

# City council approves 1<sup>st</sup> reading to rezone two properties

#### **By LYNDEL MOODY**

#### Staff Writer

James Massingill, owner of M&M Construction, admitted he was in a bind as he stood before the Big Spring City Council Tuesday night during a public hearing to change the zoning of a piece of land within the city limits from light commercial to heavy commercial.

He is having to move his business, located in north Howard County, quickly because it is right in the center of where the north Highway 87 bypass will be constructed.

Massingill's land that houses his 45-year-old oil field construction business was captured by eminent domain for the construction of the highway. He has already moved some of his equipment to a 16.52 acre property located off of Farm Road 700 about 200 feet northwest of the intersection of FM 700 and Baylor Boulevard.

Council members asked a few questions regarding issues with water drainage if he builds on the site and the possibility for storing oil or other "obnoxious" smelling chemicals on the land.

Massingill said he is only storing heavy equipment and fuel to run the equipment. Big Spring City Planner Roxanne Johnston added an ecological study has to be done to

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# Coahoma's McFall makes All-State Band

#### By LYNDEL MOODY

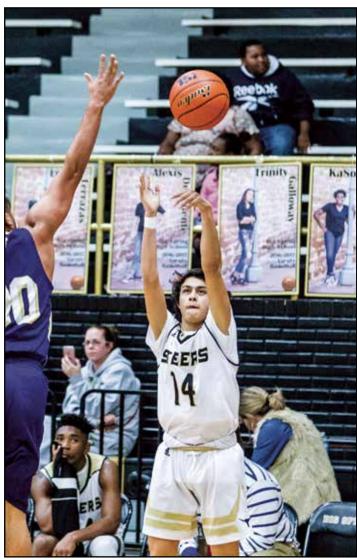
#### Staff Writer

Tyler McFall, a Coahoma High School band member, earned a spot in the Association of Texas Small School Bands All-State Band Saturday. The trumpet player earned

first chair at Area UIL competition. According to a press release from Coahoma ISD, five area auditions were held this past weekend across the state. Only 295 of 2,222 students that began the process back in the fall starting with All-Region UIL were selected for all-state honors. This is McFall's first time to perform in the ATSSB band. He is a private music student of Kira Landin and plays the trumpet at school under the direction of John Landin, CHS band director.



# Shooting for three



*Courtesy photo/Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)* Big Spring High School Steer John Ibanez shoots for three during the Steers' 71-41 loss to Midland High School Tuesday night at the Big Spring High School gym. See related story and photos on Page 7.



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*Courtesy photo/Coahoma ISD* Tyler McFall, Coahoma High School Band trumpet player, has earned a spot in the All-State Band.

# *'Patriot'sDay'specialscreening tonight at Cinemark 4 Theater*

#### By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Interested in getting in to see a new movie two days early... and possibly be able to interact with some of its stars?

The film in question is the "Patriot's Day," the new film about the Boston Marathon bombing starring Mark Wahlberg, and Cinemark Cinema 4



is holding the event tonight.

"It's a special screening that we're going to do of 'Patriots Day' starting at 8 p.m.," said Cinemark Cinema 4 Manger Jeremy Grimes. "Immediately following the movie there is going to be a live question-andanswer session broadcast live from the Cinemark Theater in Playa Vista, Calif."

The film is scheduled for release Friday, but the local theater will offer early screenings tonight and Thursday evening. Only tonight's showing will feature the virtual rap session, which will feature some of the movie's stars, its director, and some of the people involved in investigating the actual bombing the movie is based on.

"In the question-and-answer thing, it's going to be Mark Wahlberg, Directer Pete Berg, actor Jimmy Yang, and actress Khandi Alexander," said Grimes. "Along with Jeff Pugliese, a Watertown, Mass., police sergeant, Ed Davis, the police commissioner, and Richard DesLauriers, the FBI special agent."

In the film, Wahlberg portrays Boston Police

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Law enforcement surround a vehicle whose occupant apparently committed suicide Tuesday afternoon at the H-E-B parking lot in the 2000 block of Gregg St.

# BSPD investigates apparent suicide at H-E-B parking lot

#### By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Preliminary results released by the Big Spring Police Department indicates a person apparently committed suicide by gun while sitting in a vehicle at the H-E-B parking lot around noon Tuesday.

"Big Spring Police Department officers were dispatched to HEB (2000 S. Gregg) in reference to a person who had threatened to end his own life," a BSPD release stated. "Upon arrival, officers located a 2015 Chevrolet

Suburban maroon in color. Officers found the only occupant to have sustained a gunshot wound. The preliminary investigation indicates this is a suicide."

The identity of the individual is being withheld until authorities can notify family members, the release said.

Officers with both the Big Spring Police Department and the Howard County Sheriff's Office arrived on the scene. The area around the suburban was blocked off and sheets were quickly draped over the vehicle.



# LOCAL

# **Obituaries**

### Barbara June Gibbs



Barbara June Gibbs, age 80, died on Monday, Jan. 9, 2017, peacefully at her home with family by her side.

She was born to Dewey and Annie Thelma (McGuire) Savell on June 12, 1936, in Ackerly, Texas. She was the middle child of 10 children.

She was preceded in death by her parents, all of her siblings, and her husband Melvin Gibbs.

Survivors include her children, Doc Ziock of San Jose, Calif., Connie Turner of Mathis, and Terrie

### Sara Vernice Caddell

Sara Vernice Caddell, 67, of Midland died Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017, in Midland.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate her life at an inurnment service at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017, in the Andrews Old Cemetery with the Rev. Brant O'Connor officiating. Cremation is under the personal care of McNett Funeral Home in Andrews. Please celebrate her life by visiting www. mcnettfuneralhome.com.

and Mark Runnels of Kingsville; her grandchildren, Daniel Turner, Timothy (Kim) Turner and David Turner all of Mathis, and Thomas (Anna) Turner of Three Rivers; Scott and Michelle Zant of Ackerly, Sarah (Carl) Odom of Kingsville, and Lucas (Leslie Witt) Runnels of Kingsville; and her sister in heart, Billie Jean Cox of Cassie, Texas.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Roberson Funeral Home, Three Rivers, Texas.

Funeral service will be Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017, at 2 p.m. at the Church of Christ in George West, Texas. Burial will follow at the Argenta Cemetery.

Services are entrusted to Roberson Funeral Home, Three Rivers, Texas.

Paid obituary

Virginia Davidson Virginia Davidson, 90, of Plano, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Trinity Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

 ASHTON LOU-RISSA AKIN, 23, of 123 Jonesboro Rd. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• MARVIN WADE TEDFORD. 45, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. #18 was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram).

• QUENTIN REID GASTON, 19, of 1805 Old Colorado City Highway was arrested on warrants for expired registration, driving with an invalid license,

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

• ASHTON LOU-RISSA AKIN, 23, was booked by BSPD on a warrior for theft of property (\$20 to \$500) by check.

• MICAJAH DUNCAN CREN-SHAW. 20. of 1313 Colby was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

and bail jumping/failure to appear; and on other outstanding warrants.

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• KATELYNN LEEANN RO-MAN, 17, of 500 S. Bell St. was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

• DANNY LEE RODRIGUEZ, 22, of 2110 41st St. in Snyder was arrested on a warrant for violating an occupational license restriction; and on another out-

# Sheriff

• QUENTIN REID GASTON, 19, of 1805 Old Colorado City Highway was arrested on warrants for expired registration, driving with an expired license, and failure to appear, violation of promise to appear, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• CRYSTAL CLEAR LEE, 33, of 1102 Sycamore St. was arrested on a warrant for manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram).

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 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3200 block of East 11th Place.

1600 block of South Gregg Street and the 700 block of East 11th Place.

• MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 3400 block of East Interstate 20.

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### Ascencio R. "Chencho" Robles

Ascencio R. "Chencho" Robles, 69, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 9, 2017.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Life Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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

### Fernando Arriaga

Fernando Arriaga, 62, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

### Van Brown

Van Brown, 81, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

### Josephine DeLeon

Josephine DeLeon, 77, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

### Steve Fryar

Steve Fryar, 63, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

# Weather

Today: Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear. Lows 42 to 48. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. West winds around 10 • THEFT was reported in the mph shifting to the southeast in the afternoon.

