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County commissioners OK AG internet connection

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners have ironed out the final concerns they had with allowing a proposed internet connection and router to be installed in the county courthouse for the state Attorney General's Office.

maintaining the security around that. But they have, in fact, addressed that going forward."

Bailey said that the Attorney General's Office has accepted responsibility for security for the internet connection, which will be installed by December 1.



Bailey

Commissioners voted at their meeting Monday afternoon to approve the installation.

The county commissioners had considered the issue at a previous meeting, but tabled it pending resolution of a few issues with the wording of the proposal.

"I had concerns about the liability," said Precinct 2 Commissioner Craig Bailey. "The internet is so accessible, and for them to bring in a mechanism that would allow remote access anywhere into the courtroom, that they would then not put wording into the contract that made them responsible for

The purpose of the connection is to provide the Attorney General's Office with a reliable, secure internet connection for communications about court cases in Howard County, without relying on the county's internet service. The idea is to increase security of AG communications, while not subjecting Howard County's internet service to additional traffic.

The vote passed unanimously. In other business, Howard County Sheriff reported a \$5,000 donation from Occidental Petroleum Corporation, popularly known as Oxy.

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Big Spring Center for Skilled Care plans Thanksgiving feast

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful and also perhaps indulging in some of those Thanksgiving eats. For some though, a good Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings is hard to come by. Do you know a veteran, elderly person, or someone in need who would like a to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal? Or are you yourself in need of somewhere where you can eat some good ol' turkey and dressing, maybe a slice of pie? Then come on down to the Ryan Hall located for at 605 N. Main Street, for the Thanksgiving Feast, this Nov. 15, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"We are feeding our local elderly, our veterans, and those are in need," said Christy Brown of Big Spring Center for Skilled Care. "We plan on feeding about 600 people of Howard County."

The Big Spring Center for Skilled Care has done this in the past with promising results, and this year they also plan to make deliveries to those who are in need of a Thanksgiving meal.

"We are taking RSVP's for orders on deliveries up until Nov. 14," said Brown. "We will be proving a traditional Thanksgiving feast of turkey, dressing, and gravy, green beans, etc., and of course some dessert."

Call for deliveries and pick ups RSVPs: Christy Brownfield: (432) 816-2977, Pablo Moreno (432)213-8215, PJ Dominguez:(432)816-4997, Nati Saldivar: (432) 466-5363.

"We do this to help out community to those who need it," said Brown. "I hope everyone who can, will join this Wednesday at the Ryan Hall, and I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone."

Grateful for first responders



HERALD photo/Erin Stephens

Students and teachers of the First United Methodist Church of Big Spring's Children's Day Out (CDO) program pose with local firefighters. CDO invited the firefighters out to thank them for their service to the community and for teaching them about fire safety.

CDO at FUMC gives back to local firefighters

By **ERIN STEPHENS**
 Staff Writer

The holiday season tends to bring out a more generous side in people of all ages. Students and teachers of the Children's Day Out (CDO) program at the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring showed their appreciation to local firefighters by donating a large bin filled with food and drinks to Firestation #4. According to CDO director Laura Barber, the donation was part of their November project she's calling "I am thankful for you."

"The project's goal was to collect food and drinks for the firemen who graciously came to teach us about fire safety in October," said Barber. "We sim-



HERALD photo/Erin Stephens

Local firefighters were thanked by the CDO program at FUMC Monday morning.

ply wanted to say thank you."

Firefighters Hennessey, Emre, Moncrief, AE Mcannally, and Lt. Barron attended FUMC yesterday where they were presented with the donated bin full of goodies for them to take back

to the station. "We sometimes take our local first responders for granted and don't realize all the time they spend helping others, and how often they're away from their own families," said Barber.

CDO of FUMC began

in 1979 as a Mother's Day Out program, similar to CDO with some differences. CDO's are a bit more structured than some MDO's, offering a more school-like atmosphere.

"The main goal and mission of CDO at FUMC is to not only care and show kids the same love that Christ shows us, but to instill the love of giving," said Barber. "CDO is always looking for ways our kids can give back to the community," she continued. "We can't thank our local firefighters and first responders enough."

Contact Staff Writer Erin Stephens at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@big-springherald.com.

4th person shot dead in Tampa in possible serial spree

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Police searched a cordoned-off Florida neighborhood Tuesday after a fourth person was shot dead, possibly by a serial killer.

Tampa police say residents of the city's Seminole Heights neighborhood reported hearing shots just before 5 a.m. Tuesday. When officers arrived, they found the body of Ronald Felton, 60, in the street. They say Felton had been walking across the street to meet someone when the gunman came up behind him and fired.

Spokesman Steve Hegarty said detectives can't immediately say whether Felton's shooting is related to last

month's 10-day spree where three people were slain, but officers are treating it like it is. The previous three victims were alone and had gotten off a bus when they were gunned down at night for no apparent reason. None was robbed.

"This has got to stop," Mayor Bob Buckhorn told a news conference Tuesday. "We will hunt this person down until we find him."

Cynthia Murray told The Tampa Bay Times that Felton had been living with her near the shooting scene. She said Felton was an unemployed construction worker who volunteered at the nearby food bank run by a church, which is just feet from where he was shot. She said he

would go to the church at 2:30 a.m. to help.

Police urged Seminole Heights residents to stay inside Tuesday as they searched the area, which they sealed off shortly after the shooting. They said they are looking for a thin black man, about 6-feet tall, wearing black clothing and carrying a large handgun. They are asking residents to examine video from any security cameras they have.

Hegarty said the suspect couldn't have "gone very far, and we're talking to as many people as we can to see what they may have seen."

Robert Clark told the Times he was in a nearby

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Obituaries

Mary Berry



Mary Berry, 101, of Big Spring died Friday, Nov. 10, 2017, in a local nursing home.

Memorial services will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation.

She was born Feb. 3, 1916, in Savoy, Texas, and had lived in Fort Worth until moving to Alvin in 1994 and to Big Spring in 1996.

Mary traveled extensively to dance competitions in which she excelled. She was one of a kind, and will be missed by her family and those

who cared for her.

She attended the First Presbyterian Church in Coahoma.

Survivors include two nieces, Pam Hicks of Coahoma and Lynn Cunningham of Monahans.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas Muncy Hood and Ella Florence Durrett Hood; and one brother, Thomas Muncy Hood Jr.

The family suggests memorials to Relocation Rescue at www.relocationrescue.com/donate.

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

Paid obituary

Debra Rubio



Debra Rubio, 51, of Ft. Worth, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017, at her residence.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Debra was born Aug. 6, 1966, in Big Spring, Texas, to Sophia Mendoza Rubio and Francisco "Chico"

Rubio. She grew up in Big Spring, graduating from Big Spring High School. Following college, she moved to the D/FW area, and began her career at Texas Rehabilitation Center. Debra specialized in physical therapy, showing love and care to patients throughout her 28-year career. Her co-workers were like a second family to her. Debra enjoyed attending Texas Rangers baseball games, expressing her dislike of the Dallas Cowboys, and always showing love to her team, the Green Bay Packers. She looked forward to spending time with her friends, being outdoors (even when it was 105 degrees) and exercising with her dogs. Debra cared deeply for

the well-being of her mother, siblings and her extended family. Debra's smile and generous spirit will be missed by all of her family and friends.

She is survived by her partner, Rosemary Robinson of Ft. Worth; her mother, Sophia Rubio of Big Spring; one sister, Patsy Rubio of Big Spring; and one brother, Ysa Rubio of Big Spring, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Francisco "Chico" Rubio; three brothers, Frankie Rubio, Robert Rubio and Fred Rubio Sr.; two sisters, Delma Rubio and Mary Lou "Sandy" Fierro; grandparents, Ysa and Maria Mendoza and Felix and Magdalena Rubio.

The family would like to express their gratitude to her co-workers at THR for their loving care and support of Debra and Advent Hospice for providing comfort during her battle. They would like to give a huge thanks to the friends and family who helped out during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

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

Paid obituary

Antonio C. Arispe



Antonio C. Arispe, 74, of Big Spring died Friday, Nov. 10, 2017, at his home.

Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, November 15, 2017 a Myers & Smith Chapel.

Antonio was born June 11, 1943, in Big Spring. He has been a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He was a retired contractor including painting and carpentry. He was a veteran of the United States

Army. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by two sons, Tony Arispe of Big Spring and Joe Arispe of Ft. Worth; two daughters: Natalie Arispe of Highlands, N.C., and Vera Garza of Mesquite; the mother of his children, Mary Arispe of Big Spring; two sisters, Yolanda Gonzales of Victoria and Martha Hernandez of Big Spring; two brothers, Armando Cortez of Big Spring and Jose Arispe of El Paso; seven grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren; and extended Arispe family.

He was preceded in death by his parents Lusia Correa Cortez and Armando Cortez.

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

Donald Lee Rich

Donald Lee Rich, 79, of Big Spring, died Monday, Nov. 13, 2017, at his home.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017, at St. Boniface Cemetery in Olfen, Texas.

Donald was born Dec. 8, 1937, in Colorado City, Texas. He is survived by his brother, Larry Rich and one sister, Dolores Hurlbert.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thurman and Juanita Rich; his wife, Virginia Rich; one brother, Carl Rich; and one sister Nellie Rich.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Online condolences made be made at www.npwelch.com.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **WESLEY ALLEN EDMONDSON**, 30, of Coahoma was arrested on warrants for failure to appear and driving with an invalid license; and on other outstanding warrants.

