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'Christmas in Boomtown' bringing Christmas cheer to Forsan

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer
 Now that you've gotten your fill of Thanksgiving food, you have the opportunity to satisfy your cravings for holiday cheer.
 The Big Spring Herald's Christmas Parade will be in the evening on Saturday, Dec. 2, but that morning you can catch another parade – in Forsan. It's the town's annual 'Christmas in Boomtown' parade and celebration.
 "It is Dec. 2 at 10 o'clock in the morning," said parade organizer City Secretary Jenny Sayles. "This is our fourth annual...I say fourth annual, but last year, the weather was bad I think. But this is the fourth year."

The parade will start at the Forsan school campus, and head down Avenue H, Sayles said.
 "Then we take a left on 421, which we out here call 'Three-Mile Road,' and then we'll take another left on Rex, and then on Main," she said. "On Main Street, we'll end up at the Forsan

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Church – It's Forsan Baptist Church... it's the only one in town. It's not hard to find. And they are providing hot chocolate and cookies for everyone after the parade, and we will have Santa and Mrs. Claus, and the Grinch available for pictures."
 Sayles said the parade usually draws about 20 to 25

entries.
 Right now, I don't have my list in front of me, but I would guess about 20 to 25. That's what we usually have," she said. "We're always open to more, of course. We don't really do a deadline; if somebody shows up that morning, I'll happily stick them in line."
 "There's no theme for the event."
 "We don't do a theme, just anything Christmas," Sayles said. "Anything goes."
 To register your parade entry, call or text Sayles at 432-816-6168.
 Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

Heritage Museum to hold gingerbread house contest

By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer
 To help get in the Christmas season, the Big Spring Heritage Museum is hosting a gingerbread contest for the Howard County Community, and it's not to lure unsuspecting children with a sweet tooth to witches with evil intent.
 "This is just something for the community to get together to enjoy, and bring the Christmas season out in them," said Museum Director Tammy Schrecengost.
 "You don't have to make anything fancy, but certainly can if you want."
 Tammy suggests the pre-made gingerbread kits at Wal-Mart and H-E-B to help get you started, and if you want to expand from there, you may do so. Entries must be delivered to the Museum between 12 noon and 4 p.m. on Dec. 5, 2017; and there will be an entry form to fill out for those who enter a Gingerbread house.
 Gingerbread creations will remain

on display at the Museum from Dec. 5 through Dec. 21, 2017. There will even be a special Gingerbread Village put on by Marcy Place Assisted Living Community, so be sure to come see all the gingerbread homes that are being put together.
 "The winner will be chosen by people's choice voting and announced on Tuesday, Dec. 12," said Tammy. "The winner of the gingerbread contest will be announced during the KBYG Morning Show, so be sure to tune in and see if you're the lucky winner."
 The grand prize winner receives \$100.00 cash courtesy of the Heritage Museum.
 "Just remember to have fun with this, and let your inner Christmas spirit shine." Said Tammy. "This sort of event is meant to bring families together to have a good time, and to bring out your inner child."
 Contact Staff Writer Amber Mansfield at 432-264-7331 ext. 234, or by email at life@bigspringherald.com.



Forsan cheerleaders and the Buffalo mascot kick off the parade in a previous year's Christmas in Boomtown. Courtesy photo

Looming deadlines, much unfinished business await Congress

By ANDREW TAYLOR
 Associated Press
 WASHINGTON (AP) — The crush of unfinished business facing lawmakers when they return to the Capitol would be daunting even if Washington were functioning at peak efficiency.
 It's an agenda whose core items — tax cuts, a potential government shutdown, lots of leftover spending bills — could unravel just as easily as advance amid factionalism, gamesmanship, and a toxic political environment.
 There's only a four-week window until a

Christmas deadline, barely enough time for complicated negotiations even if December stays on the rails. And that's hardly a sure bet in President Donald Trump's capital.
 Trump and congressional leaders plan a meeting Tuesday to discuss how to sidestep a shutdown and work through the legislative to-do list.
 For the optimistic, it's plain that Democrats and Republicans have reasons to cooperate, particularly on spending increases for the Pentagon and domestic agencies whose budgets otherwise would be frozen. An additional round of hurricane aid should be bipartisan, and efforts to reauthorize a popular health care program for children seem to be on track.
 Republicans are advancing their cherished tax cut measure under special rules that mean Senate Democrats cannot use delaying tactics. The measure passed the House just before the Thanksgiving break and moves to the Senate floor this coming week.
 After the Senate GOP's failure on health care this summer, the majority party is under enormous pressure to produce a victory on taxes. Still, GOP deficit hawks such as Sens. Bob Corker of Tennessee and Jeff Flake of Arizona remain uneasy about the overhaul.
 While Democrats

Consumer watchdog head names a successor, and Trump does too

By KEN SWEET
 AP Business Writer
 NEW YORK (AP) — The director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau resigned Friday and named his own successor, leading to an open conflict with President Donald Trump — who announced a different person as acting head of the agency later in the day.
 That means there are now effectively two acting directors of the CFPB, when there should only be one.
 Typically an acting director position would be filled according to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998. But Richard Cordray, along with his resignation, elevated Leandra English, who was the agency's chief of staff, into the deputy director position.
 Under the Dodd-Frank Act that created the CFPB, English would become acting director. Cordray — an Obama appointee — specifically cited the law when he moved English, a longtime CFPB employee and ally of his, into that position.
 Within a few hours, President Donald Trump announced his own acting director of the agency, Mick Mulvaney, who is currently director of the Office of Management and Budget. Mulvaney had widely been expected to be Trump's temporary pick for the bureau until a permanent one could

be found.
 Mulvaney is a long-time critic of the CFPB, and has wanted the agency's authority significantly curtailed. So the difference between English and Mulvaney running the agency would be significant.
 The person nominated to be director of the CFPB requires confirmation by the Senate, and it could be many weeks or months before the person would be able to step into the role permanently. Cordray's move was aimed at allowing his favored successor to keep running the agency for as long as possible before a Trump appointee is confirmed by the Senate.
 Cordray had announced earlier this month that he would resign by the end of this month. There is wide
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Big Spring Herald's Christmas Countdown
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Shimonek rallies Texas Tech past Texas 27-23

By **JIM VERTUNO**
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas Tech's season was slipping away and with it perhaps coach Kliff Kingsbury's job.

The Red Raiders were trailing 23-13 in the fourth quarter when senior quarterback Nic Shimonek, benched for the last game of the regular season, walked over to his coach.

"I told him he was about to run out of time," Shimonek said. "And then he put me in."

Given his chance, Shimonek delivered for his team and for Kingsbury with two fourth-quarter touchdown passes leading the Red Raiders to a 27-23 win over Texas Friday night. Kingsbury's future had been in doubt after five seasons, but the rally made the Red Raiders (6-6, 3-6 Big 12) bowl eligible after missing the postseason last year.

After the game, Texas

Tech athletic director Kirby Hocutt said Kingsbury will return for a sixth season in 2018.

"Kliff has led this program the right way. We're not where we want to be, but we're not far off," Hocutt said.

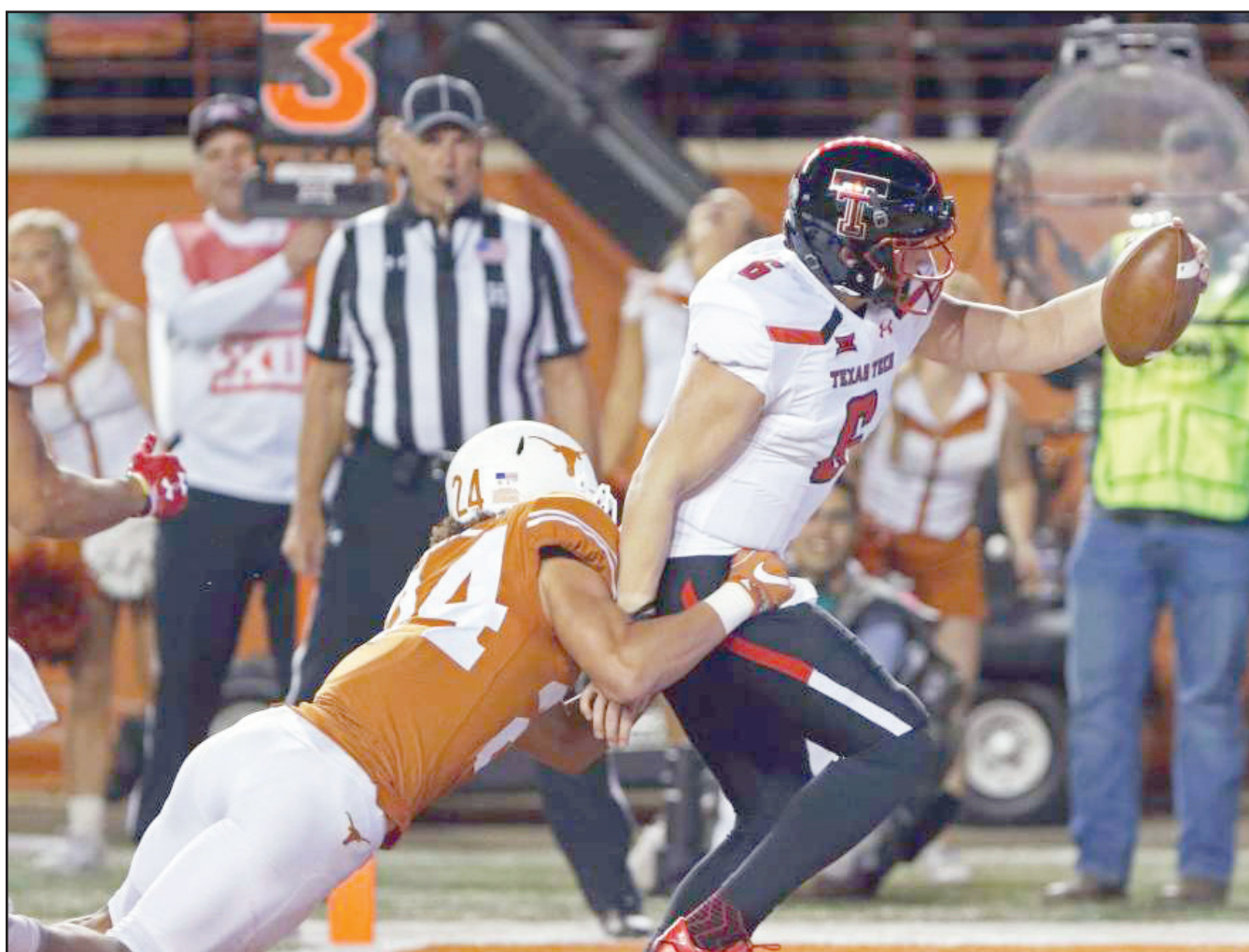
Kingsbury admitted he questioned his own future before the game.

"At times it slips into (your mind) because you think about missing your players. That's the hardest part. You try to focus on what you can control and that's get your team ready," Kingsbury said. "I want to be here."

Shimonek, the starter all season, had been benched for McLane Carter, but came in with the Red Raiders trailing 23-13. His first drive included a 51-yard completion and his short touchdown pass to T.J. Vasher cut it to 23-20.

The game winner, a

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Texas Tech's Da'Leon Ward (22) and Justus Parker (31) celebrates with their teammates after defeating Texas 27-23 in an NCAA college football game, Friday, Nov. 24, 2017, in Austin, Texas.

AP Photo

No. 10 TCU gets Big 12 title shot with 45-22 win over Baylor



TCU wide receiver John Diarse (9) looks for room against Baylor safety Davion Hall (12), left, and safety Henry Black (28) during the first half of an NCAA college football game, Friday, Nov. 24, 2017, in Fort Worth, Texas.

AP Photo

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas — No. 10 TCU will get another shot against No. 3 Oklahoma. This one will be closer to home with a chance to win a Big 12 trophy — and maybe even make a case for more.

"I relish the chance to win a championship," Horned Frogs coach Gary Patterson said.

Kenny Hill threw three touchdowns and ran 3 yards for another score as the Horned Frogs clinched a spot in the Big 12 championship game in nearby Arlington, with a 45-22 win over Baylor on Friday.

The Horned Frogs (10-2, 7-2 Big 12, CFP No. 12) will play No. 3 Oklahoma for the Big 12 title on Dec. 2. That will come three weeks after TCU's 38-20 loss to the Sooners.

"That's really what it is, win a Big 12 championship," linebacker Ty Summers said.

With No. 2 Miami suffering its first loss Friday, and still games Saturday before the conference championship games next weekend, there's even the chance TCU could get back in the conversation for a playoff spot.