Thursday night: Increasing clouds. Isolated showers. Lows 41 to 49.

East winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of

#### showers 20 percent.

Friday: Cooler. Cloudy with a chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 50s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Friday night: Colder. Cloudy with showers likely and isolated thunderstorms. Lows 35 to 41. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Saturday: Cloudy with showers likely and isolated thunderstorms. Highs 46 to 52. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

Saturday night: Cloudy with showers likely and isolated thunderstorms. Near steady temperature in the mid 40s. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

Sunday: Decreasing clouds. Showers likely and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 50s. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

Sunday night: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 30s. Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. Monday night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Tuesday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s.

Big Spring Fire Department/ EMS reported the following activity:

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 700 block of East Interstate 20 Frontage Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of Driver Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 700 block of East 11th Place. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2000 block of South Gregg Street.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transport-

# Take Note

• 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.



16 and 17 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 wi go over the railroad tracks and the school is on th left.

of Interstate 20.

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



AP/National Weather Service reports for Borden, Scurry, Howard, and Mitchell counties including the cities of Gail, Snyder, Big Spring, and Colorado City.

# Support Groups

#### 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.

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# **Fire/EMS**

## LOCAL

# Honoring law enforcement One dead after vehicle/



**Courtesy photo** 

Scenic Mountain Medical Center recognized Law Enforcement Appreciation Day by starting off Monday with a prayer gathering for all local law enforcement. Several members of the staff at SMMC, Family Medical Center, and local law enforcement were in attendance, as well as community members.

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address any drainage issues before construction begins and if the business plans to store any petroleum products on site, it will have to request a special permit from the city council.

Massingill admitted the need to move has already impacted his business.

"We are working with a skeleton crew out of our shop, and we are probably going to shop around for another property," he said.

In another rezoning request, city council members approved on first reading to rezone 1704 Wasson Drive, an approximately 9.133 acre tract of land across from Comanche Trail Park from singlefamily dwelling and planned development to agricultural.

"This particular case of taking someone from one area of housing down to ag, it seems almost Terry McDaniel, who heads the city's Planning and Zoning Commission, said. "The individual who owns this property wishes to have this in ag use so they can preserve it for agricultural use for the reminder of the time. The individual also informed us there is a possibility that it will stay that way even after her death."

During the public hearing on the issue, Scott Emerson, a vocal proponent of lowering taxes and government spending, said his only concern for this issue is what will be the impact on the property tax realm if the property was moved into agriculture and if it could it receive an ag exemption from taxes.

There was no ready answer on that question.

After some discussion, council members requested city employees to look into the matter and bring it to the council members before they consider approval of the second reading.

# pedestrian accident

#### **By AMANDA ELSTON**

Managing Editor

One person is dead after an accident involving a vehicle and a pedestrian just west of Stanton.

Jenny Waters, 31, of Scottsbluff, NE was pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace Billy Johnson Sunday evening after being struck by a 2003 Toyota, driven by Wanna Kelley, 59, of Stanton on the north

near mile marker 150. According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, Waters was intoxicated and walking west on the service road when she was hit by the eastbound traveling Toyota. "A pedestrian was

walking west in the eastbound lane of the north service road and (the Toyota) struck the pedestrian," stated a press release from the

service road of IH-20 DPS. "The area was dark and street lights were not present. The pedestrian was under the influence of alcohol and dressed in dark colored clothing."

Kelley was not injured in the accident.

**Contact** Managing Editor Amanda Elston at 432-263-7331, ext. 230, or email editor@bigspringherald.com

# **Big Spring Little League signups**

Big Spring Little League will hold signups for the 2017 season on Saturday, Jan. 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Springtown Mall. Signups will also be held on Saturday, Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday through Friday, Jan. 23-27 from 5:30

p.m. to 7 p.m. with the final day being Saturday, Jan. 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ages are 4 to 16 can play. The cost is \$90 a child and a birth certificate is required. For more information, Contact Robert Smith at 432-8161 or Corey Wood at 432-213-0427.

Victim Services is a independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime.

Volunters are asked to commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

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or drop by our office at

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His other interests at school include golf and powerlifting. He is also active in church activities at Midway Baptist church and enjoys playing video games in his spare time. He is the son of Greg and Erin Moore and Kristopher and Holly McFall.

Also participating in Area contest was Makinsey Grant

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backwards and it did so to us until we determined what exactly was going to happen to the property and the reason behind it,"

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Department sergeant Tommy Saunders, while Yang portrays a driver carjacked by the bombers, and Alexander portrays a police interrogator. Pugliese is portrayed in the film by actor J.K. Simmons, Davis by actor John Goodman, and DesLauriers by Kevin Bacon. Simmons, Goodman, and Bacon are not expected to participate in the Q&A session.

Grimes said those attending tonight's screening will be able to submit questions to the panel via Twitter.

"There is going to be a way for them to ask questions using Twitter," he said. "There is going to be a hashtag, and it will say what it is during the screening."

During the actual showing of the movie, normal theater rules apply restricting cellphone use, Grimes said.

"It'll be lifted during the Q&A session, but during the movie itself, keep your phone off," he said.

**Charles Myers** 

Attorney At Law

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Ward & Myers, L.L.P.

The special session, which should last about 30 minutes after the end of the movie, is going to be broadcast nationwide, Grimes added.

"This is going to be broadcast to 240 Cinemark locations, and 350 total locations nationwide," he said.

Admission for the film will be Cinemark's regular Friday night ticket price, with no additional charge for the Q&A session, Grimes said.

"It's \$7.15 for adults and \$4.75 for children ages 1 to 11 and seniors 62 and older, although this is a

rated R movie, so no children under 6 at all, and children between 6 and 16 must be accompanied by a parent," he said. "If they're 17 or older, they can come without a parent."

For more information, call Cinemark Cinema 4 at 263-2252.

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# LOCAL/STATE

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# Roger's Retro Reviews: Citizen Kane | Abbott urges unity ahead of

#### By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

I may have bitten off more than I can chew.

So I thought it would be a good idea in the new year to start, in addition to my reviews of new movies, a weekly review of older movies, say from the start of motion pictures up until about the 1980s. In thinking about a good first target, I figured maybe, oh, the film I've always heard is the



Roger Cline

"Best motion picture ever made" might be a good option. to be found in "Kane." There is an element of fantasy in it to the extent that Charles Kane is extraordinarily rich, and it's easy to fantasize about money and compare his choices in the movie with the one's you'd make, given the chance.

But the genius of "Citizen Kane" isn't about fantasy, it's about the way its story unfolds in a way that is most unlike most movies. Kane simply does not follow a chronological narrative; or, rather it does in Thompson's quest for answers about "Rosebud," but it's obscured by constant flashbacks to different parts of Kane's life. A chronological format is easy for an audience to follow, but the complicated structure of "Kane" seems to be de-



So I decided to kick off Roger's Retro Reviews with the 1941 Orson Welles classic "Citizen Kane." And like I said, I may have bitten off more than I can chew.

"Citizen Kane" is the tale of Charles Foster Kane (Welles), a man who inherits a fortune and uses it to build an empire starting with newspapers, and eventually branching out into politics and other industries. The movie is told with a framing device; it opens with Kane's death, dropping a snow globe and uttering perhaps the most iconic dying word in all moviedom: "Rosebud." After a brief obituary-style summary of Kane's achievements given in a newsreel format called "News On the March," the heart of the movie follows Jerry Thompson (William Alland), a reporter for that very newsreel service, who is tasked with discovering the meaning of Kane's dying utterance. In doing so, he reads an old memoir and interviews those closest to the Kane himself, and their stories play out in flashbacks which form the bulk of the movie. We learn, for example, that Kane was born in Colorado and his mom arranged for him to go away to boarding school when she inherited a fortune. We learn that the only part of the fortune that interested Kane was a small New York newspaper called the Inquirer, and he took over as its publisher. We learn the details of his love life, and how an affair cost him a political career. We see him part ways with his best friend Jed Leland (Joseph Cotton) over a woman, and we gradually see him devolve from a confident, optimistic, ego-driven man into a lonely recluse. And it's impossible to look away. The movie also stars, among others, Agnes Moorehead as his mother, Mary Kane; Ruth Warrick as his first wife, Emily Monroe Norton Kane; Dorothy Comingore as the "singer" he has an affair with and later marries, Susan Alexander Kane; Ray Collins as his political rival James W. Gettys; Erskine Sanford as Inquirer editor Herbert Carter; and Everett Sloane as Inquirer reporter Mr. Bernstein. This Is the first time I have ever seen "Citizen Kane," and I have always wondered how it could possibly be the "best movie ever made"; after all, it's an old movie, about subjects far closer to reality than I usually enjoy in my movies. You may have noticed, I'm a bit of a sci-fi/fantasy/superhero geek, and there's little of those genres

signed to make the audience engage with the movie in order to follow it. It's an interesting device.