- **BRIGHTON TAYLOR FEASTER**, 18, of 619 Ridgelea Drive was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **JACOB VINCENT CORDERO**, 26, of 3210 Delano Ave. in Midland was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.

- **CHRISTOPHER RYAN CO-**

LEGROVE, 25, of 609 McEwen St. was arrested on a charge of prohibited weapon (knuckles).

- **PHILLIP WAYNE BEBEE**, 45, of 1513 E. 17th St. was arrested on warrants for operating a motor vehicle without license plates (or with one plate), failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired driver's license, and driving with an invalid license; and on other outstanding warrants.

- **ESEQUIEL TORRES JR.**, 29, of 912 Maxine Dr. in Elsa was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **DISTURBANCE** was re-

ported in the 1300 block of Park Street.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2500 block of South Gregg Street.

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1800 block of Settles Street.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 400 block of East FM 700 and at the intersection of Third and Lancaster streets.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1400 block of East Fifth Street, the 1000 block of South Gregg Street, the 1400 block of South Austin Street, and the 900 block of Willia Street.

Take Note

- **TURKEY SHOOT!!** At the Western Sportsman Club located 9 1/2 miles West on Andrews Hwy. Nov. 18, 2017

- 9 a.m. from 3 p.m. There will be six events, \$2.00 per event. Bring your center fire pistol/rifle, rim fire pistol/rifle, shotgun and ammo. Need more information call 432-267-1816. PRIZES = \$10 Gift CARDS!

- The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

- Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

- 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.

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

- Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

- 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 has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

- Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

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

- Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

- 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 432-271-2138.

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

- Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

- **PHILLIP WAYNE BEBEE**, 45, was booked by on warrants for operating a motor vehicle without license plates (or with one plate), failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired driver's license, and driving with an invalid license; and on capias motions to revoke probation for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and burglary of a vehicle.

- **CHRISTOPHER RYAN COLEGROVE**, 25, of 609 McEwen St. was arrested on a charge of prohibited weapon (knuckles).

- **JACOB VINCENT CORDERO**, 26, of 3210 Delano Ave. in Midland was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.

- **WESLEY ALLEN EDMONDSON**, 30, of Coahoma was arrested on capias warrants for failure to appear, property crime (class C), and driving with an invalid license; and on a warrant for cruelty to non-livestock animals.

- **BRIGHTON TAYLOR FEASTER**, 18, of 619 Ridgelea Drive was arrested on a warrant for illegal dumping (5 to 500 pounds).

- **JEREMY HEITH GRAHAM**, 28, was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.

- **MARY HELEN SAUNDERS**, 46, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance (4 to 200 grams).

- **GILBERT SILVA**, 30, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for criminal trespassing.

- **ESEQUIEL TORRES JR.**, 29, of 912 Maxine Dr. in Elsa was arrested on a warrant for driving while intoxicated.

- **LORENZO FERRERA YANEZ**, 43, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for criminal trespassing.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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Laundromat with his girlfriend when he heard five shots, turned and saw a man run past. He said he went outside and saw Felton's body.

After the earlier shootings, police increased patrols in

the neighborhood and released surveillance videos of a hooded suspect. In a security video taken moments after Benjamin Mitchell became the first victim on Oct. 9, the suspect is running from the scene.

"I've come up with four reasons why this person is running," Police Chief Brian

Dugan said last month. "One, they may be late for dinner. Two, they're out exercising. Three, they heard gunshots. And number four, they just murdered Benjamin Mitchell."

Two days after Mitchell, 22, was shot, Monica Hoffa, 32, was gunned down. And on Oct. 19, Anthony Naiboa,

20, was shot after taking the wrong bus home from his new job. Police patrolling nearby heard the gunshots and rushed to the scene to find Naiboa dead.

Seminole Heights is a working-class neighborhood northeast of downtown Tampa that's slowly becoming gentrified. Run-down homes

sit next to renovated, historic bungalows, and trendy restaurants have sprung up near auto body shops.

Residents and business owners have said there are car burglaries and fights between kids, but nothing like this.

Trump faces new challenges in tax overhaul, Alabama race



AP photo

U.S. President Donald Trump waves goodbye as he enters Air Force One after participating in the East Asia Summit, Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017, in Manila, Philippines. Trump finished a five country trip through Asia visiting Japan, South Korea, China, Vietnam and the Philippines.

By **JONATHAN LEMIRE and JILL COLVIN**

Associated Press
MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Donald Trump headed home Tuesday buoyed by an Asia tour he called "tremendously successful," but he'll face immediate challenges with the Republican tax overhaul and the party meltdown in Alabama over a Senate candidate accused of sexual misconduct.

Underscoring the sharp political stakes for Trump, who lacks a major legislative achievement after nearly 10 months in office, Trump will meet with House Republicans on Thursday ahead of an expected vote on the tax overhaul legislation.

Republican leaders in Congress view passage of the first major tax revamp in 30 years as imperative for the GOP to preserve its majorities next year. Trump has urged GOP leaders to make steeper cuts for the wealthy, even as a nonpartisan analysis of the Senate version of the legislation showed it actually would increase taxes for some 13.8 mil-

lion moderate-income American households.

Also waiting Trump's attention is a party crisis over the Alabama special election to fill former Sen. Jeff Sessions' seat. GOP candidate Roy Moore is caught up in allegations of sexual misconduct, and many Republicans have said Moore should withdraw.

Moore is backed by former Trump chief strategist Steve Bannon.

Trump was upbeat, however, as he ended his Asia trip. As Air Force One rolled down the runway in Manila, Trump told the reporters traveling with him that "it's been a really great 12 days."

On trade, the president said confidently that U.S. trading partners "will be treating us much differently than before."

"I think the fruits of our labor are going to be incredible, whether it's security of our nations, whether it's security of the world or whether it's trade," Trump said.

Trump teased a "major statement" on trade at the White House, where

he also plans an in-person appeal to lawmakers as the tax overhaul proposal faces a crucial vote in the House.

Trump, who campaigned for office on a promise to tear up multilateral trade agreements that he said have harmed the U.S., insisted during the nearly two-week trip that multibillion-dollar deficits that favor U.S. trading partners will be reduced to zero, and that trade overall must be fair and mutually beneficial.

"The United States has to be treated fairly and in a reciprocal fashion," he tweeted Tuesday. "The massive TRADE deficits must go down quickly!"

Trump pressed that point on every stop on the grueling tour of Japan, South Korea, China, Vietnam and the Philippines, blaming his predecessors for yawning trade imbalances and declaring that the United States will no longer be taken advantage of under his watch.

"We've had a tremendously successful trip," Trump told reporters before departing his

third summit of the trip. "Tremendous amounts of work was done on trade."

Trump said \$300 billion in deals had been reached, a sum he predicted would more than triple in a short period of time.

"We explained that the United States is open for trade but we want reciprocal trade. We want fair trade for the United States," he said.

The president also sounded a positive note about Vietnam, saying the country had changed direction and was now buying at least \$12 billion worth of Boeing aircraft.

"The reason I like the Boeing is because it's jobs for the United States," Trump said.

Trump also spoke warmly of the "many good friends" he had made on the trip, including Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte.

Trump praised and joked around Monday with Duterte, who has overseen a bloody crackdown on the illegal drug trade that has featured extrajudicial killings, earning the Filipino leader the con-

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"It's a large oilfield company," said Sheriff Stan Parker. "They do a lot of work around here. They're based out of Houston. The lady that called and talked to me about it said they're trying to find ways to help us out where they can. Be a good neighbor."

Sheriff Parker said the donation would go toward a large radio system replacement project for the Sheriff's Department.

"We are in the process of hopefully acquiring a new radio system county-wide," he said. "That's what I told her is a project we're working on, and that's what they put the money toward."

Parker said the radio system will be an expensive purchase for the county.

"We're probably looking at a couple of million on that," he said.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Met in closed executive session to discuss personnel matters.
- Approved the hiring of a temporary criminal clerk to substitute for a clerk who is out on maternity leave from the office of Justice of the Peace Bennie Green.
- Canvassed the results of the Texas 2017 Constitutional Amendment election.

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demnation of human rights groups.

Trump did not publicly take Duterte to task for the crackdown. Trump talked instead about their "great relationship."

The White House later said they discussed the Islamic State group, illegal drugs and trade during a private meeting. Press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said human rights issues were "briefly" discussed. She was contradicted by Duterte's spokesman, who said there was "no mention" of human rights.

Human rights advocates have been alarmed by Duterte's war on drugs, saying it has allowed police officers and vigilantes to ignore due process and take justice into their own hands. Government officials estimate that well over 3,000 people, mostly drug users and dealers, have died in the crackdown. Human rights groups believe the total could be closer to 9,000.

Trump was in the Philippines to attend the Association of Southeast Asian Nations conference and

the East Asia Summit. He sought during both gatherings to strengthen alliances with Pacific Rim nations over trade and a shared desire for North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons program.

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Rita "Kay" Claveran, 77, died Thursday, October 19, 2017. A graveside memorial service was held at 10 a.m. this morning at Mount Olive Memorial Park Chapel.

Myrt Thornton, 86, died Thursday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today at Mount Olive Memorial Park Chapel.