"There's a lot of football to be played this next week. There's a lot of good-

on-good going on. It'll be interesting to see how that works," Patterson said. "Remember, I went from third to sixth after 55-3. So I can promise you there can be a lot of movement. ... Hint, hint."

Back in 2014, the first year of the four-team College Football Playoff when the Big 12 didn't have a title game, TCU was third before finishing the regular season with a 55-3 win over Iowa State. The Horned Frogs dropped to sixth in the final CFP rankings the next day.

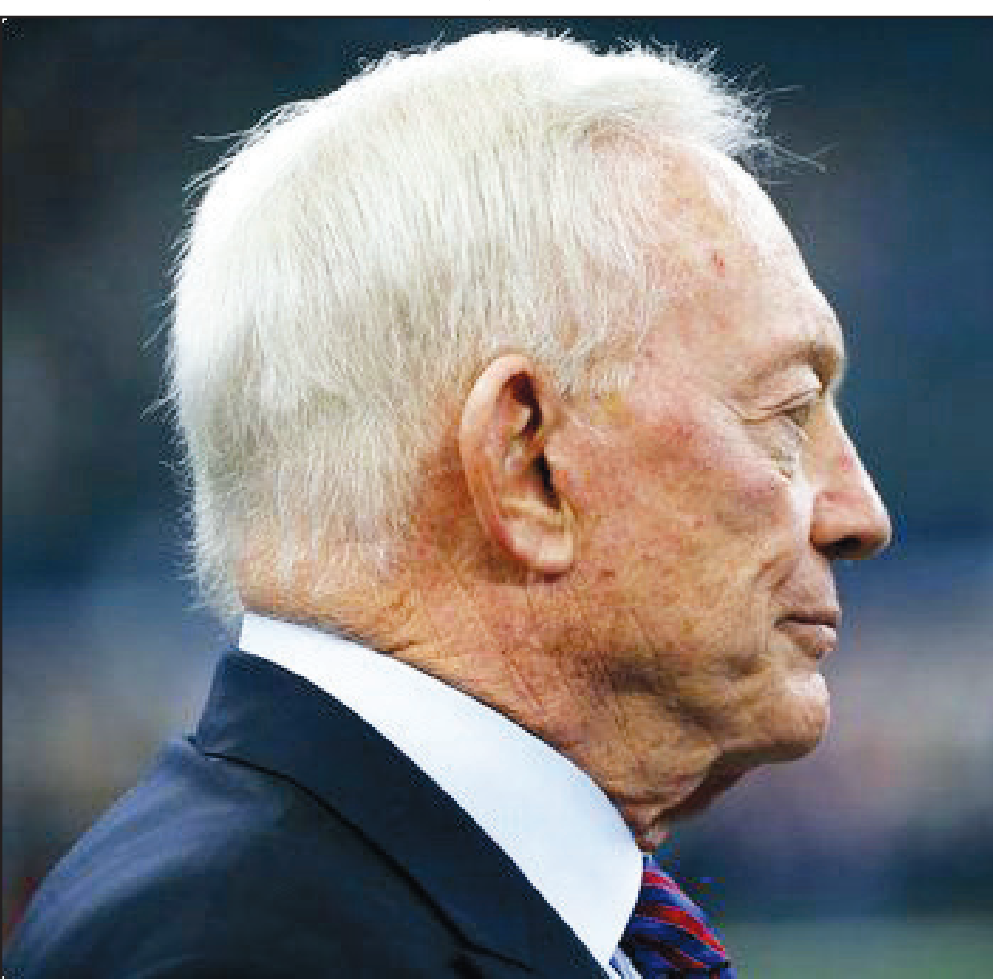
"Maybe we'll go from eight to three if we can win," Patterson said.

Baylor (1-11, 1-8) led 9-0 less than 2 minutes into the game, including a safety when Hill was sacked and fumbled in the end zone. But TCU was ahead for good after Hill's 7-yard TD pass to Jarrison Stewart made it 14-9 at the end of the first quarter.

"A disappointing end to a disappointing year," Rhule said. "As it has been in many games, we proved for long stretches of the game that we can hang in there with a team of that caliber. And then, a mistake here, a mistake there, a play here, a play there, and the game gets away from

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Cowboys' Jerry Jones backs off on Goodell, backs Garrett



Dallas Cowboys team owner Jerry Jones watches team warm ups before an NFL football game against the Los Angeles Chargers on Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

AP Photo

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**

AP Pro Football Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — As soon as Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones confirmed he is backing off a threat of legal action over the future of Commissioner Roger Goodell, the focus turned to the performance of coach Jason Garrett and his staff.

That's how bad the tailspin is for a team desperately missing suspended star running back Ezekiel Elliott.

Jones said after Dallas' third straight loss by at least 20 points — 28-6 to the Los Angeles Chargers on Thanksgiving — that the compensation committee was being responsive to his concerns about a contract extension for Goodell.

While denying that his concerns are connected to Goodell's decision to suspend Elliott for six games over alleged domestic violence, Jones said he wanted all the owners to revisit the commissioner's performance after voting unanimously in May to

let the compensation committee complete a new deal.

Jones' concerns have included the league's handling of protests involving the national anthem and the disciplinary power of the commissioner in the collective bargaining agreement, which is what Goodell used to punish Elliott after prosecutors in Ohio didn't pursue charges.

The issue turned into an exchange of threatening letters after Jones hired high-profile attorney David Boies. Jones said there will be an owners-only session to discuss Goodell's contract during the next NFL meetings Dec. 13 in the Dallas area.

"I just want to say we really have had, are having a lot of owner participation," Jones said. "It doesn't mean at all that we're not really pursuing what we want to get done, and that is have the owners in a very positive way give input and make everyone, including ourselves, accountable."

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Heritage Museum's Christmas Tree Forest Sneak Peak.



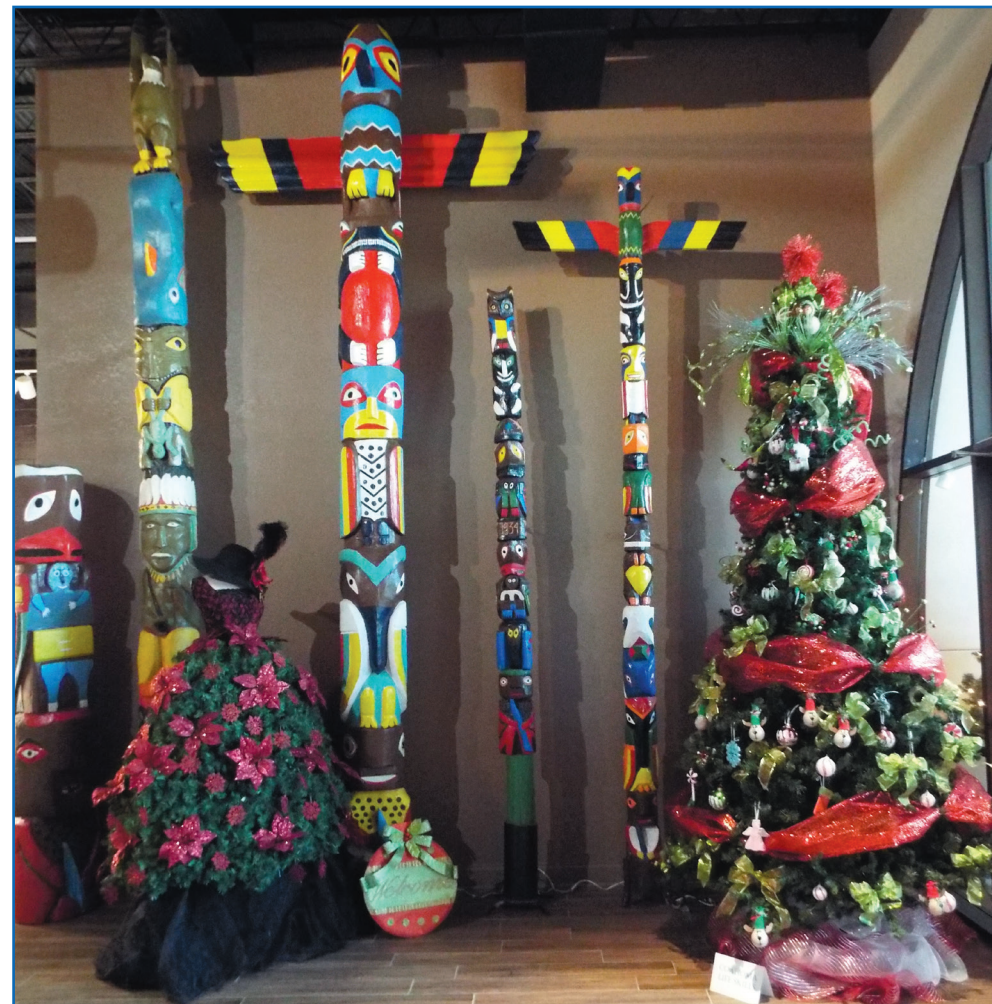
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On the left is the Cub Scouts' tree with the cubs' handmade ornaments. The right photo is a tree decorated with hand crocheted ornaments.



HERALD photo/Erin Stephens

Shown here is just a taste of the Christmas trees being displayed at the Heritage. Come out to see what other trees are being presented.



HERALD photo/Erin Stephens

In this photo we have the display of what remains of the original Totem Pole along side just one of the many trees on display.



HERALD photo/Erin Stephens

The photo above is the Howard County Library's version of a "Christmas Tree."



MAEGAN & MAKAYLA GARZA



SHIRLEY BOYD

HERALD photo/Erin Stephens

In the photos above, are two examples of some locals who decorated and displayed their own trees at the Heritage this year. On the left displays residents Maegan and MaKayla Garza, Barbie tree. On the right shows Shirley Boyd creative side, as she adorns her trees with a variety of colorful ornaments, surrounded by a plethora of tonka trucks.

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Obituaries

Juan Rodriguez Jr.



Juan Rodriguez, Jr., 74, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment with military honors will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

A rosary service will be held at 7:00 PM, Monday, Nov. 27, 2017 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rose-

wood Chapel.

Juan was born May 29, 1943 in Howard County. He served in the United States Army during the Viet Nam War. After being discharged he graduated from Mary Meek Nursing School in Abilene as a Registered Nurse and he received his BSN from Angelo State University in San Angelo. Juan worked as a Registered Nurse at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, retiring after 31 years of service.

He was very fond of Angelo State University and the Angelo State Rams. Juan was the youngest and bravest of the Rodriguez family and was a leader wherever he went.

Survivors include two sisters and brother, Ramona Rodriguez and Ricardo Rodriguez both of Big Spring and Mariana Castillo of Rochdale, Massachusetts; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Juan Rodriguez, Sr. and Maria Rivas Rodriguez; two sisters, Concepcion Ayala and Merced Valdez; and two brothers, Pedro "Pete" Rodriguez and Raymond Rodriguez.

The family suggests memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org/donate

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

Paid Obituary

Jimmy De Los Santos



Jimmy De Los Santos died on Nov. 22, 2017. He was 76 years old.

Jimmy is survived by his wife Fidelity of Ackerly, Texas; Jimmy De Los Santos of Big Spring, Texas; Norina Dingas of Palestine, Texas; Lucinda Lopez of Austin, Texas; and Denise Olague of Odessa, Texas, 11 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Mike De Los Santos of

Austin, Texas,

Mother, Margarita Pena of Lamesa, Texas, brother Ezequiel De Los Santos of Moulton, Texas, brother Jesse De Los Santos of Lamesa, Texas, brother Pedro De Los Santos of Lamesa, Texas and Father Ezequiel De Los Santos of O'Donnell, Texas. Jimmy was born on Jan. 14, 1941, in Gonzales, Texas, to Ezequiel and

Margarita De Los Santos. He was married to Fidelity Franco Aug. 20, 1960.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **RICHARD H MARTINES JR.**, 33, of 1101 N Scurry St., was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated, and evading arrest detention with vehicle or watercraft.

• **LORENZO FERRERA YANEZ**, 43, of 502 State, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **MICHAEL LEE LOPEZ**, 30,

of 411 S Scurry, was arrested on warrants of Expired driver's license, a and failed to maintain financial responsibility.

• **MARIE VICTORIA LOPEZ**, 37, of 1000 Bluebonnet Ave., was arrested on warrants on two warrants of a different agency.

• **CHARLES IVAN HEDDEN JR.**, 28, of 606 Steakley St., was arrested on a warrant of disregard of stop sign.