"Citizen Kane" is a cinematographic playground. The use of contrast, light, and shadow is intentional and designed to highlight and draw the viewer's eyes to various elements on screen. Is it wrong to say that a shadow highlights something? Probably, but Welles does it several times in this movie. There are interesting things done with the audience's perception of a scene. Remember that scene at the end of "Raiders of the Lost Ark" where the Ark of the Covenant is slowly wheeled into a giant warehouse full of unknown crated treasures? Remember how it starts on a close-up of the Ark being nailed into a crate, and then slowly opens out to show more and more of the giant warehouse full of boxes? There's a scene like that at the end of "Citizen Kane" where we see all of stuff Kane has collected throughout his life, statues from around the world, furniture, knickknacks, boxes, old rugs, etc., filling up a giant room that is slowly revealed as the camera zooms out.

There is one thing about the movie that irks me. At one point, about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through the film, the scene shifts to a tent at the beach. Kane has taken second wife Susan for a posh picnic trip. But the scene opens with a weird green screen overlay of a screeching cockatoo with a bizarre missing eye.

I researched this odd directorial choice, and apparently, Welles felt it necessary to ensure that audiences were actually awake at this point in the movie, hence the loud squawk. The missing eye? A simple technical error. The whole device seems shoddy and tacked on; and frankly, annoying and unnecessary. I can't begin to touch on the genius of this movie in a short column. I don't know that I agree that it's the best movie ever made, but it is certainly amazing. The cockatoo alone knocks it down from perfection. Nine and a half stars out of 10.

# Abbott urges unity ahead of potentially contentious session



AP photo

Sen. Jose Rodriguez, D-El Paso, center, stands with other Texas legislators and civil rights representatives during a news conference at the Texas Capitol, Monday, Jan. 9, 2017, in Austin, Texas. Rodriguez and the group called for Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and other legislators to protect the rights of minorities and immigrants as the Texas' 85th Legislative session begins Tuesday.

#### By JIM VERTUNO and PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Greg Abbott opened the Texas legislative session on Tuesday calling on lawmakers to put aside their differences, but they are unlikely to do so.

"We may bring different political perspectives, but we unite under one Capitol dome," the Republican told the Senate moments after it formally gaveled into work just after noon. "A cause bigger than any one person or any political party ... it's the cause that makes Texas far more than just a state. It's a cause that makes Texas a passion."

A cash crunch and a potential policy showdown over a North Carolina-style transgender bathroom bill are already raising tensions as economic realities clash with promises to cut taxes and fix a brochanged at 20-11 in favor of the GOP.

Still, what bills Abbott eventually signs into law may heavily

into law may heavily depend on something out of Austin's control: the White House in Washington. Presidentelect Donald Trump's promises to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border could free up money at a time when Texas is spending nearly \$1 billion on border security.

Despite that potential windfall, lawmakers likely will need to pinch every penny. A prolonged oil slump has badly chewed away at the state budget, leaving a revenue gap that one top Republican and budget observers say is at least \$5 billion short of what Texas needs over the life of its two-year budget just to preserve the status quo. Democrats say the spending baseline is already insufficient for crowded public schools and strained social ser-

ments won't formally be distributed until after Opening Day, though, as lawmakers ease into the work ahead.

Perhaps no spending issue is more dire than the one facing the state's troubled foster care system, which has seen rising rates of children dying of abuse and neglect. In December 2015, a federal judge found that children were leaving the state system "more damaged than when they entered" and some lawmakers are pushing to boost salaries and hire more case workers.

Other issues loading up the agenda include Republican initiatives on school vouchers, an immigration crackdown on so-called "sanctuary cities" that don't require police to enforce federal immigration policies and further restrictions on abortion providers.

Driven hard by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who was Trump's state chairman and presides over the Senate, conservatives may see a chance to push the state even further in a conservative direction. A former talk radio host and state senator, Patrick is arguably the state's most visible and powerful politician. He's already shoved Texas to the front lines on social issues by pushing a bill that would force transgender Texans to use the public bathroom corresponding to their "biological sex."

#### Citizen Kane

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Opening day was more about ceremony than policymaking and the mood was light. The Legislature is prohibited from passing most bills in the early going, meaning light workloads for the first few weeks. The balance of power in the state Capitol has changed very little with Democrats not winning a statewide election since 1994. Democrats picked up four seats in the 150-seat House but Republicans hold an strong majority and the Senate remains unvices.

Spending cuts are certain, Republican state Rep. Drew Darby said Monday. Exactly where spending cuts will be made will be one of the biggest fights until summer. The two-year state budget is the only bill the Legislature is required by the state Constitution to pass.

"There's just some challenges we're going to have — to stretch the dollars we do have," said Darby, who is widely believed to be in the running for the job of powerful House appropriations chairman. Committee assign-

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# STATE

#### Man gets 40 years in death of West Texas motorcycle officer

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A driver must serve 40 years in prison for the 2016 death of a West Texas police officer who was struck while on his stopped motorcycle. John Paul Perry was charged with capital murder but on Tuesday pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of manslaughter in a plea deal in El Paso. Prosecutors were not seeking the death penalty against the 45-year-old Perry, who was sentenced by a judge. Investigators say Perry last March 10 drove a car that hit El Paso police Officer David Ortiz on his cycle at an intersection. Both vehicles burst into flames. Ortiz died four days later.

Authorities arrested Perry about 400 miles away, in Merkel. Perry's lawyer says the crash was accidental and his client had a prescription drug and heroin in his system.

#### Texas company eyes new oil waste facility in New Mexico

EUNICE, N.M. (AP) — A Texas company is a proposing new oil waste facility in southeastern New Mexico. The Hobbs News-Sun reports Lubbockbased CK Disposal wants to build a 317-acre surface waste oil management plant in eastern Lea County.

The proposed waste management facility is intended for the permanent disposal of exempt and non-exempt/non-hazardous oil field waste. It will include a liquid waste processing area, a possible deep well water injection unit, and a landfill.

#### Supreme Court lets stand Texas veterans tuition aid program

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has let stand an appeals court ruling that upholds a much-watched Texas program that promises free college educations to military veterans if they lived in the state when they enlisted.

The Hazlewood Act dates to the 1920s. State lawmakers expanded the program in 2009 to include the veterans' children. Veterans also qualified if they entered military service at a Texas installation.

A veteran who enlisted in Georgia but moved to Texas after his discharge challenged the law's Texas enlistment requirements. He won a trial court ruling state officials worried would send the program's costs skyrocketing. Texas appealed to the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, however, which ruled that Texas residency rules were constitutional and the state has the right to regulate its own education system.

#### Texas man pleads guilty to fraud in lottery scandal case

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) – A Texas businessman has pleaded guilty to fraud and admitted to helping lottery computer technician Eddie Tipton cash jackpots in a multi-state number-fixing scheme that netted \$2 million.

Robert Rhodes pleaded guilty in a Des Moines courtroom Monday. Iowa prosecutors will seek two years of probation.

Rhodes says he helped Tipton try to cash a \$16.5 million 2010 Iowa Hot Lotto ticket but suspicious officials never paid.

Rhodes agreed to testify against Tipton and his brother, Tommy Tipton. They're charged in Iowa for tinkering with computers to make lottery numbers predictable in Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Wisconsin games. They deny the charges.