Debra Rubio, 51, died Saturday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Antonio Arispe, 74, died Friday. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Danya James, 58, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Federal prison guard in Texas pleads guilty in bribery case

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal prison guard in Texas faces up to 15 years behind bars for smuggling drugs and electronic devices to inmates at a Houston-area lockup.

Jacoby Derrell Randall of Houston pleaded guilty Monday to bribery of a federal employee.

Investigators say evidence shows the 28-year-old Randall was smuggling banned items including food, marijuana and electronics to inmates at the Joe Corley Detention Facility in Conroe.

A law enforcement statement says the investigation began earlier this year. Authorities didn't immediately say how much Randall was paid or who provided the bribes.

Randall remains free on bond pending sentencing next year.

Tiff with Uber driver costs Dallas County prosecutor her job

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas County prosecutor has been fired after an Uber driver accused her of hitting, insulting and accusing him of abducting her as he was driving her home from a bar.

Assistant District Attorney Jody Warner was fired Monday over the Friday night incident. District Attorney Faith Johnson said that although no criminal charges were filed, her behavior violated her office's "core principle of integrity."

Driver Shaun Platt detailed the incident on his Facebook page. He said Warner refused to give him directions, then accused him of kidnapping her when he missed a turn and verbally and physically abused him. When he stopped and ordered her from the car, she refused to leave until a police unit called by Platt arrived.

No listed telephone number could be found for Warner.

Barbecue ministry raises more than \$90K for shooting victims

ADKINS, Texas (AP) — A daylong barbecue to help victims of the mass shooting at a Texas church raised more than \$91,000.

Smokin' Angels BBQ Ministry organized the effort Saturday at a tiny church in Adkins, a town just outside San Antonio. Organizers say all of the money raised will help families of those killed or wounded during the Nov. 5 shooting rampage at First Baptist Church in nearby Sutherland Springs.

The fundraiser sold thousands of \$10 plates of barbecue. Many visitors also left additional donations. Volunteers worked overnight smoking 5,000 pounds of meat. When they quickly sold out, another 6,500 pounds of meat was donated.

Ministry co-founder Mike Ritch says he's proud of how volunteers came together in just three days.

Ritch and his wife, both professional chefs, founded the ministry after Hurricane Harvey when they saw a need to feed people in times of crisis.

Texas sees increase in domestic violence reports

HOUSTON (AP) — Domestic violence cases have sharply increased in Texas in recent years.

Figures from the state Department of Public Safety show more than 214,000 wives, husbands, girlfriends and others were injured or died in 2016 at the hands of a family member. The statistics show that's an increase from about 193,000 in 2011.

In Houston, local police report they received more than 24,000 domestic violence cases in the first 10 months of this year. That's a 45 percent increase over a similar period in 2013, the Houston Chronicle reported.

"We continue to underestimate the reach and devastation of domestic violence," said Gloria Aguilera Terry, chief executive of the Texas Council on Family Violence.

The Houston Police Department operates a special victims division and has been posting special crimes officers at women's shelters across the city to help victims more easily report cases of domestic violence, said Capt. David Angelo, who oversees the division. Angelo said that domestic violence investigations are an "absolute priority."

"We recognize a husband who batters his wife may be a murderer tomorrow," he said.

The gunman in the recent church shooting in Sutherland Springs, Texas, had a history of domestic violence. Investigators found that Devin Patrick Kelley had been given a bad conduct discharge from the Air Force after pleading guilty to assaulting his first wife and stepson.

Victim advocates said the shooting is an example of how domestic violence often spill out into public spaces. More than half the country's mass shootings between 2009 and 2016, in which at least four people were killed with a gun, were related to domestic or family violence, according to a study by Everytown for Gun Safety, a nonprofit that focuses on firearm regulation.

Harvey's 'Biblical' rainfall is getting more likely



In this Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017 file photo, water from Addicks Reservoir flows into neighborhoods as floodwaters from Tropical Storm Harvey rise in Houston. The chances of a hurricane drenching Texas, like Harvey did, have soared six fold in just a quarter century with global warming and will likely triple once again before the end of the century, says a new study published Monday, Nov. 12, 2017, in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chances of a hurricane flooding parts of Texas, like Harvey did, have soared sixfold in just 25 years because of global warming and will likely triple once again before the end of the century, a new study says.

Study author Kerry Emanuel, a meteorology professor and hurricane expert at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, found that what was once an extremely rare event — 20 inches of rain over a large area of Texas — could soon be almost common.

From 1981 to 2000, the probability of 20 inches of rain happening somewhere over a large chunk of Texas was 1 in 100 or even less, Emanuel said. Now it's 6 in 100 and by 2081, those odds will be 18 in 100, he said.

"The changes in probabilities are because of global warming," Emanuel said.

The study was released Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Emanuel said he hurried the study to help Houston officials think about what conditions they should consider when they rebuild.

Texas state climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon said he was struck by the potential for much higher rainfall that Emanuel's simulations predict for the future and how important it is for the design of critical structures like dams

and nuclear facilities.

"If the worst-case precipitation scenario is getting worse, as Kerry's study and other evidence implies, that safety margin is shrinking," Nielsen-Gammon said in an email, highlighting Emanuel's results that also show the worst-case storms becoming wetter and more common.

Gabriel Vecchi, a climate scientist at Princeton who wasn't part of the study, said the study confirms what scientists have already thought: "that the most extreme rainfall events will become more likely as the planet warms."

"These results highlight the importance of finding ways to incorporate our understanding of climate change in long-term urban planning, storm water management and in flood mapping," Vecchi said in an email.

To do the study Emanuel had to use some innovative modeling techniques. Global climate models used for future warming studies aren't detailed enough to simulate hurricanes. Hurricane models don't say anything about the larger climate. So Emanuel combined the models and then created thousands of fictional storm "seedlings" to see what would happen.

Emanuel's calculations used the 20-inch (half a meter) rainfall total because that was the initial figure discussed as the storm was dying down.

Later measurements showed that Harvey's rain was far heavier — and far rarer — than initially reported. After Emanuel had started his work, records showed Harvey's Houston-wide rainfall ended up closer to 33 inches

(84 centimeters). And in individual areas it peaked at 60 inches (1.5 meters).

Emanuel called those numbers "biblical."

"By the standards of the average climate during 1981-2000, Harvey's rainfall in Houston was 'biblical' in the sense that it likely occurred around once since the Old Testament was written," Emanuel's study said.

While several scientists praised the study's technique, Christopher Landsea, science operations chief at the National Hurricane Center, had some reservations. He said Emanuel's results don't fit with other climate change model projections which do show higher rainfall totals but also show a decrease in the number of storms.



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Texas may swap US House seniority for staunch conservatism

By **WILL WEISSERT**

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Four veteran Texas Republicans are quitting Congress, meaning the country's largest red state will be trading House seniority for newcomers who could prove even more conservative and willing to buck their party's leadership on Capitol Hill.

Sam Johnson, an 87-year-old Vietnam veteran and member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, announced in January he was retiring next year. Now, fellow Texans Jeb Hensarling, 60, who chairs the influential House Financial Services Committee; Lamar Smith, 69, who heads the House Science, Space and Technology Committee; and long-serving 69-year-old Ted Poe all aren't seeking re-election.

They join two Democratic House members from Texas, Beto O'Rourke of El Paso, who is giving up his seat to challenge Republican Sen. Ted Cruz; and Houston's Gene Green, who announced Monday he wouldn't seek re-election to a seat he first won in 1992.

The four Republicans hail from solidly GOP districts, so the party's 25-11 state congressional delegation advantage won't change without an upset. None was thought to be facing serious challengers in the state's March Republican primaries. Nor were their exits speeded by major policy or ideology clashes with the Trump administration — unlike some other members bowing out of Congress.

They could be replaced, though, by current and former Republicans from the Texas Legislature. In recent years state lawmakers have approved abortion restrictions tough enough to be largely struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court, America's strictest voter ID law and a "sanctuary cities" ban that calls for jailing sheriffs who don't enforce federal immigration policy. They also nearly passed a "bathroom bill" targeting transgender people, despite a similar measure sparking political

upheaval in North Carolina.

Moderate Republican Texas House Republican Speaker Joe Straus himself also isn't seeking re-election, which means the Legislature may move farther to the right in a way mirroring the congressional delegation's coming shift.

"The candidates likely to run and to win in this political environment are likely to be very conservative, to be more interested in fighting for specific policy items than looking to get seniority and go with the majority of the party or with the speaker," said Brendan Steinhäuser, a former national conservative grass-roots organizer who later ran U.S. Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn's 2014 re-election campaign. "It will absolutely become a race to the right."

Both Hensarling and Smith were being term-limited out of their chairmanships but were well positioned to continue exerting veteran House influence had they stayed. Johnson's and Poe's long congressional tenure would have been an advantage. The Republicans favored to replace them won't have the same clout, but that could free them up to embrace coalitions like the House Freedom Caucus — hardline conservatives who have bucked the GOP majority on some issues.

"You bet we're going to see some conservatives up here," said Rep. Randy Weber, a former member of the Texas House who was elected to Congress in 2012 and is a Freedom Caucus member.

Weber said he was able to bring many of the same priorities from Austin to Washington.

"I'm very frank with the



In this June 4, 2013 file photo, Rep. Sam Johnson, R-Texas speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington. He is one of four veteran Texas Republicans who are quitting Congress, meaning their state will be trading House seniority for newcomers who may be even more conservative.