• **VICTORIA ANN HERNANDEZ**, 18, of 1509 Tucson, was

arrested on charges of failure to control speed, no driver's license, and possession of marijuana.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported on the 5000 block on Nichols Rd.

• **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported on the 1100 block of E 14th St.

• **HARASSMENT** was reported on the 2600 block of Carleton Dr.

Take Note

• 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 el-

ementary 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 ½ 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,

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

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

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own

hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

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

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

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

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

Support Groups

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

• GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Weekly 10/5/17 through 01/11/18; 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

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

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

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

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Travis Bruffy #79 of the Texas Tech Red Raiders celebrates with T.J. Vasher #9 after a touchdown in the fourth quarter against the Texas Longhorns at Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium on November 24, 2017 in Austin, Texas.

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16-yard pass to Cameron Batson, came with 2:07 to play. The touchdown was set up by a 52-yard interception return to the Texas 14 by Justus Parker.

"Everybody in the entire locker room loves (Kingsbury)," Shimonek said. "He's an unbelievable coach. We'd all go to war for him."

Texas' final drive ended when Longhorns quarterback Sam Ehlinger threw another interception at the Texas Tech 20 with 1 minute to play.

Ehlinger passed for 239 yards and a touchdown but the Texas offense slogged through most of the final three quarters. The Longhorns ran for just 18 yards and had deep drives end in field goals of 19 and 20 yards by Josh Rowland instead of touchdowns.

Texas (6-6, 5-4) had already clinched its first bowl berth since 2014 under first-year coach Tom Herman but must win its postseason game to avoid a fourth consecutive losing season.

THE TAKEAWAY

Texas Tech: Hocutt, who is also the chairman of the selection committee for the College Football Playoff, quickly answered the question about the future of his program with his commitment to Kingsbury for 2018. Kingsbury is 30-32 with three losing seasons in five years at the program where he once was a record-setting quarterback. Kingsbury's decision to start Carter was risky but he made the right move in the fourth quarter to go back to Shimonek.

"He told me we were gonna try something new. I had my opinions and thoughts about it," Shimonek said. "I would have been happy so long as we won ... Hats off to him for trusting

me."

Texas: The loss will make for a bitter off period before the bowl game. The Longhorns missed the chance to earn a seventh win for the first time since 2013 and the chance to end the regular season on a three-game win streak. The offense continues to be the problem for the Longhorns, who have struggled to move the ball all season under coordinator Tim Beck.

"We are dead set in making it our mission in life in making sure these seniors go out with a positive experience and a win in a bowl game, wherever that may be, and give us some momentum in the offseason," Herman said.

SHORT FIELD FAILURES

Texas lost in large part because it couldn't punch the ball into the end zone for touchdowns. The drives that ended in short field goals both had first-and-goal inside the Red Raiders' 5 yard line. The running game continued to get pushed around at the line of scrimmage.

"We're playing hard and really physical," Herman said. "We just don't play really well and really smart at times,"

BIG TURNOVERS

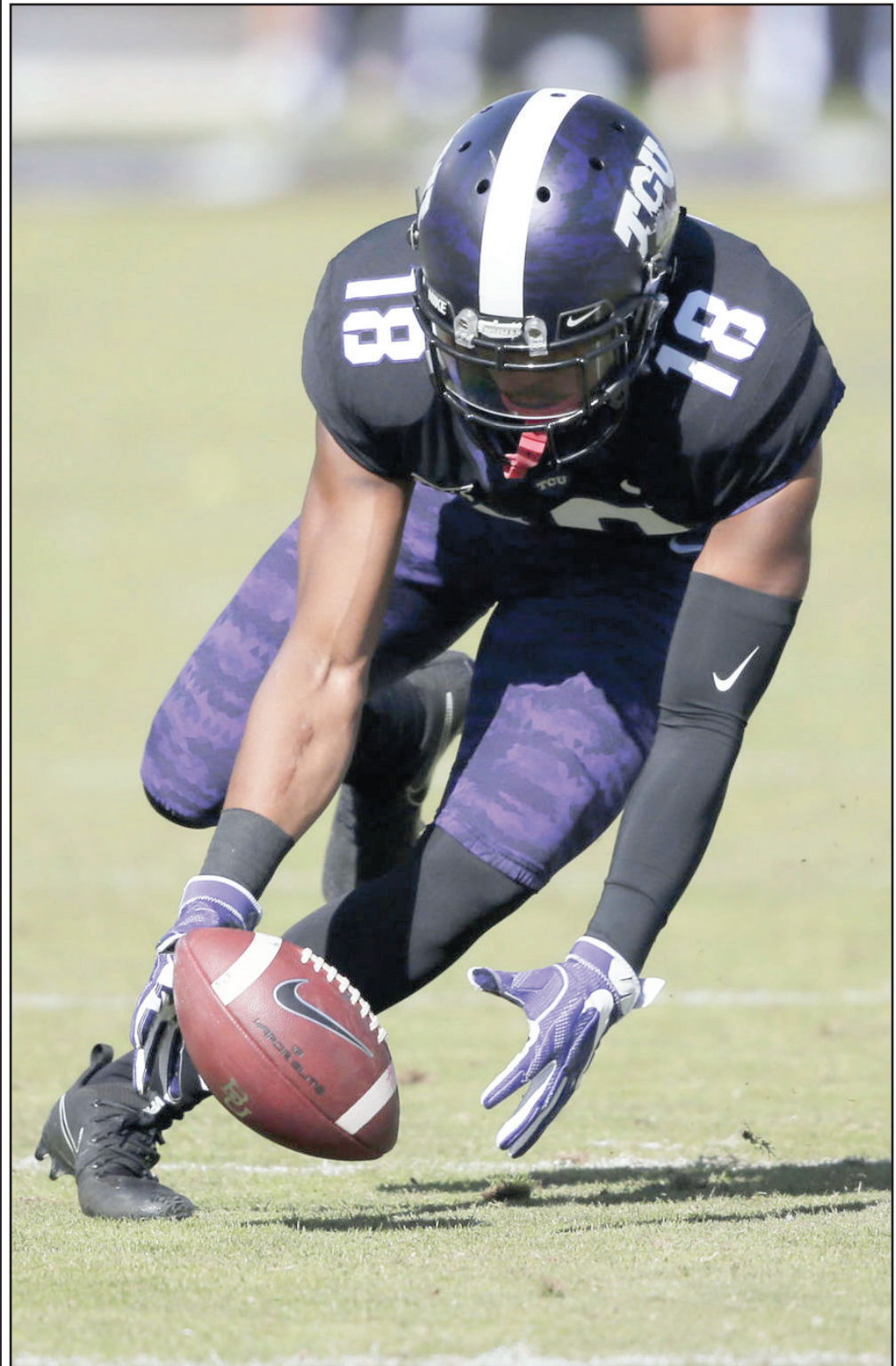
Texas Tech lead the Big 12 in forced turnovers and got four in the second half with two fumble recoveries and the two big interceptions. The Red Raiders didn't capitalize on the fumbles in the third quarter but they at least kept the Longhorns off the field. The interceptions were game changers.

"We put our defense in some really bad situations," Herman said. "We just ran out of gas, ran out of momentum."

UP NEXT:

Texas Tech: Bowl game to be announced

Texas: Bowl game to be announced



AP Photo

TCU safety Nick Orr (18) recovers a fumble by Baylor quarterback Charlie Brewer (12), not pictured, during the first half of an NCAA college football game, Friday, Nov. 24, 2017, in Fort Worth, Texas.

TCU

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us."

Hill completed 26 of 36 passes for 325 yards a week after he didn't even travel to Texas Tech because of an apparent concussion.

"I felt great. Started the game a little slow, not the way we wanted to start it," Hill said. "We did good rallying back."

THE TAKEAWAY

Baylor: Only four seniors started the finale of what has been a transition season for the Bears in Rhule's first year. Baylor started 11 true freshmen this season, including quarterback Charlie Brewer and RB John Lovett, and half of their starters over the course of the entire season have been freshmen or sophomores. There were 27 players who made their first-ever collegiate starts this season, the third-most in Division I football.

TCU: The Horned Frogs get their much-desired rematch with Oklahoma even though they weren't always sharp against Baylor, though that tends to happen often in rivalry games.

FIGHT!

Things got chippy with a bit of a brawl late in the third quarter when Baylor's JaMycal Hasty was being pulled down near the Bears sideline by another defender when defensive tackle Chris Bradley came in and hit him hard from behind. A Baylor line-

man then shoved Bradley, and another TCU defender got involved.

After a lot of shoving and a few punches thrown, and Patterson among those trying to keep his players from running all the way across the field into the fray, officials announced that every player on both teams had been assessed an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

SACK MAN

Defensive end Mat Boesen, a champion wrestler in high school, set a TCU single-game record by recording 5 1/2 of the eight sacks by the Horned Frogs.

EARLY FINISH

Brewer was 19-of-29 passing for 301 yards with two touchdowns, including a 54-yard catch-and-run by Blake Lynch only 1:34 into the game. Brewer also had an interception before leaving late with a separated shoulder.

SIGNING ON FOR MORE

TCU announced after the game Patterson had signed a contract extension through the 2023 season. Patterson is 159-56 in 17 seasons with the Horned Frogs.

UP NEXT

Baylor: With the season over, Rhule and his staff immediately went on the road recruiting and were watching prep football playoff games Friday night. The 2018 season opener is Sept. 1 against Abilene Christian.

TCU: The Frogs will be about 20 miles from their campus for the Big 12 championship game at the Dallas Cowboys' home stadium, where TCU has gone 2-1 in regular-season games.

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Associated Press

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. (AP) — A museum has restored the longest painting in North America so it can share the story of American whaling with the public.

The quarter-mile-long (0.4-kilometer-long) panorama toured the U.S. after it was completed in 1848. A section was featured at the 1964 New York World's Fair.

But the panorama deteriorated after so much

New York; and St. Louis.

"It's a national treasure that's been out of the spotlight for too long," he said.

Benjamin Russell and Caleb Purrington created the panorama to capture all aspects of a whaling voyage. The panorama would be mounted on a system of cranks and reels to go across a theater stage as a narrator told stories of hunting whales and processing their carcasses. A poster for the Boston stop in 1849 advertises tickets for 25 cents.

A whale's tale: Longest painting in North America restored

traveling on wagons and trains, rolling and unrolling. Paint dried up and flaked off, and the panorama was put into storage.

The New Bedford Whaling Museum enlisted the help of a textile conservator to fix the "Grand Panorama of a Whaling Voyage Round the World." Now it's searching for a large venue to display it, scouting locations in New Bedford but open to considering Providence, Rhode Island, or the Mystic Seaport in Connecticut.

D. Jordan Berson, who's managing the project, said he hopes this record of American whaling can eventually return to some of the cities that were stops on the national tour, including Boston; Buffalo,

The audience members would hear what it was like to round Cape Horn and visit Fiji and other far-flung destinations as they saw painted scenes of those locations. Most people hadn't traveled to any of those places, and photography was in its infancy.

Many young men at that time were headed west in search of gold, which meant they weren't joining whaling crews, said Michael Dyer, the museum's curator of maritime history. The panorama may have been used as a recruiting tool, he said.

"It serves as a pictorial documentation of whaling in a way almost nothing else does," he said.

The museum has spent \$400,000 to conserve, digitize and store the panorama. The money was raised from individual donors, private foundations and government grants.

Berson spent a year spraying the panorama with an adhesive to stabilize a paint layer that had powdered over time. The conservator stitched sections that were taken apart, repaired thinning areas of the cotton muslin fabric and fixed holes and tears. Every section has been photographed and merged into a large digital image so it can be shown moving to replicate the original experience.

The restored artwork will be static when it's displayed, meaning the museum needs to find a room that's at least 16,000 square feet (1,486 square meters), Berson said.

The panorama is about 1,300 feet (400 meters) long and 8 feet (2.4 meters) tall. The museum's chief curator, Christina Connett, said she's confident it's the longest painting in North America and she knows of no longer moving panorama in the world.

The last time the panorama was displayed in its entirety was in 1969, when it was unfurled in a former furniture store on an island off New Bedford, Dyer said.

