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City RockFest set for Feb. 18

Five Christian bands slated for concert

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Music is a big part of many Christian traditions. In the Old Testament, David sang and played the harp to soothe King Saul. Angels sang to celebrate Christ's birth. Big Spring will soon welcome several Christian bands who use the power of rock to praise the Most High. The event, sponsored by First United Methodist Church, is called "City RockFest", and kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

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"It's going to be five Christian rock bands," said Nick Rodriguez, a youth ministry volunteer at FUMC. "The headliner is Disciple, which is a big band, they've been around since the '90s. Then there's Project 86, which has also been around since the '90s. Seventh Day Slumber, same thing. Then they have two new up and coming bands called Random Hero and Scarlet White. The concert is going to start approximately 6:30 p.m. Feb. 18, which is a Saturday. It's a free concert open to the public."

Rodriguez said he personally

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Doing the wave



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Fans at the Big Spring High School basketball games do the wave Friday night in Steer Gym. See a recap of the games and more photos in today's Sport Section.

Time to file taxes

AARP tax assistance program begins Monday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Volunteers with the AARP tax assistance program will be waiting at Dora Robert Civic Center come Monday morning to begin helping people file their taxes.

"We are ready to start at 8 a.m. Monday," said Ray Alexander, who oversees the program. "We are expecting a big crowd but we will probably not be able to see everyone that day."

This year, volunteers will be using a new program to fill out and file returns, Alexander said. As with anything

new, the program has shown a few kinks but, Alexander said most of those issues have been worked out.

"One reason we are going to take longer to do the tax returns is with the new program there is not a carryover (of information)," he said, adding imputing all the information will slow the process down.

"Next year, it should go faster because most of the information will carry over," he said.

If someone isn't seen on Monday, Alexander said the

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Widespread flu activity prompts SMMC request to visitors/patients to wear masks

Special to the Herald

As widespread flu activity continues to make its way across Texas, Scenic Mountain Medical Center is encouraging all visitors and patients who are experiencing flu-like symptoms to wear masks.

Symptoms include, fatigue, cough, fever or even allergy symptoms. The hospital will make masks available upon entry to the facility.

"Scenic Mountain Medical Center is committed to healing our patients and keeping our guests healthy and safe while in our facility. We are taking these extra precautions to ensure the health of our patients, visitors and employees. Wearing masks has been shown to help reduce the spread of the flu virus, as well as respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) in children and pneumonia," Amanda Duforat, SMMC Marketing Manager, said.

SMMC is also encouraging those who are visiting a family member or friend to be vigilant and adhere to the isolation precautions posted throughout the hospital and in patient rooms.

"The isolation precautions we take are for the protection of the patient, their family, friends and other patients in the facility," Duforat said. "By adhering to these practices we are able to prevent the viruses from spreading further."

Other preventative measures include:

- Hand washing
- Getting the flu vaccine

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Wine and canvas



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Bianca Mireles, center, art teacher at Big Spring Intermediate School, chats with Desert Flower Art Gallery customers Jan. 28. Mireles led a relaxed painting class at Desert Flower for about 20 students, guiding them through the process of creating an artistic painting. See more about this story on Page 1C in today's Life Section.

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Obituaries

Dorothy Stovall



Dorothy Stovall, 85, of Big Spring passed away Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Dorothy was born April 27, 1931 in Canon City, Colo., to Agnes McDougal Essmeier and Donald Essmeier. She married Jack Stovall on April 3, 1954, in Gonado, Texas. She has been a resident of the Big Spring community since 1977, coming from Midland after living there since 1966. She was a Rehabilitation Therapist at the Big Spring State Hospital. After 10-plus years, she retired in 1991. She acquired 12,500 volunteer hours at Scenic Mountain Medical Center since 2000. She also did volunteer work at Mitchell County Hospital in Colorado City, Texas. She was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Jack Stovall of Big Spring; four children, Deborah Westfall and husband Mark of Odessa, Ray Don Stovall and wife Diann of Midland, Leta Henson and husband Randy of Stanton, and Gary Stovall and wife Charlotte of Big Spring; grandchildren, Cris and Shannon Westfall, Kason and Robyna Anderson, Brandon Anderson, Seth and Megan Stovall, Clay and Erin White, Brittney and Dale Glosson, Jason and Allison Westfall, Sharon and Jake Reid, Melissa and Gabe Leuker, Sydney Upshaw, and Cody and Harley Upshaw; 25 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Donald Essmeier and wife Lydia, and Sammy Essmeier, all of Louisiana; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two grandsons, J.D. Anderson and Clayton Henson; one granddaughter, Lendon Stovall; and one brother Charles Essmeier.

Pallbearers will be Cris Westfall, Kason Anderson, Brandon Anderson, Seth Stovall, Clay White, Dale Glosson, and Jason Westfall.

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

Paid obituary

David Garcia

David Garcia, 2, of Carlsbad, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017, in Carlsbad. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been established at Myers and Smith Funeral Home to help the family with the funeral expenses.

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.

- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will start Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

- 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.

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. Feb. 6 and 7 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.

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Memorial Celebration for Greg Bodin will be held today from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Heritage Museum.

Ken Cobb, 75, died Thursday. The family will receive friends Sunday from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Coahoma Cemetery.

Dorothy Stovall, 85, died Tuesday. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Support Groups

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.

SMMC

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- Staying away from those experiencing symptoms
- Staying home from work or school if you are sick

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, with the rise of flu positives this year, it is indicated that 37 states are reporting widespread flu, including Texas. The CDC also reports above-baseline percentages of clinic visits for flu and the hospitalizations have doubled from flu, RSV and pneumonia.

"Our hospital has seen a steady increase of flu cases in the past few weeks," Duforat said. "With these preventative precautions, we hope those numbers will begin to decrease."

If you are experiencing flu-like symptoms please visit your primary care provider. If you do not have a primary care provider, call Family Medical Center to schedule an appointment, 432-267-5531.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients,

AARP

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volunteers will hold several more sessions before the end of the tax season

"This is the first day, but we will going through April 3," he said. "Not everyone will get seen on the first day but things will slow down as time progresses, and we will be able to work those people in if they are not in a big hurry."

Trained volunteers will be on hand from 8 a.m. to noon at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located in the Comanche Trail Park. The majority of tax paying residents qualify to receive free aid through the program. Volunteers are not trained to assist with more complex tax issues such as rental property, debt forgiveness, and foreclosures.

FUMC Youth Minister Beau Niewoehner will be distributing them through a current contest and others coming up before the concert.

"We just started a competition yesterday," he said. "Me and the youth pastor Beau got on Facebook Live and announced that we have VIP passes. They're limited, and if you want a shot at getting the VIP passes, you have to share that VIP post that we did, and then we would announce some of the winners. Then probably next week we're going to do another contest as well."

A third contest will take place the day before the concert, he added.

For more information visit First United Methodist Church's Facebook "Events" page at www.facebook.com/fumcbs/events and click on the City Rock-Fest link.

I'm praying for. I'm praying for a sell-out crowd. I think it's in God's hands, to be honest. I see it happening," he said. "I think a lot of people in Big Spring are excited about this event. I've seen a lot of positive feedback on Facebook and from friends and family. From all over, not just in Big Spring. We've got people excited that live in Snyder, Odessa, Midland, Lubbock, San Angelo; I've seen nothing but positive feedback. A lot of people are getting excited about this, and can't wait for the concert to be here. I think it's just time to put Big Spring back on the map. If Dallas and Houston can throw a concert like this, Lubbock and Midland, then why can't Big Spring?"

There are no tickets necessary for the concert, but Rodriguez said there are some VIP passes available, and he and

To receive help, please bring a photo ID, your Social Security Card and all tax information such as W-2s, 1099 forms, a 1095 form that shows you have health care insurance, and any other forms needed to determine income. Bringing a copy of last year's filing and paperwork is strongly recommended.

Once all the paperwork is filled out, volunteers can then e-file the returns for those who request it.

The deadline to submit the 2016 federal taxes is midnight, Tuesday, April 18.

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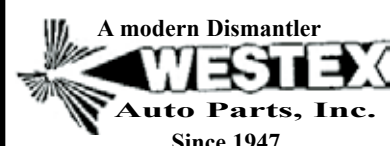
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Some Borden County highlights

Borden County and the county seat of Gail were both named for Gail Borden. “He was a Texas patriot who had a newspaper during the Texas revolution,” says Lisa Mahler, who works with the museum in Gail. “There are stories of him moving his printing press trying to stay ahead of the Mexican soldiers. They were chasing him and toward the end of the war they caught him, arrested him and threw his printing press into the Brazos River. Prior to going into journalism he was an inventor living in New York. Gail Borden was one of those who tried his hand at various things like how to can meat. He is best remembered for inventing condensed milk, that saved the lives of many babies.”

Garza County, adjacent to Borden County to the north has Post as its county seat. It was named for the cereal man, C. W. Post. He wanted to build a utopian

community. The road from Gail to Post is scenic with red hills like those near Sedona, Arizona. Two landmarks around Gail are Mushaway Peak and Gail Mountain.

Lisa Mahler grew up in Borden County and her family has a ranch there. She is in the process of remodeling the museum in Gail. She has discovered some treasures in boxes, shelves and cabinets that reflect the area history. These include harness, hand tools, photos, baby clothes and a 13-gallon butter churn. Lisa says the population of the county is only about 640 now, but it was once a crossroads for freight and mail. “It had hotels, saloons, livery stables, millinery shops and mercantile and confection stores, barber shops and banks and now there’s one little building left from the original court house square.” The museum is open the second Saturday of each month.

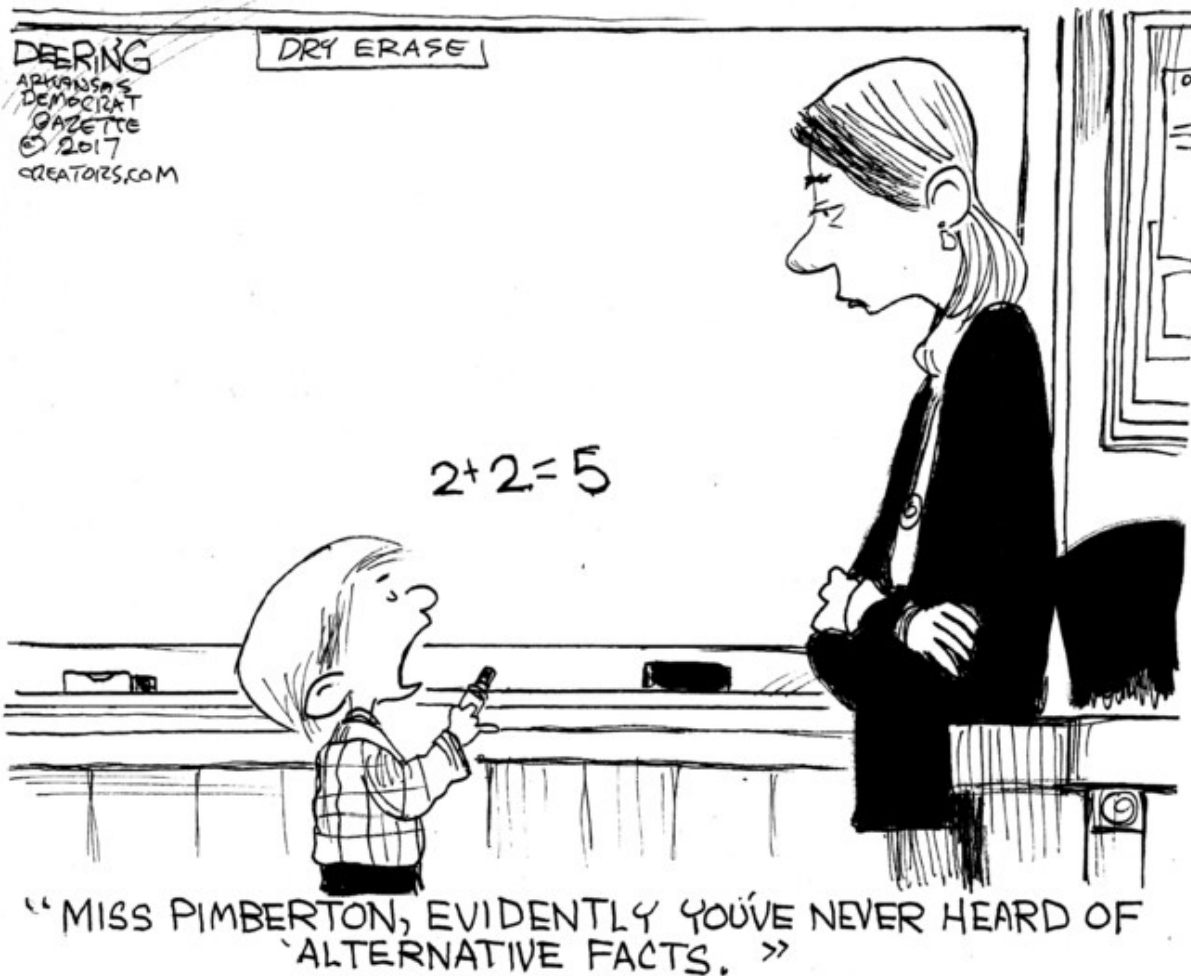
Other towns in the county were Durham, Treadway and Julia, now ghost towns. “When the early cattlemen started arriving the grass was so tall that it touched a horse’s belly. And the creeks all ran fulltime.”

It took a while for Borden

County to be able to communicate with the outside world. “My parents didn’t get a phone until 1953. They didn’t get electricity until 1949.”

A school district was formed soon after oil was discovered in the 1940’s. “Citizens put together a school board from the different corners of the county. My dad was school board president and there were no phones to get the school board notices out. My dad was a pilot and he had a speaker on his Piper Cub; so he would fly over all the homes of school board members and announce ‘school board meeting tonight.’”

Borden County now has an impressive 22 million dollar school complex. About half the student body is transfer students because of the high quality of education the school district offers. Sixty percent of graduates of Borden County High School go to college. Nolan Ryan traveled to Gail to dedicate the new baseball field a couple of years ago. People in Borden County are happy right now because their high school 6-man football team won state for the 4th time. School colors are red white and blue.



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DAILY PRAYER

Your love, Lord, brings peace and serenity to our hearts and minds.

Amen.

Education at a gallop

They’re mere “blips” on the screen of educational innovation, now in a handful of major cities.

Their name sounds like a house number, and youngsters therein are challenged to “dig deep” as a core of teachers — argely volunteers — help children 6-18 express themselves through— of all things — writing.

These store front centers (for want of a better word) are attention-grabbers, front to back. “826,” after all, isn’t a usual name. The first

was San Francisco’s 826 Valencia St. It opened in 2002. If passers-by aren’t “grabbed” by the numbers, small letters on the sign help. It reads: “independent pirate supply store.”

After all, there aren’t many such Yellow Page listings there, or any place else.