# Texas man set to die in double slaying over fake drug deal

#### **By MICHAEL GRACZYK**

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A Fort Worth jury sent Christopher Wilkins to death row for killing two men after he explained how he shot his vic-

tims over a \$20 phony drug deal and that he didn't care if he was sentenced to death.

"Look, it is no big deal," Wilkins calmly said from the witness stand at his 2008 trial.

On Wednesday, more than 11 years after the killings, the 48-year-old Wilkins is scheduled to die by lethal injection, pending the outcome of an appeal in the U.S. Supreme Court. If the execution goes ahead, it will be the nation's first this year.

In 2005, after serving time in prison for gun possession, Wilkins drove a stolen truck to Fort Worth, where police tied him to several aggravated assaults and burglaries.

There he befriended two men, 40-year-old Willie Freeman and 33-year-old Mike Silva, who duped him into paying \$20 for a piece of gravel he thought was a rock of crack cocaine. According to court records, Wilkins said he shot Freeman on Oct. 28, 2005, for laughing about the scam, then he shot Silva because he was there.

Their bodies were

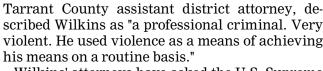
found in a ditch. Wilkins' fingerprints were found in Silva's wrecked SUV and a pentagram matching one of Wilkins' numerous tattoos had been carved into the hood.

"When I get wound up, I have a fuse that is short," Wilkins testified. "I don't think about what I am doing."

He also admitted that a day earlier he had shot and killed another man, Gilbert Vallejo, 47, outside a Fort Worth bar in a dispute over a pay phone, and about a week later he used a stolen car to try to run down two people because he believed one of them had taken his sunglasses.

"I know they are bad decisions," Wilkins said of his actions.

make them anyway.'



Wilkins' attorneys have asked the U.S. Supreme

Court to halt the execution, saying he had poor legal help at trial and during other appeals, and that the courts should have authorized money to his current lawyer to support other appeals and a clemency petition.

"He has never had a meaningful opportunity at any stage to develop that claim, to have any court address it on the merits, or even to have it considered as part of a petition for executive clemency," attorney Seth Waxman, told the justices in his appeal.

Stephen Hoffman, an assistant Texas attorney general, said investigation of those arguments "would either be redundant or fruitless," and called the appeals a delaying tactic.

Thirty convicted killers were executed in the U.S. last year, the lowest number since the early 1980s.

Seven were carried out last year in Texas, the fewest since 1996, but Wilkins is among nine Texas inmates already scheduled to die in the early months of 2017.

#### NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

On December 30, 2016, as required by order of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUCT" or "Commission") in Docket No. 45414, Sharyland Utilities, L.P. ("Sharyland") and Sharyland Distribution & Transmission Services, L.L.C. ("SDTS") (collectively "Applicants"), regulated electric utility companies, filed an application with the PUCT titled Amended Application of Sharyland Utilities, L.P. and Sharyland Distribution & Transmission Services, L.L.C., Statement of Intent to Change Rates, and Request for Grant of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity and Transfer of Certificate Rights ("Amended Application").

The Amended Application requests: (1) the setting of new wholesale and retail rates that Sharyland will charge its customers; (2) the establishment of rates that SDTS will charge its only customer, Sharyland; and (3) the grant of a certificate of convenience and necessity ("CCN") and transfer of CCN rights to SDTS. This proceeding is the first in which Sharyland's rates will be set on a system-wide basis.

The Amended Application is based on a twelve-month test year ending December 31, 2015. The Amended Application supports an increase in Sharyland's adjusted test-year retail base rate revenues of approximately \$1.4 million or 1.4 percent, exclusive of riders. Sharyland's system-wide cost-based retail base rate revenue requirement is \$101.2 million, plus an additional \$2.23 million that Sharyland is seeking to recover on an annual basis through certain riders. This includes a proposal to recover \$30 million for deferred costs associated with construction of the electric system in the McAllen division during its initial years of operation. As proposed, monthly delivery rates for an average residential customer consuming 1,333 kWh in the Stanton, Brady, and Celeste divisions will decrease by approximately \$3.14 per month, exclusive of riders, but in McAllen and Mission they will increase by approximately \$35.69 per month, exclusive of riders. The Amended Application also supports a total wholesale transmission cost of service of \$147.6 million, plus an additional \$3.7 million that Sharyland is seeking to recover on an annual basis through certain riders.



Wilkins

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That's put him at odds with business groups who warn that passing such a bill would cost the state billions in revenue and thousands of lost jobs if hit widespread boycotts that rocked North Carolina after it passed a similar bill measure last year.

Tuesday's headiest piece of business was electing the speaker of the House, but that didn't feature the drama of previous sessions as San Antonio Republican Joe Straus was unanimously elected to his fifth term as the chamber's presiding officer.

The relationship between Abbott,

Kevin Rousseau, a Straus and Patrick will be watched closely every minute after that,

though. Abbott, who enters his second session as governor, can lay out his priorities in a series of "emergency" issues and the designation would allow lawmakers to push those bills to the front of the line if they want to. Straus has shown little interest in Patrick's

push on the bathroom bill or tax cuts. Patrick, who faced speculation he could be eyeing higher office, has already worked to tamp down any hint of rivalry with the governor. Patrick declared Monday he would seek reelection in 2018 and would not challenge Abbott in the primary next year.



The Amended Application also supports a total revenue requirement for SDTS of approximately \$170 million. SDTS' proposed rates are lease payments that SDTS will charge only to Sharyland for leasing its transmission and distribution assets. In a new tariff for SDTS, separate rates will be provided for the leasing of transmission assets and for the leasing of distribution assets.

The Amended Application also requests that the PUCT grant a CCN to SDTS and transfer rights under Sharyland's CCNs to SDTS authorizing SDTS to own transmission and distribution assets and lease those assets to Sharyland for the provision of electric service, along with any other rights as necessary. No new facilities are being sought in the Amended Application.

The Amended Application potentially affects all customers and classes of customers in Sharyland's Stanton, Brady, Celeste, and McAllen divisions. The Amended Application also affects all customers taking service under Sharyland's Tariff for Wholesale Transmission Service. In addition, the result could be a change in Sharyland's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. The Applicants have proposed that the requested rates be made effective February 3, 2017.

A complete copy of the Amended Application is available for inspection at the following locations:

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Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission through Relay Texas by dialing 7-1-1. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is February 13, 2017. 277836

## NATION

# Dylann Roof sentenced to death for killing 9 church members

#### By MEG KINNARD and JEFFREY COLLINS

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — An unrepentant Dylann Roof was sentenced to death Tuesday for fatally shooting nine black church members during a Bible study session, becoming the first person ordered executed for a federal hate crime.

A jury deliberated for about three hours before returning with the decision, capping a trial in which the 22-year-old avowed white supremacist did not fight for his life or show any remorse. He served as his own attorney during sentencing and never asked for forgiveness or mercy or explained the massacre.

Hours earlier, Roof threw away one last chance to plead for his life, telling jurors, "I still feel like I had to do it."

The slain included the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, the church pastor and a state senator, as well as other pillars of the community: a high school track coach, the church sexton, a librarian and an aspiring poet. They all shared deep devotion to the church, known as Mother Emanuel, and passed that faith along to their families, many of whom offered Roof forgiveness when he appeared in court just days after the attack.

As Roof spoke Tuesday for about five minutes, every juror looked directly at him. A few nodded as he reminded them that they said during jury selection they could fairly weigh the factors of his case. Only one of them, he noted, had to disagree to spare him from a lethal injection.

"I have the right to ask you to give me a life sentence, but I'm not sure what good it would do anyway," he said.

When the verdict was read, he stood stoic. Several family members of victims wiped away quiet tears. Roof told FBI agents when they arrested him after the June 17, 2015, slayings that he wanted the shootings to bring back segregation or perhaps start a race war. Instead, the slayings had a unifying effect, as South Carolina removed the Confederate flag from its Statehouse for the first time in more than 50 years. Other states followed suit, taking down Confederate banners and monuments. Roof had posed with the flag in photos.

Malcolm Graham, whose sister Cynthia Hurd was slain, said the jury made the right decision.