Online: <https://www.whalingmuseum.org/>

Big Spring ISD

Kentwood Early Childhood

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh oranges, white milk. Lunch: Pancake with syrup, sausage patty, mixed fruit cup, tater bits, fresh broccoli, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Rice Krispies cereal, fresh apples slices, milk. Lunch: Hamburger, green beans, fresh red pepper strips, diced peaches, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage Sandwich, diced pears, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, sweet potato french fries, fresh cucumbers, diced pears, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Graham crackers, strawberry yogurt, fresh banana, milk. Lunch: Chili mac, corn, fresh celery sticks, fresh cantaloupe, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Hot dog or breaded drumstick, cornbread, or beef nacho salad, fresh apples, diced pears, sweet potato fries, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage breakfast pizza, fresh bananas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or cheeseburger, or popcorn chicken salad, with flatbread, fresh oranges, applesauce, BBQ Beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Junior High School

Monday: Breakfast: Cocoa puffs cereal, string cheese, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or spaghetti with meatballs, or ham and turkey sandwich, fresh grapes, mixed fruit cup, french fries, fresh broccoli,

raisins.

Lunch: Line 1: Made-to-order hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, deli-style sandwiches; Line 2: Pizza; Line 3: Nachos, burritos, tacos.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache and yogurt. Lunch: Chicken salad with croissant or breaded chicken leg and toast or french bread pizza, baby carrots, seasoned corn, fresh grapes, cookie.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cheese omelet with toast and yogurt or breakfast taquito. Lunch: Crispy chicken salad, crispy taco or Frito pie, veggie cup, Charro beans, salsa, apple-Pinapple d'lite

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffles and sausage or breakfast parfait. Lunch:

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza. Lunch: Chef ham salad, or hot dog, or ham/cheeseburger, fries, baby carrots, orange smiles.

Sands CISD

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon pull-a-part, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: French bread pizza, marinara sauce, garden salad, California blend, veggies, fruit cup, pudding, fruit variety.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast muffin, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Breaded pork chop, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, roll, strawberry cup, fruit variety, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Boneless chicken wings, multigrain chips, celery sticks, baby carrots, orange smiles, brownie, fruit variety, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken quesadilla, Spanish rice, seasoned corn, refried beans, salsa, lettuce and tomato, sliced peaches, fruit variety, milk.

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday: Chopped BBQ on a bun, onion, pickle, pepper, baked beans, baked chips, peach cobbles, milk.

Tuesday: Pork patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, turnip greens, mixed fruit, cornbread, milk.

Wednesday: Beef taco salad, fiesta corn, guacamole, chips and salsa, key lime pie, milk.

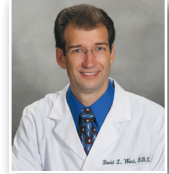
Thursday: Lasagna, Italian vegetables, green salad, FF dressing, angel cake with blueberries, garlic bread, milk.

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Elementary Schools

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Tuesday: Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, strawberry banana, yogurt, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Fish sticks mac and cheese, diced chicken salad, dinner roll, strawberry craisins, diced peaches, green beans, fresh red pepper stripes, side salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage breakfast pizza, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: corn dog, breaded chicken drumstick, cornbread muffin, fresh apples, diced pears, sweet potato fries, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast corn dog, fresh apples, cherry star juice. Lunch: cheeseburger, Philly steak sandwich, fresh oranges, rosy applesauce, baked beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Intermediate School

Monday: Breakfast: Fruit loop cereal, animal crackers, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Philly steak sandwich, or spicy chicken sandwich, pancakes with sausage, fresh grapes, mixed fruit cup, french fries, fresh broccoli, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Apple frudel, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger or fish sticks, mac and cheese, turkey chef salad with roll, strawberry craisins, diced peaches, green beans, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.

garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Chicken biscuit, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or turkey chef salad with roll, or fish sticks, mac and cheese, fresh bananas, green beans, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, beef nacho salad, or breaded drumstick with cornbread muffin, or fresh apples, diced pears, sweet potato french fries, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage breakfast pizza, fresh bananas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or popcorn chicken salad with flatbread, chili cheese hot dog, fresh oranges, applesauce, campfire pinto beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

High School

Monday: Breakfast: Sausage muffin melt, or sausage egg frittata, or waffles, fresh blueberries, animal crackers, cocoa puffs cereal, fresh apples, diced pears.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Glazed vanilla donut, or egg bacon muffin melt, or waffles, fresh blueberries, cinnamon toast crunch cereal, string cheese, fresh oranges, mixed fruit cup.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Egg or ham burrito, or egg bagel sandwich, or waffles, fresh blueberries, lucky charms cereal, animal crackers, fresh pears, applesauce.

Thursday: Breakfast: Blueberry bagel, or egg sausage muffin, or waffles, fresh blueberries, honey nut cheerios cereal, string cheese, fresh bananas,

lies.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Steak fingers, or BBQ pulled pork, tater tots, gravy, savory green beans, roll, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal and toast or yogurt, peach cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger or taco soup with tostitos, California blend, ranch, style beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast with sausage patty or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken sandwich, or mandarin orange, or Chicken Asian bowl with egg roll, waffle fries, baby carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Blueberry sausage wrap or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, strawberry cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nugget with mac and chicken or beef spaghetti with garlic bread sticks, seasoned corn, baby carrots, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.



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largely sidelined on taxes, they hold leverage over a mix of budget-related issues.

First, there's the need to avert a government shutdown after a temporary spending bill expires on Dec. 8. The most likely scenario, congressional aides say, is for an additional extension until Christmas. On a parallel track are talks to raise spending limits that are keeping agency budgets essentially frozen unless those caps are raised. If that happens, then negotiations could begin in earnest on a massive catchall spending measure in hopes of having it signed into law by year's end.

Taxes have gotten all the attention so far, but the showdown over a potential shutdown right before Christmas could soon take center stage. Democrats are counting on GOP fears of a holiday season closure to ensure Republican concessions during De-

ember talks.

Both sides would have to make concessions that may upset partisans in either party. Just as House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., fears a revolt on the right, House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California risks an uprising on her left. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Senate Minority leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., round out the quartet of top negotiators.

"Everybody's got complicated politics. The chance of short-term failure is pretty high — short-term failure being a shutdown," said Steve Elmen-dorf, a Democratic lobbyist. "But the four of them, assuming they don't want to shut the government down for a long time, are going to have to come to an accommodation."

Talks on the spending caps are stuck, however, aides say. A GOP offer to lift the Pentagon budget by more than \$54 billion next year and nondefense limits by \$37 billion was rejected by Democrats demanding balance between the two sides of the

ledger.

Long-delayed battles over immigration and Trump's promised wall along the U.S.-Mexico border are huge obstacles. Many Democrats whose votes are needed on the spending bills insist they won't vote for any legislation that includes the wall. Trump remains dead set on his \$1.6 billion request for a down payment on the project.

Those same Democrats also insist that Congress must act by year's end to protect immigrants who were brought to the U.S. illegally as children and whose protected status is set to lapse next year. Trump backs the idea despite issuing an executive order reversing the Obama administration protections, starting next spring. Conservatives oppose drawing in the immigration issue to legislation to keep the government running.

Hurricane relief is adding one more wrinkle.

Congress has approved more than \$50 billion in aid in response to a series of devastating hurricanes. The

most recent request by the White House is the largest yet at \$44 billion, but it's not nearly enough to satisfy the powerful Texas delegation, which is pressing behind the scenes for more.

"Completely inadequate," said Rep. John Culberson, R-Texas. "We must do far more to rebuild, repair and allow Texans to return to normal as quickly as possible."

Trump is a huge wild card. He warned to the idea of cutting deals with Democrats after a September pact with Schumer and Pelosi to lift the government's debt ceiling. He promised the Democratic leaders that he would sign legislation to give the young immigrants legal status — provided border security is addressed as well.

But Trump has not really engaged on the year-end agenda and his impulsiveness could be a liability. He almost disowned an omnibus spending bill in May after media accounts portrayed the measure as a win for Democrats.

Trump calls for crushing terrorists with military means



off explosives and spraying worshippers with gunfire. "The world cannot tolerate terrorism," Trump tweeted in response. He added, "We must defeat them militarily and discredit the extremist ideology that forms the basis of their existence!"

U.S. The order sparked chaos at airports and a flurry of lawsuits, which led to the order's suspension. The administration has since made several attempts to revise the order to try to better hold up to legal scrutiny.

Trump spent more than four hours at Trump National Golf Club in Jupiter, Florida, where he'd earlier tweeted that he would be playing "golf (quickly) with Tiger Woods and Dustin Johnson" before returning to his private Mar-a-Lago club "for talks on bringing even more jobs and companies back to the USA!"

Trump and his aides often appear concerned about the perception that he is vacationing during his trips away from the White House, insisting that he is partaking in high-level meetings and making calls while staying in Bedminster, New Jersey, or at his private Mar-a-Lago club in Palm Beach, Florida.

Despite plenty of photos posted on social media by club members, media traveling with the president were not permitted to observe or photograph the president and his companions on the greens.

In a break from the practice of past administrations, the Trump White House rarely discloses when the president is golfing, let alone whom he golfs with during frequent trips to courses he owns in Florida, New Jersey and Virginia.

AP photo President Donald Trump prepares to hand out sandwiches to members of the U.S. Coast Guard at the Lake Worth Inlet Station, on Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017, in Riviera Beach, Fla.

By JILL COLVIN

Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — President Donald Trump denounced the deadly mosque attack in Egypt and reached out to its president, asserting the world must crush terrorists by military means — and insisting the U.S. needs a southern border wall and the travel ban tied up in courts.

"Need the WALL, need the BAN!" Trump tweeted Friday before calling Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi. "God bless the people of Egypt."

The attack's aftermath played out as Trump mixed work and play in sunny Florida, golfing — quickly, he claimed — with pros Tiger Woods and Dustin Johnson, speaking with foreign leaders and tweeting briskly.

Trump spoke with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan before his attention turned to the attack in Egypt, where at least 235 people were killed when Islamic militants attacked a crowded mosque during prayers in the Sinai Peninsula, setting

In his call with el-Sissi, the White House said Trump condemned the attack and "reiterated that the United States will continue to stand with Egypt in the face of terrorism."

"The international community cannot tolerate barbaric terrorist groups and must strengthen its efforts to defeat terrorism and extremism in all its forms," the White House said.

Trump also used the attack to renew his call for a wall along the southern border with Mexico and his efforts to bar people from certain Muslim-majority countries from coming to the U.S.

"We have to get TOUGHER AND SMARTER than ever before, and we will," he wrote. "Need the WALL, need the BAN! God bless the people of Egypt."

Trump's original travel ban sought to temporarily suspend the U.S. refugee program and block the entry of nationals from seven majority-Muslim countries into the

Teenager detained at Canada border; grandmother found dead

MIAMI (AP) — U.S. Border patrol agents have detained a Florida teenager trying to enter Canada whom police want to interview in connection with the death of his grandmother.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office said at a news conference late Friday that the 15-year-old was stopped near Buffalo, New York.

Officials in Florida started looking for the boy and his 53-year-old grandmother on Wednesday after they failed to pick up the teen's father at the airport. The father had been on vacation with his girlfriend

and his mother was watching her grandson while they were gone.

When the father got to his home in Neptune Beach, near Jacksonville on Florida's Atlantic coast, he found it had been ransacked. His mother's home in nearby Mayport was also ransacked. Weapons were missing from both homes and the grandmother's 2015 Dodge Dart was also gone.

Officials said at the news conference that the father is a corrections officer for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

Ron Lendvay, a director of investigations and homeland security for the sheriff's office, said surveillance footage from

a gas station in south-central Pennsylvania picked up the image of the teen and Dodge Dart on Thursday afternoon. The sheriff's office and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement are working with the Neptune Beach Police Department on the case.

Lendvay said a warrant was issued for the teen's arrest on an auto theft charge.

Earlier Friday, officials said a body that matched the grandmother's description was found in a shallow grave in the teen's backyard. Officials are waiting for an autopsy for a positive identification.



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Shirley Cross Bodin, 80, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be today at 10 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Kelly Jean Long, 66, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Jimmy De Los Santos, 76, died Wednesday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church of Ackerly with burial at Ackerly Cemetery.

Miguel Bencomo, 23, died Wednesday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Chapel. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Laverna Uptergrove, 90, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Dallas Cowboys head coach Jason Garrett watches play from the sideline in the first half of an NFL football game against the Los Angeles Chargers on Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

JONES

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"I don't want to be redundant, but the business of standing down there didn't necessarily mean that you're not standing up elsewhere."

Jones' team is falling apart a year after the dynamic rookie duo of quarterback Dak Prescott and Elliott carried the Cowboys to the best record in the NFC at 13-3.

Dallas (5-6) already has twice as many losses, and Prescott more than double the number of interceptions (nine after four as the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year). The Cowboys still have three games left in Elliott's suspension, after winning the last three before the ban.

The slide hasn't reflected well on the coaches, with the Cowboys outscored 72-6 in the second half of the three losses. That lopsided number leads to questions about halftime adjustments.