What goes on at “826s” mostly are projects to hone writing skills. Is it not interesting that such a concept seems to be bubbling again to the top, even if not yet to full boil? (There are actual sales — ie, pirate supplies — with all profits accruing to the non-profit project.)

“826s” are staffed largely by volunteers who realize the importance of written expression. They now have 1,400 such volunteers in San Francisco serving a minimum of one hour weekly.

Simply stated, there is no app for that.

ing to education what St. Jude is to hospitals. All children served pay nothing—it’s free.

In the past dozen years, “826” centers include NYC (superhero-themed); Ann Arbor, MI (robots), Seattle (space travel supply) and Boston (Bigfoot Research Institute). Similar programs are offered in Great Britain and Dublin, Ireland. Dublin’s is called “Fighting Words.”

I’ll stop “rat now,” mostly because I know so little about “826.” It seems to me, though, that retirees — particularly educator — might be interested. The concept seems both helpful and doable.

I trust the mentors bear down on the importance of careful note-taking. Throughout life, I have trusted scribbling on paper scraps, making “mental notes” and tying string around fingers. Reminders of painful experiences resulting from failures to remember are frequent and vivid.

Another one has been added to the list — instructions from the carpet store concerning what needed to be done prior to installation. I jotted down something about TVs/electronics/knickknacks. When the inevitable day of discernment dawned, I THOUGHT this “note to self” meant they’d move these items. I reasoned, obviously, that we’d need to arrange furniture removal.

We hired three husky high school footballers, and in just two hours, they had furniture piled high in the garage, bathrooms and tiled areas.

Alas, I remembered instructions backwards. The installers usually remove the furniture, but don’t handle TVs, electronics

and knickknacks. They laughed about my mistake, then turned serious upon realization there was no entrance through which to bring in the carpet.

Probably the installers have “seen it all.”

Upon seeing the entrance hallway “stacked up” in a manner to challenge the most slithery of snakes, the workers shook their heads. The same was true for the garage.

What to do? “We’ll remove a window, roll up the carpet and shove it through,” one of the guys suggested. Head-shaking changed to hand-shaking.

It is finished. After the furniture was back in place, we surveyed dozens of boxes in the garage. When they are emptied, cars can be returned to the garage.

Maybe we’ll throw away half of the “stuff.” Up the way, our children likely will toss 90-95 percent of it in the same manner.

For now, though, we’re enjoying the “feel” of new carpet between our toes. No doubt, my enjoyment will be enhanced when Brenda allows me to remove those protective gauze shoes the installers left behind. And I’ll “whoop it up” — maybe even squeal—when my computer mouse turns up. Man of faith that I am, I expect to see it again, and soon.

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#2 McBride, drill, field transfer, API #42-033-20010
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
0.75 miles northeast of Vealmoor
A-290, Section 19, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8123 feet
Latitude 032.525858, Longitude -101.560061. Datum: NAD 27
795' FSL, 467' FWL of 80-acre lease
795' FSL, 2173' FEL of the survey

#103D LMT, re-enter, El: NA, API #42-033-00865
Lazy "JL" (Spraberry, Lower) Field
15 miles north of Gail
A-151, Section 15, Block 30, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 7146 feet
Latitude 032.945437, Longitude -101.430101. Datum: NAD 27
104' FWL, 104 FSL of 1-acre lease
1980' FEL, 660' FNL of the survey

#12 Canon Ranch Unit, drill, El: NA
Jo-Mill (Spraberry) Field
15 miles southwest of Gail
A-374, Section 27, Block 33, T-5-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8500 feet
Latitude 032.726161, Longitude -101.680753. Datum: NAD 27
3081' FS'lyNL, 516' FE'lyWL of 5,428-acre lease
881' FSL, 2075' FEL of the survey
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#3044 Canon Ranch Unit, drill, El: NA
Jo-Mill (Spraberry) Field
15 miles southwest of Gail
A-1460, Section 34, Block 33, T-5-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8500 feet
Latitude 032.710523, Longitude -101.673505. Datum: NAD 27
9153' FS'lyNL, 2655' FW'lyEL of 5,428-acre lease
151' FSL, 1345' FEL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

#5004 Canon Ranch Unit, drill, El: NA
Jo-Mill (Spraberry) Field
15 miles southwest of Gail
A-1460, Section 34, Block 33, T-5-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8500 feet
Latitude 032.709906, Longitude -101.679353. Datum: NAD 27
4974' FS'lyNL, 2417' FE'lyWL of 5,428-acre lease
367' FSL, 2417' FWL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

#105 LMT, re-completion, El: NA, API #42-033-31213
U-Lazy "S" (Ellenburger) Field
12 miles north of Gail
A-151, Section 15, Block 30, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8628 feet
Latitude 032.941725, Longitude -101.437970. Datum: NAD 27
660' FWL, 1240' FSL of 320-acre lease
660' FWL, 1436' FNL of the survey
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#8AH Dyess "17-8", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
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A-289, Section 17, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.544000, Longitude -101.542078. Datum: NAD 27
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#2604HB Matthew, drill horizontal, El: NA, API #42-173-37453
Garden City, S. (Wolfcamp) Field
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A-855, Section 26, Block 34, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
Latitude 032.027401, Longitude -101.627172. Datum: NAD 27
685' FNL, 730' FWL of 160-acre lease
685' FNL, 730' FWL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

#0704HC Matthew PSA "C", drill horizontal, El: NA
Garden City, S. (Wolfcamp) Field
16.30 miles northwest of Garden City
A-520, Section 7, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.057424, Longitude -101.634648. Datum: NAD 27
400' FNL, 873' FEL of 373.34-acre lease
400' FNL, 1765' FWL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

#0703HA Matthew PSA "D", drill horizontal, El: NA
Garden City, S. (Wolfcamp) Field



AP Photo/Eric Gay, File

In this Oct. 22, 2015 file photo, workers tend to oil pump jacks behind a natural gas flare near Watford City, N.D. The Republican-controlled Congress is moving to overturn an Obama administration rule intended to clamp down on oil companies that burn off natural gas during drilling operations on public lands.

House votes to overturn Obama rule on natural gas 'flaring'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican-controlled House voted on Friday to overturn an Obama administration rule that sought to reduce harmful methane emissions into the environment, part of the Democrat's campaign to combat climate change.

The vote was 221-191 to roll back the Interior Department rule that had clamped down on oil companies that burn off natural gas during drilling operations on public lands. The rule had been finalized in November.

Republicans argued that the rule is causing job losses in energy-dependent states across the West and is undercutting domestic energy production. The measure now goes to the Senate.

The House vote followed action in the Senate earlier Friday ending an Obama-era regulation that requires oil and gas companies to disclose payments to foreign governments for mining and drilling.

The House and Senate also gave final approval this week to a measure that eliminates a rule to prevent coal mining debris from being dumped into nearby streams.

The votes are among a series Republicans are taking under GOP control of Congress and the White House to reverse years of what they call excessive regulation during Obama's tenure. Rules on fracking, federal contracting and other issues also are in the GOP crosshairs.

Republicans said the natural gas rule costs energy companies more than \$1 billion a year

and costs states and the federal government million in lost tax payments.

"This rule is a needless burden on American families," said Rep. Doug Lamborn, R-Colo., who said the boom in natural gas production in recent years benefits "everyday Americans" by lowering energy costs and reducing air pollution from coal-fired power plants.

Energy companies frequently "flare" or burn off vast supplies of natural gas at drilling sites because it earns less money than oil. A government report said about 40 percent of gas being flared or vented could be captured economically and sold.

Gas flaring is so prevalent in oil-rich North Dakota that night-time flaring activity on drilling sites is visible in NASA photos from space.

Environmental groups and public health organizations opposed the rollback, saying the new rule will reduce the risk of ozone formation in the air and ozone-related health problems, including asthma attacks, hospital admissions and premature deaths.

Methane, the primary gas burned off during flaring operations, is a strong contributor to climate change. It is about 25 times more potent at trapping heat than carbon dioxide, although it does not stay in the air as long. Methane emissions make up about 9 percent of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, according to government estimates.

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Retail gasoline prices across Texas down 2 cents this week

COPPELL, Texas (AP) — Retail gasoline prices across Texas have declined an average 2 cents this week to settle at \$2.09 per gallon.

AAA Texas on Thursday reported nationwide prices at the pump are down a penny this week to reach an average \$2.28 per gallon.

The association survey found that San Antonio has the cheapest gasoline in Texas this week at an average \$2.03 per gallon. Drivers in El Paso have the most expensive gasoline statewide at an average \$2.18 per gallon.

AAA experts say increased U.S. crude oil production and lower driving demand have kept downward pressure on the national average price at the pump.



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Repeal of health law could mean women pay more for less

WASHINGTON (AP) — From a return to higher premiums based on gender, to gaps in coverage for birth control and breast pumps, experts say women could end up paying more for less if the Obama-era health care law is repealed.

The 2010 law ended a common industry practice of charging women more than men for policies purchased directly from an insurer. It made maternity and newborn care a required benefit for individual health plans. And it set a list of preventive services to be provided at no extra cost to women, including birth control and breast pumps used by nursing mothers. That preventive care requirement also applies to most employer plans.

Nearly half of pregnancies are unplanned, and prior to "Obamacare" some women would get pregnant only to learn that their insurance did not cover maternity and delivery, said Dr. John Meigs, a longtime family practitioner in the small town of Centerville, Alabama.

"A lot of women were delaying their prenatal care until they could figure out what to do," said Meigs, president of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Pregnancy "is one of those things that ought to be covered, because it happens."

Democrats are keying in on the issue as they try to block or blunt the GOP drive to repeal the Affordable Care Act. "We don't want our country going backward when it comes to women's health," said Sen. Patty Murray, ranking Democrat on the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

Women are widely seen as having benefited from the health law. In a recent AP-NORC poll, 44 percent said they thought women were better off as a result of the law, while only 24 percent said women were worse off.

"The ACA set minimum levels of benefits that health plans have to cover and many are highly used, or exclusively used by women," said Usha Ranji, a health policy expert with the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation. "Repeal and replace could take away that minimum level of benefits, which includes really commonly used services like contraception and maternity care."

Nashville-based singer Rachel Potter worries about what it could mean for her. She says she was lucky to be covered under the ACA when she unexpectedly became pregnant last year.

Bleeding early on and other compli-

cations sent her to the doctor's office frequently.

"We were able to monitor the pregnancy really closely," said Potter. "I was able to go to an amazing OB-GYN and I wouldn't have had access to that care if I had not been on this insurance." Her son Jude was born in December and is already on the road with her.

Potter's medical bill came to more than \$40,000, but she only paid about \$2,000 of that.

She's now thinking about getting a long-lasting form of birth control while her insurer is still required to cover it at no charge to her. "I don't know the future of the health insurance situation," said Potter.

Five doctor groups representing about 500,000 clinicians on Thursday called for maintaining the ACA's women's benefits, along with other protections. The groups include family physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American College of Physicians, and the American Osteopathic Association.

A Trump administration spokesman says speculation about components of an "Obamacare" replacement is premature.

Recently introduced legislation that seeks a middle path on health care would keep some of the Obama-era requirements, but make others a state option.

The bill co-authored by Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, would allow states to keep the ACA or substitute an alternative with fewer federal requirements.

Under that approach, insurance plans in states that pick the alternative would not be required to cover maternity and newborn care. However, plans in all states would have to cover the ACA's preventive benefits, including birth control. Collins staff said the draft bill is a starting point.

Some "Obamacare" critics argue that required benefits for women have driven up costs for others, for example young men who don't need maternity care. Other experts say the impact on premiums is modest compared to provisions of the law such as guaranteed coverage for people with medical problems and tighter limits on how much older adults can be charged.

"Relative to other market changes, there is no indication that required coverage for women's health benefits

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AP Photo/Mark Humphrey

Rachel Potter holds her son, Jude, Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017, at their home in Nashville, Tenn. Potter, a Nashville-based singer who has toured the country as part of the cast of the hit musical "Wicked" as well as performing gigs with her country music band Steel Union, said she couldn't afford insurance before the Affordable Care Act. From a return to higher premiums based on female gender, to gaps in coverage for breast pumps used by nursing mothers, President Donald Trump's vow to repeal his predecessor's health care law is raising concerns about the impact on women's health.

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GOP softens tone on Obama health law, mulls 'repairing' it

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are increasingly talking about repairing President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, a softening of tone that comes as their drive to fulfill a keystone campaign promise encounters disunity, drooping momentum and uneasy voters.

GOP lawmakers insist they haven't abandoned their goal of repeal, though they face lingering disputes about whether that vote should come before, after or simultaneously with a replacement effort.

Republicans triumphantly shoved a budget through Congress three weeks ago that gave committees until Jan. 27 to write bills dismantling the law and substituting a Republican plan. Everyone knew that deadline meant little, but now leaders are talking about moving initial legislation by early spring.

And as the party struggles to translate its long-time political mantra into legislation that can pass Congress, some Republicans have started using gentler language.

"It's repairing the damage Obamacare has caused. It's more accurate" than repeal and replace, said Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., who chairs the Senate health committee. He notes that President Donald Trump and many Republicans want to keep popular pieces of the overhaul like requiring family policies to cover children up to age 26.

Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., who chairs the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said Republicans are "laying the foundation to rebuild America's health care markets as we dismantle Obamacare."

The refined phraseology has been

endorsed by Frank Luntz, the long-time GOP rhetoric guru. He credited Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., with the idea, saying by email, "He was right. Americans want the ACA repealed and repaired," using the Affordable Care Act's acronym.

The shifting language comes with much of Washington focused on battles over Trump's Supreme Court and Cabinet nominees. That and controversies surrounding his temporary refugee ban have sapped energy from the health care drive.

It also comes with polls spotlighting GOP risks. A recent Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll found 53 percent want to keep Obama's law in some form, and 56 percent very concerned that repeal means many will lose insurance.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., says Republicans want to "rescue" the health system and Thursday embraced all of the competing phraseology.

"The best way to repair a health care system is to repeal and replace Obamacare," he said.

Talk of repair dismays other Republicans, including hard-line conservatives. They say their message since Democrats enacted the 2010 law was that the GOP would repeal it, later amended to "repeal and replace."

"You've got to repeal the law that's the problem. That's what we told the voters we were going to do," said Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, a leader of the conservative House Freedom Caucus.

Jordan cites problems that have accompanied the statute, including rising premiums and deductibles and diminished choices in the individual insurance market in some communi-

ties. He says health care would improve if Obama's law vanishes.

"If you start from that premise, repair shouldn't be your mindset," Jordan said.

Democrats say the GOP's evolving language signals retreat. They say Republicans will threaten health care's availability and raise rates, angering the 20 million people who gained insurance under the law and tens of millions of others who benefit from the statute's coverage requirements.

"It puts the burden on them to come up with the so-called repairs," said No. 2 Senate Democratic leader Richard Durbin of Illinois. "What a departure from repeal it, walk away from it and America will be a better place."

Meanwhile, Republicans continue shaping proposals to void Obama's statute. Potential targets include the law's requirement that people who don't get coverage at work buy policies, the subsidies many of them receive and the tax increases imposed on higher-income people and the health industry.