AP photo

In this June 18, 2015 file photo, Charleston, S.C., shooting suspect Dylann Roof is escorted from the Cleveland County Courthouse in Shelby, N.C. A federal jury has sentenced Roof to death for killing nine black church members in a racially motivated attack in 2015.

"There is no room in America's smallest jail cell for hatred, racism and discrimination," he said from his home in Charlotte, North Carolina. "The journey for me and my family today has come to an end."

One of Hurd's other brothers, Melvin Graham, said the jury's decision "was a very hollow victory" because his sister is still gone.

"He decided the day, the hour and minute my sister was going to die. Now someone is going to do it for him," he said.

Roof specifically selected Emanuel AME Church, the South's oldest black church, to carry out the cold, calculated slaughter, Assistant U.S. Attorney Jay Richardson said.

The 12 people he targeted opened the door for a stranger with a smile, he said. Three people survived the attack.

"They welcomed a 13th person that night ... with a kind word, a Bible, a handout and a chair," Richardson said during his closing argument. "He had come with a hateful heart and a Glock .45."

The gunman sat with the Bible study group for about 45 minutes. During the final prayer — when everyone's eyes were closed — he started firing. He stood over some of the fallen victims, shooting them again as they lay on the floor, Richardson said.

The prosecutor reminded jurors about each one of the victims and the bloody scene that Roof left in the church's lower level. Nearly two dozen friends and relatives of the victims testified during the sentencing phase of the trial. They shared cherished memories and talked about a future without a mother, father, sister or brother. They shed tears, and their voices shook, but none of them said whether Roof should face the death penalty.

# Wells Fargo overhauls pay plan for bank branch employees



up direct deposits or use debit cards often, will be a positive factor for an employee's pay. Idle accounts will not, and an account won't be a factor toward incentives until it's been open three months.

"Our goal here was to create a pay plan that would restore trust with our customers, team members and the public," Mack said.

Wells Fargo employees will also receive more of their overall compensation as a base salary, rather than in one-time incentives and bonuses. A teller, the lowest-level position, solve the problems at Wells," said Barrington. "It can only be one piece of an overhaul of Wells' corporate culture."

The bank was fined \$185 million in September in an agreement with regulators who said bank employees opened the millions of customer accounts fraudulently in order to meet the targets that called for every customer have eight products with the bank. Federal and local authorities alleged that Wells Fargo employees moved money between those accounts and even created fake email addresses to sign customers up for

AP photo

Wells Fargo announced Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017, it is completely restructuring how it pays tellers and other bank branch employees after a scandal over its aggressive sales practices.

counts.

#### By KEN SWEET

#### AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Wells Fargo announced a complete restructuring Tuesday of how it pays tellers and other bank branch employees, with incentives now tied to how often customers use their accounts, as the company tries to right itself after a scandal over its aggressive sales practices.

The long-anticipated plan has been considered a high priority for CEO Tim Sloan and Mary Mack, the head of Wells Fargo's community bank division — both of whom took those jobs after the scandal emerged. Wells Fargo had already announced in September that it was getting rid of the sales goals that led employees to open up to 2 million unauthorized acWells Fargo's 70,000-plus front-line bank employees will no longer be given incentives for how many new accounts they open or for meeting sales goals.

They will instead receive part of their overall salary based on how the products they sell are used, with one component also based on independently measured customer service scores for their branch locations.

"Do they use the products they have with us? Do they think of us as their primary bank? Are we growing customers who consider us their primary bank? These are the metrics we are now measuring," Mack told The Associated Press.

Accounts that are used frequently, such as those where customers set

will have about 95 percent of his or her total pay as a base. Annual performance raises can still have an effect, but those will be based more on how customers regard and use the branch. Customer surveys done by Gallup and mystery shoppers will also provide information on how employees perform and how customers view their local branches.

San Francisco-based Wells Fargo had also said earlier this month it was boosting its minimum wage for employees to a range of \$13.50 - \$17.00 an hour, depending on geography and experience. Wells Fargo provided a summary of the plan to the AP. But compensation plans, particularly at large companies like Wells, can run hundreds of pages long. Without all the details, it is tough to see whether the changes will make a significant impact, said Lisa Barrington, a consultant in organizational psychology and compensation issues who has worked with companies like United-Healthcare and American Express.

"By itself, this plan is not going to

online banking — all without customer authorization.

When the allegations became public, Wells Fargo employees said the bank's pay plan was partly to blame. Employees described a constant and compulsive pressure to sell, with managers checking on a daily — or even hourly — basis about whether they were meeting the targets. Quotas varied by branch size and other factors, but generally were so high that they could not be met without skirting the rules, employees at the time said.

The new pay plan tries to address that pressure from bosses by restructuring the salary and bonuses for branch managers as well. Managers will be measured on how well they develop their employees, and by how much the branch is increasing deposits, loans and assets — instead of on how many new accounts are opened.

Wells Fargo is set to report its quarterly results on Friday, when it is expected to give more details about the compensation plan.



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**Steers, Lady Steers fall** 

#### By STEVE REAGAN

#### Staff Writer

It wasn't the least painful lesson the Big Spring Steers ever learned, but it was one they hope pays big dividends in the coming weeks.

Before they start District 5-4A play later this week, the Steers wanted to face a team that was tall, athletic, and played a strong, pressing defense.

Enter the Midland High School Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs from District 3-6A gave the smaller, younger Steers everything they could handle — and much more — en route to a 71-41 non-district basketball victory at Steer Gym Tuesday night.

The Steers (2-17) were able to keep up for a quarter, trailing by only four points after the first eight minutes. After that, however, the Bulldogs' press and overall athleticism began to take its toll.

Big Spring's CJ Harris' short jumper with 6:13 remaining in the first half made the score 22-18, but the Bulldogs responded with a 17-1 run over the next two and a half minutes to open up a more-than-comfortable lead, and the Steers never threatened after that.

Dimas Garcia scored 12 points, and Harris and Jeremiah Rushin added 8 points apiece for the Steers. For Midland, Ty Kendrick had 20 points, while Courtney McMaryian and Darius Patterson scored 13 points each.

Despite the one-sided affair, BSHS Coach Nicholas Tyerman saw some positives in his team's play which will serve them well when they begin District 3-4A play Friday against Sweetwater.

"There was two runs where we lost our composure and let them do what they wanted to do ... but I was really pleased with our guys," Tylerman said. "I told them, 'This is an improvement. This is better than we've been in the

Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com) Big Spring's Dimas Garcia scores 2 of his team-high 12 points during the Steers' loss to Midland High School in Steer Gym Tuesday night.

# Area roundup

#### **By STEVE REAGAN**

#### Staff Writer

FORSAN — The Forsan Lady Buffaloes rebounded from their first district loss of the season in convincing fashion, riding a strong first quarter to a 44-22 win over Eldorado at the Forsan High School Gym Tuesday night.

The Lady Buffaloes (18-6 overall and 5-1 in district play) started and ended the game strong - they opened up a 14-4 lead after the first quarter, then closed out Eldorado with a 14-5 fourth quarter.

Chasidy Grantham and Rhian Cunningham led Forsan with 13 and 11 points, respectively.

The Lady Buffaloes return to action Tuesday when they travel to Christoval. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

#### Garden City 48 Sterling City 25

GARDEN CITY – The No. 5-ranked Garden City Lady Bearkats jumped out to a 17-6 lead after one quarter, then had little trouble downing Sterling City Tuesday night.

The Lady 'Kats, who improved to 16-4 overall and 5-0 in district play, ballooned their lead to 30-10 at halftime en route to downing the Lady Eagles.

Madison Hastings scored 14 points and Kortney Halfmann added 10

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# Red Raiders down K-State

LUBBOCK. Texas (AP) — Keenan Evans stepped up at a big moment for Texas Tech.

Evans made a goahead layup with 15 the Red Raiders top No.

State coach Bruce Weber said.

Evans finished with 18 points. Zach Smith had 16 points and seven rebounds for the Red seconds left, helping Raiders (13-3, 2-2 Big 12), who improved to 11-0 at "We knew it was going to be a grind-out game," Texas Tech coach Chris Beard said. "We talked to our players for the last three days that it was going to be a one possession game, that's what it ended up being.' Kamau Stokes led Kansas State (13-3, 2-2) with 17 points. Dean Wade added 12 points, and D.J. Johnson finished with 11. WORTH NOTING



25 Kansas State 66-65 on home. Tuesday night.

"I had to run up there and finish the play," he said.

