in the fourth quarter to take the win.

Kayleigh Penny led all scorers with 18 points for Big Spring, while Janey Leach scored 14 points and Rylee Diaz and Rae Johnson scored 12 and 11 points, respectively, for Andrews.

The Lady Steers (2-7) faced Kermit in a consolation bracket game at the tournament Saturday morning. Results will be published in Monday's Herald.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Big Spring	11	14	12	16	— 53
Andrews	9	12	17	16	— 54

BIG SPRING (53) — A. Martinez 3, Starr 4, Penny 18, C. Martinez 7, Kemper 8, Terrazas 6, Williams 7.

ANDREWS (54) — Mack 1, Bazan 2,

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File photo

Big Spring's Kayleigh Penny scored 18 points for the Lady Steers in their 54-53 loss to Andrews Friday.

Rockets hold off Westbrook, OKC

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Patrick Beverley savored getting the best of his rival, Russell Westbrook.

Despite a seventh straight triple-double for Westbrook, Beverley and the Houston Rockets beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 102-99 on Friday night.

Beverley's history with Westbrook goes back to the 2013 playoffs, when Beverley went after the ball while Westbrook called a timeout.

Beverley crashed into Westbrook's knee, and the star guard missed the rest of the postseason with a knee injury.

As usual, the Oklahoma City crowd greeted Beverley with boos during pregame introductions Friday.

Westbrook finished with 27 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists, but Beverley helped harass him into shooting just 8 for 25.

"I won't say what I want

to say, but yeah, we tried to show bodies and force him into a crowd and make it tough for him," Beverley said.

Westbrook gave Beverley no credit.

"I missed a lot of easy shots, man. Honestly, brother," Westbrook said.

With the Thunder down one in the closing seconds, Westbrook had a chance to give Oklahoma City the lead. Beverley was guarding

Westbrook with five fouls, but he settled for a 3-pointer and missed.

"He's a really, really, really, really, really, really, really, really, really good player," Beverley said. "We were fortunate to come up with a stop."

After Westbrook's missed 3, Houston's Trevor Ariza got the rebound, was fouled and made both free throws

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Matthews gets 26 to lead Mavs past Pacers, 111-103

DALLAS (AP) — A night after a 31-point home loss that embarrassed Wesley Matthews and his teammates, they all showed up at a charity event hosted by the Dallas shooting guard.

Coach Rick Carlisle called it a team-building moment for the unit with the worst record in the Western Conference. Matthews couldn't really disagree.

"I'll have an event every night if that's what

we're going to do," Matthews said after matching a season high with 26 points as the injury-plagued Mavericks answered their lowest point in a difficult season with a 111-103 victory over the Indiana

Pacers on Friday night.

A listless second half in a 120-89 loss to Sacramento prompted a team meeting. Two nights later, the Mavericks started the third quarter with a 10-2 run for their first double-digit lead in

just their third win in 15 games. Harrison Barnes scored 25 points.

"That game, I think it ate at a lot of people, as it should," said Matthews, who was 8 of 16 from the field and 5 of 10 from 3-point range.

"I was embarrassed. I think a lot of other people were, too."

Indiana had 10 3-pointers in the first quarter and a half, including four from Dallas high

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By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Seventy-five years ago, 353 Imperial Japanese fighter planes, bombers, and torpedo planes launched from six aircraft carriers, attacked the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, sinking four battleships, three cruisers, three aircraft training ships, and a minelayer ship. 2,403 Americans lost their lives in the attack, and 1,178 more were wounded. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt said the attack would make Dec. 7, 1941, "A date which will live in infamy."

Wednesday night was the anniversary of the attack, and Big Spring's Boy Scout Troop 5 gathered in the lobby of the George H. O'Brien VA Medical Center to honor military veterans and commemorate the day by retiring a worn and damaged flag.

"Pearl Harbor, as President Roosevelt himself said, is a date which went down in infamy," said Troop 5 Commissioner Garrett Tidwell. "But despite going down in infamy, it's a date which is so often forgotten and it's not remembered. We remember Veteran's Day, we remember 9/11, we remember all these other holidays because they're federal holidays. But especially this being the 75th anniversary of that day, we wanted to take this opportunity to remember that day, but also to say 'Thank you' and to salute the men and women that have gone before, that have given us the privileges and the rights that we have. Us doing this event was our way of, just like an enlisted man salutes and officer, this was our opportunity to say 'Gentlemen, ladies, we salute you. We honor you for what you gave for us.'"

Tidwell explained the ceremony:

"With the weather, rather than having a formal flag retirement where we would take the flag, separate it, and then burn it, as is ceremonial; we simply separated it and placed it in a ceremonial fire pit instead of actually burning it," he said. "It's my understanding our game plan is to do that at our next meeting."

Medical Center Interim Director Michael Ojeda was on hand, and expressed pride in the Scouts who honored veterans with the ceremony.

"Beautiful," he said. "Very respectful," he said. "Participate and they honored their sacrifice. It was just a very moving experience. It's good community collaboration, supporting the Boy Scouts. If this is something that we can do, we'll definitely look at continuing this possible new tradition."



HERALD photos/Roger Cline

Top to bottom: Army veteran Anthony Manfredi of San Antonio places a stripe of a retired flag into a brazier at the VA Medical Center Wednesday evening as part of a Pearl Harbor Day Flag Retirement Ceremony conducted by Boy Scouts of America Troop 5; Scouts (left to right) Matt Hernandez, Garrett Richardson, Joshua Patridge, and Stephen Oyler listen respectfully to comments by VA Medical Center Interim Director Michael Ojeda; the separated colors of the retired flag rest in the brazier awaiting burning. The flag was not burned Wednesday because the ceremony took place indoors, but the Troop planned to bestow the final honor at its next meeting.

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Obituaries

Weldon "Rusty" McAdams



Weldon "Rusty" McAdams, 57, of Big Spring died Friday, Dec. 9, 2016, in a local hospital.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12, 2016, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Randy Cotton officiating. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Feb. 20, 1959, in Big Spring, Texas, and married Peggy Conard Aug. 23, 1990, in Big Spring, Texas.

Rusty graduated from Coahoma High School in

1977 and worked as a plant foreman for Targa Resources in Sterling City.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy McAdams of Big Spring; two daughters, Kelli McAdams of Big Spring and Kourtney McAdams of San Angelo; one son, Kaleb McAdams of Big Spring; and one sister, Cindy Stovall of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Weldon and Katie McAdams.

The family suggests memorials to Midway Baptist Church, 6200 S. Service Road, Big Spring, Texas, 79720; or to the American Heart Association, 10900 B Stonelake Blvd., Austin, Texas, 79759.

Arrangements 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:

• **DIEGO ADRIAN DE HOYOS**, 22, of 606 Caylor was arrested on warrants for speeding and failure to yield right-of-way.

• **DAKOTA MACK MURPHREE**, 21, of 1205 Runnels St. was arrested on outstanding warrants.

• **JOSE RODARTE ARROYO**, 53, of 9948 S. Carpenter in Odesa was arrested on warrants for

driving with an invalid license and failure to appear.

• **JASON CESARIO LUERA**, 32, of 4201 W. Highway 80 Apt. #10 was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• **JACKIE DOYLE RICHEY JR.**, 54, of 700 E. 15th St. was arrested on outstanding warrants.

• **ANDREA DENISE LAND**, 44, of 1507 S. Johnson St. was arrested on a warrant for criminal trespassing.

• **JOLISA LYNN GRACE**, 26,

of 204 S. Moss Lake Rd. was arrested on a warrant for burglary of a habitation.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of South Birdwell Lane and the 1600 block of South Gregg Street; and twice in the 200 block of West FM 700.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Nolan and 18th streets.

• **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 700 block of East Interstate 20.

Take Note

• Mitchell County Senior Citizens will host a dance from 7 to 10 p.m. Dec. 10 at 157 E. Second St. in Colorado City. The dance, which features live music by Kevin and Travis, has a \$5 admission fee. There will be a pot luck buffet supper; those attending should bring a side dish or dessert; Mitchell County Senior Citizens will provide the meat.

• 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.

• H-E-B is looking for non-profits agencies to set up information tables at the annual Feast of Sharing. Please contact Sandy Stewart at 432-935-1604 to reserve a spot. Feast of Sharing will be held on Dec. 11 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

The next sacking session will be at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 2 and 3 at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 N.W. Seventh St. To get there, take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney, which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into Seventh Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and

the school is on the left.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost is \$8 per person.

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.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio"

Lesser at 432-935-0125,

Volunteer opportunities

• The Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteer program is in need of volunteers. A variety of opportunities are open for members of the community. For more information, call Anita Cline at 268-4721.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fundraisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

• Crossroads Hospice

Support Groups

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

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with 5.8 seconds left. Oklahoma City's Anthony Morrow then missed a 3 that would have tied the game.

James Harden had 21 points, 12 assists and nine rebounds to help the Rockets win their fifth straight. Houston withstood Harden's 6-for-23 shooting effort.

Westbrook owns the longest triple-double streak since Michael Jordan had seven straight in 1989. The NBA record is nine in a row by Philadelphia's Wilt Chamberlain in March 1968.

It was Westbrook's 12th triple-double this season and the 49th of his career. He is the NBA's active leader in the category and ranks sixth all-time.

The Thunder had won the previous six games during Westbrook's triple-double binge.

The Rockets led by as many as 13 points in the third quarter and took an 86-77 lead into the fourth.

SCORES

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Sands outlasts Coahoma boys

COLORADO CITY — One bad quarter doomed the Coahoma Bulldogs Friday.

The Sands Mustangs used a 16-5 outburst in the third quarter to gain the lead, then held on to take a 62-57 win over the Coahoma Bulldogs in boys' basketball action at the Hooptown Classic Friday afternoon.

The Bulldogs held a four-point lead at halftime before Sands rallied in the third, then outscored the Mustangs 16-13 in the fourth quarter.

Mason Moore scored 23 points to lead the Bulldogs, who played Water Valley in a consolation bracket game Saturday morning.

In the girls' division, Stanton roared out to a 22-9 lead after one quarter and were never headed as they took a 65-36 win over the Bulldogettes in tournament semifinal action.

Coahoma faced Sweetwater Saturday afternoon in the third-place game.

NFL

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season, but is in the midst of a major swoon, its offense unreliable, its defense banged-up. Indianapolis has Andrew Luck back, and he could be a difference maker, but losing its best defender, linebacker D'Qwell Jackson to a four-game suspension, is damaging to a mediocre unit.

Tennessee, a team to watch out for in 2017, must play Denver and Kansas City before finishing with the Jaguars and Texans.

"This is a four-game playoff" to get to the playoffs, Texans coach Bill O'Brien says.

Houston, Indy and

Tennessee all are 6-6. Will 8-8 be good enough to sneak off with the South — and then get hammered by a wild-card team?

As for dropping the hammer, that's the operating standard for the North, best personified by the Ravens and Steelers. Both are 7-5, both are hitting stride, and both face off Christmas night. Can't wait.

NFC

Dallas has so separated itself from the rest of the conference that not only can it secure the East title with a win at the Giants on Sunday night, it also can nail down home-field advantage throughout the playoffs if Detroit and Seattle lose.

"We'll let other people talk about those kinds

of things," coach Jason Garrett says. "The best thing this team has done is focus. We focus on one opponent at a time. We focus on one day's preparation at a time. We'll continue to do that."

Let's pencil in the Cowboys as the top seed, then sit back and watch an intriguing race for the other bye between the Seahawks and Lions.

Detroit (8-4) almost is as much a surprise as Dallas, but it hasn't yet convinced folks it will win the North. Its final three games are at the Giants and Cowboys, then hosting the Packers (6-6) on New Year's Day. Green Bay won the first meeting, and Aaron Rodgers has been playing lights-out foot-

ball for weeks.

But give Detroit its due: No team has been more impressive in close games, Matthew Stafford is having his best season, and its plus-6 turnover margin is among the NFL leaders.

The Packers, who must navigate through three divisional games to finish the schedule after hosting Seattle on Sunday, look more like a wild-card chaser.

Seattle (8-3-1) might have the league's most talented roster when everyone is healthy. That's hardly the case now, and losing perennial All-Pro safety Earl Thomas for the rest of the season is damaging.

The good news for the Seahawks is their offense, while streaky,

Lebron moves into 9th on NBA scoring list

CLEVELAND (AP) — Another game, another milestone for LeBron James.

The four-time MVP scored 27 points to move into ninth place on the NBA scoring list, and the Cleveland Cavaliers defeated the Miami Heat 114-84 on Friday night.

James passed Elvin Hayes on a driving layup with 6:58 remaining and

has 27,315 career points. The Cavs star was removed about a minute later and received a loud ovation from the Cleveland crowd.

"Whenever you're great, you're going to move up a lot of lists," Cavaliers coach Tyronn Lue said. "It's a tribute to his hard work and his dedication."

James moved past Ha-keem Olajuwon earlier and

could pass Moses Malone (27,409) for eighth place in the next few games.

"Anytime I'm mentioned with the other greats, it's very surreal and very humbling," James said.

Kevin Love, a game-time decision because of back spasms, scored a team-high 28 points and had 15 rebounds after missing the morning shootaround.

Kyrie Irving added 23 points for the Cavs, who have won three straight after losing three in a row.

Derrick Williams scored 17 to lead the short-handed Heat, who dressed only eight players and have lost four straight.