Some Republicans want to reshape and cut Medicaid, which provides health coverage to lower-earning people, while others are from states that expanded it under Obama's statute. Most want to include language blocking federal payments to Planned Parenthood but some don't, and some would let states choose to keep Obama's law intact.

There are also disputes over how to provide money so people don't abruptly lose coverage

and insurance companies fearing losses don't stop selling policies.

With insurers crafting their 2018 rate structures over the coming two months, the insurance industry's leading trade group made its jitters clear to Congress this week. Marilyn Tavenner, president of America's Health Insurance Plans, told Alexander's committee that insurers must know soon whether lawmakers will continue federal payments that let companies reduce out-of-pocket costs for many lower-earning customers.

Losing those subsidies "would further deteriorate an already unstable market and hurt the millions of consumers who depend on these programs for their coverage," she warned.

At a hearing Thursday before a House health subcommittee, Republicans revealed four drafts of potential bills.

One would let insurers charge older customers higher rates. Another would replace the law's unpopular individual mandate with a requirement that people maintain "continuous" coverage if they want to avoid paying more for policies.

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was a primary driver of premium increases," said Caroline Pearson of the consulting firm Avalere Health.

Ranji, of the Kaiser Foundation, says the ACA made significant improvements for women. Before the law:

- Pregnancy, a prior cesarean-section, a history of domestic violence, or problems with depression could be deemed a pre-existing condition, triggering restrictions on coverage or higher premiums.

- About one-third of plans on the individual insurance market charged women between the age of 25 and 40 premiums at least 30

percent higher than men of the same age.

- Only about 12 percent of plans available directly to individuals included maternity care.

- About 20 percent of women of childbearing age covered by large employers spent some of their own money on birth control pills. Currently it's fewer than 4 percent.

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Brownwood sweeps BSHS

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Free throws — or the lack thereof — were the biggest roadblock standing in the way of the Big Spring Steers' upsetting Brownwood Friday night.

The Steers took everything the Lions figuratively threw at them in their District 5-4A showdown at Steer Gym, even coming from behind in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime. In the end, however, it was Brownwood's efficiency at the free throw line that spelled the difference in its 56-52 victory.

"I thought we played extremely well, and I was proud of their effort, but free throws were definitely the difference," BSHS Coach Nick Tyerman said. "Brownwood shot 75 percent from the line and we shot 55 percent. It's difficult to win when you have that kind of difference."

Abel Clark had 12 points, Davel Clark 11 and Jeremiah Rushin 10 for the Steers, who fell to 5-22 overall and 2-4 in district play.

Saturday morning, however, Tyerman was very proud of how his team responded to the loss.

"It was a learning experience," he said. "Here it is, 10 hours after the game, and they're here in the gym before practice and the first thing they did was work on their free throws."

The Steers still control their

playoff destiny — they are currently tied with Sweetwater for third in the race for one of the district's four playoff spots, plus they hold a tie-breaker advantage over Sweetwater. The Steers can clinch a playoff spot with a win over Snyder Friday in Steer Gym. Game time is 6:15 p.m.

Lady Steers fall to Brownwood

The Brownwood Lady Lions looked every bit the District 5-4A champion as they steamrolled Big Spring, 61-25, Friday night in Steer Gym.

Amber Martinez' three-pointer early in the first quarter gave Big Spring a 5-4 lead, but after that, it was all Brownwood, especially after a second quarter that saw the Lady Lions blank the Lady Steers, 19-0. Despite the loss, the Lady Steers clinched the fourth and final playoff spot from the district.

They ended regular-season play with a 6-19 overall record.

The Lady Steers will face Burkburnett in the first round of the playoffs at a date and time to be determined.

Forsan boys scorch Eldorado

ELDORADO — The Forsan Buffaloes made sure their game with Eldorado was as drama-free as possible Friday

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Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Abel Clark attempts a shot during the Steers' overtime loss to Brownwood in Steer Gym Friday night.

Super Sunday is here

Key matchups to watch in the Patriots-Falcons Super Bowl

HOUSTON (AP) — Matchups for the Super Bowl between the Atlanta Falcons (13-5) and New England Patriots (16-2) in Houston:

When the Falcons have the ball

Atlanta led the NFL in points (540) by a wide margin, thanks to a career year from QB Matt Ryan (2), who along with WR Julio Jones (11) are All-Pros. If that combination comes close to its production during the season and, in particular, the nine connections for 180 yards and two TDs in

the NFC championship game against Green Bay, the Falcons will be difficult to stop.

While 2015 Super Bowl hero Malcolm Butler (21) will see plenty of Jones, New England schemes so well that fellow cornerbacks Logan Ryan (26) and Eric Rowe (25), and safety Devin McCourty (32) will be no strangers to Jones, either.

If the Patriots can contain Jones, Atlanta wideouts Mohamed Sanu (12) and Taylor Gabriel (18) must come through in a big way. The Falcons don't have a lot of weapons at tight end, which



means RBs Devonta Freeman (24) and Tevin Coleman (26) will be keys in the passing game, too.

Freeman rushed for 1,079

yards and 11 TDs, Coleman for 520 and eight, but this is a pass-first team. There's so much versatility, though, that the Falcons are capable of keeping the Patriots' D off-balance.

New England coordinator Matt Patricia has players for specific roles on the line and behind it, though DE Trey Flowers (98) is the top pass rusher. DEs Chris Long (95) and Jabaal Sheard (93) and LB Rob Ninkovich (50) can do pretty much everything, while LB Dont'a Hightower (54) is the leader of the front

seven.

Their matchups with a vastly improved Atlanta blocking unit led by C Alex Mack (51) and tackles Jake Matthews (70), a Houston native, and Ryan Schraeder (73) will be critical. Look for Patriots DTs Malcolm Brown (90) and Alan Branch (97) to try to overpower the guards, especially Andy Levitre (67) on the left side.

When the Patriots have the ball

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AP photo

Dallas Mavericks guard Yogi Ferrell, right, and forward Dirk Nowitzki react after Ferrell made a 3-point basket against the Portland Trail Blazers Friday.

Ferrell leads Mavs past Portland

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Rarely does a game between two losing teams feel so good for one player. But that's the kind of night it was for Yogi Ferrell.

The undrafted point guard playing on a 10-day contract scored 32 points to help the Dallas Mavericks beat the Portland Trail Blazers 108-104 on Friday.

"We've got a special group, a special group of guys and they really welcomed me into the team. I was thankful for that," Ferrell said. "That doesn't happen often. It

happened very quickly, so I'm just out there having a lot of fun and living the dream."

Ferrell, who signed a 10-day deal with the Mavericks last weekend, had 22 points by halftime — shattering his previous career high. He has scored 71 points in four games this week, all wins for Dallas against the Spurs, Cavaliers, 76ers and Trail Blazers.

Dallas built its lead up to 22 before Portland rallied to within one. Ferrell answered with a 3-pointer with 19 seconds left to give the Mavericks

a cushion and a win on national television.

"He's an opportunistic guy and it's pretty clear that he's out to prove a point," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said.

The moment for Ferrell, who was in the NBA Development League six days before, even tugged at the heartstrings of his opponents.

Blazers coach Terry Stotts paid his dues in the old Continental Basketball Association and can appreciate a story like Ferrell's, even given

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Patriots locked in with proven approach

HOUSTON (AP) — Ten words have driven Patriots coach Bill Belichick since he arrived in New England 17 years ago. And they are 10 words that he leans on whenever he is queried about what's gone into making his team an annual threat to hoist the Lombardi Trophy.

"I do what I think is best for the team," he says.

For the better part of those 17 seasons, that approach has worked out well for the Patriots. They will make their seventh Super Bowl appearance under Belichick on Sunday when they take on the Atlanta Falcons. Along with quarterback Tom Brady, Belichick already is part of the winningest coach/quarterback combination in NFL postseason history, taking 24 games together.

The 64-year-old coach has done it by having an uncanny ability of getting his teams to buy into a program that has become known as the "Patriot Way."

"A lot of people talk about the 'Patriot Way'. There's not a straight definition of it, but here you know that we're going to work every day," linebacker and defensive captain Dont'a Hightower said. "Around here you're either getting better or you're getting worse. That's kind of the man-

tra that's kind of bestowed around here."

It's a program that's led to four Super Bowl rings for Belichick and Brady. And this year's team is strong enough to bring them a fifth title.

The reasons are plentiful, but it starts with the experience at the top.

Belichick is preparing for his 36th playoff game, and is an expert at shielding his team from distractions. Brady's four-game "Deflategate" suspension couldn't send them off track. Neither could the surprise departures of defensive stalwarts Chandler Jones and Jamie Collins.

Brady said playing in a place that doesn't tolerate allowing outside drama to creep into its walls has helped everyone inside the Patriots' bubble to lock in. For him, it's crystalized so that even at this stage in his career he's experiencing a "once in a lifetime" opportunity.

"You can't take these things for granted," Brady said. "We've been very blessed, as part of this organization, for the guys that have been on these teams to make it this far, but it's a very steep mountain to climb."

What will aid that



journey Sunday is a combined passing and rushing attack that may be the best the Patriots have had under Belichick.

Brady is continuing to defy his age at 39, ancient for a football player. He threw for 28 touchdowns and helped the Patriots set a record by throwing just two interceptions during the regular season. He has two picks in the playoffs, but they have been blips compared to the five touchdowns and 671 yards he's compiled this postseason.

On the ground, LeGarrette Blount has taken a lot of pressure off him. Blount established a franchise single-season record with an NFL-best 18 rushing touchdowns during the regular season. He's also finally clear of an illness that limited him at times in New England's first two playoff games.

Blount will also have

plenty of support from backfield mates Dion Lewis and James White. Lewis has surged in the playoffs after a stint on injured reserve, and White may be New England's most-improved offensive player.

"It's a brotherhood. It's like a family here. We love each other and we

always have each other's backs," Blount said. "It is a resilient team, but we're going to continue to do everything we can to put ourselves in a good situation."

That's not to mention the latest group of Patriots newcomers who have made an impact. Receiver Chris Hogan has become Brady's most-trusted deep threat and had a huge AFC title game. Tight end Martellus Bennett's production has plugged the offensive hole created when Rob Gronkowski underwent back surgery in December.

And as they prepare to face an Atlanta team that scored the most

points per game in the league, the Patriots have jelled at the perfect time on defense. New England's defense is allowing 16.5 points per game in the playoffs after allowing a league-low 15.6 during the regular season.

The group will also had to endure questions this week about the level of competition it's faced so far. Think that will provide some motivation?

"I don't care. Yeah, I heard it. But it doesn't bother me and it doesn't bother us," Hightower said. "We're just going to go out and execute our game plan. We're in this game for a reason. It's really just on us going out there and executing."

Prediction: Patriots 27, Falcons 23.

Was this the year fans started tuning out?

HOUSTON (AP) — It may have been a blip, explained as much by the must-watch presidential debates as by some wholesale turn away from football. Or, decades from now, 2016 could be remembered as the season fans started falling out of love with the NFL.

TV ratings declined 8 percent, with the presidential election partly, but not solely, to blame. Many of the league's highest-profile contests were boring blowouts, including eight of the 10 playoff games leading to Sunday's Super Bowl between the Patriots and Falcons.

Two NFL teams abandoned fan bases in St. Louis and San Diego

in favor of their original home, Los Angeles, where neither team had played for decades. And the Raiders are considering leaving Oakland for Las Vegas, which, for all its renown as America's gambling capital, has never supported its own big-league team.

A key segment of fantasy football, as big a driver of NFL growth as anything in recent years, saw its massive numbers plateau. According to Eilers & Krejcik Gaming, entry fees for daily fantasy games increased by 4 percent in 2016, compared to 222 percent the year before, as several states explored the legality of

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Falcons' young defense could be the key

ATLANTA (AP) — The popular thinking is the Atlanta Falcons' only path to their first Super Bowl championship is to win a high-scoring game against New England.

After all, big offense is the Falcons' big weapon.

The best reason to think Atlanta can beat Tom Brady and the Patriots, however, may be the Falcons' improved defense.

Atlanta's defense was on an upswing even before holding a shocking 31-0 third-quarter lead over Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers in the 44-21 NFC championship game win.

Atlanta started four rookies and four second-year players on defense against the Packers. The unit played with the toughness and speed of the celebrated Seattle defense Dan Quinn coordinated before becoming Atlanta's coach two years ago.

The greybeard of the Atlanta defense, 36-year-old pass-rush specialist

Dwight Freeney, knows many observers thought the defense was too young. The lackluster overall statistics, including a No. 27 ranking in scoring defense, disguise the recent improvement that made Freeney proud.

"We went through issues and problems early in the year," Freeney said. "It was expected when you have three or four guys that have never played in the NFL before. We had to catch these boys up, and the offense was rolling while these guys were catching up and understanding what they need to do. Now those boys are playing."

Atlanta allowed fewer than 20 points in four of its last six regular-season games.

The Patriots noticed the turnaround.

New England offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels said the At-



lanta defense's "length at corner, the aggressive strong safety and the speed on defense in general" all remind him of the Seattle defense the Patriots faced in the Super Bowl two years ago.

McDaniels said the Falcons "all run to the ball as well as any team that we're going to play. It doesn't matter what happens on the play, you're going to have 11 guys chasing the guy with the ball. That's impressive. That's the sign of a team that is very

well coached. There's no question that they are. They hit and tackle very well."

And the young guys have taken the lead.

Rookie defensive back Brian Poole led the Falcons with seven tackles and two quarterback hurries in the win over Green Bay. Two more rookies, linebacker Deion Jones and safety Keanu Neal, each had six tackles. Jones and Neal each had more than 100 tackles this season to lead the team.

The fourth rookie

starter, linebacker De'Vondre Campbell, could play a key role on Sunday against tight end Martellus Bennett.

Vic Beasley, a second-year linebacker, led the NFL with 15 1/2 sacks, production that finally solved the Falcons' long-term pass-rush woes.

Brady called Beasley's season "incredible" for a second-year player and said Freeney "is one of the great-

est pass rushers I've ever played against. He's one of the best defensive players that I've ever played against."

"I think they cover well," Brady said. "They've got a great scheme. They played a lot of great teams this year. They beat the Packers twice, beat Seattle pretty good in the playoffs, won at Oakland. They beat a lot of good teams."

Still, the Falcons' strength is an offense which hasn't been held

under 30 points since a 29-28 loss to Kansas City on Dec. 4.

Atlanta led the NFL in scoring and is the first team to advance to the Super Bowl by scoring at least 30 points in each of its last six games — all wins.

While most of Atlanta's defensive players are still establishing themselves, the Falcons' stars are quarterback Matt Ryan, wide receiver Julio Jones and running backs Devonta Freeman and Tevin Coleman.

The Atlanta offense is on a roll, but even the high-scoring Falcons may not be able to extend the run of 30-point games against New England's defense, which allowed the fewest points in the league.