AP photo

(Republican) leadership," he said. "I say, 'Look, I do want to be a team player. But, on the other hand, sometimes if there's a fumble and your team picks up the ball and runs the wrong direction you need to tackle your own team.'"

Johnson has represented the Dallas suburb of Plano in Congress since 1991. Set to succeed him is Van Taylor, a 45-year-old marine and Iraq War veteran who served in the Texas House before joining the state Senate in 2015. He's allied with Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, a fiery former conservative radio host, "bathroom bill" champion and immigration hardliner who was Donald Trump's presidential campaign's Texas chairman.

Hensarling is an eight-term House veteran who battled attempts to more strictly regulate Wall Street and was close to House Speaker Paul Ryan. A contender for his East Texas seat is 41-year-old ex-state Rep. Ken Sheets, a former

Marine who was elected with tea party-backing in 2010 but began inching away from hardline conservatism until he was ousted by a Democratic challenger last year.

Another possibility is former U.S. Rep. Allen West, who moved from Florida to Texas after leaving Congress and once called for then-President Barack Obama's impeachment. West has no Texas Legislature experience but remains a conservative darling.

Smith was first elected to Congress in 1986 and has urged Americans to get the "unvarnished truth" directly from Trump rather than the "liberal media." He's a climate change skeptic who has said that much of the science around it "appears to be based more on exaggerations." Poe has represented Humble, outside Houston, since 2005, quit the Freedom Caucus in March.

Everyone who might seek the Republican nomination

for both seats isn't yet clear, but contenders to replace Smith include state Rep. Jason Isaac, who won his seat amid 2010's tea party wave and has supported scrapping daylight saving time in Texas.

Johnson's, Hensarling's and Poe's districts are more conservative — and thus likely less competitive — than Smith's, which includes north San Antonio and parts of Austin and Texas' Hill Country. Democrats running there include Joseph Kopser, an Army and Iraq War veteran and Harvard graduate who evoked Trump's former chief White House strategist, saying he expects the race's Republican nominee to embrace "the Steve Bannon wing of politics."

"With Lamar Smith out of the way, I think the options on the other side are going to go even harder to the extreme," Kopser said.

Rep. Green retires, potentially shaking up Hispanic district

By **WILL WEISSERT**

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Long-serving Democratic Rep. Gene Green — a key reason Houston is now America's largest Hispanic city without a Hispanic member of Congress — announced Monday that he won't seek re-election, the sixth Texas congressman to give up his seat this year.

The 70-year-old said in a statement Monday that he's "confident that I still have the support of my constituents and would be

successful if I ran for another term" but added that he wanted to spend more time with his family.

Green's district snakes through mostly working-class areas of north and east Houston and will remain safely Democratic. That opens the door for Latinos in city politics or the Texas Legislature to jump into the party's primary in March to replace him. Exactly who will do so isn't immediately clear since the filing deadline is still about a

month away.

First elected to Congress in 1992, Green speaks minimal Spanish and admits to answering questions about being "the Anglo in the Hispanic district" for decades. He's never lost in the district, originally drawn to empower Hispanic voters and now nearly 80 percent Latino.

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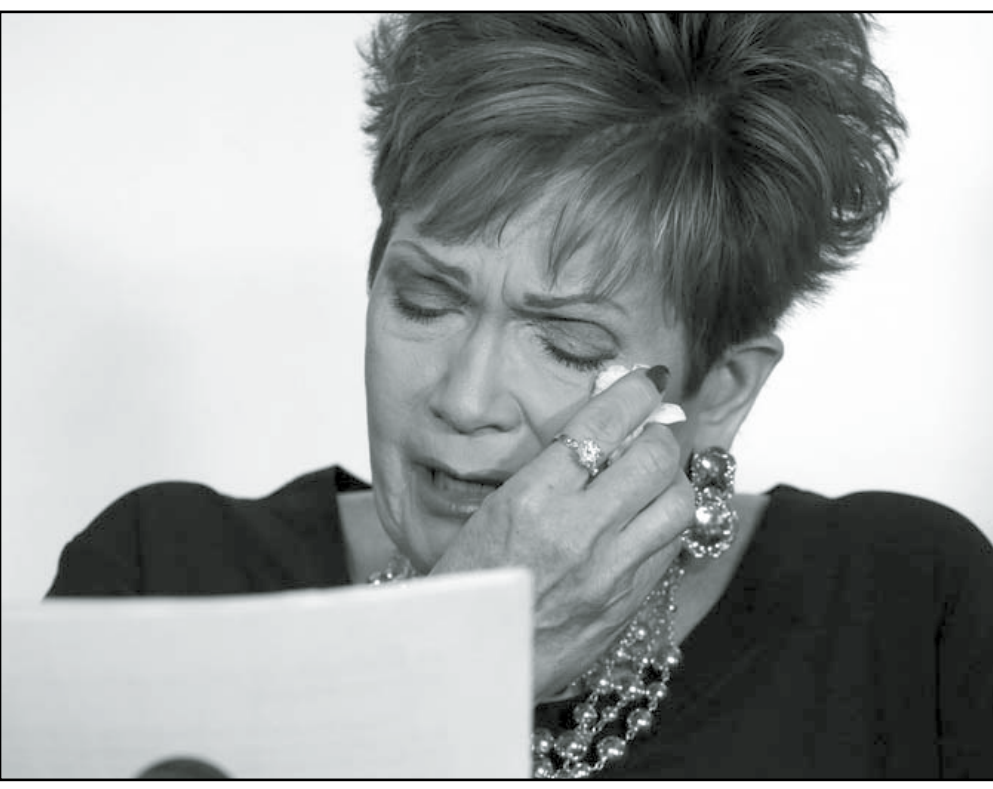
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Roy Moore losing Republican endorsements after new accusations



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Beverly Young Nelson, the latest accuser of Alabama Republican Roy Moore, reads her statement at a news conference, in New York, Monday, Nov. 13, 2017. Nelson says Moore assaulted her when she was 16 and he offered her a ride home from a restaurant where she worked. Moore says the latest allegations against him are a "witch hunt."

By **ALAN FRAM**
and **KIMBERLY CHANDLER**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roy Moore's support from fellow Republicans is hemorrhaging after a second woman accused the Alabaman of groping her when she was a teenager in the late 1970s, the latest setback to his effort to win an open Senate seat that suddenly seems up for grabs.

"I can tell you without hesitation this is absolutely false," Moore said Monday at an abruptly called news conference in Gallant, Alabama, after the latest allegations were made. "I never did what she said I did. I don't even know the woman."

The former state Supreme Court judge and outspoken Christian

conservative spoke after a tearful Beverly Young Nelson, now 56, detailed new allegations to reporters in an emotional appearance in New York.

One night when she was 16, Moore offered to drive her home from her after-school job at a restaurant in Gadsden, Alabama, she said. Moore, a regular customer, instead parked behind the restaurant and locked the door to keep her inside, squeezing her neck while trying to push her head toward his crotch and trying to pull her shirt off, Nelson said.

"I thought that he was going to rape me," she said.

Moore stopped and as she left the car he warned no one would believe her because he was a county prosecutor, Nelson said. She

said her neck was "black and blue and purple" the next morning.

Even before Nelson's news conference, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell took a remarkably personal swipe at Moore, based on last week's Washington Post reports of other incidents involving Moore and teen-age girls decades ago.

"I believe the women," said McConnell, R-Ky., marking an intensified effort by leaders to ditch Moore before a Dec. 12 special election that has swung from an assured GOP victory to one that Democrats could conceivably swipe.

Moore fired back at McConnell on Twitter.

"The person who should step aside is @SenateMajLdr Mitch McConnell. He has failed conservatives and must be replaced. #DrainTheSwamp," Moore wrote.

He also signaled he has no intention of ending his candidacy, writing in a fundraising appeal, "I'd be honored to have you in my corner with me while I slug it out with the forces of evil trying to keep me out of Washington."

The exchange between McConnell and Moore underscored the civil war between establishment Republicans worried that candidates like Moore could cost them their Senate majority and hard-right elements who say McConnell is not conservative enough.

Moore has been backed by Steven Bannon, President Donald Trump's former chief White House adviser who is openly seeking GOP Senate challengers who will pledge to dump McConnell.

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Green remained popular by winning over top Hispanic activists and obsessing about ways to keep constituents happy, such as organizing job fairs, returning home every weekend and personally returning phone calls.

Fully one-sixth of the 36-member Texas delegation in the U.S. House has now announced plans to leave office. Another Democrat, Rep. Beto O'Rourke, is giving up his El Paso seat to challenge U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz. They join four Republicans.

Sam Johnson, an 87-year-old member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, announced in January he was retiring next year. Jeb Hensarling, 60, who chairs the influential House Financial Services Committee; Lamar Smith, 69, who heads the House Science, Space and Technology Committee; and 69-year-old Ted Poe all said recently they weren't seeking re-election either.

The retirements aren't thought to be part of a larger Texas political shakeup. Next year's election now figures to be seismic for the state, though, since moderate Texas House Speaker Joe Straus shocked the Texas Capitol last month by announcing he too was stepping down.

House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer of Maryland said Green "will be missed on both sides of the aisle."

"Gene has played an important role in defending the Affordable Care Act, fighting every day for expanded access to affordable insurance coverage for all who need it," Hoyer said in a statement. "He has also been a staunch ally of Israel in Congress, helping to ensure the strong, bipartisan support essential for the security of the Middle East's only representative democracy."