Miami center Hassan Whiteside had eight points and 12 rebounds in 28 minutes.

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school product C.J. Miles. But the Pacers couldn't sustain it against the NBA's worst defensive team at the arc, finishing 14 of 25.

Paul George scored 22 points to lead the Pacers (11-12), who failed for the third straight time with a chance to get above .500. Indiana hasn't had a winning record since dropping Game 2 at Brooklyn after beating Dallas at

home in overtime in the opener.

"It's real disappointing," said George, who had just nine points after the first quarter. "I don't know what it is. I don't have the answers for that."

Matthews outscored the Pacers by himself during a 32-11 spurt that turned a 50-42 deficit into a 74-61 lead. He had 16 points during the run, capped by a 3-pointer midway through the third quarter.

The Mavericks (5-17) shot 58 percent in the third quarter, making six of 12 from long range and outscoring

the Pacers 31-25. In a 120-89 loss to Sacramento on Wednesday, Dallas was outscored 29-12 in the third.

Dallas is without starters Dirk Nowitzki (strained right Achilles tendon) and Andrew Bogut (right knee injury) and key backup guard J.J. Barea (left calf strain).

"We are in desperate need of wins," Carlisle said. "We really played a solid game tonight."

TIP-INS

Pacers: Indiana made its first 24 free throws before Jeff Teague missed the first of two with 1:34 remaining.

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favorite.

Westbrook and Mayfield are the first teammates to be finalists since 2005, when Southern California's Reggie Bush and Matt Leinart finished one and three in the voting, respectively. The last time teammates finished in the top five of the Heisman voting was 2008, when another Big 12 pass-catch combo did it. Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell and wide receiver Michael Crabtree finished a distant fourth and fifth, respectively, behind Oklahoma's Sam Bradford, Texas' Colt McCoy and Florida's Tim Tebow.

Mayfield leads the nation in passer efficiency rating

and is on pace to break the FBS record at 197.75. He has thrown for 3,669 yards and 38 touchdowns for the Big 12 champions. Mayfield also leads the nation in yards per completion at 11.1, a number helped mightily by Westbrook. The senior is averaging 19.8 yards per catch. His 16 touchdowns have covered an average of 48.8 yards.

"You put in so much work during the offseason," Mayfield said. "The extra work that Dede and I put in together, with routes, just working on perfecting our craft. It's kind of like it's a reward for all the work we put in."

Westbrook is just happy to be here. He said he does not expect to win and is looking forward to hearing Mayfield's speech instead of making one himself as

he did in Atlanta. Having Mayfield around is not always so calming for Westbrook. Especially when the quarterback was telling him about the millions of TV viewers that were going to be watching him Thursday night.

"He wasn't trying to make me nervous. He did make me nervous. And that's why I told him I'm not nervous now because I know tomorrow I'm not going to be walking up there accepting the Heisman Trophy, that he will," Westbrook said. "Trust me. I'm going to be in his ear."

Less than a minute later, Mayfield was in Westbrook's ear. As the quarterback walked behind his teammate, he gave Westbrook a wet willy the receiver never saw coming.

Mayfield finished fourth in last season's Heisman voting, but did not receive an invitation to New York. Those are determined by the margin between vote-getters. Never shy to voice his opinions, Mayfield said even though he did not think he was going to win, he was disappointed about not getting to be at the ceremony.

No complaints from Mayfield this year, though. He is enjoying the opportunity and Westbrook is glad to be along for the ride — even if it is just to poke fun at his friend.

"He's very cool and he can also dance," Westbrook said. "What I think is when he showers, in the mirror, like I think he practices his dance moves. I don't have the time to do that."

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Winters and Harris announce engagement

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Texas.

Clay is the son of Lee and Laurie Harris of Big Spring, and the grandson of Gerald and Ramona Harris, and Gerald and Bobbie Wooten, all of Big Spring.

The couple plan to exchange wedding vows on New Year's Eve 2016 at the 14th and Main Church of Christ in Big Spring.

Murdoch's 21st Century Fox agrees to buy Europe's Sky



NEW YORK (AP) — Rupert Murdoch may get all of European broadcaster Sky after all after the U.K. phone-hacking scandal scotched a previous effort.

Sky said Friday that Murdoch's entertainment conglomerate 21st Century Fox has reached a preliminary deal to buy the rest of Sky for 10.75 pounds (\$13.60) per share, the equivalent of about 11.2 billion pounds (\$14.1 billion).

Fox already owns just over 39 percent of Sky, and the deal price values the entire broadcaster at 18.5 billion pounds.

Shares in Sky jumped 27 per-

cent in London. Stock of 21st Century Fox fell more than 3 percent in afternoon trading in New York.

However, Sky and 21st Century Fox both said in statements that they're still talking about some terms and a definitive deal is still not certain.

Murdoch had previously tried to take full control of Sky but was sidelined in 2011 amid a phone-hacking scandal at his British newspapers that rocked the U.K. political and media establishment. The outcry has largely died down since then.

dio, a distributor in Europe. Sky plc has 22 million customers in the U.K., Ireland, Germany, Austria and Italy. It sells TV and internet service, has its own news operation and sports channels and makes some TV shows.

There has long been speculation that another takeover deal was coming from 21st Century Fox. James Murdoch, Rupert's son and the CEO of 21st Century Fox, became chairman of Sky in April. He had been CEO of Sky, then known as BSkyB, from 2003 to 2007 and chairman from 2007 to 2012.

Taking control of Sky would give 21st Century Fox, which owns cable networks Fox News, FX and the Fox broadcast channel and a major Hollywood film stu-



Who's Who in Howard County? Alix Green

Where do you work?

Lumbre Bar and Grill (manager)

Where were you born?

San Angelo, Texas

City you live in?

Sand Springs

Family:

Grandparents (locals) Don and Betty Lou Green; Dad, Donny Green; Mother, Janice Bishop; three kids, Bari, Maci, and Levi Green.

Hobbies, organizations, clubs?

Bartender, Church of Christ member, kids' sports, PEZ collector, any and all with kids.

Favorite book?

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Favorite show?

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Favorite movie?

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Tuesday: Breakfast: Maple pancakes, grapes, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Tex-Mex stack, corn, mandarin oranges, veggie cups, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage roll, apples, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Ham macaroni, roll, garlic broccoli, fruit cocktail, garden salad, fruit cup, chocolate crackers, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Baked cheese stick, banana, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Cheese enchilada, Spanish rice, baked beans, strawberries and bananas, garden salad, veggie cups, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, orange smiles, fruit juice, Lunch: Sloppy Joe sliders, sweet potato tots, twisted applesauce, fruit cup, veggie cups, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Morning sausage roll or cereal with buttered toast, chilled pineapple, fruit juice, milk, jelly; Lunch: Chicken bites basket with seasoned fries or Italian pasta salad with chicken or Salisbury steak or country chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli Normandy, Romaine spinach garden salad, chilled peaches, apples and oranges, brown gravy, wholegrain rolls.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal with buttered toast, fruit juice, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Toasted ham and cheese sandwich basket with Sun Chips or crispy chicken tenders salad or chili-cheese fries or Frito pie, carrot sticks, Romaine spinach garden salad, fruit slush cup, bananas and oranges, wholegrain rolls.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancake and sausage or cereal with cinnamon buttered toast, cinnamon applesauce, fruit juice, milk, syrup; Lunch: Meatball marinara sub with seasoned fries or grilled chicken Caesar salad or homestyle pizza (cheese/pepperoni/supreme), mixed vegetables, yellow squash, Romaine spinach garden salad, blushing pears, oranges and grapes, chocolate chip cookies.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast grilled cheese sandwich or cereal with buttered toast, fruit juice, fresh fruit, milk, jelly; Lunch: Cheesy Frito crunch wrap basket or loco Dorito chicken taco salad or beef taco pie or chicken quesadilla, chips and salsa, charro beans, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato salad, fruit slush cup, bananas and oranges, jalapeno, salsa, and sour cream.

Friday: Breakfast: Homestyle cinnamon roll or cereal with cinnamonbuttered toast, chilled mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk, jelly; Lunch: Hot dog or burrito or ham and cheese sub, baked

chips, baked beans, Romaine spinach garden salad, chilled peaches, and apples and oranges.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Mini maple waffles or cereal with toast, Fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fruit,milk; Lunch: Country fried steak or steak fingers or chicken nuggets, tater tots, corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: French toast or cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Pizza or crispy chicken salad, Italian vegetables, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Blueberry mini pancakes or cereal with toast, fruit juice, applesauce, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch:

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal with toast, fruit juice, pears, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Chicken sandwich, baby carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll with bacon or cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Corndog, baby carrots, fresh fruit, milk.



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Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache, cheese stick, fruit; Lunch: Texas basket, carrot coins, apple slices, cookie.

Thursday: Breakfast: Rolled breakfast tacos, fruit; Lunch: Barbecue on a bun, coleslaw, pinto beans, orange smiles.

Friday: Breakfast: French toast, yogurt, fruit; Lunch: Deli sandwich, multigrain chips, fresh veggies, fruit, cookie.

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday: Oven-fried chicken, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, chocolate pudding, bread, milk.

Tuesday: Tamales with chili, shredded cheese, lettuce and tomato, pinto beans, chocolate cake, milk.

Wednesday: Beef stew with vegetables, peach cobbler, cornbread, milk.

Thursday: Barbecue smoked sausage, oven potatoes, California blend vegetables, snickerdoodle cookies, bread, milk.

Friday: Chicken crispsitos, Spanish rice, chips and salsa, fresh oranges, milk.



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Obama orders review of election-season hacking

By KATHLEEN HENNESSEY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's order to intelligence officials for a full-scale review of campaign-season cyberattacks met with a cool reception from President-elect Donald Trump, whose transition team said it's "time to move on."

Trump has been repeatedly dismissive of the intelligence community's determination that Russia sought through hacking to disrupt the U.S. election, and Obama's new initiative was similarly brushed off at Trump Tower.

Trump's transition office issued a statement reflecting the deep divisions that emerged between his campaign and the intelligence agencies over Russian meddling.

These are the same people that said Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction," the statement said. "The election ended a long time ago in one of the biggest Electoral College victories in history. It's now time to move on and 'Make America Great Again.'"

The investigation ordered by Obama will be a "deep dive" into a possible pattern of increased "malicious cyber activity" timed to the campaign season, White House spokesman Eric Schultz said Friday, including the email hacks that rattled the presidential campaign. It will look at the tactics, targets, key actors and the U.S. government's response to the recent email hacks, as well as incidents reported in past elections, he said.

The president ordered up

the report earlier in the week asked that it be completed before he leaves office next month, Schultz said.

"The president wanted this done under his watch because he takes it very seriously," he said. "We are committed to ensuring the integrity of our elections."

The Washington Post reported Friday that the CIA has concluded that Russia aimed specifically to help Trump win the presidency.

The Kremlin has rejected the hacking accusations.

In the months leading up to the election, email accounts of Democratic Party officials and a top Hillary Clinton campaign aide were breached, emails leaked and embarrassing and private emails posted online. Many Democrats believe the hackings benefited Trump's bid.

Schultz said the president

sought the probe as a way of improving U.S. defense against cyberattacks and was not intending to question the legitimacy of Trump's victory.

"This is not an effort to challenge the outcome of the election," Schultz said.

Obama's move comes as Democratic lawmakers have been pushing Obama to declassify more information about Russia's role, fearing that Trump, who has promised a warmer relationship with Moscow, may not prioritize the issue.

Given Trump's statements, "there is an added urgency to the need for a thorough review before President Obama leaves office next month," said Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., senior Democrat on the House intelligence committee. If the administration doesn't respond "forcefully"

to such actions, "we can expect to see a lot more of this in the near future," he said.

The White House said it would make portions of the report public and would brief lawmakers and relevant state officials on the findings.

It emphasized the report would not focus solely on Russian operations or hacks involving Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta and Democratic National Committee accounts. Schultz stressed officials would be reviewing incidents going back to the 2008 presidential campaign, when the campaigns of Sen. John McCain and Obama were breached by hackers.

Intelligence officials have said Obama and Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney were targets of Chinese cyberattacks four years later.

Chapel of Love lost to fire that ravaged city in Smokies

GATLINBURG, Tenn. (AP) — The wildfires that killed 14 people and tore through Gatlinburg also stole an iconic venue from this city at the foot of the Great Smoky Mountains whose nick-

name is "the wedding capital of the South."

All that remains of Cupid's Chapel of Love is a heart-shaped pink sign with its name spelled out in Barbie-doll-style cursive lettering.

The white, log building with a green tin roof and waterfall around back hosted more than 20,000 weddings in more than two decades. Some were quick, 15-minute "let's get married

this weekend" appointments. Others were full ceremonies, renewals of vows and weddings built on family traditions that began when parents and grandparents eloped there.

Alongside 20 friends and family members, Cheryl Petty Moats and her husband Jim got married there in 2014. The couple from Hurricane, West Virginia, always rent a cabin nearby in Pigeon Forge for their anniversary and take pictures where they were married.

Moats cried when she saw photos of the rubble. It's uncertain whether the chapel will ever be rebuilt.

"You could just feel that it was a special place. There was a lot of love there," she said. "We looked at several chapels down there to get married in, but there was just something about that one."