That's why defense could be the key to a Falcons win.

"I have a lot of respect for them, have a lot of respect for their defense," Brady said. "They do a lot of things very well, which is why they're in this game."

Super Bowl advertisers tread carefully in divisive climate

NEW YORK (AP) — Super Bowl advertisers are treading carefully this year to avoid alienating customers as a divisive political climate takes some of the buzz away from what is usually the biggest spectacle on TV.

Ad critic Barbara Lippert says that while "people need an escape," like the Super Bowl, this year's matchup on the field feels "so much less important than what's going on politically."

To get the attention back,

some advertisers are turning to nostalgia, celebrities and marketing stunts. P&G is sexing up Mr. Clean, Honda is featuring nine celebrities and Snickers is running a live ad.

Others are touching on social issues, without being too blunt about it. Budweiser won the pre-game buzz with a sweeping cinematic ad showcasing founder Adolphus Busch's 1857 immigration from Germany to St. Louis. Although it has been in the works since May, the ad felt

topical, as it was released online just days after President Donald Trump's travel ban against people from seven Muslim-majority countries. The ad got more than 8 million views on YouTube in just four days.

Although many brands released ads online ahead of time, there will still be surprises during Fox's Super Bowl broadcast Sunday. At \$5 million for a 30-second spot, and an expected U.S. audience of more than 110 mil-

lion, the pressure is on.

TIPTOEING AROUND POLITICS

Audi's spot addresses gender equality as a man muses about his daughter receiving equal pay as men one day.

Building supplies retailer 84 Lumber had to revise its original ad because a scene featuring a border wall was deemed too controversial by Fox. The new ad shows a Mexican woman and her daughter making a trip by

foot across Mexico. The ad's ending will be revealed at halftime at <http://journey84.com>; the website suggests excised footage will be shown.

And Kia attempts a humorous approach. In an ad for the Niro car, Melissa McCarthy takes on political causes like saving whales, ice caps and trees, each time to disastrous effect.

The message: "It's hard to be an eco-warrior, but it's easy to drive like one" with a fuel-efficient Niro.

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what some perceive as gambling.

All this was piled on top of ongoing narratives about concussions and their effect on players, a domestic-violence problem that hasn't abated, Colin Kaepernick's national-anthem protests and the leadership of a commissioner, Roger Goodell, who is often portrayed as heavy-handed and clueless on some of the league's most pressing problems. Exhibit A: "Deflategate," which led to the four-game suspension of arguably the league's best-known player, Tom Brady.

Brady will close the

season going for his fifth Super Bowl ring in a game that will draw high ratings thanks to the decades-long hold the NFL has held over American sports fans. That the infatuation will last indefinitely, however, may no longer be a given.

Baseball, boxing and horse racing once consumed the American public, but they don't anymore.

"You've got bad games, (concussions) and drugs, and a declining interest in the game in general," said Orin Starn, a Duke professor who studies sports in society.

"When you throw in this welfare for billionaires with these stadium shakedowns, you wonder at what point

the good will of 'Joe NFL Fan' is going to dissipate and people are going to lose interest in the NFL."

One big question: Does the average fan even matter anymore in the NFL's math?

The Rams and Chargers each moved out of cities where they'd played for decades — unable to strike deals in their existing homes, and with the lure of a \$2.6 billion stadium being funded by Rams owner Stan Kroenke too enticing to ignore. Luxury boxes and ancillary revenue from attractions adjacent to the stadium will help pay some of the bills. A bundle of TV contracts worth nearly \$40 billion through 2022 will bankroll the rest.

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the circumstances.

“Anybody can come in and have a game, but he’s had an impact on four games,” Stotts said. “Being a minor league guy, I’m happy for him. You get an opportunity to get a 10-day, you get an opportunity to make the most of

it. As disappointing as this loss is, I root for those kind of guys.”

Ferrell became just the third undrafted rookie in NBA history to have a 30-point game within his first 15 games.

He joins Connie Hawkins (twice) and Anthony Morrow, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Former Blazers guard Wesley Matthews added 27 points for the Mavericks.

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One thing we know for sure: The Super Bowl environment won’t be too much for QB Tom Brady (12), a three-time MVP in the game.

As Brady seeks an unprecedented for the position fifth ring, he will use just about everyone except mascot Pat Patriot as receivers. The star in the AFC title game was newcomer Chris Hogan (15), who matched Jones’ numbers and apparently was invisible to Pittsburgh defenders. He could wind up being a fifth or sixth option for Brady behind Julian Edelman (11), Danny Amendola (80), rookie Malcolm Mitchell (19), and RBs James White (28) and Dion Lewis (33).

Even though his favored target, TE Rob Gronkowski (87) is sidelined, Brady has developed a strong relationship with the backup, Martellus Bennett (88).

Atlanta has no chance if it doesn’t get pressure on Brady, especially up the middle so he can’t set up for the throws he prefers. Make him throw too soon, or hit him relentlessly and Brady can have some issues. Then again, the guy has won seven conference crowns and makes everyone around him better.

The onus is on NFL sacks leader DE Vic Beasley Jr. (44), Tyson Jackson (94), Brooks Reed (50) and veteran Dwight Freeney (93) to get in Brady’s face. Doing so is challenging considering the Patriots’ underrated offensive line led by C David Andrews (60), RT Marcus Cannon (61) and LT Nate Solder (77) rarely lets Brady get bothered.

Should Brady have time to throw, rookie LB Deion Jones (45) and the entire secondary will be tested on every pass. A relatively inexperienced secondary of rookie S Keanu Neal (22), CBs Robert Alford (23) and Jalen Collins (32) could be in for a long day.

Adding to New England’s offensive prowess are RBs White and Lewis, mostly as receivers, and LeGarrette Blount (29), who scored 18 TDs rushing this season while running for 1,161 yards.

Special teams

Eric Weems (14) gives the Falcons dependable returning on kickoffs and punts. He ranked sixth in punt runbacks (11.4 yards per) and would have ranked the same on kickoffs at 23.0 had he made enough returns to qualify. Matt Bosher (5) is steady but punted only 44 times this season and only five times in two playoff games, which says a ton about the offense.

Matt Bryant (3) is in his 15th pro season, but has never been to a Super Bowl. His leg remains powerful at age 41, and he doesn’t get nervous.

Veteran K Stephen Gostkowski (3) is among the NFL’s most reliable in all situations. He also still recalls missing a PAT in the conference championship game last year.

P Ryan Allen (6) ranked seventh in net average and the coverage squads are solid. New England is unafraid of using Edelman or Amendola on punt runbacks. Coverage man Matthew Slater (18) is an All-Pro.

Coaching

Dan Quinn is a disciple of Pete Carroll and was Seattle’s defensive coordinator when the Seahawks lost to the Patriots in the final minute two years ago. That defense handled Brady quite well for three quarters, then he torched it in the final period.

Quinn won’t be overwhelmed by the moment, and in Kyle Shanahan — the likely next head coach in San Francisco — Quinn has a reliable, innovative offensive coordinator. The way the approaches of Shanahan and Ryan melded this season has been impressive.

Atlanta’s defense figures to be more aggressive than was Pittsburgh’s last Sunday at Foxborough. It’s essential, so look for more man coverage and, definitely, more scheming to get pressure on Brady.

Bill Belichick is tied with Chuck Noll for the most Super Bowl titles with four, and his 25 postseason wins are an NFL mark. He has taken the Patriots to seven Super Bowls of their record nine appearances, going 4-2.

Belichick and his exceptional staff will find ways to limit the production of an opponent’s best threat. Atlanta has many of those, but clearly Jones will be the target defensively, and Beasley will get the most attention when New England has the ball.

The Patriots also will use plenty of no-huddle offense; will frequently alternate their running backs; and will stick with the game plan, especially on defense, far longer than some other teams.

Intangibles

The Falcons have not won an NFL title in their 51 seasons.

Quinn has the memory of the last-minute loss to New England two years ago as further incentive.

It would be a great way to head into their new stadium later this year, as Super Bowl champions.

For the Patriots, need we say more than “Deflategate?” The entire organization, not to mention nearly everyone living in New England, believes Commissioner Roger Goodell and the league had a vendetta against Brady and the team. Standing on the awards podium accepting the Lombardi Trophy from him would, to them, provide vengeance.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring’s Kayleigh Penny attempts a shot against Brownwood Friday night.

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night.

The Buffs roared out of the gate early, outscoring Eldorado, 29-3, in the first quarter, then cruised to a 62-27 victory.

Tearell McVae led Forsan with 17 points.

The Buffaloes are off Tuesday before concluding regular-season play at home Friday against Christoval, which sits a game ahead of Forsan in the district standings.

Forsan girls

fall to Eldorado

ELDORADO — All the drama in the Forsan-Eldorado matchups Friday was reserved for the girls’ game.

The Forsan Lady Buffaloes held a seemingly comfortable 34-21 lead heading into the final quarter, but Eldorado stormed back in the final eight minutes, outscoring Forsan 18-6 to claim a 41-40 win in the regular-season finale for both teams.

Kendall Phillips led Forsan with 10 points.

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By **ROGER CLINE**
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"If we sip the wine, we find out of the imminent night" - D.H. Lawrence

Last Saturday, about 20 intrepid artists gathered at Big Spring's Desert Flower Art Bar, located at 123 S. Main St., to sip a little wine and let their dreams flow onto their canvases.

"Tonight I'm hosting a 'Wine and Canvas.'" said Bianca Mireles, teacher of art and reading at Big Spring Intermediate School. "We're inviting the community to switch up their Saturday date nights. We want this to be an opportunity for people to discover their creative side through guided instruction in painting."

During the "Wine and Canvas," participants sat four to a table, with canvases set up on tabletop easels in front of them. Mireles led the class from the front of the room.

"They're going to be instructed step by step," she said before the event. "The canvas, the brushes, the paints are all provided for them. And I'll be instructing them step by step how to complete this piece. It's like a cosmic, kind of starry night sky with tree silhouettes in front. It's just teaching them the basic elements of art of blending and shading, and teaching them different brush stroke techniques."

Mireles said she hopes the class will help the participants have a new, relaxing experience while bringing more focus to the arts in Big Spring.

"I teach 10- and 11-year-olds every day in art, so approaching adults with this is very fun because I get to help remind them of that childlike joy they used to experience when

they were children, and some of them have parted ways with that," she said. "They also get a glass of wine when they pay for their seat. They also get finger foods, and there's a variety of artwork from the local community displayed on the walls for them to look at. We're just trying to bring more publicity to the Desert Flower Art Bar because it give artists a great place to display their work and a place for creative people to gather, we think that's something that's very important for the city of Big Spring, to promote the arts. This is a wonderful outlet, so we're hoping that this event will bring more publicity and engagement in the arts for Big Spring."

Mireles first became serious about art in college, she said.

"I started out by taking a class as an elective at Howard College, just to fill an elective," she said. "I was deeply moved by some of the artists that I was exposed to in art history and just really developed a knack for it. I was majoring in English at UTPB with a minor in art, but then I turned my minor in art into a major, so I ended up double-majoring."

During a break in the action during Saturday night's Wine and Canvas, Mireles said she was happy with the class's response to the program.

"I think it's going really well. It's really fun to see some people stepping out of their comfort zones," she said. "It's kind of a vulnerable place to try something new, but they're doing it with friends and they're relaxed and they have wine to accompany them. I think they're discovering something new about themselves. It's interesting to see how different everyone's pieces are, to see the way people take instruction and ap-



ply it differently, because they're each different individuals. I think they're having a lot of fun."

Mireles plans to hold additional Wine and Canvas events the last Saturday of each month.

"It's \$40, and that includes a glass of wine along with all the supplies, and you get to take home your canvas," she said. "We accept people with experience and people without experience. What we're doing is applicable to people who have never painted before because I instruct step by step. So this should be very comfortable and easy to do for the broad range of people."

For more information or to pre-register for the next class, call Mireles at 432-816-4939.



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Clockwise from top: Students enjoy glasses of wine as they work on their paintings, an image of the night sky in a forest. The event was called "Wine and Canvas" and was held Jan. 28 at Big Spring's Desert Flower Art Bar; instructor Bianca Mireles (second from left) explains how to blend colors from light to dark; a participant in the "Wine and Canvas" event concentrates on his masterpiece; Mireles poses with the example painting students worked to replicate at the event. Behind her are two more of her works of art.



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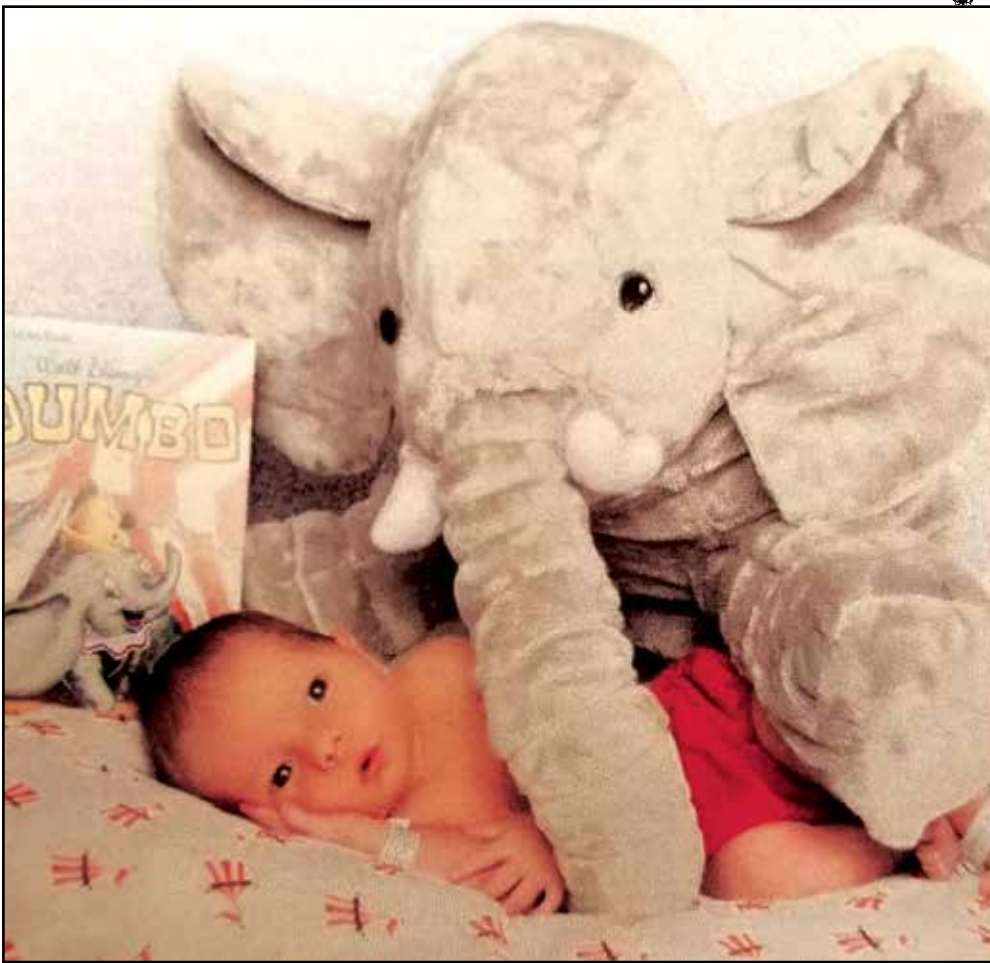