Houston is America's fourth largest city, home to 2.3 million people, around 44 percent of whom are Latino. Nationally, Hispanics represent 17 percent of the population but only hold 7 percent of U.S. House seats. In Texas alone, they make up the majority of registered voters in nine congressional districts, but only four are represented by Hispanics.

"I think that it is time for me to be more involved in the lives of our children and grandchildren," Green said Monday, saying he would serve out the remainder of his term through next year. "I have had to miss so many of their activities and after 26 years in Congress it is time to devote more time to my most important job of being a husband, father and grandfather."

Trump Jr.'s WikiLeaks exchange adds intrigue to Russia probe

By **MARY CLARE JALONICK**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's oldest son released a series of private Twitter exchanges between himself and WikiLeaks during and after the 2016 election, including pleas from the website to publicize its leaks.

Donald Trump Jr.'s release of the messages on Twitter came hours after The Atlantic first reported them Monday. In the exchanges — some of them around the time that the website was releasing the stolen emails from Democrat Hillary Clinton's campaign chairman — WikiLeaks praises his father's positive comments about WikiLeaks and asks Trump Jr. to release his father's tax returns to the site.

The revelations are sure to increase calls in Congress to have Trump Jr. testify publicly as part of several committee probes into Russian interference in the 2016 election. And they add a new element to the investigations that have been probing for months whether Trump's campaign colluded in any way with the Russian government.

In an intelligence assessment released last January, the NSA, CIA and FBI concluded that Russian military intelligence provided hacked information from the DNC and "senior Democratic officials" to WikiLeaks. WikiLeaks has denied that Russia was the source of emails it released, including those from Clinton's campaign chairman, John Podesta.

The private messages released by Trump Jr. show him responding to the WikiLeaks account three times, at one point agreeing to "ask around" about a political action committee WikiLeaks had mentioned. He also asked the site about a rumor about an upcoming leak. The messages began in September 2016 and ran through July.

Trump Jr. downplayed the exchanges as he released them.

"Here is the entire chain of messages with @wikileaks (with my whopping 3 responses) which one of the congressional committees has chosen to selectively leak," he tweeted. "How ironic!"

Trump Jr.'s lawyers had released the exchanges to three congressional committees that have been investigating Russian intervention in the 2016 election and whether there were any links to Trump's campaign.

In a statement, Trump Jr.'s lawyer said thousands of documents had been turned over to the committees.

"Putting aside the question as to why or by whom such documents, provided to Congress under promises of confidentiality, have been selectively leaked, we can say with confidence that we have no concerns about these documents and any questions raised about them have been easily answered in the appropriate forum," said Alan Futerfas.

Futerfas didn't say which forum he was referring to, but Trump Jr. was interviewed behind closed doors by Senate Judiciary Committee staff in September.

A person familiar with that meeting said the private Twitter messages were discussed. The person declined to be identified because the transcript of that interview hasn't been made public.

In one message dated Oct. 3, 2016, the WikiLeaks Twitter account sent Trump Jr. an article that included critical comments Clinton had made about WikiLeaks editor Julian Assange and said "it'd be great if you guys could comment on/push this story."

Trump Jr. replied: "Already did

that earlier today. It's amazing what she can get away with."

Two minutes later, Trump Jr. sent another message: "What's behind this Wednesday leak I keep reading about?"

Longtime Trump associate Roger Stone had tweeted the day before that on Wednesday, "Hillary Clinton is done," referencing WikiLeaks.

The WikiLeaks Twitter account never responded, but days later WikiLeaks started rolling out Podesta's stolen emails. After the emails were released, WikiLeaks sent Trump Jr. a searchable link of the emails. Trump Jr. tweeted that link two days later, on Oct. 14, 2016, The Atlantic noted.

The rest of the messages are one-sided, with WikiLeaks sending Trump Jr. messages through July 2017.

They include praise for his father for mentioning them on the campaign trail, a plea to release Trump's taxes to the site and advice on Election Day that Trump should not concede if he lost.

One message suggested Trump encourage Australia to appoint Assange as U.S. ambassador.

In July, the Twitter account messaged Trump Jr. to ask him to give the site emails surrounding a meeting he and other Trump associates held with Russians during the campaign. Trump Jr. then released them himself.

Vice President Mike Pence responded quickly to the revelations, issuing a statement through his press secretary that he knew nothing about the situation.

"The vice president was never aware of anyone associated with the campaign being in contact with WikiLeaks," said spokeswoman Alyssa Farah. "He first learned of this news from a published report earlier tonight."

Assange tweeted after The Atlantic report that he couldn't confirm the messages but then defended them after Trump Jr. released them.

"WikiLeaks appears to beguile some people into transparency by convincing them that it is in their interest," Assange tweeted.

Democrats swiftly reacted to the report, saying Trump Jr. should provide more information. California Rep. Adam Schiff, the top Democrat on the House intelligence committee, says it "demonstrates once again a willingness by the highest levels of the Trump campaign to accept foreign assistance."

Schiff also pointed to Cambridge Analytica, a data firm that worked for Trump's campaign and reached out to WikiLeaks before the election about obtaining emails related to Clinton, according to the company's CEO.

Democratic Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said the panel should subpoena the documents and force Trump Jr. to publicly testify.

"There seems to be no reasonable explanation for these messages," Blumenthal said.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley had said he would call Trump Jr. to publicly testify after the private interview in September. But negotiations over witnesses broke down last month amid disagreements with Democrats on the panel.

The House and Senate intelligence committees are also expecting to interview Trump Jr., but those interviews are expected to be behind closed doors.

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Dallas Cowboys must find fast fix with 4 missing stars



By SCHUYLER DIXON
AP Pro Football Writer

FRISCO, Texas — Ezekiel Elliott will miss at least the next three games depending on the next legal round in the Dallas Cowboys running back's fight over his six-game suspension for alleged domestic violence.

It's likely the same for kicker Dan Bailey because of a groin injury, and could be another game or two for Pro Bowl left tackle Tyrone Smith (groin, back) and 2016 All-Pro linebacker Sean Lee after he tweaked a hamstring in the 27-7 loss at Atlanta on Sunday.

The absence of four of the most important Cowboys showed up in various ways against the Falcons, and raises questions about the defending NFC East champions staying in contention with division-leading Philadelphia visiting Sunday night.

"When you have really good players, some of the best in the league and they're not out there, certainly that makes a difference," tight end Jason Witten said. "We believe in our system of

football offensively and defensively. It's harder when your key players aren't out there."

The most glaring absence was Smith: Replacement Chaz Green gave up five of Adrian Clayborn's franchise-record six sacks for Atlanta. Green was benched for Byron Bell, who gave up the last one. The Cowboys, who allowed eight sacks of Dak Prescott, had never given up more than four to one player in a game.

Dallas (5-4) figures at least to have a competition between those two in practice this week before facing the Eagles (8-1), who can virtually wrap up the division title with a win.

"I'm not going to lose confidence in any of them from one game," Prescott said. "As I said, I'm not going to put everything on them. I'm going to look back at the film and see what we could've done better as a unit."

Clayborn and his fellow defensive linemen have had more focus on

AP Photo

Atlanta Falcons running back Tevin Coleman (26) runs by Dallas Cowboys outside linebacker Jaylon Smith (54) during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017, in Atlanta.

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Lecomte 23 points for No. 25 Baylor in 70-46 win over A&M-CC



AP Photo

Baylor's Terry Maston (31) defends as Texas A M Corpus Christi's Sean Rhea (15) positions for a shot in the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, Monday, Nov. 13, 2017, in Waco, Texas.

WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor's first two games couldn't have been much different in terms of pace and efficiency.

The 25th-ranked Bears seemingly made everything against Central Arkansas, but that was not the case Monday against a deliberate Texas A&M-Corpus Christi team.

That slow pace took Baylor out of its flow early, but Manu Lecomte scored 23 points to help the Bears pull away for a 70-46 win.

"So that's a tale of two games. First game you can't miss, second game you can't score," Baylor coach Scott Drew said.

"It's a credit to Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. They had a great game plan, shorten the game, make you play defense.

We did a good job in the first half, but in the second half, we did a better job being consistent and getting some transition buckets, which really helped."

The Bears (2-0) were down 20-19 late in the first half before scoring eight straight points to go ahead to stay. Terry Maston and Lecomte both had two free throws, before Lecomte hit a 3-pointer and Maston a jumper.

Maston finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds for Baylor, which used a 12-2 run midway through the second half to take control.

Nuni Omot added 12 points for the Bears, punctuating the win with a thunderous one-handed dunk with 2:15

to go that brought the crowd to its feet.

"He had one similar to that in practice, but nothing like that," Maston said of Omot's dunk. "He just kept going up, and up, and up."

Joseph Kilgore led the Islanders (1-1) with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Corpus Christi shot only 36 percent (21 of 58) overall and was only 3-of-18 on 3-pointers.

"We're young, we're a little bit naïve about some situations, and we haven't really connected the dots on how one play can affect the next series of events that take place over the course of a basketball game," A&M-Corpus coach Willis Wilson said. "I think our guys

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Texans pondering what's next after 3rd straight loss



AP Photo

Los Angeles Rams cornerback Blake Countess, left, is tackled by Houston Texans quarterback Tom Savage after making an interception during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017, in Los Angeles.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON, Texas — The Houston Texans were left searching for answers about how to turn things around after their third straight loss.