The fires that devastated Gatlinburg also took the life of the Rev. Ed Taylor, 85, who nearly four decades ago launched the wedding-destination industry that has expanded throughout the city and into neighboring towns, including Pigeon Forge. Hundreds of thousands of people each year now flock to the Smoky Mountains region to get married or attend a wedding.

A friend of Taylor, Adren Greene, said the reverend died in or just outside his home. Little Mountain Chapel, the brown building with the red door where he officiated thousands of weddings, survived the fires, Greene said.

Taylor arrived in

town in 1979. Since then his organization, Gatlinburg Ministries Inc., has married more than 85,000 couples, with Taylor himself administering more than 45,000 weddings, according to the group's website.

Taylor performed the wedding for Billy Ray Cyrus, country music star and father of Miley Cyrus, and country singer Patty Loveless. Country performer Tanya Tucker sang at the wedding of a band member. Taylor also performed the wedding of Jeff Cease, formerly in the Black Crowes rock band. Taylor had retired about a year ago.

"I've done it seven days a week," he said in a 2009 interview with The Associated Press. "We used to do 'marrythons' on Valentine's Day around the clock. We did as many as 60 in a 24-hour period."

Taylor opposed gay marriage, and last year, after vandals damaged a sign at his chapel that said "no-same sex marriages," he stood guard out front with a shotgun.

Cupid's Chapel of Love, which started up in 1994, was one of the few in this conservative town of multiple churches and fervent religious beliefs that did allow same-sex weddings, along with the traditional unions.

MEETING

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staff would seek office space locally so that constituents would have a place to meet with representatives and discuss problems or concerns.

That effort is apparently already under way.

Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman said she was contacted by Russell Thomasson of Arrington's staff about the possibility of the county providing an office at the courthouse for Arrington's use.

Wiseman said she is open to the idea.

"(The courthouse) is a public building owned by the public, and there's nothing wrong with us providing an office for Congressman-elect Arrington," Wiseman said. "This is certainly doable."

Wiseman said the courthouse currently has empty offices on the third floor that officials could make available to Arrington's staff.

The judge added she did not receive any indication whether

Arrington's staff would have a permanent presence at the courthouse.

In other business Monday, commissioners will consider:

- County indigent health care policies.
- Sealcoat bids.
- Pipeline crossings and road maintenance.
- Routine financial and personnel matters.

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LIGHTS

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"That's our goal. We've had 22,000 and 23000, but we've never pushed up over the 25,000 mark."

Big Spring City Council member Jim DePauw leant a hand to the set up efforts.

"It's a fantastic thing, it's one of the neatest things in Big Spring every year," DePauw said. "We just enjoy coming out every year for something that's seen by al-

most 25,000 people a year. It's just a delight to be part of something like that."

Stewart said the spring turnaround and part of the trail are unavailable for decoration this year.

"The spring is off limits because it's under construction," he said. "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."

Santa Claus will be part of the festival on opening night, as well as Dec. 19 through 23 at Belaski Pavilion in the park.

Entrance to the Festival of Lights is at the intersection of Highway 87 and Whipkey Road.

HARDAWAY

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Hardaway said with the advancements in technology and social media, it just makes sense to invest more in ways to engage the public on their terms.

"We are doing this in Abilene too," he said. "We are drastically reducing our office space so we can be a little bit more focused on being in the district and being engaged. It's a better investment in people than real estate."

And with more mobile equipment and wifi connections available, he and his field reps can set up shop just about anywhere, he said.

"I've worked remotely in my career before and if you have a laptop and a cell phone you can just about be anywhere and get things done," Hardaway said. "I think we have failed people if we wait to be asked to come somewhere. I think that I would say ... if you ask me in a year, Jay have you done a good job? And I say, well, you never called me and invited me to Big Spring then that is a mistake on me. I think it you have to engaged from day one."

"I have found in my public career so far, if you show up, you can find out a lot and nobody is going to say hey, get out of here, so you may find me wondering down the streets talking to people," he continued.

Nowadays, activity engaging the public is crucial, Hardaway said as he personally believes we are living in an era of extreme mistrust of the government.

"You remember that old anecdote, 'Everybody hates Congress but they like their congressman.' I feel like now we are to the point, nobody likes their congressman," Hardaway said. "Jodey's new, and I think people are going to give him a chance. That's what West Texas do, they give people a chance, but we are talking about historic lows in levels of trust of government."

"I truly believe we are failing people if we are be-

hind a desk, in a bank building and just waiting on people to come see us when they have an issue," he continued. "We've got to be engaged, and we've got to engage people where they are, not where we are. You don't come to me, I work for you."

And he needs to begin by restoring the public trust, he said.

"We have trust to restore," he said "I'm not speaking about (U.S. Congressman) Randy (Neugebauer). I'm sure people trust and feel like they have a good relationship with congressman Neugebauer. But institutionally, people don't trust their government, and we need to work on that. We do that being engaged. Not being reactive but proactive. I think we can do that better and I think the people I hire can do that better by being in all the communities and we are talking about 29 counties."

Hardaway will serve as district director based out of the Abilene office while Mary Whistler will serve as the deputy district director at the Lubbock office.

He is a native of Abilene and graduated from Abilene Christian High School and McMurry University. He comes to public service from a business background and he currently serves as a member of the Abilene City Council as well as on multiple boards and foundations.

Jodey Arrington will office take office in January 2017 when the 115th U.S. Congress begins.

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News in brief

Houston promotes Major Applewhite to head coach

HOUSTON (AP) — Major Applewhite was hired to replace Tom Herman as coach at Houston on Friday.

It's the first head coaching job for the 38-year-old Applewhite, who served as Herman's offensive coordinator the last two seasons. Herman recently left Houston to become the coach at Texas after two years with the Cougars.

"We had our sights set on a focused competitor who has demonstrated success and possesses a deep connection to college and high school football in the great state of Texas," Houston athletics director Hunter Yurachek said. "As this process was completed, it was clearly evident the only individual to offer our position to was Major Applewhite and he was indeed the right man to lead our program."

Applewhite steps into a program that has had a lot of success in the last 10 years and has become a launching pad for coaches. Art Briles went 34-28 with a Conference USA title at Houston from 2003-07 before moving on to Baylor. Kevin Sumlin went 35-17 from 2008-11 before leaving for Texas A&M. Herman went 22-4 with an American Athletic Conference championship in 2015.

The Cougars meet San Diego State in the Las Vegas Bowl on Dec. 17.

Under Applewhite's direction, the Cougars gained more than 500 yards 11 times and passed the 600-yard mark four times. The offense piled up 40 points 12 times and scored at least 50 points five other occasions in the past two seasons.

"It's no coincidence that the success UH football has achieved over the past two seasons happened with Major Applewhite running our offense," Houston President Renu Khator said. "His energy and creativity are responsible for one of the most explosive passing games in college football and I am confident that as our head coach he will continue our upward trajectory as a nationally relevant athletics program."

Judge freezes Rio mayor's assets over Olympic golf course

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — A Brazilian judge said he was freezing the assets of Rio de Janeiro Mayor Eduardo Paes on Friday for allegedly failing to charge the appropriate taxes to the developer of the Olympic Games golf course.

"The mayor will appeal the decision to freeze his assets" announced by a Rio de Janeiro state judge, Paes' office said in a statement.

Just four months after the Olympics, the new course is verging on becoming a white elephant with few players, a mostly unfurnished clubhouse, and little money to run what was to be Rio's first public course.

The Brazilian Golf Confederation has said it needs about \$80,000 monthly to maintain the course in a country where few play the game.

To finance building the course, Paes and the city worked out a deal for billionaire developer Pasquale Mauro to spend about \$20 million to construct it. In exchange, the developer won the right to build luxury marble and glass high-rise apartments around the layout.

Paes' office disputed the prosecutor's allegations, and said the mayor assessed the developer the disputed taxes, which the city hall said was 3.365 million Brazilian reals (\$1 million).

Paes leaves office at the end of the year after serving his term limit. He has a one-year appointment at Columbia University in New York to teach at its School of International and Public Affairs.

Kansas forward Carlton Bragg accused of domestic battery

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Kansas forward Carlton Bragg Jr. was arrested on suspicion of domestic battery late Thursday, throwing into question not only his future this season but also with the Jayhawks.

The 20-year-old sophomore from Cleveland was taken into custody and accused of causing "reckless bodily harm to a family member," according to booking records. His case was forwarded to the Douglas County prosecutor but no charges had

been filed as of midday Friday.

Kansas associate athletic director Jim Marchiony said the school is aware of the situation and "once we have the facts, we will act accordingly." Marchiony did not say whether Bragg has been suspended.

The third-ranked Jayhawks (9-1) play Nebraska on Saturday at Allen Fieldhouse.

Bragg has appeared in all nine games with five starts this season, and is averaging 7.8 points and 5.3 rebounds in 16 minutes. But the long, lean forward has slowly lost playing time as the Jayhawks have gone to a smaller, quicker lineup the last few weeks, even though some NBA draft experts believe Bragg could be a first-round pick if he leaves school early.

Fowler gets \$82.5 million, 5-year deal with Cardinals

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Dexter Fowler is headed from the World Series champions to their biggest rival.

After helping the Chicago Cubs end their long championship drought, he finalized an \$82.5 million, five-year contract with the St. Louis Cardinals on Friday. Fowler fills the last big hole left in the Cardinals lineup after moves made earlier in the offseason to shore up the bullpen.

"It was an honor just to be considered to be in the Cardinals organization," said Fowler, who will wear No. 25 in honor of his mentor, Barry Bonds, because his usual 24 is retired by the Cardinals.

"You play against the Cardinals, I've been playing against them for eight years now," Fowler said, "and they always come out fighting. Always fighting. And then being with a rival, being the Cubs however many times we play them a year, you see them and — it's always good a winning team wants you."

Fowler was also a free agent a year ago, when he spurned a \$33 million, three-year offer from Baltimore, who refused to offer an opt out after one year, and signed a \$13 million, one-year deal with the Chicago Cubs. He hit .276 with 13 homers and a career-best .393 on-base percentage that landed him in his first All-Star Game, then had a pair of home runs in helping the Cubs win their first World Series title in 108 years.

Seattle, Toronto prepared for MLS Cup showdown

TORONTO (AP) — Having played in two World Cups for the United States and finishing on the losing side of the Coppa Italia final when he was with Roma, Toronto FC captain Michael Bradley is no stranger to the big occasion.

But he's also savvy enough to know that pre-game plans don't always pan out, so when he leads his team onto the field for Saturday night's MLS Cup final against the Seattle Sounders, he'll be keeping an open mind.

"There's no blueprint for these games, for big games," he said. "You never know what to predict, you have to be ready no matter how things go to react and to not let anything faze you and to go for it."

Toronto FC has certainly done that throughout these MLS Cup playoffs, setting an MLS record with 17 goals scored through their first five games. But while Jozy Altidore and former MLS MVP Sebastian Giovinco have captured most of the headlines in that regard with nine goals between them, what takes place in the middle of the field may have a bigger impact on which team lifts the trophy.

That's where Bradley will go head to head with Seattle's Osvaldo Alonso and Cristian Roldan, and he knows just how important that battle will be, acknowledging that their play dictates how much freedom Seattle stars such as Jordan Morris and

Nicolas Lodeiro will have.

"I think ultimately what goes on in the center of the field in these games goes a long way to dictating who wins," Bradley said. "So it's important for us to feel like in all areas in the center part of the field we're taking good care of things."

Moreland, Red Sox finalize \$5.5 million, 1-year deal

BOSTON (AP) — Free agent first baseman Mitch Moreland was already excited about joining the Boston Red Sox when the team made a move that made it even more appealing.

One day after trading for five-time All-Star left-hander Chris Sale, the Red Sox agreed to terms with Moreland on a \$5.5 million, one-year deal to share time with Hanley Ramirez at first base.

"It just shows you that we're in it and trying to go all out and trying to make that happen," Moreland told reporters Thursday. "I'm glad to be a part of it."

Manager John Farrell said Ramirez will get most of his at-bats at designated hitter, filling the spot that opened up when David Ortiz retired. Moreland will play primarily at first base, where he won a Gold Glove after committing just two errors in 1,103 total chances last season.

Moreland, 31, batted .233 with 22 homers and 21 doubles last year with the Texas Rangers. In 14 games at Fenway Park, he has a .341 average with four homers, two doubles and eight RBIs, according to MassLive.com.

"It's one of those things where I'm just loose, I feel like I'm comfortable (there)," Moreland said. "It kind of brings the kid out in you when you get to do it at a place like this. That's what makes it fun."

NFL to play 4 regular-season games in London next year

LONDON (AP) — The NFL will stage four regular-season games in London next year.

Teams and venues for the four games will be announced on Tuesday.

The NFL started playing regular-season games in London in 2007, and has recently played three games per season in the British capital. The league has never before played four games in one season in London.

Most of the games have been played at Wembley Stadium, but one was played at Twickenham this season.

"We continue to be incredibly excited by the passion and love for the NFL shown by our millions of UK fans," said NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. "London is an amazing city. We have had tremendous support from our fans, from Mayor Khan and other government leaders and business partners, and we are looking forward to taking the next step in the UK by playing four games in London."