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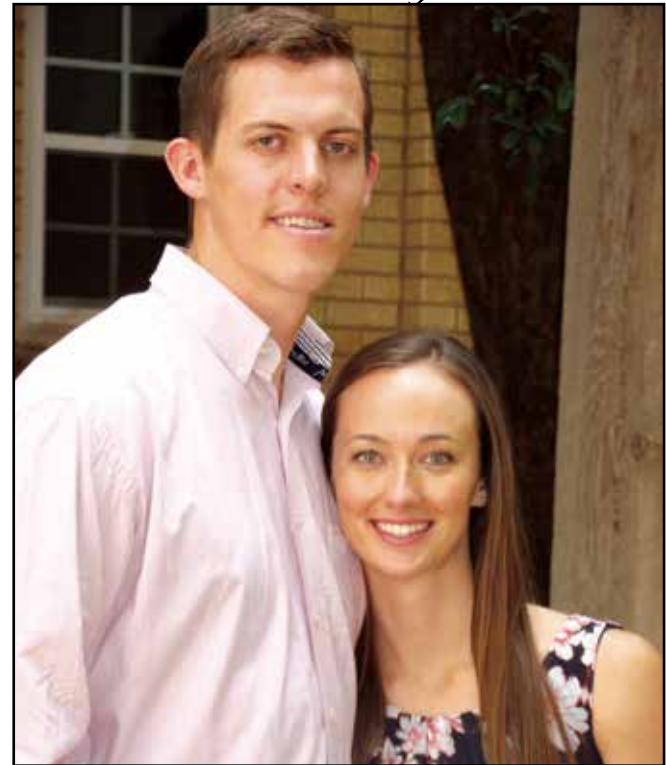
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Jacob Daniel and Meagan Brook Petrowski are proud to announce the birth of their third son, Koby Michael Petrowski. Koby was born Jan. 10, 2017, at 1:26 p.m. at Covenant Women's and Children's Hospital in Lubbock. At birth, he weighed 7 lbs, 9 oz., and was 20 inches long.

Koby was happily welcomed by older brothers Kylor Jay and Kashton Jacob.

Proud grandparents are Mike Scarbrough of Big Spring; Colin and Darleen Cameron of Austin; and Lisa Petrowski of Big Spring. Judy Via of Big Spring is his loving great-grandmother. Koby is blessed with many uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Everett and Morgan to wed



Special to the Herald

Caitlin Elizabeth Everett and Colter Scott Morgan announce their engagement and forthcoming wedding.

Caitlin is the daughter of Dawn Everett and the late Russell Everett of Sunnyvale, Texas. Caitlin attended Forney High School and graduated from The University Of Tulsa with a bachelor of science degree in nursing, with a minor in speech pathology. She is employed at Baylor University Medical Center as an ICU nurse. Colter is the son of Jesse and Donna Morgan. Colter attended Coahoma High School and graduated from The University Of Tulsa with a degree in petroleum engineering. He is employed with Chevron in Midland, Texas.

The wedding will be held in The Colony, Texas, in March. The couple will then reside in Midland, Texas.

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Tuesday: Breakfast: Maple pancakes, grapes, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Ham macaroni, Italian bread, garlic broccoli, mandarin oranges, veggie cups, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage roll, apples, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Meatloaf bowl, roll, corn, mashed potatoes, fruit cocktail, garden salad, fruit cup, chocolate crackers, milk.

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

Friday: Breakfast: French toast, orange smiles, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Pizza dippers with sauce, French fries, garden salad, sliced apples, fruit cup, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Mini pancakes or cereal with cinnamon buttered toast, chilled pineapple, fruit juice, milk, syrup; Lunch: Hamburger basket with tater tots or cheesy chef's salad or chicken tenders or steak fingers, ranch mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, Romaine and spinach garden salad, chilled mandarin oranges, wholegrain rolls, cream gravy, apples and oranges.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast nachos or cereal with buttered toast, fruit juice, fresh fruit, milk, salsa; Lunch: Crispy chicken sandwich basket with Sun Chips or chef's salad with turkey and ham or chicken Parmesan or spaghetti and meatballs, steamed broccoli, Romaine and spinach garden salad, fruit slush cup, bananas and oranges, wholegrain garlic breadstick.

Wednesday: Breakfast: chicken-n-waffle sticks or oatmeal with cinnamon buttered toast, apple cinnamon bake, fruit juice, milk, syrup; Lunch: Corn dog basket with seasoned fries or strawberry grilled chicken salad or homestyle pizza (cheese/pepperoni/Hawaiian), or loaded baked potato with chopped beef and roll, seasoned green beans, carrot sticks with ranch, Romaine and spinach garden salad, chilled mixed fruit, peach cup, wholegrain rolls, sour cream, cheese, green onions, oranges and apples.

Thursday: Breakfast: Scrambled egg and diced ham with buttered toast or cereal with buttered toast, fruit juice, fresh fruit, jelly, milk; Lunch: Burrito basket with chips and salsa or beef taco salad or twin crispy tacos or two soft chicken tacos, taco soup, seasoned black beans, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato salad, fruit slush cup, bananas and oranges, jalapeno, salsa, shredded cheese, sour cream.

Friday: Breakfast: Yogurt cup with Graham crackers or cereal with buttered toast, chilled mandarin oranges, fruit juice, jelly, milk; Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich basket with fries or chicken salad or sweet and spicy chicken wrap or Texas chili mac, French fries, seasoned corn, Romaine and spinach garden salad, chilled tropical fruit, apples and oranges, wholegrain roll, ketchup.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Mini maple waffles or cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Country fried steak or steak fingers or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, roll, gravy, savory green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast sliders or cereal with toast, fruit juice, applesauce, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Bean and cheese burrito or cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, garden salad, salsa, cookie, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday: 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.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal with toast, fruit juice, pears, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Chicken sandwich or French garlic bread pizza, corn, baby carrots, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll with bacon or cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Hamburger or chicken strips with gravy and roll, California blend vegetables, tater tots, baby carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

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Monday: Breakfast: Sausage biscuit, fruit, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Taquitos and queso, charro beans, garden salad, hot cinnamon apples, milk, fruit.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast boat, fruit, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Meatball sub sandwich, tater tots, fresh veggie cup, fresh seasonal fruit, pudding, milk, fruit.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Chicken-n-waffles, fruit, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Pizza, garden salad, tiny tomato cup, fruit cup, milk, fruit.

Thursday: Breakfast: Stuffed bagel, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk, fruit; Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, savory green beans, broccoli, apple slices, milk, fruit.

Friday: Breakfast: Dutch waffle, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Corn dog, fries, baby carrots, sliced peaches, cookie, milk, fruit.

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday: Chicken and dumplings, green peas, cinnamon apples with raisins, crackers, milk.

Tuesday: Chili with beans, shredded cheese, tossed salad with ranch dressing, lemon pie, cornbread, milk.

Wednesday: Hamburger steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, cucumber salad, fruit cup, rolls, milk.

Thursday: Turkey and dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, green beans, pumpkin pie, rolls, milk.

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Roger's Reviews

Resident Evil: The Final Chapter



In 1996, the video game company Capcom introduced the world to Raccoon City and the evil machinations brewing under its streets. The original game, titled "Bio Hazard" in Japan, was renamed "Resident Evil" in the United States, and inaugurated a lengthy series of such games. And, also, a six-part movie franchise, beginning with 2002's "Resident Evil," and concluding (so film makers claim) with the recently released "Resident Evil: The Final Chapter."



ROGER CLINE

One thing I really appreciate about "The Final Chapter" is that it starts off with about a 10-minute rundown

of the series history. Diehard "Resident Evil" fans might find it a timewaster,

but for those of us whose interest in the franchise is more...casual, it's a great way to bring us up to speed on the details of the story so far.

Quick note: As usual I'll stick to the first part of the movie, the setup, in my descriptions, but there are spoilers here, at least of the film's first half.

It seems that a miracle cure called the "T-Virus," developed by a scientist working for the megalithic "Umbrella Corporation," accidentally created a zombie apocalypse in Raccoon City. Umbrella used images of the scientist's (Mark Simpson) daughter to create a holographic artificial intelligence called "The Red Queen," who killed a lot of people in the original movie. Raccoon City was nuked, but the virus survived and spread around the world, wiping out most of humanity. Alice (Milla Jovovich), a woman who was ostensibly guarding the entrance to Umbrella's headquarters/lab "The Hive" in the first movie is the protagonist of the whole series, and has been battling against the evil corporation throughout all the movies.

In the series' latest episode, she wakes up buried in rubble, and is immediately attacked by a giant genetically-warped dragon creature created by Umbrella. After finishing it off (did I mention she's no slouch when it comes to killing things?) she gets a message from The Red Queen (played here by Ever Anderson, Jovovich's real-life 9-year-old daughter) letting her know that Umbrella is only 48 hours away from wiping out the last human settlements left on Earth. The Queen says she doesn't want to see humanity eradicated, but her programming won't let her work directly against Umbrella employees. Fortunately, she tips Alice off about an airborne anti-virus waiting back in the rubble of Raccoon which will kill off the infection. Down-

side: Alice is more than 500 miles from Raccoon.

On the way, she's captured by Umbrella Corporation thugs and taken to a large armored vehicle captained by none other than Dr. Alexander Isaacs (Iain Glen...Say it ain't so, Jorah Mormont!), head man at Umbrella and the evil mastermind behind much of the destruction that has occurred throughout the series. Isaacs is using the vehicle to lead a giant army of zombies to Raccoon to wipe out some survivors there. Alice manages to escape with a motorcycle after lopping off Isaacs' hand and killing several of his men.

Making it to Raccoon, Alice meets up with those survivors, including Claire Redfield (a protagonist in the original game and a minor character in the original movie, played by Ali Larter), Doc (Eoin Macken), Abigail (Ruby Rose), Christian (William Levy), Cobalt (Rola), Raptor (Fraser James) and they plan to fight off Isaacs' horde (because they're right behind her) before heading into The Hive.

I'll stop the plot description there because I don't want to give too many spoilers. Another notable character is Wesker (Shawn Roberts), the big villain Umbrella guy in former movies, here demoted a notch below Isaacs.

"The Final Chapter" is a good, solid action movie, with a lot of plot twists and surprises. I enjoyed it a good deal, and I also enjoyed going back and watching the original 2002 film as kind of a primer on How The World Got So Messed Up.

There is some downside. One thing I loathe in movies is when characters do things that make no sense whatsoever. I'm not talking about things that are recognized as mistakes in the movie, that's fine. People are allowed to screw up now and again. I'm talking about something else. Here's one example.

When Alice and company first get to the Hive, they literally have less than an hour to infiltrate, get the antivirus, and escape to release it before humanity is wiped out. They fight their way in through various challenges, and then, just when they make it inside, Wesker (in charge of the Hive during Isaac's absence), evilly says "Seal the Hive!" and giant blast doors slam shut cutting off our heroes' escape. Um. Okay, I get that he really wants to trap and kill them, but...if he had simply "Sealed the Hive" 10 minutes earlier, the brave survivors would never have been able to get into the facility to steal the antivirus in the first place. At the very least, it would have slowed them down significantly and let Umbrella culminate its nefarious plan.

Anyway, good movie with a few (yes, there are others) glaring plot holes. Seven stars out of 10.



Who's who in Howard County: Debby Greer



What is your name? Debby Greer
Where do you work? St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Where were you born? Cortez, Colorado
Where do you live? Garden City, Texas
Who is your family? I have two sons, Patrick and Dalton Taylor, and one grandson, Rylee.
What are some of your hobbies, organizations, and/or clubs you enjoy? I enjoy camping, sewing, singing, and spending time with my family.
What is your favorite TV show? The Amazing Race.
What is your favorite movie? The Blind Side.
Where would you visit if you could go anywhere? Hawaii.

Resident Evil: The Final Chapter
Director: Paul W.S. Anderson (Jovovich's husband and Ever's dad).
Writer: Paul W.S. Anderson
Production Company: Constantin Film, Capcom Co. Ltd., Davis Films, Don Carmody Productions, Impact Pictures
R; 1 hr. 46 min.; Action/Horror/Sci-Fi; Jan. 27, 2017

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.

A&M students earn Dean's List honors

Special to the Herald
COLLEGE STATION - Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the fall semester, recognizing them for outstanding academic performance. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours during the fall semester who have maintained a 3.75 or higher grade point (GPR) out of a possible 4.0. Local students so recognized include:
• Tyler B. Bryan, junior class, of Big Spring. Pursuing a bachelor of science degree in mechanical

engineering. Dean's Honor Roll.
• Holly K. Halfmann, junior class, of Garden City. Pursuing a bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics. Dean's Honor Roll.
• Faith A. Parum, sophomore class, of Big Spring. Pursuing a bachelor of science degree in agribusiness. Dean's Honor Roll.



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Scam targets college students

With the spring semester in full swing, college students across Texas are getting back into the groove of classes and studying. And, many students hold part-time jobs while attending school; unfortunately, scammers see this as an opportunity to target them.

According to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), scammers post fake online job advertisements on college employment websites, or students receive job recruiting messages to their student email accounts. Typically, the job sounds very convincing.

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), scammers will charge upfront fees for services or training materials. They claim they can guarantee job placement after you pay; however, the promised job never materializes and the business doesn't return your calls. If you need to pay first to get the job or have to provide your credit card or bank account number, that's a red flag.

In Texas, more than 200 employment-related scams across the state have been reported to BBB Scam Tracker since 2016. In addition, BBB has received more than 2,000 reports of employment scams nationwide, totaling more than \$10.8 million in losses. Texans have reported losing more than \$40,000 to this scam.

Better Business Bureau offers students the following advice to avoid falling victim to an employment scam:

- Research the business first. If a company or organization is mentioned in an ad or interview, contact that company directly to find out if the company is really hiring through the service. When using social networking sites and online employment sites, be sure to check the website of the company posting the advertisement. Many scammers use names that are similar to reputable companies to trick job seekers.

- Be cautious when responding to unsolicited emails. Even if the business name is well-known, don't click on any links in the email until you've verified the business and can confirm that the email came from a legitimate source.
- Legitimate employers will need Social Security numbers for tax purposes and may need a bank account number to deposit paychecks for new employees, but be wary of any requests for such information from companies that you haven't met with in person.

- Don't pay upfront fees. No legitimate job offer will require out of pocket expenses from a potential employee for background checks, credit reports or administrative fees before an interview. If an employer wants you to pay—even if they say it's for certification or training materials—don't do business with them. Additionally, job seekers should never provide bank account information until they have officially been hired.