Evans' basket gave the Red Raiders a 63-62 lead. Aaron Ross and Niem Stevenson then combined for three foul shots for Texas Tech before Barry Brown made a 3-pointer in the final seconds for Kansas State.

"It's my fault and I got to do a better job at helping them in the game and executing," Kansas

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Kansas State forward Xavier Sneed struggles for control of the ball defended by Texas Tech's Zach Smith (11) and Shadell Millinghaus (4) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Tuesday in Lubbock.

# Cowboys' defensive leader Lee finally gets playoff shot

FRISCO, Texas (AP) – Sean Lee's first All-Pro season will end with the first trip to the playoffs for the oft-injured Dallas linebacker.

If that sounds like a breakout year, Cowboys tight end Jason Witten would argue otherwise.

"To me, it's not like, oh, we're seeing a different player than we've seen in the past," Witten said. "I remember the first week, his rookie year, he was tough on scout team. He's what you want your linebacker to look like."

Lee missed Dallas' only other trip to the postseason since he was drafted in 2010. That was two years ago, when the Cowboys beat Detroit in a wild-card game before losing at Green Bay in the divisional round.

same round Sunday. This time Dallas will be at home as the No. 1 seed in the NFC, and Lee will try to slow Aaron Rodgers, who has 19 touchdowns without an interception during a seven-game winning streak for Green Bay (11-6).

Lee never played in 2014 after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee in the first offseason practice. It was the third long-term injury for the former Penn State standout who slid to the second round in his draft because of another knee injury.

By the time that season ended, Lee had played in 46 games and been inactive because of injury in 36. But now he's played in 29 of the past 32. It would be 30 if Lee hadn't been The Cowboys (13-3) will held out of the regularmeet the Packers in the season finale at Philadelphia because the Cowboys had clinched the top seed.

"During a lot of injuries I've had, I said, 'Hey, I have this great opportunity ahead of me to play on this great team with these great teammates," Lee said . "So that was really what motivated in times I was injured."

Even though he knew he wasn't playing against the Eagles, Lee kept his helmet on. And it wasn't so much because he longed to say he played all 16 games. His career list is likely to show another "15," matching 2011 for the only other time he came close to playing a full season.

Instead, it was Lee doing what others say separates him from many players: obsessing on preparation.

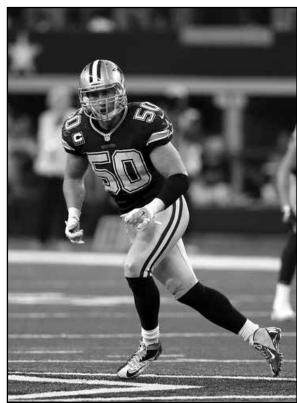
"As soon as they played See IFF Page 13

the Rocky theme song, I was like, 'You've got to get me in this game," Lee joked before explaining. "When I've had the injuries, the best thing I did was mentally I kept myself in it, situational. OK, I'm going to prepare like I'm playing this week."

Lee set a career high in tackles each of the past three seasons he played, starting with 123 in 2013 before the knee injury, and 156 last season. After sitting against the Eagles, he settled for 173 and a team-high 12 tackles for loss this season.

The 30-year-old Lee was denied a second Pro Bowl bid, but not the All-Pro nod that carries more prestige.

"It's good to see that recognition and the people kind of see it in the reflec-



AP file photo

Dallas veteran linebacker Sean Lee (50) will get his first start in the playoffs this weekend when the Cowboys host Green Bay.

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

The Sun and Jupiter's Pop Quiz

Schoolchildren study a good deal on subjects that may never again come up in life outside of a gameshow or crossword puzzle. That doesn't make the knowledge superfluous. Learning to learn is a valuable skill for anyone living an ever-evolving life. The sun and Jupiter square off in the manner of a pop quiz on what we've learned so far.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). It gives unexpected satisfaction to learn why things are the way they are, especially as you get to know the limitations someone was dealing with that led to the creation or completion of a feat. TAURUS (April

20-May 20). It may

be a bit of a stretch to suggest that those born under the sign that rules money should delight in austerity, and yet even the financially minded bull gets the occasional pull toward the simple elegance of minimalism.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You enjoy being the first to try products, methods and trends of all kinds. The word "new" will capture your attention and spark your curiosity, and you'll likely be the first one in line. Later they'll all want your account.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). When you're bored of something, don't bail right away. Stick with it another step or two. There's a real gem of a prize for pushing through, and you don't have to stick with it forever, just longer than most would.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're not thinking about how much people do or don't appreciate you. This is the last of your worries. Your actions are motivated out of spiritual generosity and a belief that people are in great need

#### Tomorrow's Horoscope of your help.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When people find out about your special talent after knowing you a while, they'll be surprised. If, later on down the line, they find out about another unrelated talent of yours, you'll officially be alluring.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). So many of our behaviors are habits. Laughing is no exception. You seem to be doing more and more of that lately, and the people around you love how funny you make them feel.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Many people who achieve high status want to be treated the same as everyone else. You've a good handle on dishing due respect and still maintaining a shared reality in which everyone can relate as equals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Today you'll be among friends and people who wish they were your friends. You may dare to share a vulnerable, embarrassing, weird human story and in doing so push your likeability factor up a few points.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Others are uplifted by your presence. Maybe it's something you don't think too much about, because it's an easy thing for you to create, and yet this is no small achievement.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Because you're so comfortable with who you are and because you don't think of yourself as very different from the others, you're capable of doing things in group environments that others wouldn't think to do.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Those who don't pay compliments comfortably will give it up for you today. This will mean more to you than the niceties you regularly hear, considering the rarity of such an acknowledgement from this particular source.

**TODAY'S BIRTH-**DAY (Jan. 11). You go into this year with an experimental agenda that helps you get to know yourself better. The next two months bring new joys, appetites and fascinations. A big move in April allows for more satisfying work. Family

celebrates together in June. August brings an education that helps your social life. Libra and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 2, 22, 45 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I'm a 42-year-old single mother of a 5-year-old, and I'm a Cancer. My little girl is a Sagittarius. She's very smart and always has an agenda. She wakes up wanting to know what we're going to do, and she usually has a few places she wants to go and people she wants to see. I accommodate her as much as possible. My mother says I'm spoiling her, but I can't see the harm in it."

Cancer is the sign of motherhood, and Cancer women who become mothers are often so immersed in the role that all previous definitions of who they were become dim shadows. For some Cancer women, the adjustment is difficult, because the transformation seems so total. Other Cancer women go with the changes and begin to live their lives for their children. If you are comfortable

letting your child weigh in heavily on the daily agenda, then where's the harm? However, if you find yourself resenting your role as personal assistant to a kindergartener, it's time to pull in the reins. Remember that you are the adult, and she has come into this life to join yours (not rule it) and learn from vou.

**CELEBRITY PRO-**

FILES: The queen of hip-hop soul, Mary J. Blige has multiple Grammys in place of crown jewels, and that's just fine by her. Capricorn's nature is to climb to the career pinnacle, but once they get there they immediately start seeing different mountains they have yet to scale. The satisfaction is fleeting, and that's what keeps these ambitious sea goats striving for mastery in several areas of their art.

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The National Salute to Veteran Patients

#### **Dear Annie:**

America cares deeply for its veterans. Each and every day, volunteers and Department of Veterans Affairs employees alike provide compassionate and devoted care for those who "have borne the battle." As we have done for many years, this February, Americans will participate in the National Salute to Veter-

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an Patients by visiting and volunteering at VA medical centers and by sending letters of thanks or valentines to veterans. This year's National Salute week is Feb. 13-17, and we again encourage communities across the country to take part in this effort to honor our hospitalized veterans. The National Salute is a great time for citizens to get to know their local VA facilities and the veterans who receive care from the VA. Activities and

events throughout the week open the door for those in the community to show their appreciation through special ward visits, valentine distribution and veteran recognition programs. Those

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nizations, civic and community partners, and caring individuals from across the country.