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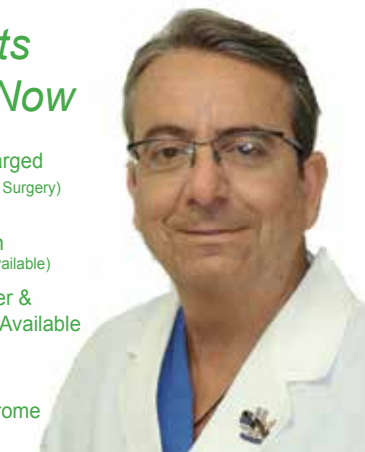
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Roger's Reviews: Allied



By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

I wasn't too excited to see "Allied," the new Robert Zemeckis World War II movie. Although it had great actors - Brad Pitt and Marion Cotillard - and a famous director, it had the distinct odor of romance, a genre that, most often, isn't one of my go-to's.

That said, I left the theater pleasantly surprised. While the romance was definitely there, it was accompanied by enough suspense, action, and just sheer good acting that I enjoyed the viewing.

"Allied" starts off in Casablanca. Two French nationals, Max (Pitt) and Marianne (Cotillard) meet when Max arrives in town after business dealings abroad. Except the two aren't really married. The audience quickly learns that Max

is a Canadian intelligence officer and Marianne is a French resistance fighter who fled to Casablanca when her resistance cell in France was killed by Nazis. Together the two plan to assassinate the German ambassador. During their time planning the assassination, they fall in love, and Max proposes, inviting Marianne to accompany him back to England as his (real) wife. The assassination goes smoothly, and the two set up housekeeping in Hampstead, England. Marianne even has a baby daughter named Anna. But there's a fly in the ointment. British intelligence suspects that Marianne might actually be a German spy who replaced the real Marianne in France before relocating to Casablanca. Max is ordered to help run a "Blue Dye" test on Marianne; he'll receive a call from headquarters and write down a piece of information, leaving it where Marianne can find it. If the information is picked up in German spy transmissions, it will be proof that she is actually a Nazi.

There are other characters of course: Thierry Fremont plays Paul Delamare, another French resistance fighter that might be able to identify the real Marianne; Daniel Betts plays George Kavanaugh, a pilot Max sends to find Delamare; Jared Harris plays Frank Heslop, a British intelligence

officer; and Matthew Goode plays Guy Sangster, an injured war veteran that Max hopes might be able to identify Marianne. But Pitt and Cotillard are the only names of note in the movie, and all the action centers around them.

The highlight of this film is the Pitt's portrayal of a confident, cocky spy who has the world on a string, and then gradually begins to descend into suspicion and paranoia when he learns his life may not be as idyllic as he thought it was. Pitt is known for his looks, but efforts like this film reveal that he also has some major acting chops to go with them.

Cotillard holds up her end of the deal too. Although her role is not quite as pivotal and dynamic as is Pitt's, her performance is quite competent and



her chemistry with Pitt is great.

The downside of the movie for me is fairly specific:

There is a distinct shift in the middle of the movie that is quite jarring. It almost feels as if the portion up to and including the party where the assassination takes place is one movie; and then the rest of the action with the Blue Dye operation and the quest for the Marianne's identity is another, different, movie. With a director as experienced as Zemeckis, I have to assume that the shift is intentional, but I felt it was a bit jarring and it took me a moment or two to re-integrate my mind into the action of the movie.

That aside, "Allied" is a tight and well-crafted movie. It's not my favorite movie of the year, but it's worth a watch. Seven and a half stars out of 10.

Allied

Director: Robert Zemeckis

Writer: Steven Knight

Production Companies: GK Films and ImageMovers

R, 2 hrs 4 min, Action/Drama/Romance, 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.

KBSB donates trailer to Adult Probation

Special to the Herald

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Dec. 5 at Howard College. President Lisa Brooks called the meeting to order. After the pledge, Eric Escamilla led the invocation. There were 21 members present. Peggy Skiles, Lisa Brooks, and Teresa Darden volunteered to work on the GCAA project.

The recent E-Waste collection brought in 11.54 tons of electronic waste.

The H-E-B Feast of Sharing will be Dec. 11, 2016. KBSB will be helping with the cleanup.

The group will also be working with Alon/Strive Fuel to plant some trees in the City Park. The tree planting will be in early January.

Part two of the Main Street Project is complete. For the next step, the group plans to install plants in the Main Street medians.

KBSB recently bought a trash trailer and donated it to Adult Probation to help in their cleanup projects.

Officers for the 2017 year are: President-William Ledford, 1st Vice President-Peggy Skiles, 2nd Vice President-Liz Hafley, Secretary- Tammy DePauw and Treasurer-Jim DePauw.

Barlow presents demo at Art Association meeting



Bruce Schooler photo

Artist Robert Barlow presents a demonstration of acrylic painting at the Big Spring Art Association's November meeting.

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Robert Barlow presented the demonstration for the November meeting. He had a picture that helped start the creative process. Robert interjected his own ideas and created an acrylic painting. The art association members thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Barlow's demonstration!

Dec. 13, the Art Association's Christmas Party will be at Belle and Bruce Schoolers' Studio; the address is 6414 S. Service Road. Art association members are asked to bring an art related gift of about \$10 value and Also, anyone interested in art is welcome to come!

Hi-Crush donates to SA Food Bank



Courtesy photo

Patricia Snowden of the Salvation Army of Big Spring accepts a check from Alton McGruder of Hi-Crush Partners LP in Big Spring for the Salvation Army Food Bank. Hi-Crush also donated 50 food items to the local food bank as part of the company's nationwide food drive.

Special to the Herald

The local employees of Hi-Crush Partners LP recently participated in the company's second annual food drive, donating 50 food items and a check for \$600 to the Salvation Army of Big Spring.

Companywide, 11 Hi-Crush facilities participated in the food drive, ranging from Wisconsin to Texas to Pennsylvania. Each facility was given the challenge to donate at least 10 items per employee. Hi-Crush in turn promised to donate \$2 per item donated, up to each facility's goal. The items donated and Hi-Crush's matching funds for each facility were donated food pantries local to that facility.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we be cheerful givers to others and cheerful takers of Your love, Lord.

Amen.

A wedding ceremony to remember

I have written more columns about my grandson Jackson than anything or anybody else. This will be a biggie.

He was married last Saturday to Erika Davidson, a girl he met while they both were attending Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois. The wedding took place in Oak Lawn, a suburb of Chicago.

Erika planned the entire weekend from the wedding rehearsal, rehearsal dinner, the wedding ceremony and reception. In the plans she sent to family members, they included a timeline of who was supposed to be where and when. For instance, Rehearsal Dinner: Time: 6:30 PM. Location: Palermo's Restaurant (4849 95th Street). Who needs to be there: Full bridal party, parents, grandparents and invited guests.

She did a wonderful job. At the rehearsal dinner, the food was plentiful and drinks were consumed conservatively, even though a dozen or so of Jack-

son's fraternity brothers were at the event. Jackson's little brother, father and grandfather made toasts. Most impressive was the one by 13 year old Caleb, who expressed his love for his big brother while wishing the bride and groom a long and happy life together.

Prior to the wedding, photos were taken of the groom's party at Hickory Hills Country Club, site of the reception after the wedding. The ceremony took place at 4:30 PM at Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church. Jackson and Erika wanted the grooms-men, father and grandfather to wear grey tuxedos with blue argyle socks. It was a sight to behold. I teared up more than once during the ceremony; the first time was when Caleb, wearing his charcoal tux and patent leather shoes, took his place along with the other grooms-men. Roses were presented to mothers of the bride and groom to symbolize their importance in raising Jackson and Erika.

A fraternity friend was the officiant who performed the ceremony. His words were meaningful and from the heart because he had known both the bride and groom for years. Jackson and Erika wrote their own vows that

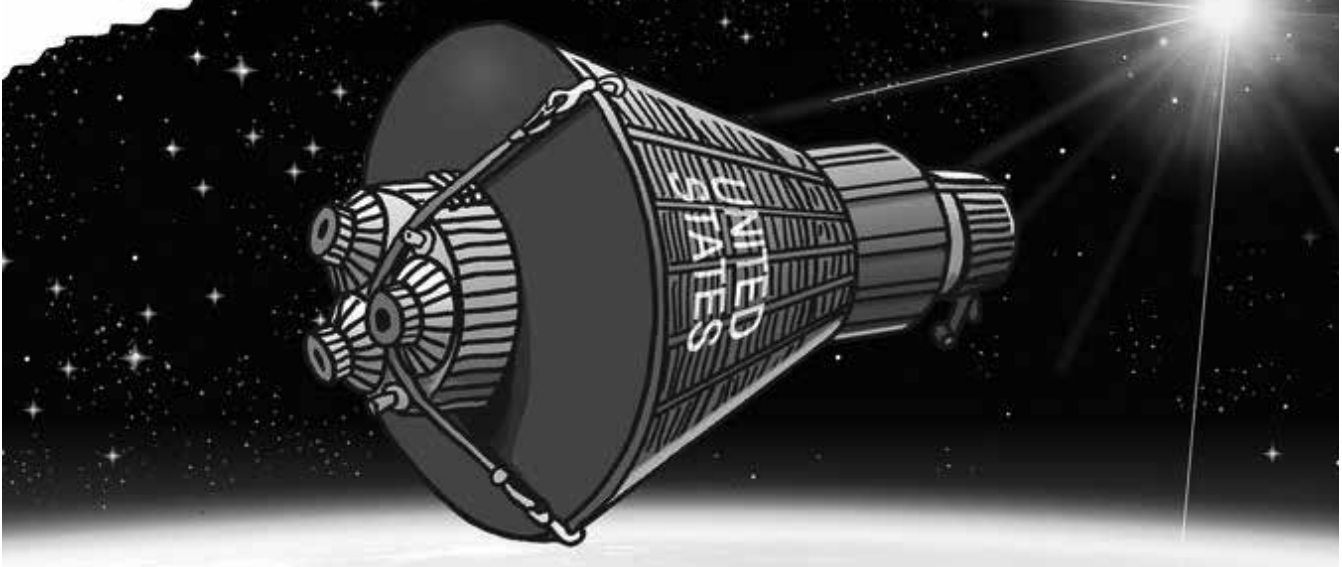
contained words of love and friendship and pledges to work together to build a solid future.

It was a textbook wedding, one that all weddings should follow. My wife said it was the most beautiful wedding she had ever seen and made her reach a state of happiness almost beyond measure. I'll go along with that. Jackson was with us twelve years before we had other grandchildren, so he was with us a lot.

The wedding reception featured food and drink for 130 people, toasts by the best man (Jackson's friend since high school) and father of the bride. A fabulous disc jockey played just the right kind of music for such a gathering. Mostly it was for young people in their late 20's. Jackson is 26, the same age as his fraternity brothers. He is only the second of his fraternity class to get married, so many of his SAE buddies came for the wedding. At the reception there was lots of dancing and visiting. Wine flowed freely. Jackson makes his living as a writer, so he has already been asked by some friends who are engaged to help write their vows. Everybody felt good after the wedding.

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"I suppose the one quality in an astronaut more powerful than any other is curiosity. They have to get some place nobody's ever been."

— John Glenn

Helpful or hurtful?

Not so long ago, lots of folks--the ones still writing and reading longhand--gave little

thought to what the future might hold for the English language. Many were more worried about dialects that will disappear when death claims the last handful of aging tribal users.

With social media and a culture given to haste 24/7, both verbal and written communications are being reduced to abbreviations and symbols. Forward-thinking people may legitimately wonder if the English language is on its way out.

Are we spiraling toward full circle, communicating one day--unbelievable as it may seem--in the manner of cavemen and cavewomen? This won't cause many of us to brush up on symbolic meanings, but soon it may be helpful to know the common meanings of grins, facial expressions or gestures.

In the meantime, I find it amusing to read or hear of "misadventures" of prominent folks. They, too, are guilty of misusing the King's English. Occasionally, their mistakes are barely worth noting; at times, though, they're king-size "goofs."

At this point, I freely admit to committing more than my share of blunders at microphones, at lecterns and in print. For some mistakes, I'm still kidded to this

very day. Ending a radio sports show on New Year's Eve during college years, I wished one and all a "Happy Newbury."

My weekly "bully pulpit" these days permits me to share smiles at others' expense whenever possible. Let us proceed.

Fox News personalities are tagged twice. First, veteran Megyn Kelly pronounced "primer" incorrectly. She wasn't speaking of preparation for painting, but referring to a simple fact. Often someone refers to "Ned in the primer." In this case, it is pronounced "primmer." Megyn failed to add the extra "m" that would have made proper pronunciation more likely.

A well-known Fox TV guest intended to mention--I am sure--the "annals" of world history. Too bad he left an "n" out, thus markedly changing the word's meaning.

On a well-known Dallas TV station, a noon news broadcaster-- instead of saying "Ky" (as in Sigma Chi) mispronounced it "Chi," as in short for Chicago. The boss probably straightened him out that afternoon, explaining that lots of Greek fraternities and sororities have "Chi" in their names.

Where I grew up in Brown County, one radio station was owned by colorful twins, Eddy and Jimmy Farren, country music entertainers popular at gigs throughout the area.

Personable and talented, they'd quickly admit they could read lyrics far more easily than copy during newscasts. On one occasion, one of them said, "It's been raining intermittently off-and-on

all day."

Old-timers out west still joke about a DJ who showed up at work after a night of heavy-duty imbibing, having reached, as some described, "a state of amiable incandescence." His first words as he began the broadcast day went thusly: "You are listening to KSNY in Snyder, TX. No other station can make that statement."