One thing they won't do is switch quarterbacks, with coach Bill O'Brien saying Monday that Tom Savage will start on Sunday against the Arizona Cardinals.

Savage threw for 221 yards and a touchdown on Sunday in his second start since rookie Deshaun Watson sustained a season-ending knee injury in practice. But he was also intercepted twice and lost two fumbles in a 33-7 loss to the Los Angeles Rams, raising questions whether the Texans should replace him with T.J. Yates this week.

O'Brien brushed off that possibility, insisting the problems on offense aren't all Savage's fault.

"It starts with coaching," O'Brien said. "We've all got to coach better,

starting with me, but it's never about one guy; it's never been about one guy. Football's about 11 guys trying to do the right thing on every play."

While O'Brien shifted the blame off of Savage, the quarterback disagreed with his coach.

"To be honest with you, it's on the quarterback when (we) put up seven points," he said. "It's on me."

Sunday was Savage's third start this season. He started the opener before being benched at halftime for Watson after losing two fumbles. He's performed much the same in the last two weeks, with the offense managing one touchdown each in losses to the Colts and Rams. It's a stark change from when Watson was running the unit and the Texans set a franchise record by scoring more than 30 points in five straight games.

O'Brien isn't concerned about Savage's confidence and scoffed at the notion that he needs to encourage him

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Dear Annie: I need your advice. In my social life and at my places of employment, I used to tell people that the man who raised me with my mom was not my biological father. At work, customers and co-workers would say unkind things to me about that. Then, a few weeks later, I would get let go for no logical reason, or it would turn into a hostile work environment and I would be forced to quit. The final straw came when I was leaving church and the clergyperson shook my hand goodbye and at the same time pushed me out the door. I had a DNA test done, and it turns out that my dad is my biological father.

I don't feel I owe people an explanation, and even if I did, they would probably not believe me anyway. How do I handle these horrible people? -- Really Dad's Little Girl
Dear Really Dad's

Little Girl: I'm thinking there must be more to the story than you've included in your letter, because their behavior sounds bizarre. Your biology is none of their business. If you were terminated because of your parentage, you should have legal recourse. Contact an attorney.

Dear Annie: My wife and I are in our late 20s and have been married since we were 18. We have two wonderful children. The problem I'm having is dealing with my wife's mother.

We recently moved to a new city so my wife could be closer to her side of the family, which was fine with me because she never really had much of a relationship with her mother growing up. We have now lived in this city for three years, and in that time, my wife's mother has never made an attempt to re-establish any type of relationship with my wife -- or our children, for that matter.

Every time there is

a family function going on, my mother-in-law does everything in her power to keep my wife from finding out about it so that our family is excluded. And whenever we host family functions, my wife's mother always has an excuse for why she won't be able to attend.

In addition, my wife and I have not had one night to ourselves since we were in high school. We even took our firstborn on our honeymoon because we couldn't get a baby sitter. I think that is where grandparents and other family members should be involved. It's hard on my wife. We have two very well-behaved kids, and it's killing my wife that her mother won't watch our kids.

I know that my wife wants to create a relationship with her mom that she never had, just as she wants our children to have a grandmother in their lives. I am so sick and tired of watching my wife reach out to her mom. Am I wrong for wanting to protect my wife from

certain heartbreak? Or should I let this go and let my wife handle her mother? Any advice would be greatly appreciated. -- Protective Husband

Dear Protective Husband: Your mother-in-law sounds like a real piece of work, but there isn't much you can do about changing her attitude or behavior. You can and should continue giving your wife support and encouragement, but ultimately her relationship with her mother is between the two of them and not you. As for getting away together alone for a night or weekend, what about other members of her side of the family? If no one will help, then maybe you could consider moving closer to your side of the family.

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- ♥ 7 6 5 4
- ♦ A J 2
- ♣ 9 4 3

WEST

- ♠ Q 2
- ♥ Q 8
- ♦ Q 10 6 3
- ♣ 10 8 7 6 5

EAST

- ♠ 9 8 3
- ♥ A K J 9 3
- ♦ 9 8 7
- ♣ J 2

SOUTH

- ♠ A K J 10 4
- ♥ 10 2
- ♦ K 5 4
- ♣ A K Q

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	1 ♥
4 ♠			

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

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Besse.

Jais led the queen of hearts. East overtook with the king, cashed the ace and continued with the jack. Declarer trumped with the spade jack, but Jais, spurning the opportunity to overruff, discarded a club.

South naturally assumed West did not have the queen of spades. So, after first cashing the ace of spades, he led a diamond to the ace, returned a spade and finessed the ten. This lost to the lone queen, and Jais later won a diamond trick with the queen to defeat the contract.

It is hard to fault declarer's line of play. Of course, he could have made the contract by taking a diamond finesse at trick five, but from his viewpoint, assuming that East had the queen of spades, a diamond finesse could be fatal. If the jack lost to the queen, South would have to trump East's heart return with the ten or four, and in either case the defense would be sure to score a trump trick sooner or later. The missing Q-9-8-3-2 of spades would be more than declarer could cope with, no matter how they were laid out.

Had Jais overruffed the jack of spades at trick three, declarer would have had no real choice but to try a diamond finesse eventually and would have made the contract.

Tomorrow: By the sweat of the brow.

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SUDOKU

	8	1			3		6	
6		4		2		5	3	
		2		4		9	7	
	3		7	1		6		
		5			6			4
		7						8
	2				8			
7	1	3	4	5				
			9					5

Level: Beginner

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5	1	2	7	3	6	9	4	8
9	6	8	2	5	4	3	1	7
6	9	8	4	7	5	1	3	2
4	7	3	8	1	9	6	5	2
3	8	1	5	9	2	7	4	6
3	8	1	5	9	2	7	4	6
1	9	5	8	3	6	7	2	4
2	3	8	7	1	4	6	5	9
8	7	6	1	4	9	7	5	3
3	5	2	6	4	1	9	7	8
6	7	4	8	2	9	5	3	1
9	8	1	5	7	3	4	6	2

ANSWER:

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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Prep for Sagittarius Sun

The Sagittarius sun of travel is coming, and the time to make your reservations is now. Travel promotes mental health and physical health, too. Travel gives you a worldly perspective that can make your problems seem much smaller and more manageable. Put travel on the books, even if it's only a day trip. It will be worth the effort and expense.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Not all relationships are built to last. If they were, you'd have too many of them to devote the amount of quality attention necessary for truly special relationships. You learn something from even the briefest encounters.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You can and should become your biggest fan, especially in these early stages when the others aren't quite getting it yet. You've already been your worst critic and biggest adversary, and it was pointless. Go easy on yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Every wrong answer is an opportunity to get smarter and find the right one. It doesn't matter how long you've traveled in the wrong direction. If it's the wrong direction, it's not going to get you there; so just turn around.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll be making some choices and changes today -- molding your world before someone else does. It might not be pretty at first. Art is like this. It often looks like a mess right up until it all comes together.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are those who will tell you that certain pursuits are a waste, but you're actually the only one who can determine this for yourself. Chances are, if it brings you enjoyment, it's not wasted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Since no one wants to hear about things that were intended but didn't quite happen, your choice is to

aligning as it did at the day of your birth brings with it magical blessings, wishes granted, desires fulfilled. You will be uniquely centered in your needs, attracting them like crazy, especially over the next eight weeks. Just double-check to

make sure that what you need and want is really the best for everyone. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 20, 1, 16 and 22.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Sagittarius in love with a Capricorn. Both of our natal Venus signs are in Scorpio. We've been together off and on for 30 years. He just got out of a long-term relationship and hasn't moved forward emotionally. Should I give up?"

Sagittarius women are attracted to Capricorn men for that elusive Sagittarian word -- security. When Mama's in the mood to nest, he's your man. Responsible and successful, as years pack on the wisdom, Capricorn gets smarter and better-looking and tends to loosen up a bit, too. Communication and honesty is the larger issue between you; mainly, the more withdrawn he becomes, the more "in your face" you get. A pattern ensues. Capricorn men are big on tact and timing. He'd rather keep you at arm's length than hear, "Why aren't you confiding in me?" again. The good news is that you can work on this. I don't see anyone giving up soon. The Venus-in-Scorpio connection has actually kept you two together this long. It would be silly for me to advise you to let this strong love die, because you already have - and you've resurrected it every time.