- Never wire money to someone you don't know. If anyone you don't know asks you to wire money, that's an automatic red flag. Scammers know it's extremely difficult to track money sent via MoneyGram or Western Union. Once money is sent via a wire transfer, it's nearly impossible to get your money back. Even if you've been given a check to cover the amount you're wiring, never send money to someone you don't know personally. The check could be fraudulent, leaving you liable for the money.

- Protect your documents. Keep important personal and financial documents safe, and store them under lock and key. Consider keeping sensitive documents—like your birth certificate or Social Security card—in a safe deposit box or at home with parents. Also, have sensitive mail sent to a permanent address, such as your parents' home or a post office box. School mailboxes aren't always secure and can often be accessed easily in a dorm or apartment. Always shred paper documents that include personal financial information such as your bank account number, credit card and Social Security number, and any credit card offers that come in the mail.

- Be wary of the "perfect offer." Job seekers should be cautious of any posting advertising extremely high pay for short hours or minimal required experience. Remember, legitimate businesses don't make promises or guarantees about jobs. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

If you have been targeted by a job scam, you can file a complaint with the FTC and your local BBB. To find or report a scam, visit BBB Scam Tracker.

Heather Massey is the regional director for the Permian Basin office of Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin.



HEATHER MASSEY

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Blue Bell Creameries was a recent recipient of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's "We Appreciate Your Investment in our Community" banner.

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- Tammy Claudette Steen, 1405 Dixie Ave. (rear), res addition, Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$25
- Tiffany Morrow Diaz, 2311 Brent Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$4,200, Fee: \$35
- Helen Johnson Partlow, 4038 Vicky St., res re-roof, Val: \$8,158, Fee: \$55
- J. Martinez Jr., 109 N.E. Eighth St., res elec, Val: \$500, Fee: \$25
- Claude Joe Horn, 100 Canyon Dr., res plumb, Val: \$500, Fee: \$32
- Martin Guerra Pena Jr., 3602 Calvin St., structure (fence), Val: \$150, Fee: \$25
- H.P. Wooten, 1100 E. Third St., com re-roof, Val: \$6,500, Fee: \$45
- Cheryl Carter Click, 500 Highland Dr., res elec, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$25
- Shane Forrest, 4013 Vicky St., res re-roof, Val: \$7,380, Fee: \$50
- Shane Forrest, 619 Colgate, res re-roof, Val: \$9,800, Fee: \$60
- Edward Cole, 606 Matthews, res re-roof, Val: \$3,500, Fee: \$30
- Edward Cole, 1309 Gregg Street, com re-roof, Val: \$2,000, Fee: \$25
- Edward Cole, 700 Dallas St., res re-roof, Val: \$3,200, Fee: \$30
- Bonifacio Salazar Jr., 808 W. 17th St., res re-roof, Val: \$13,000, Fee: \$75
- The Train Car LLC, 100 Main St. Suite A, com elec, Val: 0, Fee: \$25
- The Train Car LLC, 100 Main St. Suite B., com elec, Val: 0, Fee: \$25
- The Train Car LLC, 100 Main St. Suite C, com elec, Val: 0, Fee: \$25
- Carlos Inc., 308 N.W. Third St., structure (replace existing fence), Val: \$800, Fee: \$25
- HBK Properties, 401 E. 17th St., com re-roof, Val: \$12,000, Fee: \$70,
- HBK Properties, 1607 Nolan St., com re-roof, Val: \$9,000, Fee: \$55
- Richard Hirzel, 1805 Alabama St., res re-roof, Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$25
- Sandra R. Roffers, 1001 Mountain Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$24,000, Fee: \$130
- The Train Car LLC, 100 Main St., com elec, Val: \$1, Fee: \$25
- Dennis Ray Burns, 1200 Douglas St., res re-roof, Val: \$6,700, Fee: \$45
- The Big Lock Escape Rooms, 501 Birdwell Lane #17, com elec, Val: 0, Fee: \$25

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Public Records

- Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:**
- Marcus Joe Anderson, 2621 Chanutte 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
 - Tammy D. Bishop, 1410 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
 - Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake
 - Ester Hilario Calderon, 1111 W. Fifth St, Big Spring
 - Vanessa Malu Calderon, 2600 Chanutte Dr., Big Spring
 - Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17th St., Big Spring
 - Gloria Cerna, PO Box 55, Lamesa
 - Pedro Chavarria, 1408 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
 - Matilda Cortez, 302 N. St. Teresa, Stanton
 - Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble
 - Trisha Dodson, 601 Culp St., Coahoma
 - Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
 - Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E. Parker, Midland
 - Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 1221 E. 17th St., Big Spring
 - Jose Enrique Faz, 509 N. Goliad, Big Spring
 - Juana Fierro, 406 N.W. 5th St., Big Spring
 - 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
 - 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
 - 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
 - Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring
 - John Roberts, 2208 Alabama, 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
 - William Malcolm Statham, 1009 Sycamore, 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 Connlev.
 - Big Spring
 - Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring
- Marriage Licenses**
- Geronimo Ray Calderon, 34, and Adrienne Dion Salgado, 31, both of Big Spring.
 - James David Addison, 43, and Cynde Lou Schneider, 48, both of Lamesa.
 - Santos Padron Arguello, 69, and Ana Ramirez Cervantes, 52, both of Coahoma.
 - Johnny Garcia Jr., 39, and Hermelinda Campos, 35, both of Big Spring.
- District Court Filings**
- Ashley Hernandez vs. Ramiro Hernandez, divorce
 - Navigator BSG Transportation and Storage LLC vs. Adobe Springs aka Adobe Springs Trust, condemnation
 - Boothe, Vassar and Co. vs. Kenneth Davidson, Penny Cates Ranch Inc., Pennecross Ranch Inc., contract – consumer/commercial debt
 - State of Texas vs. Jacob Strain, seizure
 - Theresa Salazar vs. Christopher Salazar, divorce
 - State of Texas vs. Drakus Armstead, seizure
 - Higginbotham Bros. and Co. LLC vs. Blue Sky Villas LLC, contract – consumer/commercial debt
 - Cecil Bingham vs. Jamie Bingham, divorce
 - Troy Capital LLC vs. Alax Minter, Dawn Hartfield, contract – consumer/commercial debt
 - Troy Capital LLC vs. Alejandro Valencia et al, contract – consumer/commercial debt
 - Rachel Aguilar vs. Gabriel Aguilar, divorce
 - Discover Bank vs. Joe McMurtrey, contract – consumer/commercial debt
 - Surge Operating LLC et al vs. Tex-
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Spring Creek Fellowship, 1801 E. FM 700, sign, Val: \$4,500, Fee: \$35
 Mitchell Wayne McCormack, 1300 Dixie Ave., res elec, Val: \$1,100, Fee: \$25
 John Ontiveros, 3606 Dixon St., res elec, Val: \$900, Fee: \$25
 Vernon Doyle Permenter, 800 Settles St., res HVAC, Val: \$1,800, Fee: \$45
 Tony Allen Meeks, 4206 Muir St., accessory building, Val: \$2,500, Fee: \$25
 Robert H. Moore, 2308 Allendale Rd., res re-roof, Val: \$18,000, Fee: \$100
 Ronnie Richardson, 1613 Osage Rd., res re-roof, Val: \$8,500, Fee: \$55
 Loyd Allen Lindsey, 809 Baylor Blvd., storage shed, Val: \$1,321, Fee: \$25
 Marie Buckner Kauss, 1602 Kentucky Way, res HVAC, Val: \$1,799, Fee: \$45
 Adolph Labbe, 703 Craigmont Dr., structure (fence), Val: \$4,000, Fee: \$30
 Elizabeth Hernandez, 3613 Calvin St., structure (fence), Val: \$2,000, Fee: \$25
 Partee Enterprises, 304 E. Second St., com re-roof, Val: \$30,000, Fee: \$160
 Rosni Dilipkum Patel, 1602 Vines Ave., res HVAC, Val: \$4,620, Fee: \$45
 Matthew James Pinkley, 2306 Brent Dr., res HVAC, Val: \$5,000, Fee: \$45
 Margarita E. Palmer, 4204 Theo St., res re-roof, Val: \$10,000, Fee: \$60
 Amparo L. Tijerina, 3004 Cactus Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$3,400, Fee: \$30
 Fabian Ernesto Serrano, 2504 Carleton Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$4,400, Fee: \$35
 FM 70 Liquor Beer and Wine, 1601 E. FM 700, sign, Val: \$6,500, Fee: \$45
 Cheryl Carter Joy, 3918 Hamilton St., structure (fence), Val: \$8,000, Fee: \$50
 Norma Rodriguez, 1208 Marijo Ave., res addition, Val: \$3,500, Fee: \$30
 Border States Electric, 3202 E. Interstate 20, com re-roof, Val: \$218,953.83
 Fee: \$817

Stocks jump following strong jobs report

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks are climbing Friday morning after the government said employers stepped up their hiring last month, another positive sign for the U.S. economy. That's helping small-company stocks, which stand to benefit more than others from faster economic growth. Banks rose sharply after President Trump took a step toward scaling back financial industry regulations.

KEEPING SCORE: The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 171 points, or 0.9 percent, to 20,055 as of 12:10 p.m. Eastern time. The Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 16 points, or 0.7 percent, to 2,296. The Nasdaq composite rose 22 points, or 0.4 percent, to 5,657.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks climbed 17 points, or 1.2 percent, to 1,374. Smaller, domestically-focused companies may have more to gain than their larger peers from faster growth in the U.S. The Russell made large gains at the end of 2016 based on those hopes.

US JOBS: U.S. employers added 227,000 jobs in January, according to the Labor Department. That's more than last year's average monthly gain of 187,000.

The unemployment rate ticked up to a low 4.8 percent from 4.7 percent in December as more people started looking for work.

REGULATION ROLL-BACK: Financial firms rose after President Donald Trump took his first steps aimed at scaling back regulations on the industry. He signed an order that directs the Treasury Secretary to look for potential changes to the Dodd-Frank law, which reshaped financial regulations after the 2008-09 financial crisis and created the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

The order doesn't have any immediate impact, but suggests Trump is intent on reducing regulations, which could boost profits for financial companies and banks.

Dow components JPMorgan Chase added \$2.41, or 2.8 percent, to \$87 and Goldman Sachs rose \$9.78, or 4.2 percent, to \$240.19. Morgan Stanley gained \$1.91, or 4.5 percent, to \$44.04 and Invesco rose \$1.19, or 4 percent, to \$30.74. Smaller banks, which could find it easier to lend money if regulations are cut, also traded higher.

CARD SWIPED: Visa said shoppers stepped up their use of debit and credit cards in the fourth

quarter, and the payment processing company also benefited from its acquisition of Visa Europe. Its profit and revenue were stronger than analysts expected, and Visa's stock jumped \$4.09, or 5 percent, to \$86.40.

AMAZON DOESN'T AMAZE: Online retail giant Amazon traded lower as investors grew concerned about its sales. The company's fourth-quarter sales fell short of analyst estimates, and so did its forecast for revenue in the current quarter. The stock gave up \$27.30, or 3.3 percent, to \$812.65.

MACY'S SALE? Macy's stock soared after the Wall Street Journal reported that Hudson's Bay Co., the owner of Saks Fifth Avenue, could buy the department store chain. The companies declined to comment.

Macy's jumped \$2.69, or 8.8 percent, to \$33.41. The stock has been trading around five-year lows. Hudson's Bay stock rose 4 percent in Toronto.

AMGEN ADVANCES: Biotech drugmaker Amgen disclosed a bigger profit and better sales than analysts had expected. It also reported results from a study that showed its cholesterol drug Repatha reduced risk of death,

heart attack and stroke in patients with advanced atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. That could help boost prescriptions for Repatha, which was approved in August. Amgen \$6.71, or 4.2 percent, to \$166.29.

SAFETY CHECK: Network security company Fortinet reported a bigger profit and greater revenue than analysts expected and its stock climbed \$4.44, or 13.4 percent, to \$37.62. Competitor FireEye slumped \$2.06, or 15.8 percent, to \$10.92. That company disclosed a smaller profit and less revenue than expected, and it forecast weaker-than-expected sales for the current quarter.

UGG-LY TURN: Deckers Outdoor, the maker of Ugg footwear, announced weak quarterly profit and sales. The company said it expects to earn around \$3.50 a share in the current fiscal year, far short of the analyst estimate of \$4.08 a share. The stock tumbled \$9.49 to \$46.05.

NO-GO FOR GOPRO: Action camera maker GoPro slumped after another weak sales report. The company's fourth-quarter total of \$541 million in revenue fell about \$35 million below analyst estimates and its first-quarter projection was even worse.

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line Energy LLC fka Texline Pipeline LLC et al, civil case Samuel Jimenez vs. Amanda Jimenez, divorce

County Court Judgements

(The State of Texas is listed as the prosecutor in all county court judgements)

Defendant: Carey Don Oden
 Offense: Terroristic threat/family
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$287 court costs, 30 days in jail.
 Date: Jan. 12, 2017

Defendant: Cody R. Thompson
 Offense: Prohibited weapon/knuckles
 Sentence: \$100 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated six months.
 Date: Jan. 20, 2017

Defendant: Sonia Sanchez
 Offense: Theft of property \$50 to \$500
 Sentence: \$500 fine, \$287 court costs, 12 months probation. Deferred adjudication.
 Date: Jan. 17, 2017

Defendant: Doyce R. Coyle
 Offense: Theft of property \$50 to \$500
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$287 court costs, 20 days in jail.
 Date: Jan. 17, 2017

Defendant: Alex F. Paredez
 Offense: Theft of property \$500 to \$1,500
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$337 court costs, 45 days in jail.
 Date: Jan. 12, 2017

Defendant: Brandon S. Baiza Jr.
 Offense: Theft of property \$100 to \$750
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 20 days in jail.
 Date: Jan. 12, 2017

Defendant: Calvin S. Kerby
 Offense: Theft of property \$100 to \$750
 Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 12 months.
 Date: Jan. 17, 2017

Defendant: Alex F. Paredez
 Offense: Theft of property \$100 to \$750
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 45 days in jail.
 Date: Jan. 12, 2017

Defendant: Juan Garcia
 Offense: Illegal dumping 5 to 500 lbs
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$342 court costs, 60 days in jail
 Date: Jan. 24, 2017

Defendant: Timothy Wilson
 Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
 Sentence: \$500 fine, \$352 court costs, six months probation. Deferred adjudication.
 Date: Jan. 24, 2017

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Marcellous Weaver
 Grantee: Delores L. Bankston
 Property: Lot 11, Blk. 12, Edwards Heights Addition
 Date: Jan. 26, 2017

Grantor: Amber Durbin, Spencer Durbin, and Ross Durbin as heirs of Clayton Durbin aka Clay Durbin, de-

ceased
 Grantee: Ruben and Wendy Ortiz
 Property: A 4.285-acre tract in Sec. 18, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
 Date: Jan. 26, 2017