"We all know that it has to get better, has to get together," Jones said. "I really think this coaching staff is tops. I think Jason is able to use everything that he's learned, as coordinator, as coach over these last years, and we've just got to get it together."

The last time Garrett faced questions about his job, the Cowboys were coming off three straight 8-8 seasons that ended with losses in regular-season finales that kept them out of the playoffs.

Since then, the fluctuations have been dramatic — NFC East champs at 12-4 in 2014, a first-to-last slide to 4-12 without injured quarterback Tony Romo a year later, followed by last season's sparkling year when Prescott shocked the NFL after Romo got hurt again.

And while the absence of Elliott and 2016 All-Pro linebacker Sean Lee (hamstring) is a huge part of the current slide, the Cowboys again aren't handling adversity well. Garrett admitted as much about 2015, and is about to have to do so again if the Cowboys can't reverse the slide.

Dallas plays Washington in the last of three home games Thursday, then starts a season-ending stretch of three out of four on the road at the last-place New York Giants.

"Obviously we've got to get it right," Garrett said. "That's my job. That's our job as a coaching staff. We just haven't done enough on either side of the ball or in the kicking game to allow us to compete toward the end of the ballgame."

Jones, who spoke to the team after the game but declined to offer details, tried to say he wasn't giving the "negative vote of confidence" by continuing to show faith in Garrett, who got a five-year contract after winning the division and his first playoff game in 2014.

In his seventh full season, Garrett is 63-52 in the regular season. Only Tom Landry, who led the Cowboys for their first 29 years, has coached the team longer.

"I feel about this staff the same way I feel about my mirror — that's what if there's some changes made,

don't change what's in front of the mirror, because I can change what you're doing that the mirror is seeing," Jones said. "Candidly, I'm really not shaken. I'm disappointed, but there's no shake here."

That could change if the blowout losses don't stop.

AP Photo

No. 16 Texas A&M pulls away from Pepperdine for 81-65 win

By DOUGLAS PILS

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Fresh from winning the Progressive Legends Classic and thinking ahead to a Sunday matchup with No. 10 Southern Cal, Texas A&M didn't look interested in playing Pepperdine on Friday night.

That lack of fire for the first 33 minutes put the Waves in position for an upset, but the Aggies woke up and pulled away for an 81-65 victory.

"I thought our energy wasn't very good at times, but when we needed it we were able to raise it up a level at the end," Texas A&M coach Billy Kennedy said. "Winning two big games (in New York) and then coming home, we didn't play like a veteran team."

It was the veterans who saved the Aggies (5-0) from potential disaster.

Junior forward DJ Hogg scored 18 points and junior forward Tyler Davis had seven of his 15 in a late second-half stretch to lead A&M past pesky Pepperdine (2-4).

Kameron Edwards scored 20 points for the Waves, who trimmed their deficit to six twice in the second half, the final time with 7:31 remaining. However, after Edwards' layup cut the Aggies' lead to 60-54, Pepperdine went 5:35 without a basket and A&M pulled away.

"We couldn't get a flow or couldn't get a shot that we wanted," Pepperdine coach Marty Wilson said.

Dunks by Hogg and Davis stretched the lead to 75-58 to cap a 15-4 run. The Waves missed nine shots during the run, four of them 3-point attempts.

A&M couldn't break inside Pepperdine's zone defense for much of the game, and the Waves were content to let the Aggies shoot 3-pointers.

"Once we got into the zone in the first half, I thought we kind of slowed them up and took some time off the clock to where it made them get out of their comfort zone," Wilson said.

Starting point guard Duane Wilson, a graduate transfer from Marquette, paced the Aggies' with 10 of his 15 points in the first half. Freshman guard Jay Chandler added 10 points.

Redshirt freshman point guard J.J. Caldwell made his Aggies debut at the 10:24 mark of the first half. The pass-first guard showed the skills A&M had been waiting on with three assists in 16 minutes.

Caldwell sat out his first year on campus after the NCAA ruled



AP Photo

Texas A&M guard Admon Gilder (3) and Pepperdine forward Nolan Taylor (31) battle for a rebound during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Friday, Nov. 24, 2017, in College Station, Texas.

him ineligible and then he was suspended for the season's first four games for violating team rules.

He was arrested on May 24 for a misdemeanor DWI charge that was dismissed on Sept. 12.

BIG PICTURE
Pepperdine: The Waves showed a good effort playing against the only ranked opponent on their schedule. Now they are set up for six non-conference games before starting West Coast conference play.

Texas A&M: The Aggies got their big names on the court together for the first time with Caldwell, sophomore forward Robert Williams, who was playing

his third game and the trio of juniors in Hogg, Admon Gilder and Davis.

STAR WATCH
A&M's 6-foot-11 Williams, who many consider an NBA lottery pick in the next draft, looked tentative like the rest of the Aggies on offense. He passed up a couple of dunks in the first half and finished with four points on a couple of second-half dunks. However, he grabbed seven rebounds, had six assists and two of his three blocks came in the stretch when A&M held Pepperdine without a basket.

A&M clearly had the look a team with its eyes already set on getting revenge for last

year's 65-63 home loss Southern Cal on Sunday. That gives Kennedy coaching fodder as the Aggies prepare to travel to Los Angeles. "If we play like we played tonight, we'll get beat," Kennedy said. "We have to play with a greater sense of urgency."

UP NEXT
Pepperdine: The Waves take four days off before their fifth home game of the season against Southern Utah.

Texas A&M: The Aggies' attempt to match their best start under Kennedy at 6-0 will be a test. On Sunday, A&M visits No. 10 Southern Cal, which is 4-0 with a victory margin of 19.8 points.

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When the Israelites were bitten by snakes in the dessert, do you remember the bronze snake on a pole that God had Moses build? Hezekiah destroyed it because they had begun to offer sacrifices to this snake.

He kept the commands that the Lord had given to Moses, and the Lord was with him.

Judah had fallen under the rule of Assyria. Hezekiah rebelled against Assyria; he fought against the surrounding nations that had plundered Judah and captured Judean territory.

Sennacherib, king of Assyria, launched a war against Phoenicia, Judah and Egypt. He overwhelmed Judah, and Hezekiah paid a massive amount of tribute. Judah became a vassal state of Assyria.

Still Sennacherib sent his forces against Jerusalem. The

commander spoke loudly in the hearing of the men sitting on the wall of Jerusalem. He belittled King Hezekiah, Judah and God. He was trying to cause a panic among the people.

Lack of food and water was a major reason for surrender when a city under siege. Jerusalem received its water from Gihon springs a short way outside the city wall.

Hezekiah must have known this siege was coming for some time. He had a tunnel built that directed the water into Jerusalem.

Hezekiah inquired of the Lord. God answered, "Don't listen to this underling of the king of Assyria. They have blasphemed Me! I will put a spirit in Sennacherib that when he hears a certain report, he will return to his own country, and there I will have him cut down with the sword." (2 Kings 19:5-7 paraphrased)

The Lord said, "Long ago I ordained this. In days of old I planned it." (2 Kings 19:25) From this scripture many people believe that when Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden, God foresaw all the evil that would beset the world.

God told Sennacherib, "Because you rage against me and your insolence has reached my ear, I will put my hook in your nose (for guiding oxen) and my

bit in your mouth (for controlling horses). I will make you return by the way you came." (2 Kings 19:28)

This attack by Sennacherib had interfered with the normal seasons for planting and harvesting. God gave a sign for Hezekiah: "This year you will eat what grows by itself; the second year what springs from that. The third year you will sow and reap." (2 Kings 19:29)

That night while the enemy slept, the Lord put to death one hundred, eighty-five thousand Assyrian soldiers. When Sennacherib heard this, he took his troops home.

Once home, his two oldest sons killed Sennacherib while he worshipped his god. God had said, "He will return home and I will have him cut down by the sword."

Hezekiah became gravely ill. Isaiah told him to put his house in order. Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall and wept bitterly. He asked God to remember how he had served Him. Before Isaiah left Hezekiah's palace the Lord spoke to Isaiah.

"Tell Hezekiah that I have seen his tears and heard his plea. On the third day he will go to the Temple to worship, and I will add fifteen years to your life." (2 Kings 20:5-6)

Who's who in Howard County Kristen Bryant



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Who is in your family? Myself, Brandon, my husband, and our two dogs, Buddy and Emma.

Organizations/clubs do you enjoy? I have recently gotten into baking and find enjoyment with cooking. I also love working with animals.

What is your favorite book? "Battlefield of the Mind" by Joyce Meyer

What is your favorite movie? Too many to choose.

What type of music do you enjoy? I enjoy all kinds of music, music feeds the soul!

Where would you visit if you could go anywhere? The pyramids of Giza. Or any place with lots of history. I'm facanted by history.

Teen idol David Cassidy, 'Partridge Family' star, dies at 67

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — David Cassidy, the teen and pre-teen idol who starred in the 1970s sitcom "The Partridge Family" and sold millions of records as the musical group's lead singer, died Tuesday at age 67.

Cassidy, who announced earlier this year that he had been diagnosed with dementia, died surrounded by his family, a family statement released by publicist JoAnn Geffen said. No further details were immediately available, but Geffen said on Saturday that Cassidy was in a Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hospital suffering from organ failure.

"David died surrounded by those he loved, with joy in his heart and free from the pain that had gripped him for so long," the statement said. Thank you for the abundance and support you have shown him these many years."

"The Partridge Family" aired from 1970-74 and was a fictional variation of the '60s performers the Cowsills, intended at first as a vehicle for Shirley Jones, the Oscar winning actress and Cassidy's stepmother. Jones played Shirley Partridge, a widow with five children with whom she forms a popular act that travels on a psychedelic bus. The cast also featured Cassidy as eldest son and family heartthrob Keith Partridge; Susan Dey, later of "L.A. Law" fame, as sibling Laurie Partridge and Danny Bonaduce as sibling Danny Partridge.

It was an era for singing families — the Osmonds, the Jacksons. "The Partridge Family" never cracked the top 10 in TV ratings, but the recordings under their name, mostly featuring Cassidy, Jones and session players, produced real-life musical hits and made Cassidy a real-life musical superstar. The Partridges' best known song, "I Think I Love You," spent three weeks on top of the Billboard chart at a time when other hit singles included James Taylor's "Fire and Rain" and Smokey Robinson and the Miracles' "The Tears of a Clown." The group also reached the top 10 with "I'll Meet You Halfway" and "Doesn't Somebody Want to be Wanted" and Cassidy had a solo hit with "Cherish."

"In two years, David Cassidy has swept hurricane-like into the pre-pubescent lives of millions of American girls," Rolling Stone magazine noted in 1972. "Leaving: six and a half million long-playing albums and singles; 44 television programs; David Cassidy lunch boxes; David Cassidy bubble gum; David Cassidy coloring books and David Cassidy pens; not to mention several millions of teen magazines, wall stickers, love beads, posters and photo albums."

Cassidy's appeal faded after the show went off the air, although he continued to tour, record and act over the next 40 years, his albums including "Romance" and the awkwardly titled "Didn't You Used To Be?" He had a hit with "I Write the Songs" be-

fore Barry Manilow's chart-topping version and success overseas with "The Last Kiss," featuring backing vocals from Cassidy admirer George Michael. He made occasional stage and television appearances, including an Emmy-nominated performance on "Police Story."

Meanwhile, "The Partridge Family" remained popular in re-runs and Cassidy, who kept his dark bangs and boyish appearance well into middle age, frequently turned up for reunions and spoke often about his early success.

"So many people come up to me and talk to me about the impact it (the show) had," he told Arsenio Hall in 1990.

Even while "The Partridge Family" was still in primetime, Cassidy worried that he was mistaken for the wholesome character he played. He posed naked for Rolling Stone in 1972, when he confided that he had dropped acid as a teenager and smoked pot in front of the magazine's reporter as he watched an episode of "The Partridge Family" and mocked his own acting. Cassidy maintained an exhausting schedule during the show's run, filming during the week and performing live shows over the weekend, but had plenty of time to indulge himself. In the memoir "Could It Be Forever," he wrote of his prolific sex life and of rejecting Dey's advances because she lacked the "slutty aspect of a female that I always found so attractive."

Cassidy would endure personal and financial troubles. He was married and divorced three times, battled alcoholism, was arrested for drunk driving and in 2015 filed for bankruptcy. Cassidy had two children, musician Beau Cassidy and actress Katie Cassidy, with whom he acknowledged having a distant relationship.

"I wasn't her father. I was her biological father but I didn't raise her," he told People magazine in 2017. "She has a completely different life."