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take action. Better to be wrong and strong than well-intentioned with no follow-through.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be wise to put more thought into what would be most comfortable, functional and appropriate for what's to come. The way you dress today will have a disproportionately significant impact on what unfolds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll get into some fun. Some might even call it trouble, and they wouldn't be far off. On the bright side, it's likely to be the kind of fun/trouble that bubbles up then recedes just as quickly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've learned from your teachers, and yet what you're delivering these days has a flavor that's all your own. It may be time for you to step out and share your unique take on it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a mystery to solve, and it's time to get to the bottom of it. Dig deeper. There is something to solve here. You're equipped with the right tools, too, mainly diplomacy and curiosity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're misunderstood. It's not that you're being unclear; it's just that you're not speaking their language. Try again. Break it down. Figure out what words are not breaking through. You got this.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You were hovered over, adored! Now the energy has shifted, and someone else is getting the attention. It's only natural to feel a little weird, but you're also glad that you can finally do what you want without so many eyes on you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 14). The sun

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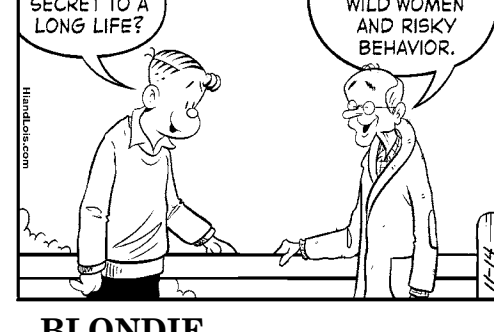
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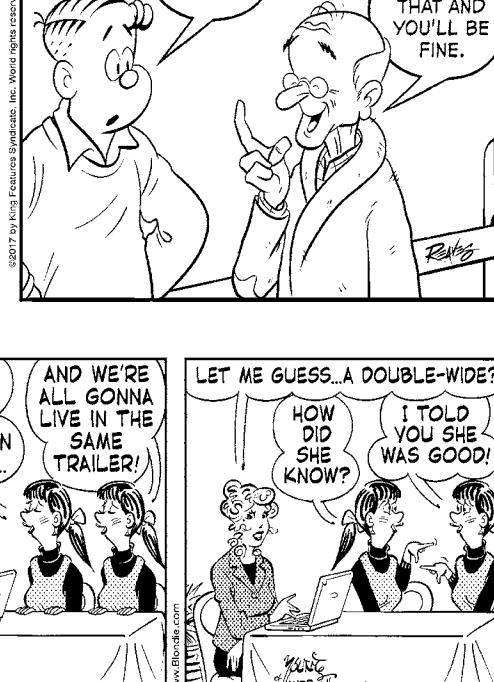
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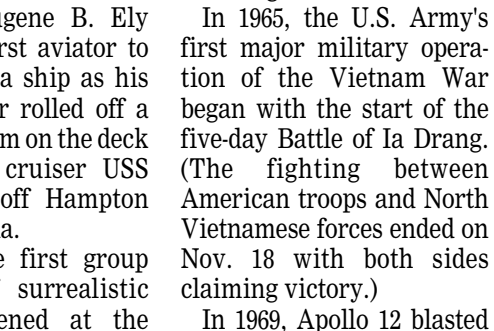
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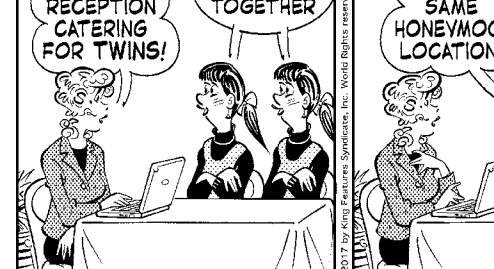
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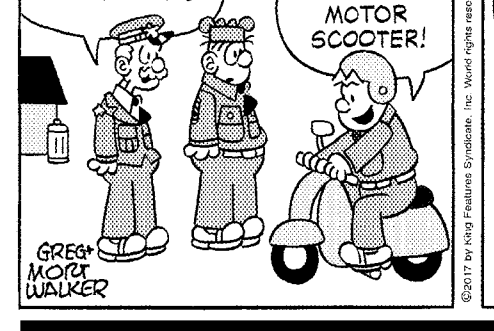
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 14, the 318th day of 2017. There are 47 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 14, 1889, inspired by the Jules Verne novel "Around the World in Eighty Days," New York World reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) set out to make the trip in less time than the fictional Phileas Fogg. (She completed the journey in 72 days.)

On this date:

In 1851, Herman Melville's novel "Moby-Dick; Or, The Whale" was published in the United States, almost a

month after being released in Britain.

In 1910, Eugene B. Ely became the first aviator to take off from a ship as his Curtiss pusher rolled off a sloping platform on the deck of the scout cruiser USS Birmingham off Hampton Roads, Virginia.

In 1925, the first group exhibition of surrealistic paintings opened at the Galerie Pierre in Paris.

In 1940, during World War II, German planes destroyed most of the English town of Coventry.

In 1944, Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra recorded "Opus No. 1" for RCA Victor.

In 1954, the president of Egypt, Muhammad Naguib, was deposed by the Revolutionary Command Council, leaving Gamal

Abdel Nasser fully in charge as acting head of state.

In 1965, the U.S. Army's first major military operation of the Vietnam War began with the start of the five-day Battle of Ia Drang. (The fighting between American troops and North Vietnamese forces ended on Nov. 18 with both sides claiming victory.)

In 1969, Apollo 12 blasted off for the moon.

In 1970, a chartered Southern Airways DC-9 crashed while trying to land in West Virginia, killing all 75 people on board, including the Marshall University football team and its coaching staff.

In 1986, the Securities and Exchange Commission imposed a \$100 million penalty on inside-trader Ivan F.

Boesky and barred him from working again in the securities industry.

In 1996, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin (BURN'-uh-deen), the senior Roman Catholic prelate in the United States and leader of Chicago's 2.3 million Catholics, died at his home at age 68. Singer Michael Jackson married his plastic surgeon's nurse, Debbie Rowe, in a ceremony

in Sydney, Australia. (Rowe filed for divorce in 1999.)

In 1997, a jury in Fairfax, Virginia, decided that Pakistani national Aimal Khan Kasi (eye-MAHL' kahn KAH'-see) should get the death penalty for gunning down two CIA employees outside agency headquarters. (Five years later on this date, Aimal Khan Kasi was executed.)

Ten years ago: Michael Mukasey took a ceremonial oath as the new U.S. Attorney General, five days after he was privately sworn in. A justice of the peace in Las Vegas ordered O.J. Simpson to stand trial on kidnapping and armed robbery charges stemming from a confrontation with memorabilia dealers in a casino hotel room. (Simpson was convicted and served nine years in prison before being paroled in Sept. 2017.) The prime ministers of North and South Korea launched their first talks in 15 years.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama, in his first news conference since winning a second term, challenged congressional Republicans to let taxes rise on the wealthiest Americans, saying that would ease the threat of another recession as the nation faced a "fiscal cliff." Israel said it had killed the leader of Hamas' military wing in a wave of airstrikes launched in response to days of rocket fire out of Hamas-ruled Gaza. Baseball's Cy Young Awards went to Tampa Bay's David Price in the American League and R.A. Dickey of the New York Mets in the National League.

One year ago: In his first extended remarks on the election, President Barack Obama abandoned his dire warnings and dark predictions about his newly elected successor and urged Americans to give

President-elect Donald Trump time to rise to the daunting responsibilities of the office. Corey Seager of the Los Angeles Dodgers won the National League Rookie of the Year award unanimously and Detroit's Michael Fulmer took the American League honor. Gwen Ifill, co-anchor of PBS' "NewsHour," died in Washington at age 61. Country singer Holly Dunn, 59, died in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Kathleen Hughes is 89. Former NASA astronaut Fred Haise is 84. Jazz musician Ellis Marsalis is 83. Composer Wendy Carlos is 78. Writer P.J. O'Rourke is 70. Britain's Prince Charles is 69. Rock singer-musician James Young (Styx) is 68. Singer Stephen Bishop is 66. Blues musician Anson Funderburgh is 63. Pianist Gianni is 63. Former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is 63. Former presidential adviser Valerie Jarrett is 61. Actress Laura San Giacomo (JEE'-ah-koh-moh) is 56. Actor D.B. Sweeney is 56. Rapper Reverend Run (Run-DMC) is 53. Actor Patrick Warburton is 53. Rock musician Nic Dalton is 53. Country singer Rokie Lynne is 53. Pop singer Jeanette Jurado (Expose) is 52. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Curt Schilling is 51. Rock musician Brian Yale is 49. Rock singer Butch Walker is 48. Actor Josh Duhamel (du-MEHL') is 45. Rock musician Travis Barker is 42. Contemporary Christian musician Robby Shaffer is 42. Actor Brian Dietzen is 40. Rapper Shyheim is 40. Rock musician Tobin Esperance (Papa Roach) is 38. Actress Olga Kurylenko is 38. Actress-comedian Vanessa Bayer is 36. Actor Russell Tovey is 36. Actor Cory Michael Smith is 31. Actor Graham Patrick Martin is 26.

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Thought for Today:

"Rewards and punishments are the lowest form of education."

Chuang-tzu (jwang dzoo)
Chinese writer
(c.369 B.C.-c.286 B.C.)

BAYLOR

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are smart enough to learn from experience and get better from it."

BIG PICTURE

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi: Neither team turned the ball over much, but the Islanders didn't take advantage when Baylor did. The Bears outscored them 15-0 off turnovers, and A&M-Corpus also didn't get much from the bench with nine points. Perry Francois was the Islanders' top reserve with six points, but he fouled out in only nine minutes of action.

Baylor: One game after setting school records for shooting with a 66.1 percent mark from the floor and 71 percent from 3-point range (12 of 17), the Bears struggled to get started offensively. Lecomte's 3-pointer with 2 minutes left in the first half were the first points for Baylor that didn't come in the paint or from the free throw line. The Bears shot 47 percent overall (25 of 53) and 26 percent on 3-pointers (5 of 19).

UP NEXT

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi returns home to face Texas-Rio Grande Valley on Wednesday.

Baylor ends its season-opening, three-game homestand against Alcorn State on Friday.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Baylor dropped a spot in the poll this week despite an easy 107-66 win over Central Arkansas in its opener. The Bears figure to have plenty of chances to make a move with games against Wisconsin, either UCLA or Creighton, Xavier and Wichita State before the end of the month.