Grantor: Deanna L. Herm fka Deanna Belew
 Grantee: Diana Bailey
 Property: N/100 feet of NW/4 of Blk. 38, College Heights Addition, except the E/10 feet thereof.
 Date: Jan. 27, 2017

Grantor: May Jordan Interests LLC
 Grantee: City of Big Spring
 Property: A 10.07-acre tract in east part of Sec. 15, Blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
 Date: Jan. 27, 2017

Grantor: Carl F. Bureson
 Grantee: Lizbeth Cotto Mako
 Property: 626 N.W. Third St, Big Spring
 Date: Jan. 30, 2017

Grantor: Roy R. Taylor
 Grantee: Teofilo and Gina Rueda
 Property: Lot 2, Blk. 9, Williams addition
 Date: Jan. 30, 2017

Grantor: Doris Hitch
 Grantee: Cherie Hannabass
 Property: W/2 of a 1.0-acre tract in W/2 Sec. 22, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
 Date: Jan. 30, 2017

Grantor: Jack Buchanan Jr., Darla Doty, and Debra Reed
 Grantee: Eddy and Don Nell Herm
 Property: Surface estate only of N/12 feet of a 3.462-acre tract in Sec. 13, Blk. 32, T-2-N, T&P Railroad Survey
 Date: Feb. 1, 2017

Grantor: Mary Lou Brumley
 Grantee: David Brumley and Bobby Brumley
 Property: Two tracts in Sec. 32, Blk. 32, T-1-N T&P

Railroad Co. Survey
 Date: Feb. 1, 2017

Warranty Deeds With Vendors' Liens

Grantor: Yolanda S. Perez fka Yolanda S. Galan
 Grantee: Danielle R. Sanchez
 Property: Lot 11, Blk. 4, Stanford Park Addition
 Date: Jan. 26, 2017

Grantor: Darrell L. and Traci D. Ryan
 Grantee: Dustyn and Amanda Williams
 Property: Lot 5, Blk. 4, Amended Highland South Addition
 Date: Jan. 27, 2017

Grantor: Carroll C. Kohl
 Grantee: Carroll C. Kohl and Dana Kohl Rodriguez
 Property: Lot 1, Blk. 5, College Park Estates
 Date: Jan. 30, 2017

Grantor: Amanda K. Pinkley fka Aamanda K. Gillespie, and Matthew James Pinkley
 Grantee: Nathan Rory West and Susan Kay West
 Property: Surface estate only of Lot 10, Blk. 15, Kentwood Addition No. 2
 Date: Jan. 31, 2017

Grantor: Marcellous Weaver
 Grantee: Michael D. and Nancy S. Howard
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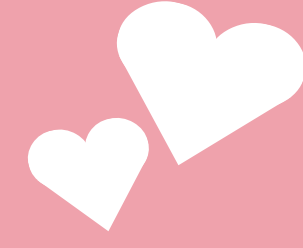


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♥ K 8 6 3
♦ A 5
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♠ A 4
♥ Q 10 9 5 4
♦ 10
♣ Q 9 8 3 2

SOUTH
♠ K J 9 6
♥ 7
♦ K Q 8 7 6 3
♣ A 6

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North East South West
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1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
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In this deal from a club duplicate, only one North-South pair made four spades even though the contract was unstopable with correct play.
At most tables, the bidding went as shown, and West led the jack of clubs. Declarer put up dummy's king in order to try a spade finesse, losing the eight to West's queen. A second club was taken by the ace, and the king of spades then lost to East's ace. East returned a third club, ruffed by South with the nine.
At this point, virtually all the

declarers drew West's last trump with the jack and attempted to run the diamonds. But when East showed out on the second diamond, the contract went down the drain. Although South could ruff a fourth round of diamonds in dummy, he would have no entry to the closed hand to collect his last two diamonds. So, after cashing the A-K-Q of diamonds, these declarers next led a heart toward dummy and finished down one, losing two hearts and two spades.
At one table, though, South saw a way to give himself an extra chance if the diamonds broke 4-1. After ruffing the club return at trick five, he reasoned that if the diamonds were divided 3-2, no harm could come from cashing the A-K before drawing the last trump. If both opponents followed suit to the A-K, he could then cash the jack of spades before running the diamonds. If the second diamond happened to get ruffed, the contract was doomed anyway.
The advantage of this approach can be seen in the actual deal. When declarer cashed the two top diamonds, East showed out, but was unable to ruff. South then led a low diamond and ruffed it in dummy to establish the suit. Dummy's remaining trump was led to the jack, and the rest of the diamonds were run. West got his heart trick at the end, and South got a well-deserved top score.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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the increased encouragement, constructive criticism, leadership and resources around you, and by all means, take advantage of it!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's as if today is a movie and there's an impressive cast, A-list all the way. The other characters will play their roles much to your satisfaction, but do keep in mind that they're only roles. Don't mistake the actor for the character he plays.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). An introverted mood rules the day. If you have to be around people, you'll be happy to stand back and watch them converse, compete and posture while you make your exit plan.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People may change their opinions because more information comes to light or the circumstances shift -- a change that represents strength. But an opinion that changes to conform represents weakness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's all going your way, so don't question it! Do nothing to interrupt the energy flow of a winning streak. Bonus points: Be happy! These are

the good old days! LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're getting good at something, and as you improve, expect to vacillate between humility and egotism. All states are helping you get better -- that is, unless you stay egotistical for too long, which can only end in stagnation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Even though you intellectually know better, you still forget to set your goals solely around the things you can control. For example, the goal should be about not how many pounds you'll lose but how many calories you'll consume.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Talk is depleting, even the kind that never leaves your lips. Self-talk uses up energy you could be applying to getting the job done. Silence the board of directors in your head, and focus on doing instead of saying.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've been able to float lately, showing up here and there with minimal commitment and impact. That's going to end soon,

though, as life will bring a roll call. You will have to make a decision and be counted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). To be important and known might be cool. But if you could (SET ITAL) do (END ITAL) something important instead and never be particularly well-known for it, which would you choose?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even if you think they know what you want, it can't hurt to make it even clearer. Articulating this will help you, too. As you home in on the most specific and essential elements of your desire, a new plan comes together in your mind.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 5). Life events will unfold as you had hoped they would, and then new hopes will texture the scene. Your efforts to be strong and able will pay off in the handling of a very important responsibility. April is wall-to-wall fun. May shows you different ways to make money. July sends you on an exciting chase. Libra and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 33, 4, 18

and 20. FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The fifth planet from the sun is 2 1/2 times more massive than all of the planets in the solar system combined. No wonder the mack daddy is associated with all things big and plenty. Most of the time, he blazes onward through the zodiac, casting his version of luck and abundance in the color he's passing through. But what about when he slams on the brakes and does the whole thing backward? Minimalism! That's what.

Whether a minimalist mindset comes naturally to you or not, this Jupiter retrograde period promises luck to those who entertain the idea that less may very well be more (if not all). Sooner or later, what you own starts to own you.

Much of society lives in relative excess. But instead of being comforted by the number of choices available on the regular, many find the options stressing. Analysis paralysis is a hot study for marketers, many of whom have come around to realize that having too many options leads to

indecision and thus: no sale. On a personal level, making life simpler saves time, money and energy. On the extreme side of it, the dream of living in the big house with all the stuff is being replaced by the dream of being a free agent, with the world as a home base. Jupiter retrograde seconds the motion. CELEBRITY PROFILES: Renowned star of stage and screen, Aquarius actor Michael Sheen has gained critical acclaim and box-office bounty playing real-life figures such as Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, David Frost and Tony Blair. His natal sun and Mercury's being in Aquarius shows a great social conscience. And the fact that his moon and Pluto are in Virgo suggests he pays attention to detail in a way that is necessary for executing accurate, compelling work.

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Jupiter Retrograde

Most of the animals -- fish, bugs, reptiles -- don't do much in the way of heavy thinking. Their brains are built mainly for the day's living and survival. Though you may find wonder, excitement and satisfaction in the higher mental processes, the Jupiter retrograde suggests immense benefits to turning them off to let animal wisdom take over.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The way to misery is absolutely simple. Set up an expectation. When it doesn't happen, voila! Misery! If, on the other hand, you do not have an expectation, good luck finding misery. Happiness is wanting what you have.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Today begins an uptick in support for you. Note

The Thrill Is Gone

Dear Annie: I have been married to the same man for 59 years. I have one

daughter and am an immigrant to this country. I think I am a fairly decent cook and housekeeper. I worked for 30 years in a very large company and ended my career in

management. I read a lot; I play bridge. All in all, I am easy to get along with. My husband is an intelligent man, though he is not a great talker. His interests are the

stock market and making money. He has a few friends, but they're of the casual type. I would call him emotionally challenged. He comes from a very large family, and I get along with his family members very well. He cares for them and has helped them out.

This week, I celebrated a milestone birthday. There was no card, no flowers, nothing. When I remarked on it, he told me he had been planning to buy me a card and give me an airline ticket for a trip that we decided on six months ago and is coming up in a month. I told him I don't think it qualifies as a gift. Even after a lengthy discussion, he didn't change his mind.

I should add that he has not bought me a birthday card or a gift for the past 20 years.

My feeling is that his sole interest in me is as a provider of meals, as a housekeeper and as a contributor of money.

When I retired, I had a very substantial fund, which he invest-

ed himself. For a few years, it did very well. Then he went behind my back and made a risky investment. We lost our house, and things were dire for a few years.

My feeling is that he has a problem dealing with women. He never abides by my opinion on any topic. He is not particularly warm toward any female in the family, and my daughter sometimes calls him an iceberg.

What makes this man tick? I am getting to the point where I don't think I can stand him anymore. However, I am too old to leave. Any advice would be appreciated. -- Fed Up to the Teeth

Dear Fed: You deserve better, and if your husband won't deliver that, go get it for yourself. No, I am not prescribing an affair. What I mean is that you should stop focusing so much on what makes your husband tick and focus instead on what makes you tick. Cultivate your hobbies. Plan outings with your daughter or your friends. Have din-

ner with your favorite in-laws. Go see a new movie. Curl up with a big stack of good books. In short, celebrate yourself. You sound like a friendly, kind and independent woman. Whether or not your husband realizes it, he's a very lucky man.

Dear Annie: You suggested that "Nobody Calls" try a Meetup group. Because I live in a small town just as she does, I thought I'd check it out. There are no groups within 50 miles of where I live -- which is one more stumbling block, in my opinion. In a small town, volunteering in your community, at your church or at a school or taking a local community-ed-

Dear Small-Town: Your suggestions are all excellent. I hadn't considered the limitations of a website such as Meetup. Thank you for bringing it to my attention.

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Super Bowl advertisers tread carefully in divisive climate

By MAE ANDERSON

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Super Bowl advertisers are treading carefully this year to avoid alienating customers as a divisive political climate takes some of the buzz away from what is usually the biggest spectacle on TV.

Ad critic Barbara Lippert says that while "people need an escape," like the Super Bowl, this year's matchup on the field feels "so much less important than what's going on politically."

To get the attention back, some advertisers are turning to nostalgia, celebrities and marketing stunts. P&G is sexing up Mr. Clean, Honda is featuring nine celebrities and Snickers is running a live ad.

Others are touching on social issues, without being too blunt about it. Budweiser won the pre-game buzz with a sweeping cinematic ad showcasing founder Adolphus Busch's 1857 immigration from Germany to St. Louis. Although it has been in the works since May, the ad felt topical, as it was released online just days after President Donald Trump's travel ban against people from seven Muslim-majority countries. The ad got more than 8 million views on YouTube in just four days.

Although many brands released ads online ahead of time, there will still be surprises during Fox's Super Bowl broadcast Sunday. At \$5 million for a 30-second spot, and an expected U.S. audience of more than 110 million, the pressure is on.

TIPTOEING AROUND POLITICS

Audi's spot addresses gender equality as a man muses about his daughter receiving equal pay as men one day.

Building supplies retailer 84 Lumber had to revise its original ad because a scene featuring a border wall was deemed too controversial by Fox. The new ad shows a Mexican woman and her daughter making a trip by foot across Mexico. The ad's ending will be revealed at halftime at <http://journey84.com>; the website suggests excised footage will be shown.

And Kia attempts a humorous approach. In an ad for the Niro car, Melissa McCarthy takes on political causes like saving whales, ice caps and trees, each time to disastrous effect. The message: "It's hard to be an eco-warrior, but it's easy to drive like one" with a fuel-efficient Niro.

Though advertisers are being extra careful, taking on any sort of political topic might backfire, says Mark DiMassimo, CEO of ad agency DiMassimo Goldstein. Against the backdrop of an "emboldened, enraged or traumatized audience," he says, themes that might have been innocuous in the past "seem more strident and jarring this year."

STUFFED WITH CELEBRITIES

In turbulent times, brands can count on celebrities to ensure goodwill among consumers.

And why use one celebrity when you can have many? In Honda's ad, the high-school yearbook



This photo provided by Kia Motors America shows a scene from the company's spot for Super Bowl 51, between the New England Patriots and Atlanta Falcons, Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017. Melissa McCarthy humorously takes on political causes like saving whales, ice caps and trees, each time to disastrous effect, in Kia's 60-second third-quarter ad.

photos of Amy Adams, Steve Carell, Viola Davis, Missy Elliott, Tina Fey, Magic Johnson, Jimmy Kimmel, Stan Lee and Robert Redford come to life with special effects. The animations encourage people to follow their dreams in a nod to Honda's longtime slogan, "The Power of Dreams."

Website hosting company Squarespace shows an intense John Malkovich berating the owner of johnmalkovich.com domain name.

Justin Bieber shows off dance moves to tout T-Mobile cellphone offerings. For the baby boomer crowd, Mercedes-Benz shows a biker gang being amazed by Peter Fonda's AMG GT roadster to the tune of Steppenwolf's "Born to be Wild."

"The proliferation of athletes and more personalities is a reflection of not taking too much risk," says Kelly O'Keefe from Virginia Commonwealth University's advertising graduate program. "When in doubt get a personality."

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Anheuser-Busch joins Mercedes-Benz in trying to reach consumers with nostalgia. The brewer's ad shows a mountain man opening a can of Busch beer to the sound of "Buschhhhh." It's a nod to the brand's ad campaign, introduced in 1978, which lasted for decades.

Meanwhile, Bud Light is bringing back the ghost of its 1980s spokesdog Spuds Mackenzie — literally. In its ad, the dog appears as a ghost dangling in the air, urging a Bud Light drinker to go out and join his friends, like the ghosts in the holiday classic "A

Christmas Carol."

And P&G sexes up its Mr. Clean mascot, introduced as an animated character in 1958. In the new ad, he distracts a woman as he cleans her kitchen.

"Emotions are the secret sauce of getting people to do things, and nostalgia is a great reason for people to pay attention," says Devra Prywes of video analytics firm Unruly.

HERE'S TO HEALTH

After 10 years, Frito-Lay has retired its "Crash the Super Bowl" campaign for Doritos. Those ads, created by consumers, were usually filled with slapstick humor.