Cassidy himself was estranged from his father. Born in New York City in 1950, he was the son of actors Jack Cassidy and Evelyn Ward and half-brother of entertainer Shaun Cassidy. David Cassidy's parents split up when he was 5 and he would long express regret about Jack Cassidy, who soon married Shirley Jones, being mostly absent from his life. David Cassidy stayed with his mother and by the early 1960s had moved to Los Angeles.

Kicked out of high school for truancy, David Cassidy dreamed of becoming an actor and had made appearances on "Bonanza," "Ironside" and other programs before producers at ABC television asked him to audition for "The Partridge Family,"



unaware that he could sing and intending at first to have him mime songs to someone else's voice. Cassidy, who only learned during tryouts that Jones would play his mother, worried that Keith Partridge would be a "real comedown" from his previous roles.

"I mean, how much could an actor do with a line like, 'Hi, Mom, I'm home from school,' or 'Please pass the milk?'" he wrote in his memoir. "I didn't see how it could do much for me. After all, I wasn't the star of it. Shirley had top billing; I was just one of the kids."

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The most popular guy in Langtry

Keith Bowden seldom argues with his wife Anna. Could be because he lives in Langtry, Texas and she lives in Santiago, Chile. It seems to be working out fine. They've been married more than 20 years. They met in Nova Scotia where Anna was a teacher and Keith was a student. He was born in Delaware.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Keith taught English at Laredo Community College, then retired to Langtry, a place where he was stranded years ago due to a railroad strike. At the time he was having adventures riding boxcars. He felt something for the town made famous by Judge Roy Bean and decided to settle down there.

Langtry is on the Rio Grande and Keith has taken numerous canoe or raft trips on the river, sometimes starting in El Paso and going all the way to the gulf. He says the river gives him a

sense of peace and he is fascinated by the silence he experiences on his trips. "Between now and April I'll be on the river a lot of the time, probably about ten weeks." He sleeps on the ground during his river trips. Not much different from when he's at his home in Langtry, where he sleeps on a pallet. He has no phone or TV.

When he settled in Langtry three years ago, he says the town looked like it had fallen into ruin, a far cry from the railroad days in the early part of the twentieth century when it was a thriving community. "So I decided that I was going to clear the entire town and take away all the unwanted brush and weeds. I wanted to uncover and expose all these wonderful old crumbling buildings and re-plant everything I cleared with native plants that didn't need maintenance. I have to contend with all these invasive plants that don't belong here and want to take over. I'm constantly weed eating unwanted grasses to keep them from seeding. I'm replacing them primarily with canelilla because it spreads."

He says Langtry looks like a small town but when you have to weed eat the entire town, it gets

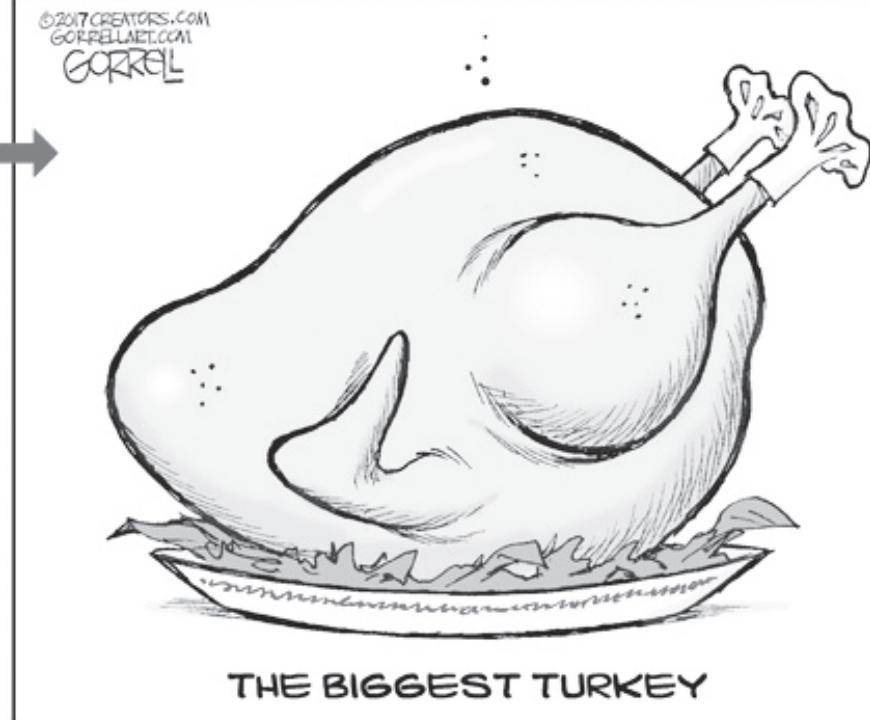
bigger. "Every time it rains it's pretty much eight to ten hours a day running the weed eater. On the other hand, when we're in a dry spell like we've had for a couple of months, I'm pacing back and forth wishing I could weed eat eight minutes. I'm on my second machine. The string is eighty dollars a roll and I buy it in bulk. I changed the string three times yesterday, put in another twenty feet. Part of that is the way I do it. I'm really blasting the roots. I raise a lot of dust."

He does people's yards, vacan lots, anywhere there's a weed. He doesn't charge for his services. "Sometimes I pay to have heavy equipment come in and take away all the prickly pear on a lot that's overgrown. I'd rather pay than do it by hand. I don't take any money for this and wouldn't, even if some wealthy person wanted to pay me. And if that ever does happen, I'll just give it to the church."

As a result of his efforts, Langtry is looking a lot better than it did three years ago. When I asked someone in town how to find Keith, I was told to follow the sound of the weed eater.

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Ups and downs of 2017

Let us consider bits and pieces of the year to date, sadly remembering that at its beginning, much of the country's tapestry was intact.

Then, humankind got a hold of it. Much is now in shreds.

Struck by implosions and explosions around the globe, it's a wonder our planet isn't woe-stricken by a worrisome wobble. Odds are no better than even on whether the ball falling in New York City's Times Square will be dropped or shot down.

The word "harassment" has been in heavy use, and in ways that would make Popeye blush. Tough talk abounds.

Squabbles continue concerning athletes' conduct during the playing of the National Anthem at NFL games. Team owners, meanwhile, may unravel to the point that their teams' inflated value sinks way below the air pressure of those footballs Tom Brady messed with.

Owners are stewing about remuneration for Commissioner Roger Goodell, and whether his contract should be extended by a half-dozen years to 2024. Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones is screaming about paying Goodell's proposed \$50 million annually, \$5 million more than this year. Jones and Goodell's verbal missiles, hurled with abandon, dominate US sports conversations. Soon, we may

know the difference between hissy, connoption and wall-eyed fits. We're bound to be witnesses to all three kinds.

We used to think ourselves--at certain junctures--to be "between rocks and hard places."

Compared to the sharp-edged looming controversies we all face, abiding between stones and hard places may soon seem softer than the Pillsbury dough-boy who always giggles on the TV commercials after a good rib-poking.

Folks toasting a new year will hoist glasses in a shaky manner at New Year's Eve parties, and sure-fire investments seem destined for the paint industry, where there's bound to be a shortage of black paint in the flurry of fresh paint for both pots and kettles.

On the business front, there hasn't been so much jockeying for position since the last photo finish at the Kentucky Derby. "Little box" stores and malls are pulling out all the stops (and a few of the "go's") trying to compete with the "big boxes, and all are going head-to-head with online commerce.

We've just experienced our first "black Friday" preliminary, this year springing to life with "can't miss" sales a full week ahead of the long-established fateful Friday after Thanksgiving.

If they keep juggling the date signaling the beginning of serious Christmas shopping, they'll meet themselves coming back. Folks will be saddled with trying to determine "best buy" times during "50 shades of black Fridays."

Can it be? Amazon is offering to

leave packages inside our locked doors, and Fed-Ex is paying drivers \$18.50 an hour and 53 cents per mile for using their own vehicles during delivery crunch time, and an ingenious card-carrier at a major intersection "will work for cash."

To cross eyes even further Sears will no longer sell Whirlpool products, but the latter will continue to manufacture Kenmore products, the brand name favored by Sears.

That's the condition my 105-year-old Uncle Mort finds himself in as the holiday season begins. "I miss the good old days when conversations were about outcomes of football games rather than lawsuits or player fines," he moaned. "And customers leaving their latch strings out for Fed-Ex are liable to lose them in the same swoops thieves make to grab their outdoor Christmas lights."

He believes Americans will continue to clamor for organic foods, no matter the cost.

They may stop short, he claims, of buying a certain brand of turkey, purchase of which provides a written history of the bird from the egg to the processing plant.

"We are past saturation points, and now face daunting tasks of accepting less information. Currently, on every front I can think of, we've got way too much of it," Mort concluded.

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Ribbon cutting



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Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce representatives were on hand recently to help during a ribbon cutting for the Historic Spring, 2901 Buffalo Trail in Comanche Trail Park.

UK budget sees economy wilting under Brexit pressure

By DANICA KIRKA

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Britain's Treasury chief has outlined cautious spending plans to a nation bracing for the shock of leaving the European Union, amid a stream of worsening of economic forecasts that hampered room for giveaways.

Philip Hammond revealed the deteriorating outlook in his annual budget speech to Parliament on Wednesday, with slowing growth and a stubborn deficit offering little space to increase spending in the face of demands from teachers, firefighters, police and the military. Adding to the pressure for fiscal restraint was the need to preserve state coffers for the potential turmoil of Brexit.

"We are at a turning point in our history," Hammond told the House of Commons. "And we resolve to look forwards, not backwards."

Hammond set aside 3 billion pounds (\$3.9 billion) over two years to prepare for Brexit and offered a package of initiatives to build new homes and ease the country's housing shortage, but he otherwise side-stepped eye-popping initiatives. He promised to "invest in the future," with money to improve infrastructure, spur the development of new technologies and teach advanced mathematics to more children.

"More maths for everyone," Hammond said in a cheerful effort to put the best face on things. "Don't let anyone say I don't know how to show the nation a good time!"

Hammond, who has been nicknamed "Eeyore" because of his cautious approach, had been under pressure to appear upbeat about the economy's prospects after Brexit. Prime Minister Theresa May's weakened government was hoping for excitement without controversy — particularly since anything too revolutionary might get voted down.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer tried to paint an optimistic vision of a "global Britain" that would embrace the technological revolution and capitalize on the opportunities presented by leaving the EU. He promised an approach that would be "balanced" amid pleas to end austerity.

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Uber reveals cover-up of hack affecting 57M riders, drivers



AP photo

In this March 15, 2017, file photo, a sign marks a pick-up point for the Uber car service at LaGuardia Airport in New York. Uber is coming clean about its cover-up of a year-old hacking attack that stole personal information about more than 57 million of the beleaguered ride-hailing service's customers and drivers. The revelation Tuesday marks the latest stain on Uber's reputation.

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Uber is coming clean about its cover-up of a year-old hacking attack that stole personal information about more than 57 million of the beleaguered ride-hailing service's customers and drivers.

So far, there's no evidence that the data taken has been misused, according to a Tuesday blog post by Uber's recently hired CEO, Dara Khosrowshahi. Part of the reason nothing malicious has happened is because Uber acknowledges paying the hackers \$100,000 to destroy the stolen information.

The revelation marks

the latest stain on Uber's reputation. It also brought an investigation from New York's attorney general and threats of larger-than-normal fines from British authorities for failing to promptly disclose the hack.

The San Francisco company ousted Travis Kalanick as CEO in June after an internal investi-

gation concluded he had built a culture that allowed female workers to be sexually harassed and encouraged employees to push legal limits.

It's also the latest major breach involving a prominent company that didn't notify the people that could be potentially

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Energy companies rise with oil prices; other stocks snooze

By MARLEY JAY

AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — With the Thanksgiving holiday approaching, U.S. stocks are little changed Wednesday after they finished at all-time highs the day before. The price of oil is rising on reports OPEC might extend its cuts in production, and energy companies are also up. Technology companies are taking losses as the two former halves of Hewlett-Packard both tumble.

KEEPING SCORE: The Standard & Poor's 500 index dipped 2 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,596 as of 11:40 a.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones industrial average slid 48 points, or 0.2 percent, to 23,542. The Nasdaq composite lost 1 point to 6,860. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks rose 2 points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,521, and most of the companies on the New York Stock Exchange traded higher.

All four major indexes closed at record highs Tuesday, led by gains for technology and health care companies, as well as industrial and basic materials stocks. U.S. markets will be closed Thursday for the Thanksgiving holiday and trading will end early on Friday.