GOOD TO BE BACK

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi coach Willis Wilson was 8-3 against Baylor during his time at Rice, but he hadn't faced led a team against the Bears in Waco since 2000. That was a much different program than Baylor has today.

"It's been a long time since I had a chance to play in this building," Wilson said. "Things have changed around the culture of the program since I was here last, and that's really positive to see. For me it was a great opportunity to find out about our guys playing against a nationally established program like Baylor. We were able to learn a lot about ourselves."

Since 2000, Baylor has reached two NCAA Elite Eights, four Sweet 16s and spent a week at No. 1 last season for the first time in school history.



Baylor guard Manu Lecomte (20) of Belgium advances the ball as Texas A & M Corpus Christi's Myles Smith (2) defends in the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, Monday, Nov. 13, 2017, in Waco, Texas.

TEXANS

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this week.

"I'm not going to come into the quarterback room with two pom-poms and do handstands and try to pump him up and say: 'You're the best, you can do it,' like the little engine that could," O'Brien said. "That's not what I do. I just try to coach him, try to get him to play better."

To do that O'Brien said Savage needs to work on ball security and reads, and the rest of the players on offense must do more to help him.

The Texans got a big game from DeAndre Hopkins on Sunday: seven receptions for 111 yards. But Savage had trouble connecting with Houston's other receivers and none of the rest of them finished with more than 40 yards receiving.

His job could be tougher this week with Will Fuller's status in question after the receiver injured his ribs against the Rams.

"He's slightly built, so I don't know," O'Brien said of the 6-foot, 185-pound Fuller. "We'll have to see how that goes during the week."

With Savage having trouble getting Houston's offense going on Sunday, O'Brien inserted Braxton Miller at quarterback for a couple of wildcat-type plays. Miller, who starred at quarterback at Ohio State before moving to receiver, didn't attempt a pass.

"Just trying to mix it up a little bit," O'Brien said. "I just felt like it didn't really help the rhythm of the offense. It wasn't Braxton's fault. It just didn't really help what we were trying to do. It didn't have the effect that I thought it was going to have."

Sunday's loss left the Texans (3-6) in third place in the AFC South, three games behind the Jaguars and Titans. They'll have to find a cure for their offensive woes quickly if they hope to have any chance of reaching the postseason for the third straight year.

"Any time you lose — what three in a row? You've got to be worried," cornerback Kareem Jackson said. "But at the same time, I know the type of guys we got in the locker room. We're a resilient group. I feel like we can come out of anything. We've just got to stay together and continue to fight."

DALLAS

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Prescott because they didn't have to worry as much about the Dallas running game without Elliott. And besides that, Elliott is considered a strong pass-blocker.

Alfred Morris didn't show much beyond a 20-yard run, and Dallas' 1,000-yard rusher from 2015, Darren McFadden, didn't get a chance to show anything in the first game he was active this season. McFadden was dropped for a 2-yard loss on his only carry.

The Cowboys will have to think about

whether to mix and match their approach in the backfield as well. Elliott has another court hearing Dec. 1, with a chance for a ruling before what is supposed to be the fifth game of his suspension Dec. 10 at the New York Giants.

"We didn't get it done today, and I feel like it's my fault," said Morris, who had 53 yards on 11 carries. "That's OK. We will get back to the drawing board and learn from this game. Next week we will come out swinging a little sooner."

Lee left with his injury late in the first quarter, and the Cowboys gave up touchdowns on three straight drives not counting a brief Atlanta possession that

ended at halftime. The Falcons faced just four third downs on those drives, converting all of them. The Cowboys had similar problems when Lee missed two games with a hamstring injury earlier in the season, losing both at home despite scoring at least 30 points each time.

"Sean is our guy, our captain," defensive end Tyrone Crawford said. "It's definitely noticeable when he is not out there, and hopefully he can get right and be with us shortly."

Mike Nugent, Bailey's replacement, missed a 38-yarder that would have pulled the Cowboys within 17-10 in the third quarter. The Falcons essentially put away the game on the

next drive.

Bailey, who hasn't missed from inside 40 yards since 2014, is three weeks into what executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones has described as an eight-week recovery from a right groin injury. In other words, it's probably another month for the Cowboys without their best runner and one of the most accurate kickers in NFL history.

"We don't want it to get easier," Prescott said. "We're excited for what's coming ahead of us. We're going to take each game separately, take each day within that week in preparation, one day at a time, and we'll get better."

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Trump's AG considers special counsel in uranium deal



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In this Nov. 2, 2017, file photo, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions delivers remarks about defending national security at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. Sessions is leaving open the possibility that a special counsel could be appointed to look into Clinton Foundation dealings and an Obama-era uranium deal, the Justice Department said Monday, Nov. 13.

By ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Jeff Sessions is leaving open the possibility that a special counsel could be appointed to look into Clinton Foundation dealings and an Obama-era uranium deal, the Justice Department said, in responding to concerns from Republican lawmakers.

The department said in a letter to the House Judiciary Committee Monday that Sessions had directed senior federal prosecutors to "evaluate certain issues" raised in recent weeks by members of Congress, which include allegations that the Clinton Foundation benefited from a years-old uranium transaction involving a Russian-backed company. President Donald Trump himself has repeatedly used social media to urge the Justice Department to investigate the deal, including in a series of Twitter posts this month in which he lamented not having more direct influence over the affairs of the law enforcement agency.

The prosecutors will report to Sessions and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and recommend whether any new investigations should be opened, whether any matters currently under investigation require additional resources and whether it might be necessary to appoint a special counsel to oversee a probe, according to a letter the Judiciary Committee's Republican chairman, Rep. Robert Goodlatte.

Any appointment of a new special counsel, particularly in response to calls from members of Congress or from Trump himself, is likely to lead to criticism complaints about an undue political influence on a department that is meant to function outside of any partisan sway or demand.

Though the Justice Department falls within the executive branch, and its priorities are historically in line with those of the president, the White House is not supposed to influence the decisions of prosecutors on any particular cases.

The Justice Department sought to address those concerns in its letter, with Assistant Attorney General Stephen Boyd saying that the department "will never evalu-

ate any matter except on the facts and the law."

"Professionalism, integrity and public confidence in the department's work is critical for us, and no priority is higher," he added.

Nonetheless, the action follows a series of critical public statements by Trump that observers said blurred the bright line between the White House and the Justice Department.

In recent weeks, he has repeatedly weighed in on Twitter on Justice Department business to call for investigations of Democrats and has challenged Sessions to be more aggressive in going after his political opponents, expressing particular support for investigating the Clinton Foundation. He has also suggested at times that Sessions' job could be in jeopardy.

"Everybody is asking why the Justice Department (and FBI) isn't looking into all of the dishonesty going on with Crooked Hillary & the Dems..." Trump tweeted earlier this month.

Boyd's letter did not say what specific steps might be taken by the Justice Department to address the lawmakers' concerns, or whether any of the matters Republicans have seized on might already be under investigation by federal authorities.

Sessions said at his January confirmation hearing that he would recuse himself from any investigations involving Clinton given his role as a vocal campaign surrogate to Trump.

He similarly recused himself

from a separate investigation into potential coordination between the Trump campaign and Russia, and in May, the Justice Department appointed former FBI Director Robert Mueller as special counsel to lead that probe.

House Republicans in recent weeks have launched their own probes into the Obama administration and Clinton's emails.

MOORE

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A political committee linked to McConnell spent huge sums unsuccessfully trying to defeat Moore in the GOP's September primary, but Moore defeated incumbent GOP Sen. Luther Strange.

Republicans have discussed having another Republican like Strange stage a write-in candidacy, but Strange told reporters Monday "a write-in candidacy is highly unlikely."

"I made my case during the election," Strange said.

McConnell, who last week said Moore should stand down if the allegations were true, was joined by other Republicans who intensified their opposition to him.

No. 2 Senate GOP leader John Cornyn and his Texas Republican colleague, Sen. Ted Cruz, both withdrew their endorsements of Moore. Cory Gardner of Colorado, who heads the Senate GOP's campaign organization, said if Moore is elected, senators should expel him "because he does not meet the ethical and moral requirements" of the Senate.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said Moore "should not be a United States senator, no matter what it takes." Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., who's not seeking re-election after criticizing Trump, said he'd "vote for the Democrat" if he had to choose between Moore and Democrat Doug Jones.

Last week, The Washington Post reported that in 1979 when he was 32, Moore had sexual contact with a 14-year-old girl and pursued romantic relationships with three other teenage girls around the same period. The women made their allegations on the record and the Post cited two dozen other sources.

Moore denied last week molesting the 14-year-old but didn't flatly deny he'd dated teenagers, saying in an interview with conservative talk show host Sean Hannity, "It would have been out of my customary behavior."

Nelson said that before the alleged incident that Moore signed her yearbook. A copy of her statement at the news conference included a picture of what she said was his signature and a message saying, "To a sweeter more beautiful girl I could not say, 'Merry Christmas.'"

The tumult comes with Republicans holding a scant 52-48 Senate majority as the GOP rushes to push a massive tax cut through Congress by Christmas. Facing near-certain unanimous opposition by Democrats, Republicans can lose just two GOP senators, and a Democratic pickup in Alabama would narrow their margin of error to one.

Yet a Moore victory would open the party to relentless Democratic attacks in next year's elections.

Jones' campaign released a statement Monday saying: "We applaud the courage of these women. Roy Moore will be held accountable by the people of Alabama for his actions."

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