Last year, 272,834 valentines were received at VA medical centers, arriving from schools, com-

Department of Veterans Affairs continues to do a considerable amount of outreach to invite nonprofits and community, civic and corporate entities to share in our noble mission of caring for

veterans. Last year's

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families. Unlike your response, however, I do not suggest continuing to send gifts when such a golden opportunity affords itself for a very valuable lesson.

Learning to acknowledge gifts and write appropriate thank-you letters is extremely important in many areas of life. The job applicant who writes a good letter after the interview greatly improves her chances of getting the job. The guest who writes a gracious thank-you is much likelier to receive future invitations. My advice to "Disheartened" is to write to her grandchildren and tell them that she wants to hear from them because she has no idea whether her gifts suit them or not, even though she spends a lot of time and money on them. Then she should continue sending gifts only to those who write thank-yous. Word will spread, and others will begin writing. -- A Counselor's Advice

interested will also have the chance to explore some of our exceptional volunteer programs.

> The VA is more than just buildings in a community. Over 350,000 people serve veterans at the 1,200plus health care facilities across the country every day. The valuable partnerships with volunteers strengthen the bond with the veterans we care and provide services for. We also work hand in hand with our valuable veteran service orga-

munity groups and youth organizations nationwide. Additionally, more than 9,000 volunteers contributed to events and activities recognizing our hospitalized veterans. I thank you and your readers for your work in bringing attention to this worthy cause. Of special note,

VA Voluntary Service estimates that approximately 160 new community organizations participated in the 2016 National Salute campaign. The

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efforts to sustain and grow viable strategic partnerships, as well as meaningful volunteer engagement. I encourage your thoughtful readers to take time this Feb-

ruary to honor our veterans. As always, Annie, thank you for your support for this outstanding program.

For more information regarding the National Salute and volunteer opportunities at a local VA medical center, please visit http://www.volunteer. va.gov. -- Sabrina C. Clark, director of VA Voluntary Service

Dear Sabrina: Thank you for this excellent reminder to honor the veterans in our own communities. I encourage all my readers to participate in the National Salute this February.

Dear Annie: My sympathy goes to "Disheartened in Florida," whose grandchildren do not acknowledge gifts or send cards, and to the many other parents and grandparents who likewise do not receive such from their

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Ducking the nine is a violation of the rule that third hand plays high, but a departure from the general rule

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By Steve Becker

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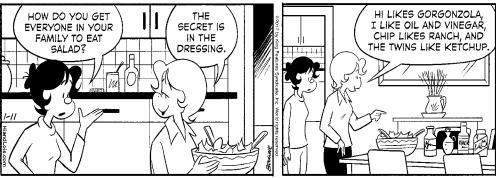
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#### THE OTHER COAST



#### **SNUFFY SMITH**





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In 1942, Japan declared war against the Netherlands, the same day that Imperial Japanese forces invaded the Dutch East Indies.

In 1946, the People's Republic

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# **Beasley's 28 points help Bucks overcome Spurs**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Milwaukee Bucks had little to show for their attempts to improve in late-game situations this season.

Until they took on San Antonio.

Michael Beasley scored a season-high 28 points in place of an ill Giannis Antetokounmpo, and the Bucks rallied to beat the Spurs 109-107 on Tuesday night.

Milwaukee erased a sixpoint deficit in the final five minutes to snap San Antonio's nine-game winning streak at home.

"We were owed this game," said Jabari Parker, who had 22 points and seven rebounds. "We've had so many opportunities when we let (them slip) out of our hands, but this game really got us over that hurdle that we've been asking for the past two months."

Coming off a third-quarter swoon in a 107-101 loss Sunday to Washington, Milwaukee battled through another tough fourth quarter.

"I think this game showed a lot of character and resilience," Beasley said. "It showed that we are working. We are trying to get better at late-game situations."

Despite getting little from Antetokounmpo, the Bucks overcame Kawhi Leonard's 30 points and a 13-point deficit in the first half.

Parker's layup with 2:56 remaining gave Milwaukee a 103-101 lead, its first since the 3:24 mark of the first quarter. After a pair of free throws by Beasley, the Spurs reclaimed a 107-105 lead on consecutive 3-pointers by Davis Bertans and Danny Green.

Bucks rookie Malcolm Brogdon hit a 3 to give Milwaukee a 108-107 edge.

"Just shoot your open shot. shoot them with confidence," Brogdon said. "If it goes in, great. If it doesn't, you shot it with confidence and that's what your team wants you to do."

Brogdon sank one of two free throws with 6.7 seconds to go, making it 109-107. Leonard kicked the ball out to Manu Ginobili, but the veteran's 3-pointer hit the side of the backboard at the buzzer.

"Kawhi made a good play," Ginobili said. "Nothing to add. A terrible shot. Miss."

The Bucks celebrated their first win in San Antonio since Dec. 30, 2008, snapping a sixgame losing streak.

And they did so without their leading scorer and rebounder for most of the night.

Antetokounmpo, who missed Milwaukee's previous game, started despite having a fever at morning shootaround. He was scoreless for the first time this season, missing his only three attempts, and had two rebounds and two assists in nine minutes.

responded with Beasley

22 points in the second half, shooting 9 for 13 from the field in the final two quarters. He also had three of his season-high four assists in the second half, including one on Brogdon's decisive 3.

"He was terrific," Brogdon said. "He was the heart and soul for us tonight. We leaned on him like we lean on Giannis and he came through. He stepped up."

The Spurs were without La-Marcus Aldridge, sidelined with a stomach virus similar to the one that kept Leonard out for two games in the final week of December.

Green, Tony Parker and Jonathon Simmons had 14 points each for San Antonio, but defensively the Spurs allowed the Bucks to shoot 52 percent from the field and on 3-pointers.

"Beasley was great," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "We never stopped him, but in general our defense was not up to par." TIP-INS

Bucks: Antetokounmpo's scoreless outing ended a 14game streak of at least 22 points for the 6-foot-11 forward. ... Beasley, who was listed as probable with a bruised left shin, finished 11for-18 shooting. His previous season high was 19 points against Memphis on Nov. 12.

... Brogdon started his seventh straight game after coming off the bench in the team's first 30 games. ... Jason Terry got his usual jeers from Spurs fans, who still have not forgiven the guard for his many "jet takeoffs" against San Antonio during successful playoff runs with Dallas.

Spurs: Leonard has scored in double figures in 70 consecutive games, the Spurs' longest streak since Tim Duncan had 75 straight in 2004-05. ... F David Lee had 10 points and seven rebounds in 26 minutes.

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Kansas State: The Wildcats had

Texas Tech: Visits Oklahoma

on Saturday night. The Sooners

lost 81-70 to No. 2 Kansas on Tues-

day night, dropping to 0-4 in the

Kansas State: Hosts No. 1 Bay-

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their first loss of the season on

Tuesday night, falling 89-68 to

No. 10 West Virginia.

won eight of nine, with the lone

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Big 12.

## LEE

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tion because he has a lot of tackles," Witten said. "That doesn't define what Sean brings to this football team. I think it's so much bigger than that."

Dez Bryant's famous catch that wasn't is what most remember from the Cowboys' 26-21 loss to the Packers two years ago. What most don't remember is Rodgers' offense keeping the ball for the final 4:06 after that play to preserve the win.

Owner and general manager Jerry Jones certainly does, particularly because Lee was on the sideline — and on injured reserve.

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points for Garden City,

Rodgers take it down the field against us two years ago and wishing we had Sean Lee out there," Jones said. "And I knew he was sitting over there pretty healthy. Now, I don't know if he was ready to defend Rodgers. But it would have been probably good to have him in the game."

This time Lee will be, after waiting seven seasons to experience the postseason.

"The anxiety level is low, but the excitement level is high," Lee said. "I've missed a lot of football. I'm blessed to be healthy. I'm excited to be on this team and have this opportunity."