Southerners are credited for some of the most colorful expressions.

Some of the best were born before Confederate flags flew above courthouse lawns. One guy, admiring his friend's spanking new cowboy boots, exclaimed, "You done flung a cravin' on me." ...A dad, correcting his youngster, commented, "You can get glad in the same britches you got mad in." ...One philosopher advised, "Let the slick end slide and the rough end drag." ... Another guy, theoretically to offer comfort, said, "We'll have a moment of silence, but for you, it'll be a short one." ...My old granddaddy repeatedly "encouraged" me with, "You're too smart for one boy, but not nearly smart enough for two." ... Finally, "We're gonna treat the IRS so many different ways, they're bound to like some of 'em." ...

In closing, here's a warning from the archives about arguments being a waste of time. "It's like trying to teach a pig to sing," the expression goes. "It wears you out, and it annoys the pig."

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Earnhardt's health top priority as he prepares for return

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — It took less than four laps for Dale Earnhardt Jr. to feel back at home in his race car. His test this week at Darlington Raceway was the final hurdle for NASCAR's most popular driver to earn clearance to compete next season.

The test ended months of speculation — should Earnhardt retire? Was the risk of suffering yet another concussion too great? — and a detailed medical plan helped get him back on the track when many thought he should just step away for good.

"When you get something taken away from you, you certainly realize what it's worth," Earnhardt said Friday. "I'm feeling recharged and energized about coming back ready to race. I've got a lot left in the tank."

And he wants to make something perfectly clear: Earnhardt would not be climbing back into the No. 88 Chevrolet if his doctors had not assured him that he's healthy and his past concussion history hasn't put him at a heightened risk of permanent injury.

"I have a personal responsibility to myself. My health is number one. I am not going to take any unnecessary risks with my health," he said. "I wouldn't be coming back to the seat and being excited to drive if there was any additional risk, other than the typical risk that every driver faces. I feel confident in what my doctors are telling me ... in me being able



AP photo

to withstand the normal wear and tear and getting into that unfortunate accident from time to time."

Earnhardt's lengthy history with concussions flared again this year after a crash at Michigan in June. He missed the final 18 races of the season and spent that time in intensive therapy meant to first help him control vision, balance and nausea. That lengthy process completed, his doctors focused on getting him

ready to drive a car again, and it happened Wednesday at the South Carolina track considered one of the most demanding in NASCAR.

He admitted to a sleepless night before the test, and an anxiousness to get inside his beloved Chevrolet the moment his feet touched the ground at Darlington. With neurosurgeon Dr. Jerry Petty on site, the Hendrick Motorsports team eased into the session.

Earnhardt started

with 15-lap runs, then climbed from the car to be assessed by Petty. As the day went on, his vision and balance were not only checking out fine, but improving after every run. Soon he was up to 30 laps at a time, he felt up to speed — and he felt ready to race.

"Felt like an old shoe by the end of the day," he said. "I felt really, really confident that by the end of the day, I was 100 percent ready to get back in the car."

His clearance came as a boost to Hendrick Motorsports, which is already riding high after Jimmie Johnson's record-tying seventh championship. Hendrick made it through the second half of the season with a combination lineup of Jeff Gordon and Alex Bowman, and he insisted the sponsors who pay millions of dollars for Earnhardt to be in the car were concerned only with the driver getting healthy.

Although Earnhardt will test again before the season begins at Phoenix — and he's got a wedding to his long-time girlfriend on Dec. 31 — he won't actually race until the events leading into February's season-opening Daytona 500. He will skip the exhibition race that kicks off Speedweeks at Daytona, not as a health precaution, he said, but because Bowman earned the right to race the car by winning the pole at Phoenix.

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In most states, stores are not legally required to accept items for refunds, credits or exchanges unless the merchandise is defective or was misrepresented. However, stores must comply with their own stated return policy, which should be sufficiently conveyed to the customer before purchase. Many retailers have their return and exchange policies posted on their website or displayed in the store.



HEATHER MASSEY

According to a recent survey conducted by the National Retail Federation, "an overwhelming majority" of consumers considered stores' return policies to be fair. On average, consumers only returned 4 percent of their gifts, and two-thirds said they didn't return any gifts. Even so, your BBB offers these consumer tips to ensure a hassle-free return or exchange experience:

- Read and understand return/exchange policies. Return policies for clearance or holiday merchandise may be different than merchandise sold at full price. Every store has its own policy and consumers should understand it before expecting a full refund. Remember to do the same for returns on merchandise purchased online.
- Bring receipts. Retailers may sometimes require you to bring a receipt in order to receive a return. Without the original receipt or a gift receipt, you will not be able to get cash when you return unwanted gifts. You may, however, be able to get store credit or be able to exchange the item for other merchandise.
- Mind the time. Many retailers may only allow returns within a certain time frame which usually begins when the item is purchased, not when you receive it. If you have gifts to return, do it as soon as possible.

• Be aware of restocking fees. Some merchants charge a restocking fee for returns of electronics products or large-ticket items. If you are returning electronics, you should keep the original packaging.

• Online retailers may not refund shipping fees. If your gift was purchased online, you may have to pay a return shipping fee, or may not be refunded for your initial shipping payment. Sometimes merchandise can be returned to a store instead, but you still may not be refunded for the cost of shipping.

• If all else fails, re-gift. If you get a gift that cannot be returned, you can recycle it by giving it to someone else, listing it on an online classified site or donating it to a good cause.

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Permits

Linda Kay Patton, 807 W. 17th St., res re-roof, Val: \$2,500, Fee: \$25
Crossroads Collision, 1609 E. Fourth St., structure (awning), Val: \$18,000, Fee: \$100
Dora Roberts Rehabilitation, 306 W. Third St., com addition, Val: \$550,000, Fee: \$1,760
Wagon Wheel Drive-in, 2010 Scurry St., structure (awning), Val: \$9,000, Fee: \$55
Harold Neagle, 3605 La Junta Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$1,750, Fee: \$25
Norma Rodriguez, 1208 Marijo Ave., res elec, Val: 0, Fee: \$25
Sleep Inn, 306 NE 12th St., com plumb, Val: \$48,000, Fee: \$401.83; com HVAC, Val: \$95,000, Fee: \$815; total, Val: \$143,000, Fee: \$1,216.83
John Flores, 1602 W. Third St., construction (accessory building), Val: \$15,000, Fee: \$85; com elec, Val: 0, Fee: \$25; total, Val: \$15,000, Fee: \$110
Cruz Juarez, 411 Trades Ave., res gas, Val: \$1,800, Fee: \$32
James C. Shoup, 4016 Vicky St.,

res re-roof, Val: \$11,000, Fee: \$65
John Robert Scott Jr., 704 Belvedere Rd., res re-roof, Val: \$23,000, Fee: \$125
Celsa Tan Tiu, 2814 Coronado Ave., res re-roof, Val: \$9,000, Fee: \$55
Clara J. Robertson, 428 Hillside Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$6,500, Fee: \$45
Levi Burchett, 1009 E. 15th St., res HVAC, Val: \$4,900, Fee: \$45
Cynthia Schaffer, 408 Westover Rd., res elec, Val: \$500, Fee: \$25
Daniel Oviedo, 1604 Owens St., structure (fence), Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$25
Marcus Lyle Hyatt, 705 W. 17th St., res re-roof, Val: \$7,000, Fee: \$45
Matthew James Pinkley, 2719 Ann Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$8,200, Fee: \$55
Jesse Bravo, 1509 Tucson Rd., res re-roof, Val: \$5,599.25, Fee: \$40
Bobby Dale Barber, 101 NE Eighth St., res elec, Val: \$750, Fee: \$25

Christina Rodriguez, 711 N. Gregg St., res re-roof, Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$25
J. Rodney Lewis, 2108 Cecilia St., res re-roof, Val: \$9,330, Fee: \$60
Delbert Ray Cox, 2508 Seminole Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$18,286, Fee: \$105
Polly Speaker, 1313 Colby Ave., res re-roof, Val: \$4,335, Fee: \$35
Polly Speaker, 3702 Hamilton St., res re-roof, Val: \$4,310, Fee: \$35
Frankie Lee Stiles Jr., 2006 Merrily Dr., construction (accessory building), Val: \$2,044, Fee: \$25
Danielle Guidry, 2001 N. Monticello St., res elec, Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$25
Jesus Saenz Jr., 1703 Johnson St., res re-roof, Val: \$7,000, Fee: \$45
Marcelino Luna, 2308 Runnels St., res re-roof, Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$25
Paul Pittman, 2400 Edgemere, res gas, Val: \$3,500, Fee: \$32
F.J. Freshour, 2600 Larry Dr., res elec, Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$25

Trump names fast-food executive as nominee for Labor secretary

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Donald Trump plans to add another wealthy business person and elite donor to his Cabinet, saying he would nominate fast-food executive Andrew Puzder as labor secretary.

Puzder heads CKE Restaurants Holdings, the parent company of Carl's Jr., Hardee's and other chains. In 2010, he published a book called "Job Creation: How it Really Works and Why Government Doesn't

Understand It." "Andy will fight to make American workers safer and more prosperous by enforcing fair occupational safety standards and ensuring workers receive the benefits they deserve, and he will save small businesses from the crushing burdens of unnecessary regulations that are stunting job growth and suppressing wages," President-elect Trump said in a statement.

Puzder, in the same

statement, said he was honored "to help President-elect Trump restore America's global economic leadership."

The Californian was one of Trump's earliest campaign financiers, serving as a co-chairman of his California finance team and organizing fundraisers well before most major donors got on board with the eventual Republican nominee. Together with his wife, Puzder contributed \$150,000 in late May to Trump's

campaign and Republican Party partners, fundraising records show.

As one of Trump's most outspoken defenders, Puzder frequently appeared on cable news and Twitter to talk up the benefits of having a business leader in the White House.

A week after Trump's election, Puzder said he agreed with Trump's aim to ease business regulations.

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Public records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Marcus Joe Anderson, 2621 Chanute Dr., Big Spring
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 Atascas 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
Luis Ramon Garcia Jr., 36, and Julianna Nicole Heileman, 31, both of Big Spring.
Roland Ehioghae. 54, and Ju-

niper Stella Musa, 41, both of Big Spring.
Clay Ross Harris, 23, and Sydney Dawn Winters, 22, both of Big Spring.

County Court Judgments
(Note: The State of Texas is listed as prosecutor for all county court judgments)
Defendant: Fredwick Dotson
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$347 court costs, 20 days in jail.
Date: Nov. 23, 2016
Defendant: Frank Chazarreta
Offense: Criminal trespassing
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Date: Nov. 23, 2016
Defendant: Desiree M. Gonzales
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Summit ditches power in bid to salvage project

By Corey Paul

Odessa-American via AP

Summit Power Group plans to scrap the power generating portion of the Texas Clean Energy Project in a bid to keep the troubled coal project alive after the federal government pulled funding for the project earlier this year.

Instead, the company will reconfigure the project to produce more fertilizer by adding another urea line for the carbon capture coal plant, Summit CEO Jason Crew told the Odessa Development Corporation on Thursday. The other major product the long-delayed plant would produce is CO2 to be sold to oil companies.

"Once the DOE pulled out I was fully willing to accept an outcome where we are just done," Crew said. But he said Summit officials sought ways to salvage the project "and we feel like this is the opportunity. We want to see it through."

Crew said the more than \$3 billion total projected cost of the plant would remain about the same without a need for a costly or lengthy redesign. And the plant would still provide 150 or more high-skilled jobs.

City officials want the plant, which would take up more than a third of a 600-acre site near Penwell for the jobs it would create and the billions of dollars it would invest in the community.

To that end, ODC officials extended a deal for the land set to expire this month for another year. The ODC will also continue to reserve a \$5 million incentive for Summit if the company succeeds in building the plant.

ODC Chair Richard "Buz" Browning described a feeling of "fatigue" about the project among city officials after years of delay. But he and other board members reasoned Summit should get an extension if there is a chance they will succeed.

"We do want the project to go forward — it's a huge great benefit to the City of Odessa," Browning said. "But it needs to go forward. We need to quit talking about it. We need to get it done."

The board added the condition that Summit present a detailed progress report six months into 2017. That way, ODC can begin planning to use the land for other projects if Summit seems unlikely to build the plant, board member Tim Edgmon said.

If the ODC had rejected Summit's request, the company would have had to pay the city \$480,000 to keep the property or give back the land that city officials consider as a site for other projects.

"The community has probably eight years invested in the project we call Summit, and we really don't have any results," said ODC board member Jimmy Breaux, who said he considered pushing the company to buy the land or return it to the city instead of the extension.

The U.S. Department of Energy in April warned of "serious doubts about the continuing viability" of the Texas Clean Energy Project, the second major blow to the company this year after the department suspended funding in February for the project citing missed benchmarks.

The project was over-budget and delayed by years as Summit officials continued to seek financing. And independent clean energy experts described the DOE's decision as a crippling blow for the project.

In all the DOE committed about \$450 million to the TCEP, a project meant to demonstrate a carbon capture and sequestration plant as a technology of capturing emissions from burning coal in a commercial viable way. The department spent about \$116 million on the project before freezing funding.

Plans had called for the plant to generate about 400 megawatts of electricity while capturing more than 90 percent of the carbon dioxide it produced.