Taking its place? A healthier approach. PepsiCo is featuring its new bottled water called LifeWTR and its sugar-free soft drink, Pepsi Zero Sugar. Bai Brands investor Justin Timberlake helps promote the company's antioxidant-infused drinks. And one of Wonderful Co.'s 15-second ads promotes the health benefits of its pistachios. Avocados from Mexico is focusing on its "healthy fats" in a humorous ad showing a secret society subliminally influenced by Jon Lovitz to chow down on guacamole.

SURPRISES

The biggest buzz may come from what hasn't been revealed ahead of time. Snickers' ad with Adam Driver and a "Wild West" theme will be performed live during the third quarter. Hyundai tapped "Deepwater Horizon" director Peter Berg to shoot an ad during the game itself for airing right after the game ends.

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Atlanta celebrities 'rise up' for Super Bowl-bound Falcons



In this Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017, file photo, actor Samuel L. Jackson has some fun before the NFL football NFC championship game between the Green Bay Packers and the Atlanta Falcons in Atlanta.

By JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.

Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — The New England Patriots have the Super Bowl history and experience going for them Sunday, but they can't compete with the Atlanta Falcons when it comes to an entourage of celebrity fans.

The Falcons have been known for having fickle fans who abandon the team when it struggles, but this season, the sidelines have been overflowing with rappers, actors and athletes from other sports.

Rapper T.I. says he's no bandwagon jumper. The lifelong Falcons fan says he remembers when De-

ion Sanders high-stepped into end zones, Michael Vick dashed by defenders and the "Dirty Birds" danced to the Super Bowl in 1999.

Those were some of the most memorable moments in Falcons history, but there were many more forgettable years. No matter the outcome, T.I. remained faithful.

"We're always down for the home team," T.I. said. "We've had our highs and lows. But this team is different. We are rooting for them."

Usher, Future, Jeezy and Bow Wow have been spotted cheering from the sidelines during Falcons home games this season. Rapper Gucci Mane was shown giving fans high-fives from a playoff game in the Georgia Dome.

Ludacris performed at halftime in the Falcons' NFC divisional round win against the Seattle Seahawks then returned the following week to deliver another show in the team's final home game at the Georgia Dome in a victory against the Green Bay Packers.

The rapper recently narrated a short video clipped called "A City Waits" in honor of the Falcons.

Some might think celebrities are jumping on Falcons' bandwagon. But star receiver Julio Jones says that's not case.

"The Atlanta celebrities, all the artists in Atlanta, they've definitely been behind us throughout the years, even when we weren't to this point," Jones said. "I have a relationship with a lot of those guys. They've always supported us. It hasn't changed. But they're out here now. They're talking about it in their music, in interviews, everything."

One of the most notable Falcons supporters is actor Samuel L. Jackson, who created a commercial in 2014 for the team. He recently appeared on ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live" about his Super Bowl-bound squad and discussed how he tried to forewarn his team about an Aaron Rodgers trick play in warmups before the NFC Championship game.

"I tweeted it out to make sure, you know, somebody from the Falcons discovered the play," Jackson said. The actor is originally from Tennessee, but became a Falcons fan years ago. Jackson worked concessions at games when he attended Morehouse College.

"Samuel L is probably my only competition as a Falcons fan," said The-Dream, a Grammy-winning singer-producer whose basement is filled with Falcons paraphernalia from flags, jerseys and a helmet from Sanders.

"I think all of us compete for who is the biggest Atlanta fan," he continued. "The most non-celebrated fan of the Falcons would be me. We walk around these streets and across the world telling them about Atlanta. All of us have this sense of pride, because we grew up here."

The-Dream gave props to quarterback Matt Ryan and Jones for leading the Falcons to the franchise's second Super Bowl appearance, but credits owner Arthur Blank for changing the Falcons culture when the billionaire purchased the team in 2002. The Falcons lost to the Denver Broncos 34-19 in Super Bowl 33.

"I think our success before was kind of luck," he said. "There was no plan, a plan for change. But Arthur was that change. He brought a culture of winning. It's almost like seeing two different franchises, basically."

T.I. firmly believes the underdog Falcons can claim the Vince Lombardi Trophy with a win over the Patriots.

"We open every season thinking it's our year," he said. "Matt Ryan is having an MVP-caliber season, Julio is at the top of his game and the defense has been playing well. We've been clicking on all cylinders. This is our year."

T.I. and several other music artists, from Big Boi, Jeezy and Ludacris, are attending the game in Houston. However, The-Dream said he is purposely watching the game from his Atlanta home for superstitious reasons.

But if the Falcons pull off the upset, The-Dream may celebrate in unique fashion.

"I'm going streaking," he said with a chuckle. "I'm going straight downtown. I'm going to send a tweet out telling them what we're about to do. Hopefully, Trump won't ban partying by the time the Falcons win the Super Bowl."



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A want to give a huge word of thanks to Adrian Calvio for his work as president in 2016 and of course much gratitude goes to the Chamber board members and many local volunteers from the community that helped make 2016 a success.

As many of you may know, our theme for the Chamber banquet this year is Mardi Gras, which is very fitting with my hopes of 2017 being one incredible parade of fun and prosperity for our lo-



cal businesses, community and economy.

We have many positive things happening in our community from the much anticipated spring restoration to the Central Plaza construction in the downtown area.

I'm looking forward to the continued growth and development of local business and community. Together we will continue to make Big Spring and Howard County an enjoyable place to visit, live, and work. "Laissez les bon temps rouler" Let the good times roll!

**Best,
Andrea Barr
President**

Benefits of a Chamber of Commerce membership

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has been advancing "the civic, cultural, and social betterment and interest of the people of Howard County" since 1919.

If you aren't a business owner or member of an organization, aren't familiar with the ins and outs of how a chamber works, or simply new to the area, there are many benefits of being involved with your Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

With 300 plus businesses and group memberships, the Chamber is home to community leaders throughout the county that have one goal in mind, to improve the quality of life and business climate in the area.

While the Chamber's staff of executive director Debbye ValVerde and executive assistant Nancy Davenport are seen throughout the week hosting ribbon cuttings for new businesses and presenting signs for new members, the amount of work they do behind the scenes with their Board of Directors is massive.

Annually, the Chamber hosts Pops in the Park, the Health Fair, a Christmas toy drive, and the Ag Appreciation Luncheon. Additionally, the Chamber hosts Business Before Hours and Business After Hours, both programs designed to bring local merchants together to network.

The Chamber banquet is one of the most highly anticipated events

of the year, as members are recognized for their hard work and the Man and Woman of the Year are announced.

Past winners include Mamie Lee Dodds and Richard Atkins in 1993, Pat Simmons and Ben Bancroft in 1998, Linda Conway and Bobby McDonald in 2003, and Russ McEwen and Verna Davis in 2010, just to name a few.

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History of the Chamber of Commerce

The concept of various businesses joining together in a mutual effort to increase commerce had its beginnings in Europe hundreds of years ago.

Primarily as a defensive tactic, traders banded together for protection against common enemies and to establish policies to govern trade. This was eventually extended as a means to exert influence on governments and legislation.

The first organization of businesses was evidently in Marseilles, France, where the first use of the term, "Chamber of Commerce" has been documented.

This fledgling group was established by the city council in 1599 — more than four centuries ago. The idea caught on and spread to Germany and eventually throughout Europe.

The concept comes to America

The modern Chamber of Commerce is more of an American development.

The New York State Chamber is the oldest Chamber of Commerce in America, formed in 1768 and chartered by King George III in 1770.

That makes it older than the Declaration of Independence, so Chambers of Commerce are not a new development.

Local chambers

The first local chamber was founded in Charleston, S.C., in 1773. This was followed by New Haven, Conn., and then to Philadelphia, Pa., in 1800.

The trend spread rapidly across the country soon af-



ter. By 1870 there were 40 local Chambers of Commerce in the United States. Today there are more than 5,000 Chambers of commerce.

The primary function of protecting commerce remains the same, but it is interesting to follow the changes and adaptations of the Chamber functions through the years as chambers have adjusted to the changing needs of society.

Today the role of Chambers of Commerce has expanded to address socioeconomic concerns and social needs, going far beyond its original intent several centuries ago.

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The Chamber is a small part of the "heart" that keeps a town pumping. It's all about quality of life. When we as business owners and individuals start supporting each other, good things start to happen for the good of the community. As a chamber we try to make sure we are having events that will include everyone, whether it is the Health Fair, Ag Appreciation, and Shopping Extravaganzas in the summer and during the holidays, community luncheons, and many others. Are you supporting our local businesses? Are you involved in community organizations?

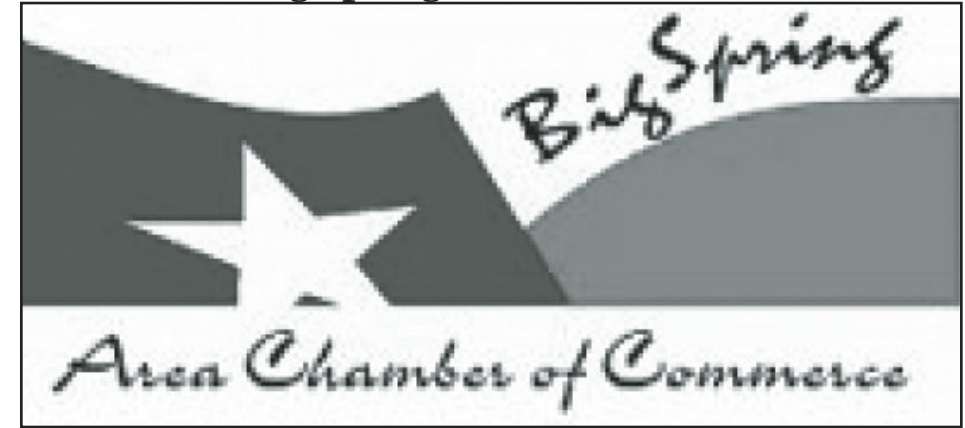
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A special thank you to our outgoing president, Adrian Calvio, I feel 2016 went by very fast, but we all kept up as you kept things moving forward with such passionate and energetic spirit! We dedicated the Bill Crooker Reliever Route, we cut many ribbons, and we thanked our members for not only their investment in the Chamber, but in our community. Thank you for all your support.

To my incoming president, Andrea Barr, I know that your enthusiasm and pride for Big Spring and Howard County will shine through this year. You have many great ideas, and we will be working towards making those ideas a reality. We look forward to working with the entire Board of Directors in 2017. To our incoming Directors, Stacy Barr - All Washed Up; Scott Bibb - Higginbotham Bartlett, Ricardo Serrato - HEB and Mark Richardson - KBST thank you for coming on board, it will be an exciting experience. The Chamber always focuses on its members. We try to come up with more incentives for our new members and more ways of helping to promote your business. We continue to ask that you take action and get involved with your Chamber of Commerce as well as other organiza-

tions in your community. To my entire family, and most of all, my husband, Larry, thank you for always being there for me. To my assistant of 10 plus years, Nancy Davenport, thank you for being my right and sometime left hand. To my co-workers, Terry, Teresa, Sandy and Meghan we make an awesome team. God has blessed me well! As I always say - "It's not what your Chamber can do for you; it is what you as a business owner or individual and the Chamber can do together to better your business and our community." 25 years and many more...making it count!

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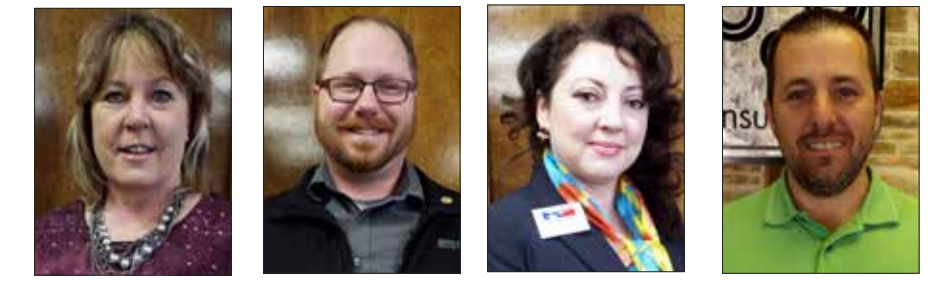
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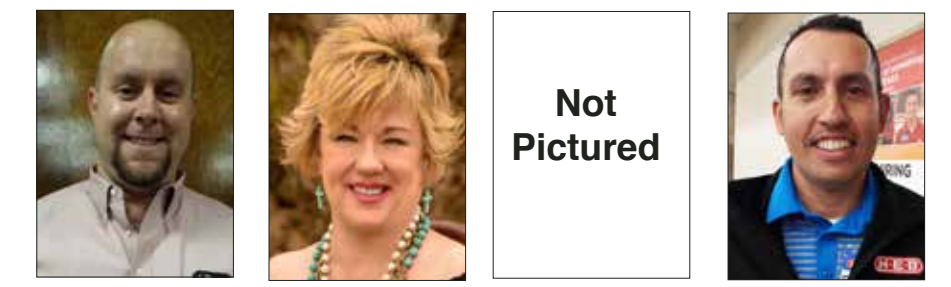
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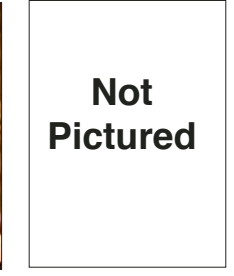
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Gettin' Big Spring in the groove

Odessa's Jazz Cafe set to perform at annual Chamber Banquet

When people walk into the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for the annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce banquet on Feb. 7, the sounds of Jazz Café will be filling the air to help enhance the Mardi Gras themed event.

The Jazz Café is a band from Odessa and was founded by Pano Mata. The band plays virtually every style.

The band was performed for a number of civic groups in the Midland-Odessa and the surrounding Permian Basin area.

Founder Pano Mata was born and raised in Odessa. He received his bachelors in 1988 from West Texas State University.

He spent 10 years as a head band director in West Texas. He left Odessa High School in 1998 to join the fundraising industry.

Since that time, Pano has had the time to spend on his passion which is performing jazz music. He has performed with Joe Posada, Lanny Morgan, Clark Terry, Midland-Odessa Symphony, Amarillo

Symphony, San Angelo Symphony. Pano is also a clinician and an adjudicator for bands in Texas and New Mexico. He frequently is a conductor for All-Region bands.

Dan Ferguson has been playing piano since age 7. As a teenager, he mowed lawns and saved up to buy a Wurlitzer electric piano. It took a while at \$3 each! Dan toured the western US and Canada from

1976-1987 in various rock bands.

Dan is comfortable in all music styles. He has played and recorded with Otis Clay, Johnny Rawls, Barbara Carr, James Armstrong, Kay Kay and the Rays, the Diamonds as well as host of

others. He currently plays with Jumping Giants and The Shades. Dan enjoys spending time with family and friends as well as volunteering at his church.

Rounding out the Jazz Café Members are Albert Madrid of Midland, Texas on guitar and Josh Goates of Midland, Texas on drums.



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