ENERGY: Reuters reported that Saudi Arabia, the biggest oil exporter in the world, wants the OPEC cartel to extend this year's cut in oil production for another nine months. The nations of OPEC, as well as other major oil producers including Russia, will meet in Vienna next week to discuss their goals. Benchmark U.S. crude rose 97 cents, or 1.7 percent, to \$57.80 a barrel in New York, its highest price since the middle of 2015. Brent crude, used to price international oils, gained 40 cents to \$62.97 a barrel in London.

Chevron added \$1.03 to \$116.20 and pipeline operator Williams Cos. gained 54 cents, or 2 percent, to \$27.78. Marathon Oil advanced 27 cents, or 1.9 percent, to \$14.79.

HP HICCUP: The two main companies that once comprised Hewlett-Packard both slumped. Hewlett Packard Enterprise, which sells data-center hardware and tech gear, dropped \$1.12, or 8 percent, to \$13 after the company said Meg Whitman will retire as CEO. President Antonio Neri will replace Whitman on Feb. 1. She became CEO of Hewlett-Packard in 2011 and oversaw its split in 2015. It also reported mixed fourth-quarter results.

Analysts said they were surprised by the timing because Whitman suggested last month that she wasn't leaving soon. Like several other analysts, Steven Milunovich of UBS said Neri is a good choice, but that Whitman will be hard to replace.

"Whitman's star power could be missed when competing with the likes of Michael Dell, Chuck Robbins, and Ginni Rometty for large enterprise deals," he said, referring to the CEOs of Dell, Cisco Systems and IBM.

Meanwhile HP Inc., which sells PCs and printers, had a solid quarter but couldn't sustain the gains it's made this year. The stock lost \$1.57, or 7 percent, to \$20.89. It's up more than 40 percent in 2017.

GREENER PASTURES: Farm equipment maker Deere posted a bigger profit and better sales than analysts expected, and it also gave surprisingly strong forecasts for its new fiscal year. The stock climbed \$5.61, or 4 percent, to \$144.84.

STILL NO: Industrial equipment and software maker Rockwell Automation said it rejected another offer from Emerson Electric. Rockwell said the third bid was still too low and not in the best interest of the company. Emerson offered to buy Rockwell for \$200 a share in August, raised it in October, and then bumped its bid to \$225 a share, or about \$29 billion, last week. Rockwell fell \$3.02, or 1.6 percent, to \$190 while Emerson rose \$1.47, or 2.4 percent, to \$61.82.

PAINT BY NUMBERS: Axalta Coating Systems climbed after it ended talks with one potential suitor but said it is talking to Nippon Paint about a possible sale. Axalta entered into talks with Dutch company AkzoNobel recently, but it said Wednesday that those discussions have ended. Axalta gained \$1.80, or 5.3 percent, to \$35.67.

BONDS: Bond prices edged higher. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.34 percent from 2.36 percent.

CURRENCIES: The dollar sank to 111.55 yen from 112.44 yen.

Yellen says Fed needs to avoid 'boom-bust' cycle in economy



AP photo

Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen participates in a moderated discussion at New York University's Stern School of Business, Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017, in New

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen said Tuesday that the biggest challenge facing the central bank in coming years will be to craft an interest rate policy that avoids putting the economy through a "boom-bust" cycle.

She said that going forward, the Fed will be faced with a delicate balancing act: It will need to move rates up at a pace that allows the labor market to improve and inflation to move toward the Fed's target. This while not delaying hikes to the point where the Fed is forced to push rates up so quickly that it threatens to throw the country into recession.

Yellen's comments at New York University echoed previous remarks on inflation, indicating that the Fed is still preparing to boost rates again in December, its third hike this year.

"Moving monetary policy too slowly ... has risks," Yellen said, particularly if unemployment, already at 4.1 percent, the lowest in nearly 17 years, begins to fall even more quickly. That could trigger a sudden jump in inflation, forcing the Fed to respond with more aggressive rate hikes that could spell the end of the current economic expansion, already the

third longest in history. "We don't want a boom-bust situation," Yellen said.

As she has in the past, Yellen said Fed officials remain puzzled why inflation, which had begun moving toward the Fed's 2 percent target, has retreated for several months this year. She said officials still believe this is being caused by temporary factors such as a price war among cellphone companies but that the Fed needs to monitor inflation carefully.

Yellen's appearance sponsored by NYU's Stern School of Business came one day after she submitted a resignation letter to President Donald Trump, saying she will leave the central bank's board when Jerome Powell is confirmed as her successor as Fed chairman.

Yellen, the first woman to head the central bank, was not chosen by Trump for a second four-year term as chairman, becoming the first Fed leader not to be offered a second term in nearly four decades.

Yellen, who participated in a discussion at NYU with Mervyn King, the former head of the Bank of England, was not asked about her feelings about not getting a second term. But she did say in answer to a question that she had enjoyed good relationships with officials in both the Obama and

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12.70 miles north of Gail
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1800' FSL, 1991' FWL of the survey
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Total Depth: 8635 feet. PBTB: 8570 feet. Logs: Neutron
Daily Potential: 14 Bbls 40.0 gravity oil w/ 20 BWPD
Pumping. GOR: tstm
Spud: 4-06-17. Completed: 4-28-17. Pay: NA
8-5/8" @ 2981 feet w/ 300 sx.
5-1/2" @ 8630 feet w/ 1,000 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 8358 feet
Perfs: 8305-8310
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13 miles north of Ozona
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6720' FNL, 650' FWL of the survey
Latitude 030.8918584, Longitude -101.2208062
Total Depth: 5977 feet. PBTB: 5901 feet. Logs: none
Daily Potential: 597 Bbls 41.0 gravity oil w/ 1,752 BWPD
Flowing. GOR: 2519
Spud: 3-17-17. Completed: 6-07-17. Pay: NA
5-1/2" @ 12,391 feet w/ 2,340 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 5489 feet
Perfs: 6358-12,336
6358-12,336: Frac w/ 254,230 Bbls fluid, 49,200g 15% HCl, 5,899,193# 100 mesh sand and 5,021,638# 40/70 sand

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13 miles north of Ozona
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6720' FNL, 680' FWL of the survey
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Spud: 3-18-17. Completed: 6-04-17. Pay: NA
5-1/2" @ 12,807 feet w/ 2,405 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 5919 feet
Perfs: 6711-12,751
6711-12,751: Frac w/ 26,244 Bbls fluid, 44,200g 15% HCl, 6,412,615# 100 mesh sand and 5,505,623# 40/70 sand

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Trump administrations.

She noted she has met regularly with Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Gary Cohn, the head of the president's National Economic Council.

"These interactions follow certain rules," Yellen said. "The first rule is that the Federal Reserve is independent within the government and the Fed has to make its own decisions about monetary policies."

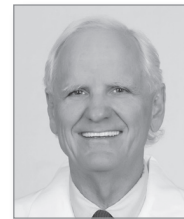
She said all the administration officials she met with during her four years as Fed chair understood the importance of the Fed's independence.

Powell, a Republican who has been on the Fed board since 2012, will have his Senate confirmation hearing next week. He is expected to have little trouble winning Senate approval.

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harmful for months or even years after the break-in occurred.

Yahoo didn't make its first disclosure about hacks that hit 3 billion user accounts during 2013 and 2014 until September 2016. Credit reporting service Equifax waited several months before revealing this past September that hackers had carted off the Social Security numbers of 145 million Americans.

Khosrowshahi criticized Uber's handling of its data theft in his blog post.

"While I can't erase the past, I can commit on behalf of every Uber employee that we will learn from our mistakes," Khosrowshahi wrote. "We are changing the way we do business, putting integrity at the core of every decision we make and working hard to earn the trust of our customers."

That pledge shouldn't excuse Uber's previous regime for its egregious behavior, said Sam Curry, chief security officer for the computer security firm Cybereason.

"The truly scary thing here is that Uber paid a bribe, essentially a ransom to make this breach go away, and they acted as if they were above the law," Curry said. "Those people responsible for the integrity and confidentiality of the data in fact covered it up."

The heist took the names, email addresses and mobile phone numbers of 57 million riders around the world. The thieves also nabbed the driver's license numbers of 600,000 Uber drivers in the U.S.

Uber waited until Tuesday to begin notifying the drivers with compromised driver's licenses, which can be particularly useful for perpetrating identify theft. For that reason, Uber will now pay for free credit-report monitoring and identity theft protection services for the affected drivers.

Kalanick, who still sits on Uber's board of directors, declined to comment on the data breach that took place in October 2016. Uber says the response to the hack was handled by its chief security officer, Joe Sullivan, a former federal prosecutor whom Kalanick lured away from Facebook in 2015.

As part of his effort to set things right, Khosrowshahi extracted Sullivan's resignation from Uber and also jettisoned Craig Clark, a lawyer who reported to Sullivan.

Clark didn't immediately respond to a request for comment sent through his LinkedIn profile. Efforts to reach Sullivan were unsuccessful.

On Wednesday, New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's office confirmed that it had opened an investigation into the data theft, but a spokeswoman wouldn't comment further. New York law requires that companies notify the attorney general and consumers if data is stolen.

In London, Britain's Deputy Information Commissioner James Dipple-Johnstone said Wednesday the company faces "higher fines" because it concealed the hack from the public.

The Information Commissioner's Office and the National Cyber Security Center are working to gauge the severity of the problem for British Uber users.

Uber's silence about its breach came while it was negotiating with the Federal Trade Commission about its handling of its riders' information.

Earlier in 2016, the company reached a settlement with the New York attorney general requiring it to take steps to be more vigilant about protecting the information that its app stores about its riders. As part of that settlement, Uber also paid a \$20,000 fine for waiting to notify five months about another data breach that it discovered in September 2014.



AP photo

Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond waves and poses for the media as he holds up the traditional red dispatch box, outside his official residence 11 Downing Street, before delivering his annual budget speech to Parliament, in London, Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2017. As Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer Phillip Hammond reveals his budget to the nation, he is under pressure to ease austerity in spending plans but also needs to preserve the country's finances as Britain braces for the shock of leaving the European Union.

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And though Hammond did his best to put a happy stamp on things — Britain's Press Association described him as the chortling chancellor — the part of his speech he himself described as "economicky" revealed the painful truth. The economy is slowing.

The Office of Budget Responsibility, an independent body that provides the chancellor with forecasts, said it expects the economy to expand 1.5 percent this year, 1.4 percent in 2018, and 1.3 in both 2019 and 2020, before picking up to 1.5 percent and finally 1.6 percent in 2022. The OBR also cut its forecast for worker productivity over the next five years.

By contrast, the neighboring eurozone economy was growing at a 2.5 percent an-

nual rate at last count.

Slower growth and lower productivity mean British tax revenues are likely to grow more slowly in coming years, making it harder for the government to ease the austerity that has characterized budgets since the global financial crisis swelled Britain's debt.

While Hammond announced progress on the budget deficit, saying it would fall below 2 percent of GDP next year, Britain still faces relatively high debt.

Public borrowing rose more than expected in October, driven by higher borrowing costs. Debt will peak at 86.5 percent of GDP this year, Hammond said. That compared with less than 40 percent in 2007, the Office for National Statistics said Tuesday.

"Mr Hammond is like David throwing pebbles at the Goliath of the productivity

and growth challenges that the U.K. faces after Brexit," said Lucy O'Carroll, chief economist at Aberdeen Standard Investments. "Today could have been a golden opportunity to take a distinct, long-term view of the U.K.'s prospects, tackling the country's productivity performance head on. ... Unfortunately, the Chancellor lacks the political capital to take such a dynamic approach."

Opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn, whose fortunes have been on the rise of late, was quick to criticize the government's plans, highlighting that many in this country are struggling.

"Our country is marked by growing inequality and injustice," he said. "We were promised, with lots of hype, a revolutionary budget. The reality is nothing has changed. People were looking for help from this budget and they've been let down."

China's CEFC denies links to alleged Africa bribery plot

By **KELVIN CHAN**

AP Business Writer

HONG KONG (AP) — A Chinese energy company has denied it had anything to do with a multimillion-dollar bribery scheme that U.S. prosecutors say was organized by two businessmen to secure an edge with African officials on its behalf.

In a statement late Tuesday, CEFC China Energy Co. sought to distance itself from the corruption, money laundering and conspiracy charges filed against former Hong Kong home secretary Patrick Ho and Cheik Gadio, a former Senegal foreign minister.

CEFC said it "conducts its business activities in strict accordance with the law." "Any activities that go against the law and discipline are strictly prohibited

by the company," it said.