Crew said Thursday that generating electricity was a condition of the DOE funding. But he argued that repurposing the project to produce more fertilizer will make raising money for the project easier.

He also said producing more urea while scrapping the power generation would prove more profitable and that "because we are producing more fertilizer, the universe of investors grows."

"We are in search of that equity partner that really has an interest in a urea plant of this size," Crew said. "There are a number of companies that want to be exposed to fertilizer in that way, particularly as a hedge against the cost of natural gas rising potentially rising."

Crew said raising money for a pioneering power plant was more difficult and that the DOE recognized that challenge.

"That was the reason they had the program in place in the first place," Crew said.

Harvard reaches goal of cutting gas emissions by 30 percent

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Harvard University says it has achieved a 2008 goal to reduce campus greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent.

In a report released Thursday, university officials say they reached the goal by making buildings more energy efficient, installing a geothermal heating and cooling system, and adding solar panels on roofs, among other measures.

University President Drew Faust says the effort "required extraordinary collaboration among staff, students and faculty," but the work has just begun.

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New Locations: Glasscock County

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Midland, TX 79705-0000
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Surge Operating, LLC
7850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West
Suite 300
Houston, TX 77064-0000
Connie Swan, Agent
(918) 621-6533

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#1029 Edmondson "A", re-completion, API #42-173-33165
Conger (Penn) Field, El: NA
10 miles southwest of Sterling City
A-95, Section 29, Block 32, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9330 feet
Latitude 031.433400, Longitude -101.180960
9845' FNL, 5980' FWL of 3,840-acre lease
625' FSL, 700' FWL of the survey

#3906WA Target "I", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
13.90 miles west of Garden City
A-410, Section 39, Block 36, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
X=1566778, Y=798116
1164' FEL, 290' FNL of 807.8-acre lease
1465' FWL, 290' FNL of the survey

#3906WB Target "J", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
13.90 miles west of Garden City
A-410, Section 39, Block 36, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9750 feet
X=1566778, Y=798116
1134' FEL, 290' FNL of 807.8-acre lease
1495' FWL, 290' FNL of the survey

#3906LS Target "H", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
13.90 miles west of Garden City
A-410, Section 39, Block 36, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9100 feet
X=1566807, Y=798124
1104' FEL, 290' FNL of 807.8-acre lease
1525' FWL, 290' FNL of the survey

#501H Currie "41-44", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
10.90 miles west of Garden City
A-332, Section 41, Block 35, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8500 feet
Latitude 031.515080, Longitude -101.395352
360' FWL, 1990' FNL of 484-acre lease
360' FWL, 1990' FNL of the survey

#101H Currie "41-44", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
10.90 miles west of Garden City
A-332, Section 41, Block 35, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8500 feet
Latitude 031.515072, Longitude -101.395385
330' FWL, 1990' FNL of 484-acre lease
330' FWL, 1990' FNL of the survey

#1 Zora, re-completion, El: NA, API #42-173-32117
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
17 miles northwest of Garden City
Section 10, Block 35, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8702 feet
Latitude 032.033622, Longitude -101.700977
467' FNL, 467' FWL of 160-acre lease
2173' FSL, 467' FWL of the survey

#11HU Shackleton "31", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
11.50 miles west of Garden City
A-1212, Section 42, Block 35, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 11,000 feet
X=1583004.0, Y=802459.8
360' FNL, 2407' FWL of 646.05-acre lease
360' FNL, 2407' FWL of the survey

#8BH Moby Dick "31-30", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
1.75 miles southeast of Vealmoor
A-290, Section 31, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.504737, Longitude -101.547996
300' FSL, 623' FEL of 825.89-acre lease

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point where overregulation is doing meaningful damage to our businesses," he said last month at the Restaurant Finance & Development Conference in Las Vegas, citing high labor costs, increased health care costs and "political and social" policies as hindrances.

Union leaders decried Puzder as a secretary who would look out for millionaires — but not workers.

AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka said in a statement that Puzder's "business record is defined by fighting against working people."

Incoming Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer said there's reason to be skeptical about Puzder.

"Turning the Labor Department over to someone who opposes an increase in the minimum wage, opposes the overtime rule that would raise middle class wages, and whose businesses have repeatedly violated labor laws might be the surest sign yet that the next cabinet will be looking out for the billionaires and special interests, instead of America's working class," Schumer said in a statement.

Trump's selection won praise from the National Retail Federation, however.

"Andrew Puzder is someone with the real-world experience to understand workforce issues and how

jobs are created," said David French, NRF's senior vice president for government relations.

Trump's recent appointments have reflected his desire to turn to business leaders — who also were campaign donors. Trump tapped former WWE chief executive and top campaign contributor Linda McMahon to lead the Small Business Administration. He also selected his campaign's national finance chairman Steven Mnuchin, a former Goldman Sachs executive and hedge fund investor, as Treasury secretary.

Puzder visited with Trump several times since the election, including a meeting Wednesday afternoon at Trump Tower.

He has long been a reliable GOP donor. He was a major financier for 2012 GOP nominee Mitt Romney and has remained close to him. At Romney's annual donor summit in June, Puzder was one of just a few attendees who aggressively promoted Trump to the dozens who were more squeamish about their party's new star.

He told The Associated Press at the Republican National Convention in late July that he enjoyed the challenge of raising money for Trump, saying he often sought common ground with reluctant GOP donors by talking up Trump's children.

"If he's such an evil villain," Puzder said he would tell would-be donors, "how do you explain the kids?"

Young adults' earning potential plummets

WASHINGTON (AP) — The likelihood that young adults will earn more than their parents has plummeted in recent decades, a study has found, fueling concerns that the American dream of steady upward mobility is foundering amid a widening wealth gap.

Just half of Americans born in 1984 earned more at age 30 than their parents did at that age, down from 92 percent in 1940, according to research released Thursday by Stanford economist Raj Chetty and five colleagues.

The study found two reasons for the drop: Income inequality has widened, so that even when the economy has grown, fewer Americans have received enough income gains to overtake their parents. And average annual economic growth has slowed since 1980, compared with the 35 years after World War II.

"Reviving the 'American Dream' of high rates of mobility will require economic growth that is spread more evenly across the income distribution," Chetty and his co-authors wrote.

Anxieties about status and economic opportunity formed a backdrop to the 2016 election campaign, with many voters concerned that their children wouldn't fare as well as they had.

Conversely, many younger voters worry that they won't do as well as their parents, largely because of sluggish income growth and higher costs for housing, health care and student debt.

Chetty's research suggests that those concerns are well-founded. The decline in mobil-

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ity occurred across all states but was worse in Rust Belt states such as Michigan and Indiana, both of which backed Donald Trump.

Trump has indicated that his administration will focus on accelerating economic growth but has said less about income inequality. His choice for Treasury secretary, Steven Mnuchin, has said the administration's policies will increase the economy's growth to as high as 4 percent annually, from the roughly 2.2 percent pace that's prevailed since the recession ended. The U.S. economy hasn't posted 3 percent growth for a full year since 2005.

Chetty's study underscores how much faster and more evenly distributed economic growth was after World War II.

By 1970, when those born in 1940 were 30 years old, 92 percent — nearly all Americans, across all income levels — were earning more than their parents had at that age.

"Growth patterns after the war were magnificent," said Nathaniel Hendren, an economist at Harvard and co-author of the study. "They were high, but also broadly shared across the income distribution."

Among the poorest 10 percent of Americans, 94 percent of those born in 1940 had surpassed their parents' income 30 years later. That fell to 70 percent for those born in 1980 and who reached 30 years of age in 2010.

The middle class suffered a sharper drop: 93 percent of those born in 1940 into families with median household incomes — halfway between the top and bottom — had fared better than their parents by 1970. By 1980, only 45 percent of those born into the middle class did better than their parents 30 years later.

And for children born into the richest 10 percent in 1940, nearly 90 percent did better than their parents. That figure plunged to 33 percent in 1980, partly because it became harder for children of wealthy families to surpass their parents.

Those figures show that mobility has fallen for everyone — rich and poor. Hendren suggested that that might, in fact, make it a less polarizing problem.

"This is something that everybody shares," Hendren said. "It is perhaps a little less divisive than what one might have thought."

The study follows separate research released this week by Thomas Piketty at the Paris School of Economics and two colleagues that documented worsening income inequality since 1980.

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Offense: Theft of property \$50 to \$500
Sentence: Revocation of probation: \$500 fine, \$287 court costs, 29 days in jail.
Date: Nov. 23, 2016

Defendant: Frank Chazarreta
Offense: Theft of service \$500 to \$1,500
Sentence: Revocation of probation: \$100 fine, \$337 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Date: Nov. 23, 2016

Defendant: Favian R. Pecina
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$352 court costs, 30 days in jail
Date: Nov. 23, 2016

Defendant: Christopher D. Fierro
Offense: Theft of property \$100 to \$750
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 20 days in jail
Date: Nov. 23, 2016

Defendant: Abel Torres
Offense: Criminal mischief \$100 to \$750
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$342 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Date: Nov. 23, 2016

Defendant: Andres E. Perches III
Offense: Terroristic threat
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$342 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Date: Nov. 23, 2016

Defendant: Roberto V. Baltazar
Offense: Possession of a controlled substance 3 to 28 grams
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$352 court costs, 60 days in jail
Date: Nov. 29, 2016

District Court Filings

Victoria Olivas vs. Rich-

ard Olivas, divorce
Derwin Fry vs. Tanya Fry, divorce

Rodney Kinard vs. Sherry Kinard, divorce
Reuben Campos Sr. vs. Stella Campos, divorce
Henry Gusman et al vs. Sanjel (USA) Inc. et al, injury/damage

State of Texas vs Cody Alan Wingo \$1,296 U.S. currency, seizure

Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Ronetta Solis, contract - consumer/commercial debt
Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Willard Nunn, contract - consumer/commercial debt

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Lisa M. Harwood aka Lisa Marie Harwood and Lisa A Harwood
Grantee: Jeffrey Martin Edwards and Andrea J. Edwards
Property: Lot 17, Blk. 11, Kentwood (Unit No. 1) addition
Date: Dec. 1, 2016

Grantor: Brent and Camilla Strande
Grantee: The Train Car LLC
Property: Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Blk. 2, Douglas addition
Date: Dec. 1, 2016

Grantor: Carmen Rodriguez
Grantee: Merrietta Rodriguez
Property: Lot 14, Blk. 45, College Heights addition
Date: Dec. 2, 2016

Grantor: Daniel Carl McMillan
Grantee: Eva Guizar
Property: Lot 10, Blk. 23, Government Heights to Bauer addition
Date: Dec. 2, 2016

Grantor: Ruby Buchanan
Grantee: Edward C. Ash
Property: Tract 1: A 0.95-acre tract in Kentwood addition; Tract 2: A 0.358-acre tract in Kentwood addition; Tract 3: a

3.37-acre tract in Sec. 9, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. survey
Date: Dec. 5, 2016

Grantor: Patricia Jane Crowley Henry
Grantee: Y3 Ranches LLC
Property: Sec. 39, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. survey
Date: Dec. 5, 2016

Grantor: Sandra Gwen Smith, independent executrix of the estate of Gwendolyn C. Smith, deceased.
Grantee: A.H. and Marybeth Yeager
Property: Lot 14, Blk. 11, Kentwood (Unit No. 1) addition
Date: Dec. 5, 2016

Grantor: Nacona Lynne Perkins, Cheyanna Sue Gill, Tashanna Glenn Heatley, and Rhode Joe Cook
Grantee: Tyler Bradley
Property: A 20.0-acre tract in NE part of Sec. 46, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. survey
Date: Dec. 5, 2016

Grantor: James R. and Ellen C. Miller
Grantee: J&E Miller Investments LLC

Property: Tracts 1 and 2: Lot 2, Blk. 5, and Lot 10, Blk. 3, Hillcrest Terrace addition; Tract 3: Lot 4, Blk. 2, North McEwen addition; Tract 4: Lot 2, Blk. 26, Monticello addition; Tract 5: Lots 15 and 16, Blk. 16, Washington Place addition; Tract 6: Lot 28, Blk. 3, College Park Estates addition; Tract 7: Lot 7, Blk. 11, Hall addition; Tract 8: Lot 29, Blk. 3, College Park Estates addition; Tract 9: Lot 25, Blk. 22, College Park Estates addition; Tract 10: Lot 1, Blk. 23, Monticello addition; Tract 11: Lot 2, Blk. 23, College Park Estates addition; Tract 12: Lot 13, Blk. 13, Kentwood (Unit No. 1) addition
Date: Dec. 6, 2016

Grantor: Autumn Vaughn, independent executor of the estate of Thomas Lawrence Hilgeman, deceased
Grantee: Autumn Vaughn
Property: Lots 23 and

24, and S/10 feet Lot 25, Blk. 14, Washington Place addition
Date: Dec. 6, 2016

Grantor: Katherine Levy Weiman
Grantee: Breitburn Operating LP
Property: A 47.55-acre tract in NE/4 Sec. 42, Blk. 33, T-2-N, T&P Railroad Co. survey
Date: Dec. 6, 2016

Grantor: Justin and Jessica Clark
Grantee: Ruven Acevedo and Kimberly French
Property: A 1.612-acre tract in Tract 6, Silver Heels subdivision, NE/4 Sec. 18, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. survey
Date: Dec. 6, 2016

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Liens

Grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum
Grantee: Michael Nairn
Property: Lot 5, Blk. 1, Hillcrest Terrace addition
Date: Dec. 1, 2016

Grantor: Tommy D. Churchwell

Grantee: Tahlea Elaine Young

Property: Surface estate only of Lot 28, Blk. 6, Monticello addition
Date: Dec. 2, 2016

Grantor: Glen and Lisa D. Thompson
Grantee: Evan Benson Walton

Property: Surface estate only of a 5.0-acre tract in SE/4 Sec. 41, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. survey
Date: Dec. 5, 2016

Grantor: Elaine Ocoee Moore, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Michael Norman Moore aka Michael N. Moore, deceased

Grantee: Enrico and Tina Columbus
Property: W/36 feet Lot 6 and E/32 feet of Lot 7, Blk. 20, Edwards Heights addition

Grantor: Bobby and Tiffany Goad

Grantee: Michael John Slack and Carolyn Gail Slack

Property: Lot 11, Blk. 3, Wasson Place addition

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Big Wyoming wind project closing in on federal eagle permit

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — One of the biggest wind energy projects under development in the U.S. got closer Thursday to securing a federal permit to kill a limited number of eagles without facing the prospect of a penalty.