Witten and others are excited for him.

to a 24-4 lead after one quarter, and things only got worse for the out-manned Eagles after that, as they were having any of that. blanked in the second quarter and limited to now, and our numbera mere six points in the one priority is we're second half. The Buffaloes were led district ... that way, we by Garrett Evans and can be able to compete Kobe Richardson, who for the district champiscored 15 and 12 points, onship," he said. respectively. Forsan returns to ac- p.m. tion Friday at Christoval. Game time is 8 Wylie downs p.m.

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Texas Tech scored 17 points off Kansas State's 15 turnovers. The Wildcats managed just six points off the Red Raiders' nine turnovers.

#### DOWN THE STRETCH

Beard was pleased with Texas Tech's poise in the final part of the game.

"It was good. We talk about those things all the time," Beard said. "A lot of these Big 12 games,

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past, and this where we want to be in district.' We've shown we can break (the press), now we just need to keep people from going on long, extended runs.'

People may take a look at the Steers' won-loss record and write off any playoff hopes for the team, but Tyerman isn't

"Everybody's 0-0 right

you know, you try to do everything you can to put yourself in a position where, if it's a twominute game, four or five possession game late, if you continue to put yourself back in these situations you know you can win your share."

#### **BIG PICTURE**

Texas Tech: The Red Raiders went 20 for 26 at the line, compared to 13 for 18 for the Wildcats. The difference in free throws helped make up for Kansas State's 10-for-20 night from beyond the arc. The victory could

The Lady Steers suffered their first loss in District 5-4A play Tuesday, dropping a 65-25 decision to Wylie.

Big Spring, which fell to 5-14 overall and 1-1 in district play, led 12-11 after one quarter, but could not keep pace with the Lady Bull-



dogs after that. Wylie stretched its lead to 10 points at halftime, then blitzed the Lady Steers 19-2 in the third quarter to gain firm control of the game.

Alexis Starr and Kayleigh Penny led Big Spring with 8 and 6 points, respectively.

Big Spring returns to action Friday when they host Sweetwater. Game time is 6 p.m. at Steer Gym.

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which returns to action Friday at Blackwell. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

#### Stanton 56 Merkel 40

STANTON — The Stanton Lady Buffalos rode a game-high 24 points from Payge Grable to take a 56-40 win over Merkel Tuedsay night.

Grable wasn't the only Lady Buffalo to have a strong scoring night, however, as Alyssa Peterson tallied 23 points, as well.

Stanton, which improved to 17-4 overall and 2-0 in district play, returns to action at Clyde Friday. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

#### BOYS

#### Forsan 69 Eldorado 10

FORSAN - In a gamethat was effectively over shortly after it started, the Forsan Buffaloes made like their mascot and stampeded the Eldorado Eagles Tuesday.

Forsan blitzed its way

#### Garden City 45 Sterling City 24

GARDEN CITY — The Garden City Bearkats broke open a close game in the second quarter, then cruised to a 45-24 win over Sterling City Tuesday night.

The Bearkats led by three points after the first quarter, but outscored Sterling City 15-8 in the second eight minutes to grab control of the game.

Ethan Goodwin scored 19 points and Scott Miller added 10 for the Bearkats, who improved to 7-6 overall and 3-0 in district play.

Garden City returns to action when the Bearkats travel to Blackwell. Game time is 7:30 p.m.



looking to go 3-0 to start Tip-off Friday is 7:30

# Lady Steers

ABILENE – A similar script to the boys' game played out in Abilene Tuesday — the **Big Spring Lady Steers** stayed close to Abilene Wylie for the first quarter, but then defensive pressure began taking its toll.





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# **NATION/WORLD**

#### Opposition: Airstrikes hit near Syrian capital despite truce

BEIRUT (AP) — An opposition monitoring group and rescue workers say airstrikes have resumed in a Damascus suburb despite a Russian-Turkish cease-fire in Syria, killing at least one woman and injuring several others.

At least six airstrikes Wednesday hit villages in al-Marj in the eastern Ghouta suburb, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and Syrian Civil Defense in Damascus suburbs. Since the cease-fire came into effect on Dec. 30, fighting has raged in the area as government troops attempted to gain ground.

The Observatory says it was the first time airstrikes were launched there, but it was not clear who carried them out.

Fighting has raged in and around Damascus since the cease-fire, including in the water-rich Barada Valley. The government and opposition groups exchanged blame for violating the truce.

#### World Economic Forum says capitalism needs urgent change

LONDON (AP) — Reforming the very nature of capitalism will be needed to combat the growing appeal of populist political movements around the world, the World Economic Forum said Wednesday.

Getting higher economic growth, it added, is necessary but insufficient to heal the fractures in society that were evident in the election of Donald Trump as U.S. president and Britain's vote to leave the European Union.

In a wide-ranging report from the organizer of the annual gathering of political and business leaders in the Swiss resort of Davos, the WEF identified "rising income and wealth disparity" as potentially the biggest driver in global affairs over the next ten years.

As an example of this growing inequality, the WEF highlighted the massive increases in CEO pay at a time when many people in advanced economies have struggled to make ends meet following the global financial crisis.

"This points to the need for reviving economic growth, but the growing mood of anti-establishment populism suggests we may have passed the stage where this alone would remedy fractures in society: reforming market capitalism must also be added to the agenda," it said in its latest Global Risks Report.

"The combination of economic inequality and political polarization threatens to amplify global risks, fraying the social solidarity on which the legitimacy of our economic and political systems rests," it added.

That's some conclusion from an organization that's sought to play a central role in the globalization process of the past couple of decades and that is closely identified with some of the world's richest people.

As well as getting growth higher, the WEF identified four areas that need to be addressed urgently: the need for long-term thinking in capitalism; a recognition of the importance of identity and inclusiveness in political communities; mitigating the risks and exploiting the opportunities of new technologies such as driverless cars; and strengthening



AP photo

In this file photo taken on Thursday, May 19, 2016, Russian President Vladimir Putin's press secretary Dmitry Peskov listens for a question during his news conference at the ASEAN Russia summit, in the Black Sea resort of Sochi, Russia. A spokesman for President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday Jan 11, 2017 denied allegations that the Kremlin has collected compromising information about U.S. President-elect Donald Trump, deriding the claim as a "complete fabrication and utter nonsense."

have had more of an impact on labor markets

#### Moscow denies having compromising information about Trump

MOSCOW (AP) — A spokesman for President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday denied allegations that the Kremlin has collected compromising information about U.S. President-elect Donald Trump, deriding the claim as a "complete fabrication and utter nonsense."

"This is an evident attempt to harm our bilateral ties," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters in Moscow. "The Kremlin does not engage in collecting compromising information."

A U.S. official told The Associated Press on Tuesday that intelligence officials had informed Trump about an unsubstantiated report that Russia had compromising personal and financial information about him. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because the official was not allowed to publicly discuss the matter.

After news reports were published about the briefing, Trump tweeted: "FAKE NEWS - A TOTAL POLITICAL WITCH HUNT!"

Peskov dismissed the report but commented that the allegations could be used to keep American politicians from wanting to improve ties with Russia.

"We should treat it with humor, but there is a sad side to it, too," he said. "There are people who are whipping up this frenzy, who are doing their best to keep this witch hunt going."

Peskov described the report as part of efforts to "keep harming the relations, not allow anyone to think about whether this is in the interests of both countries, the interests of the global community and what can be done to move from a total confrontation to a more constructive approach."

Russian state television provided a muted coverage of the report, dismissing it as fake and pointing to its release timed to Barack Obama's final speech in Chicago.

"The release would help Obama to slam the door even louder," Rossiya 24 television said on an afternoon news bulletin. Noting that different sections of the report were written in different typefaces, "it does not look like it was compiled by professionals," Rossiya 24 said.

At the Russian parliament, LDPR party leader Vladimir Zhirinovsky on Wednesday defended the president-elect.

"This is just another attempt to derail relations between Russia and the U.S," he said. "Trump has earned an honest living in the U.S. and no one will be able to find fault with him. He has never been involved in any dubious dealings, and we do not have anything bad on him."



causes of the populist tide poses a threat to mainstream politicians and raises the risk that the globalization trend will go into reverse.

reached a tipping point and might now embark on a period of de-globalization," it said.

ed to blame globalization for the loss of traditional jobs, the WEF said rapidly changing technologies