A final plan released by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would help ensure the Chokecherry-Sierra Madre wind farm in south-central Wyoming does not kill too many bald and golden eagles with its hundreds of spinning turbine blades.

Power Company of Wyoming could get two permits as soon as January if Fish and Wildlife gives final approval to the plan. One permit would allow removal of unoccupied eagle nests during construction of the first 500 of up to 1,000 turbines.

A five-year permit would allow up to 14 golden eagle deaths a year during operation. Power Company of Wyoming, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Denver-based Anschutz Corp., would offset those deaths by retrofitting existing power lines so they cannot electrocute eagles.

The goal would be no net loss of golden eagles, if not a net benefit for the species.

"We know that golden eagles get electrocuted. There's a way to estimate how frequently they get electrocuted by power lines that are not safe," said Clint Riley, Fish and Wildlife assistant regional director for migratory birds.

He added: "They have to fix enough power poles to try to match up the number of eagles that would be saved by those actions compared to those that would be taken by the wind farm."

The permit would allow as many as two bald eagles per year to be killed. The company would not have to take measures to offset bald eagle deaths because bald eagles, as a species, are abundant enough to withstand those losses, according to Fish and Wildlife.

The estimated losses are much lower than a U.S. Bureau of Land Management estimate a few years ago that the wind farm would kill between 46 and 64 eagles per year. Since then, Power Company of Wyoming has been planning the project in a way to keep eagle deaths to a minimum.

Violations of the federal Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act carry fines of \$100,000 and even more for repeat offenses. Killing large numbers of eagles and other birds can land a wind farms in court, as happened in 2014 when Portland, Oregon-based PacifiCorp pleaded guilty and was fined \$2.5 million for killing 38 golden eagles and 336 other protected birds over five years at a Wyoming wind farm.

The project has been in the planning and permitting phase for almost nine years. Construction could begin within several years if all remaining government approvals go through.

Japan doubles cost estimate for Fukushima cleanup

TOKYO (AP) — The estimated cost of cleaning up Japan's wrecked Fukushima nuclear plant has doubled to nearly 22 trillion yen (\$190 billion), with decommissioning expenses expected to continue to increase, a government panel said Friday.

The estimate raises the decommissioning part of the total costs to 8 trillion yen (\$70 billion) from the current 2 trillion (\$17.5 billion) because of surging labor and construction expenses. Panel officials said the numbers could still grow as experts learn more about the damage to the plant's reactors and determine fuel removal methods.

Costs for compensation, decontamination of the area and waste storage have also grown significantly.

The plant suffered multiple meltdowns following a massive March 2011 earthquake and tsunami. Officials say its decommissioning will take several decades.

Rising cost estimates mean an increased burden on consumers.

Kunio Ito, a Hitotsubashi University professor of commerce who heads the panel, said it is inevitable that the plant operator, Tokyo Electric Power Co., or TEPCO, will pass on to customers part of the costs.

He said the estimate for decommissioning is sketchy, but is needed to show the public how much the national project will roughly cost. The estimated increase of 6 trillion yen (\$53 billion) is modeled after the example of the Three Mile Island nuclear plant cleanup in Pennsylvania following its 1979 partial meltdown.

The TMI cleanup took five years and nearly \$1 billion to remove 136 tons of melted fuel from one reactor. The Fukushima plant has twice as much melted fuel in each of three damaged reactors, meaning six times as much melted fuel must be removed, the government-funded decommissioning and compensation organization said. It came up with the figure of \$53

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2334' FNL, 623' FEL of the survey

#1WA Waldron Sabre "1802", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
7 miles southwest of Big Spring
A-1585, Section 18, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 12,500 feet
X=741666.70, Y=213418.88
313' FSL, 1431' FWL of 964.4-acre lease
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#8BH Lester "27-34", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-38899
2.75 miles southwest of Vealmoor
A-347, Section 27, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.513125, Longitude -101.604620
397' FNL, 448' FEL of 664.37-acre lease
397' FNL, 448' FEL of the survey

#1SH Allred Unit "A 08-05", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-38899
1.50 miles northeast of Vealmoor
A-326, Section 17, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.419367, Longitude -101.627134
325' FNL, 317' FWL of 652.19-acre lease
325' FNL, 317' FWL of the survey

#1WA Waldron Sabre "1804", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
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A-1585, Section 18, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 12,500 feet
X=741705.75, Y=213427.61
313' FSL, 1471' FWL of 964.4-acre lease
2331' FNL, 1471' FWL of the survey

#1AH Dragon "32-29", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
1.75 miles southeast of Vealmoor
A-1316, Section 32, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.505608, Longitude -101.544427
301' FSL, 521' FWL of 479.42-acre lease
2334' FNL, 521' FWL of the survey

#1HK Glass "38C", drill horizontal, API #42-227-38914
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
7.50 miles south of Big Spring
A-1144, Section 38, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 7500 feet
Latitude 032.14920, Longitude -101.480635
1965' FSL, 2477' FWL of 844.04-acre lease
1965' FSL, 2477' FWL of the survey

#3HK Glass "38E", drill horizontal, API #42-227-38916
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
7.50 miles south of Big Spring
A-1144, Section 38, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 7500 feet
Latitude 032.083474, Longitude -101.284916
1965' FSL, 2577' FWL of 896.81-acre lease
1965' FSL, 2577' FWL of the survey

#2HK Glass "38E", drill horizontal, API #42-227-38915
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
7.50 miles south of Big Spring
A-1144, Section 38, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 7500 feet
Latitude 032.083464, Longitude -101.284972
1965' FSL, 2527' FWL of 843.3-acre lease
1965' FSL, 2527' FWL of the survey

#44AN Barbee "37", API #42-173-37159
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2680' GR
16.20 miles southeast of Garden City
A-977, Section 4, GC&SF RR Co. survey
600' FNL, 2090' FWL of the survey
Latitude 031.6747514, Longitude -101.3153098
Total Depth: 7111 feet. PBTD: 7110 feet. Logs: none
Flowing Potential: 380.07 Bbls 44.8 gravity oil w/ 1,676 BWPD
Flowing. GOR: 339
Spud: 7-21-16. Completed: 8-19-16. Pay: NA
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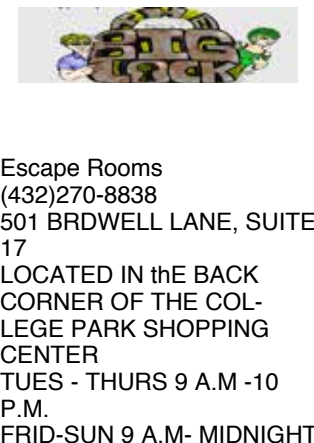
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c/o: Meredith F. Nieto
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DATED the 6 day of December, 2016

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#9256 December 11, 2016

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Guardianship of the Person and Estate of Velma Stephens were issued on November 29, 2016, in Cause No. G-270 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Covenant Outreach, LLC, Guardian of the Person and Estate of Velma Stephens.

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German Christmas markets draw crowds

BERLIN (AP) — The aroma of hot mulled gluhwein wine mingling with the scent of bratwurst, roasted almonds and gingerbread: these are among the signature attractions of Germany's outdoor Christmas markets.

People huddle together amid the wooden huts of the outdoor Christmas markets under festive lights, a scene replicated around the nation from the smallest villages to the largest cities during the time of Advent.

The tradition of street markets in the month before Christmas dates to the 15th century in central Europe.

Today, the first markets open at the end of October, selling food, drinks, seasonal crafts and other goods. Some offer Ferris Wheels and other fairground rides for the children.

For many of the adults, the hot

gluhwein — sometimes fortified with a shot of brandy or rum — is a popular brace against the winter cold and the frenzy of the holiday season. Regional specialties like hot apple wine in western state of Hesse or stollen, a sweet bread with dried fruit and sugar coating, from the eastern state of Saxony, give most of the markets an individual flair.

German Christmas markets are also increasingly important to local economies, drawing people from around the world.

A 2013 study by a business association that specializes in Christmas markets and public festivals suggested that revenue from the larger markets in Germany alone exceeds a billion euros (US\$1.1 billion) per year. Some 85 million people visited Christmas markets that year, a 70 percent increase since 2000.



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In this Dec. 8, 2016 photo people enjoy a stroll at the traditional Christmas market in Frankfurt, Germany.

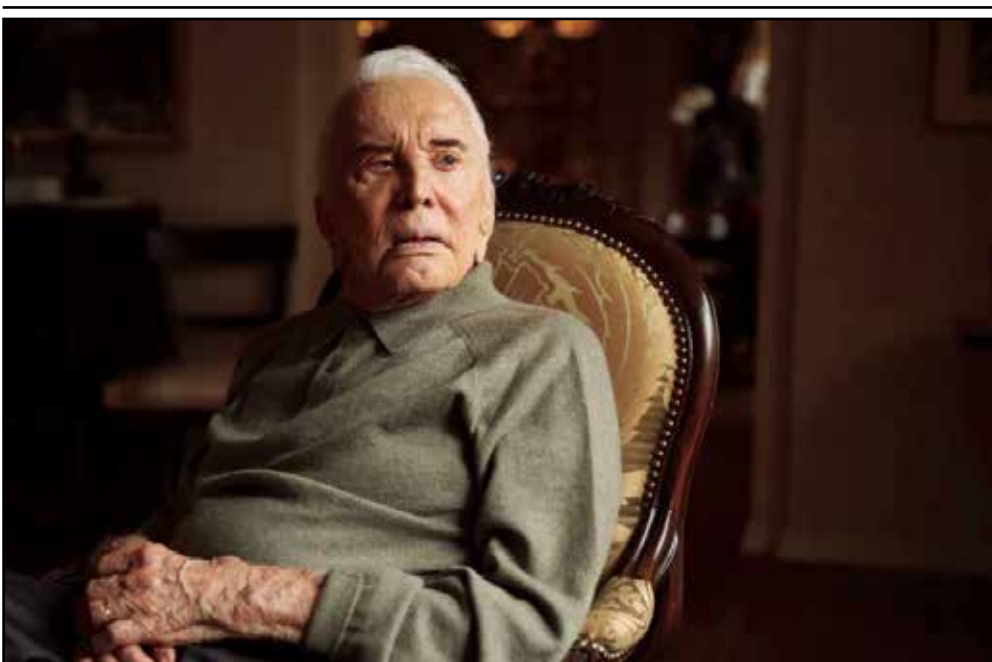


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In this Friday, Dec. 5, 2014, file photo, Kirk Douglas poses for a portrait in Beverly Hills, Calif. Douglas turned 100 on Friday.

Hollywood legend Kirk Douglas turns 100

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kirk Douglas is officially a centenarian.

The legendary actor turned 100 Friday. Douglas is probably best known for playing the title role in Stanley Kubrick's 1960 film, "Spartacus." He was nominated for a best actor Oscar three times in the 1950s and received an honorary Academy Award in 1996. His son, actor Michael Douglas,

paid an early birthday tribute to his father at an October event for the Motion Picture and Television Fund, calling him an icon, a legend and "a true movie star from an era when movie stars were looked upon as our version of royalty."

Kirk Douglas was also presented with cake and a rendition of "Happy Birthday" at the event.

Vienna Philharmonic to return Nazi loot to Jewish family

VIENNA (AP) — A spokeswoman for the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra says the famed ensemble plans to return a valuable French Neo-Impressionist painting looted by the Nazis to relatives of its original Jewish owner.

Claudia Kapsamer said Friday that the oil painting by Paul Signa

will be handed over to Marcel Koch's relatives in about three weeks.

A Nazi police official gave the orchestra Signa's "Port-en-Bessin" in 1940 for its performances in occupied France.

The painting's estimated value is around \$500,000, or more than 470,000 euros.

The orchestra purged Jewish members and closely cooperated with Nazi propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels and other top Hitler associates after Germany's 1938 annexation of Austria.

It has worked in recent years to research and reveal its Nazi past and to make amends.

3 'Bailey kids' from 'It's A Wonderful Life' at NY festival

SENECA FALLS, N.Y. (AP) — An annual festival that celebrates a New York village's purported connections to "It's A Wonderful Life" is featuring the appearance of all three surviving actors who played the Bailey children in the 1946 Christmas classic.

Organizers in Seneca Falls say the film's 70th anniversary is being marked with appearances this week-

end by Carolyn Grimes (Zuzu), Carol Coombs (Janie) and Jimmy Hawkins (Tommy).

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Of course, North could have bid four hearts over two diamonds or

three notrump and gotten to the proper contract that way, but most analysts felt that North's pass of three notrump was eminently correct and that there was no good reason for North to think that a 10-trick game had a better chance than a nine-trick game.
The major blame was assigned to South for bidding three notrump without a club stopper. Practically all the experts present agreed that he should have bid three spades over three hearts, in which case North would surely have bid four hearts.
Three spades — obviously showing a spade stopper while expressing doubt about the best final contract — would have shifted the question of where to play the hand to North, which was where the decision belonged. It would have allowed North to bid three notrump if he had the clubs stopped, or go on in hearts or diamonds if he lacked a club stopper.
At the second table, the Italian North-South pair did indeed follow that prescribed route to the best contract when their bidding went:
East South West North
Pass 1♦ Pass 2♥
Pass 3♦ Pass 3♥
Pass 3♠ Pass 4♥
North lost only two clubs and a spade after an opening club lead, and the Italians gained 520 points on the deal.
Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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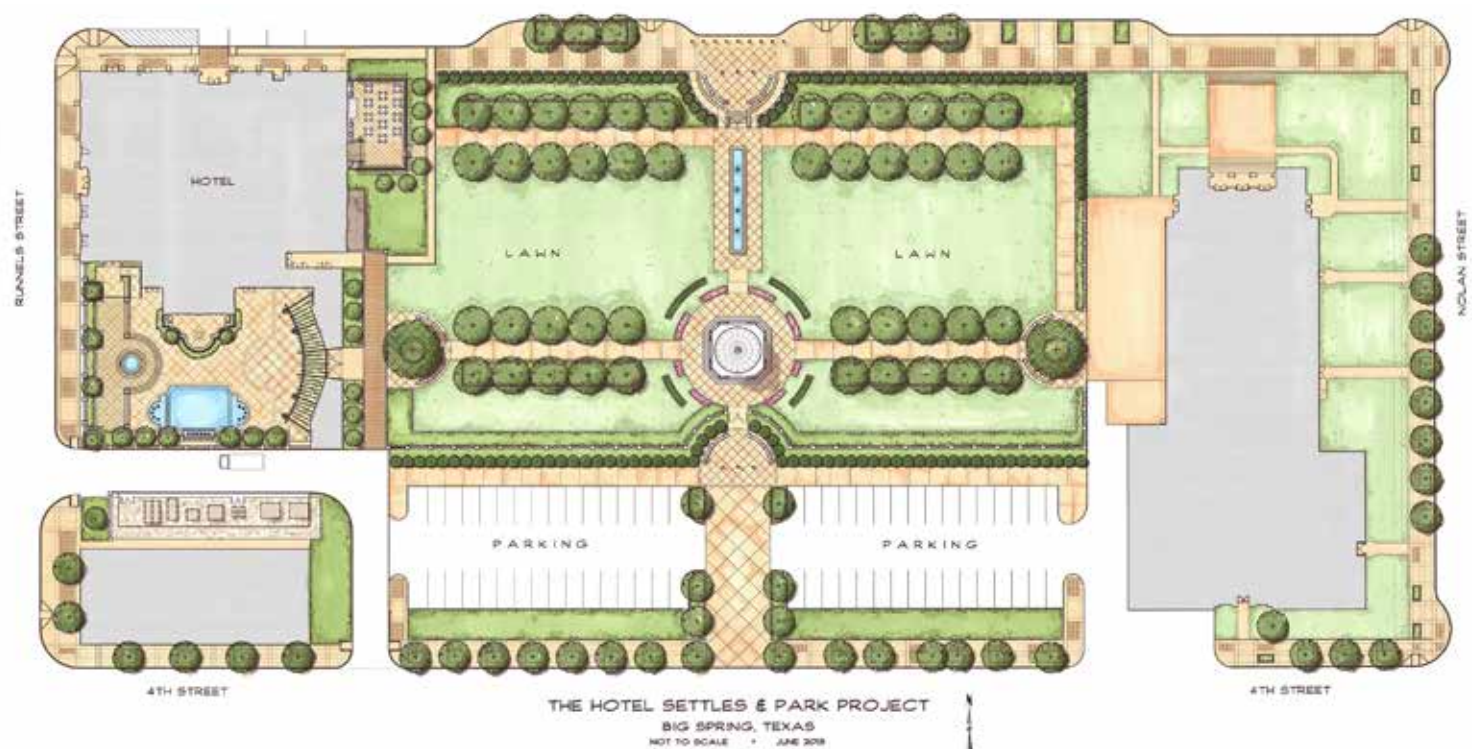


CENTRAL PLAZA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

To continue the revitalization of downtown Big Spring, Cap Rock Holdings has a plan to develop the area adjacent to the beautifully restored Hotel Settles into an events plaza.

The Central Plaza will be a family-friendly plaza that will bring tourists, attractions, and entertainment to the downtown area. Picture you and your family enjoying the Central Plaza for live music events, movies, arts and crafts festivals, family picnics, and much more!

To hear more, please join us at the scheduled City Council Regular Session on **Tuesday, December 13, 2016**. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas.



Donald Trump remains producer on 'New Celebrity Apprentice'

By LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Donald Trump is gone from the boardroom of NBC's reboot of "Celebrity Apprentice" but he's kept a business connection to the reality show.

President-elect Trump has an executive producer credit on "The New Celebrity Apprentice," said Clare Anne Darragh, a spokesman for "Apprentice" creator Mark Burnett. She declined further comment on Trump's participation in the show that taped last February.

Trump's representatives did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The series debuts Jan. 2 with Arnold Schwarzenegger replacing Trump as host. Schwarzenegger is an executive producer on the new show, as Trump was on the original.

Trump's continued stake in a TV series is yet another unusual aspect of the election of a businessman and reality star to the presidency. Questions have been raised on how his extensive holdings may intersect with his actions as president.

Trump has tweeted that he will disclose plans on Dec. 15 to "take me completely out of business operations" without detailing what that means. He previously said that he plans to hand over management of his business to three of his adult children.

That falls short of what some government ethics experts are pushing him for, which is that he sell his assets and put the money in a "blind trust" overseen by an independent manager not related to him.

In TV, a producer's tasks can range widely, but the credit also can be given as a so-called vanity perk and

for compensation without actively working on a project. Trade publication Variety first reported he had retained the title.

NBC, which declined comment Thursday, previously faced scrutiny over its business dealings with Trump, which included beauty pageant telecasts as well as "Apprentice."

In July 2015, NBC said it was severing its business ties to Trump following his claims that many undocumented Mexicans immigrants are criminals and rapists. The network licenses "New Celebrity Apprentice" from MGM, which produces it.

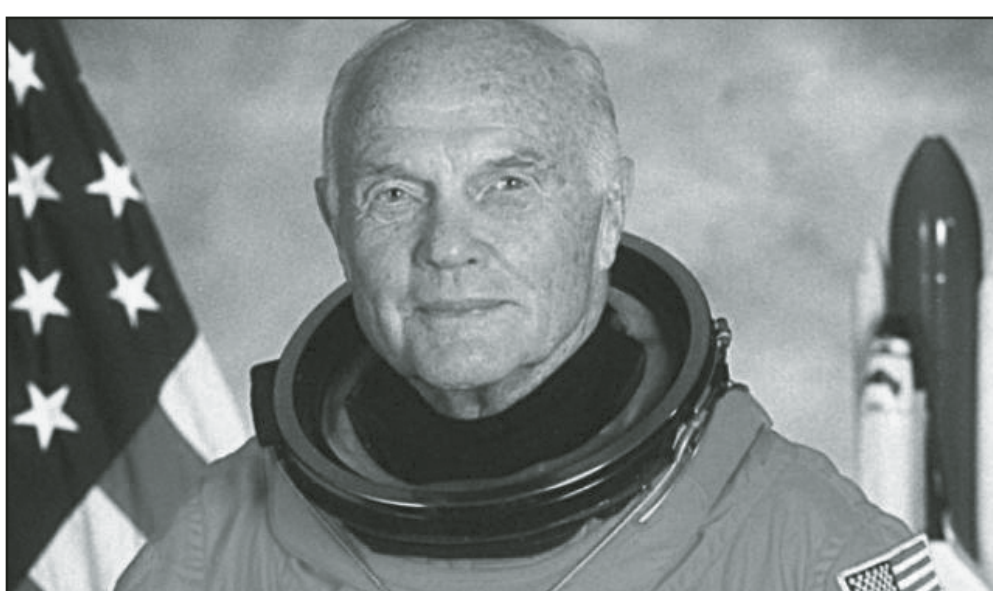
Burnett, a mega-producer whose other programs include "Survivor" and "The Voice," also answered for his Trump relationship. He released a statement last October distancing himself and his wife, actress Roma Downey, from the GOP contender.

"I am not now and have never been a supporter of Donald Trump's candidacy. I am NOT "Pro-Trump." Further, my wife and I reject the hatred, division and misogyny that has been a very unfortunate part of his campaign," said Burnett, who in 2015 was named president of MGM Television and Digital Group.

The statement followed pressure on Burnett and MGM to make public "Apprentice" outtakes after an Associated Press report that, during the show's production, Trump repeatedly demeaned women with sexually tinged comments. That report was followed by release of an "Access Hollywood" audio tape with graphic Trump comments.

MGM said in October that it, not Burnett, owns "The Apprentice" and would honor confidentiality and artist's rights agreements in regard to "Apprentice." No outtakes were released.

Hero-astronaut John Glenn to lie in state in Ohio



COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — American hero-astronaut John Glenn will lie in state in Ohio's capitol building preceding a celebration of his life of military and government service and two history-making voyages into space.

The public viewing at the Ohio Statehouse and a memorial service at Ohio State University's Mershon Auditorium is planned for next week; the dates and times were being worked out Friday, said Hank Wilson of the John Glenn School of Public Affairs. Statehouse officials meet Monday to authorize the public viewing.

Glenn, who died Thursday at age 95, was the first American to orbit the Earth in 1962 and the oldest man in space at age 77 in 1998. A U.S. Marine and combat pilot, he also served as a U.S. senator, represent-

ing Ohio, for more than two decades.

President Barack Obama on Friday ordered flags at federal buildings and on ships around the world flown at half-staff until sunset on the day of Glenn's interment. Glenn is to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C.

Tributes from the nation's leaders and others continued Friday.

"Throughout his life, Senator John Glenn embodied the right stuff," Defense Secretary Ash Carter said in a statement. "Our military in particular benefited from his courage and dedication ... But just as important as what John Glenn accomplished is how he accomplished it: with a combination of fierce determination and profound humility, and always with integrity."

Glenn was a fighter pilot in World War II and Korea and served on the Senate Armed Services Committee, among other Washington service.

In his eastern Ohio hometown of New Concord, the John and Annie Glenn Museum, usually available this time of year only for special tours and events, opened Friday with free admission. Char Lyn Grujoski, of Connersville, Indiana, stopped in after spotting a roadside sign for the museum while driving home from Pittsburgh and listening to a radio report on Glenn. The museum is in the astronaut's converted boyhood home. Grujoski and her daughter left impressed.

"He was a true American hero, someone who loved his country and served it," she said.

The Soldier's Night Before Christmas

It was the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,

In a one bedroom house made of plaster & stone.

I had come down the chimney with presents to give

And to see just who in this home did live.

I looked all about a strange sight I did see,

No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

No stocking by the fire, just boots filled with sand,

On the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.

With medals and badges, awards of all kind

A sober thought came through my mind.

For this house was different, so dark and dreary,

I knew I had found the home of a soldier, once I could see clearly.

I heard stories about them, I had to see more

So I walked down the hall and pushed open the door.

And there he lay sleeping silent alone,

Curled up on the floor in his one bedroom home.

His face so gentle, his room in such disorder,

Not how I pictured a United States soldier.

Was this the hero of whom I'd just read?

Curled up in his poncho, a floor for his bed?

His head was clean shaven, his weathered face tan,

I soon understood this was more than a man.

For I realized the families that I saw that night

Owed their lives to these men who were willing to fight.

Soon 'round the world, the children would play,

And grownups would celebrate on a bright Christmas day.

They all enjoyed freedom each month of the

year,

Because of soldiers like this one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone

On a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.

Just the very thought brought a tear to my eye,

I dropped to my knees and started to cry.

The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,

"Santa don't cry, this life is my choice;

I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,

my life is my God, my country, my Corps."

With that he rolled over and drifted off into sleep,

I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.

I watched him for hours, so silent and still,

I noticed he shivered from the cold night's chill.

So I took off my jacket, the one made of red,

And I covered this Soldier from his toes to his head.

And I put on his T-shirt of gray and black,

With an eagle and an Army patch embroidered on back.

And although it barely fit me, I began to swell with pride,

And for a shining moment, I was United States Army deep inside.

I didn't want to leave him on that cold dark night,

This guardian of honor so willing to fight.

Then the soldier rolled over, whispered with a voice so clean and pure,

"Carry on Santa, it's Christmas Day, all is secure."

One look at my watch, and I knew he was right,

Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night!

-Major Bruce W. Lovely

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