Details of the case in court papers provide rare insights into China's ambitions in Africa, highlighted also in the ties exposed by political tumult now unfolding in Zimbabwe.

Prosecutors say Ho and Gadio arranged bribes disguised as donations to secure business advantages in Chad and Uganda for an unnamed Shanghai-headquartered company in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

The complaint's details indicate it was CEFC, a privately owned enterprise that in just a few years has risen to prominence in the state-dominated Chinese oil and gas sector.

The complaint described Ho as the head of a non-

governmental organization funded by an energy company. He's listed as deputy chairman of the China Energy Fund Committee on its website. It describes itself as a non-profit think tank funded by CEFC China Energy.

CEFC said the fund has "no commercial authorization relationship whatsoever with the company."

The company reported about \$39 billion in revenue for 2015 and has attracted attention with a flurry of recent high-profile acquisitions, only some of which are directly related to energy assets.

In September CEFC agreed to buy a 14 percent stake in Russian state-owned energy company Rosneft from commodity trader Glencore and the Qatar Investment Au-

thority.

It bought a \$680 million stake in a joint venture with Kazakhstan's national oil company, KazMunaiGas, that owns refiners and gas stations in Eastern Europe, and also owns part of an oil concession in the United Arab Emirates.

In the Czech Republic, CEFC has spent \$1.8 billion buying control of assets including a soccer team, the airline CSA, a TV and radio station, a brewer, a travel agency, and historic buildings in downtown Prague. It plans to use one of the buildings as headquarters for its European expansion, according to a Czech state media report. The company's plans to expand in Africa put it on U.S. authorities' radar.

Prosecutors allege Ho and

Gadio were involved in efforts to bribe officials in Chad and Uganda.

The court papers submitted to the Southern District of New York court say allegedly was involved in offering a \$2 million bribe to Chad's President Idriss Deby to obtain oil rights without facing international competition. Prosecutors say Ho enlisted Gadio to gain access to Deby because the two were friends.

The company wanted to get a foothold in Chad by teaming up with a Chinese state-owned oil producer, which was facing a \$1.2 billion fine over environmental violations there. The investment didn't end up going through and CEFC instead later acquired a stake in Taiwan producer CPC Corp.'s Chad oil project.

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AT&T suit may herald a new antitrust era – or Trumpian pique



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In this Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016, file photo, AT&T Chairman and CEO Randall Stephenson, left, testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, before a Senate Judiciary subcommittee hearing on the proposed merger between AT&T and Time Warner, as Time Warner Chairman and CEO Jeffrey Bewkes listens at right. The Justice Department intends to sue AT&T to stop its \$85 billion purchase of Time Warner, according to a person familiar with the matter who was not authorized to discuss the matter ahead of the suit's official filing.

By TALI ARBEL

AP Technology Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — The Trump administration's decision to oppose the \$85 billion AT&T-Time Warner merger may be clouded by suspicions of political influence. But considered on its merits, it could mark a significant departure in antitrust policy, one that might block or modify a broader set of mergers found to harm consumers.

The move disconcerted both Wall Street and the telecom and media industries, none of which expected it. Consumer groups are applauding, saying it's a good step by the Justice Department to protect people from higher cable bills and ensure that web-based alternatives to TV aren't stifled. (Many of the same groups, however, are also protesting the government's plan, announced Tuesday, to roll back "net neutrality" rules intended to equalize access to the internet.)

Matters, of course, are complicated by President Donald Trump's long-running feud with CNN, a Time Warner company, which Trump regularly denigrates as "fake news" and "failing." On Tuesday, Trump called the deal "not good for the country" and said he thought it would cause prices to go up. A White House spokeswoman said Monday she wasn't aware of any efforts to influence the case.

The Justice Department has suggested that AT&T could resolve the case by selling off DirecTV or a Time Warner business that includes CNN, according to a person familiar with the situation who couldn't go on the record. AT&T has rejected any option that would cause it to lose control of CNN.

LEGACY OF THE PAST

In 2011, Obama-era antitrust regulators waved through Comcast's acquisition of NBC Universal — a deal that, like the current one, brought together a major provider of television and internet service and

an entertainment conglomerate. (AT&T offers wireless, home internet and TV services; Time Warner owns the Warner Bros. studio and networks including HBO, CNN and TBS.)

To prevent Comcast from abusing its greater leverage, regulators imposed a host of conditions on the company. For example, Comcast had to offer its TV and movies to online video competitors at the same rates as it did to cable and satellite rivals. But this approach isn't universally acclaimed.

For one thing, conditions are typically temporary; the ones for Comcast expire next year. They also don't fundamentally change behavioral incentives for the company, and they require ongoing enforcement. Complaints in the past have dragged on for years. Among critics of such "behavioral commitments" is Makan Delrahim, now the Justice Department's new antitrust chief.

"The DOJ in this instance is learning from those past mistakes," said Lina Khan, the legal policy director at the Open Markets Institute, a think tank that opposes excessive corporate power.

Delrahim has argued for requiring merged companies to divest certain businesses instead of imposing post-merger requirements on them. AT&T, however, doesn't want to do that. Its plan is to marry popular Time Warner networks with its nationwide wireless and television services in order to build a data-driven ad business on top of it all.

NEW THEORY OF COMPETITION

AT&T says TV bills won't go up and consumers will benefit from innovations in packaging video. The Justice Department and some experts argue the opposite.

For instance, MofettNathanson analysts said in a note Tuesday that it was "in fact, very easy to imagine" how a company that both makes and dis-

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Bridjourner (Canyon) Field, new well, El: 2088' GR
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A-557, Section 46, Block 3, H&TC RR Co. survey
2587' FNL, 1355' FWL of the survey
Latitude 032.7367373, Longitude -100.6271967
Total Depth: 4682 feet. PBTD: 4674 feet. Logs: Induction
Daily Potential: 125 Bbls 43.0 gravity oil w/ 0 BWPD
Flowing. GOR: tstm
Spud: 10-05-17. Completed: 10-30-17. Pay: NA
5-1/2" @ 4674 feet w/ 350 sx.; 2-3/8" @ 4488 feet
Perfs: 4545-4550

Glasscock County

#4101HC Thomas, API #42-173-37471
Garden City, S. (Wolfcamp) Field, new well, El: 2527' GR
10.50 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-215, Section 41, Block 34, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey
440' FNL, 580' FWL of the survey
Latitude 031.9965651, Longitude -101.5691550
Total Depth: 8811 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)
Daily Potential: 522 Bbls 39.0 gravity oil w/ 1,205 BWPD
Flowing. GOR: 1858
Spud: 2-16-17. Completed: 6-20-17. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 8455 feet w/ 1,065 sx.
MS tool @ 3947 feet w/ 975 sx.
5-1/2" @ 15,960 feet w/ 2,654 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7529 feet
Perfs: 9440-15,704
9440-15,704: Acidize w/ 289,342 Bbls slick water, 32,762 Bbls
8# X-linked Assist and 2,048 Bbls 15% HCl; Frac w/
15,143,520g fluid and 15,970,740# sand

#8WA Riley "G 1807", API #42-173-37444
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A-999, Section 18, Block 35, T-4-S, T&P RR Co. survey
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tributes "must-have" news, sports and entertainment programming could use its power to thwart competitors by withholding it from rivals.

The government argues that AT&T could, for example, charge upstart streaming services prohibitively expensive fees for the rights to HBO or other channels, or even withhold them, making it harder to compete with AT&T's services. AT&T has said it intends to broaden, not limit, distribution of Time Warner.

"The DOJ's argument is simple: AT&T cannot lawfully be given this market power, because the incentives for them to abuse it are self-evident," the analysts wrote. "It is simply not the case that this is a 'novel' legal theory."

Antitrust enforcement used to be more aggressive. But starting in the 1980s, it became more focused on promoting consumer welfare than on ensuring competitive markets, Khan said. That made "vertical mergers," where the companies in question weren't direct competitors, more attractive, since regulators believed they created efficiencies without harming consumers.

For regulators to reject a vertical merger "represents a stark departure from the U.S. enforcement practice of the recent decades," Columbia law professor Anu Bradford said in an email. The last time the U.S. government won a

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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0307485
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Nov 16, 2017 Status/Permit No. 830846
NOTICE OF PROTEST
DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Dec 21, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit

Public Notice

P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 18, Bk. 31 T2N, T&P RR CO/MORGAN, P S Survey, A-1301, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 14.4 miles NE direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Public Notice

Lease/Unit Name : BIG DADDY B
Lease/Unit Well No. : 1845WA
Lease/Unit Acres : 637.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0

Lease Lines : 275.0 F N L, 200.0 F W L
Survey Lines : 275.0 F N L, 2442.0 F E L
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal
Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location

Lease Lines 275.0 F N L, 200.0 F W L
Terminus Location
BH County: HOWARD
Section: 25 Block: 31 T2N
Abstract: 188
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 100.0 F S L, 300.0 F W L
Survey Lines 100.0 F S L, 2288.0 F E L
Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9500 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Lisa Hunt, at (432)8484833.

#9606 November 19, 26, & December 3, 10, 2017

COLLEEN BARTON, DISTRICT CLERK
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To Madera Gray-Heffington, Defendant, Greeting:

Respondent Greeting:

The petition of Gary Gray, Petitioner has been filed in the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas, on 20th say of November, 2017 against Madera Gray-Heffington; Joseph Bollinger, Respondent, numbered 52625 and styled: In the Interest of C.J.G., A Child.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office on this the 21st day of November, 2017.

COLLEEN BARTON
District Clerk of Howard County, Texas

By: Jury Padron, Deputy

#9614 November 26, 2017

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Navajo family in Utah gets electricity in time for holidays

By FELICIA FONSECA

Associated Press
FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — For years, Thomas and Annie Hamm walked around their southern Utah home with flashlights at night, heated water on a wood burning stove and kept their food cold on ice.

Sometimes, they ran an extension cord from a car battery to power a television. They had a small solar panel installed to provide power but ran out of it whenever clouds rolled in.

This year, the couple finally has gotten electricity just in time for the holidays. They are planning a Thanksgiving dinner with their three sons and their families, including several grandchildren, that won't have to end when the sun goes down.

"Now they're coming no matter what time," Annie Hamm said.

The Navajo Tribal Utility Authority recently brought power to the Hamms' home in the tiny community of McCracken Mesa and plans to connect 240 other homes nearby. It's part of a project to expand infrastructure in a desolate region of the country where basic services such as electricity, running water and telephone service are not available for thousands of people on the reservation that extends into Utah, New Mexico and Arizona.

For the Hamms, years of not having electricity were even more frustrating because they live less than one mile (1.6 kilometers) from an existing power line. An-

other utility company required Navajo families to pay much of the cost to extend the lines, and the Hamms couldn't afford it.

The Navajo Tribal Utility Authority bought a system of rural Utah substations and electrical lines last December under a decades-old deal with the Rocky Mountain Power utility.

The tribal utility now is the sole power provider in the Utah portion of the Navajo Nation. It seeks outside funding for easements, biological and archaeological clearances, environmental reviews and other surveys, lifting the financial and bureaucratic burden for tribal members, the utility said. Hooking up a single home can cost up to \$50,000, the utility said.

"Our people's per-capita income is \$10,700 a year, there's no way they can manage that," said Walter Haase, general manager of the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority.

The lack of electricity on the Navajo Nation has long impacted residents: Children struggle to do homework at night, people with health problems can't refrigerate medicine like insulin and water cannot be pumped into people's taps. Economic development also suffers because businesses don't want to invest in places without electricity.

The Hamms raised their sons in a mobile home without electricity or running water and used kerosene lamps and flashlights to illuminate it. They moved

OIL

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Contractor not listed

Santa Rosa 616'
Yates 2090'
Seven Rivers 2289'
Queen 2810'
Grayburg 3118'
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Yates 2071'
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Spraberry 6493'
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Latitude 031.8042984, Longitude -101.6480380
Total Depth: 8280 feet. PBTB: 8265 feet. Logs: RCBL
Daily Potential: 856 Bbls 41.5 gravity oil w/ 1,650 BWPD
Pumping. GOR: 984
Spud: 9-15-16. Completed: 3-19-17. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 7635 feet w/ 1,005 sx.
MS tool @ 4820 feet w/ 1,200 sx.
5-1/2" @ 16,598 feet w/ 2,453 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7606 feet
Perfs: 8052-16,448

#104H Pecos "SN 43-31 04", API #42-173-37294
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, anew well, El: 2717' GR
13.87 miles southeast of Garden City
A-190, Section 43, Block 33, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
200' FNL, 610' FEL of the survey
Latitude 031.6746960, Longitude -101.3970297
Total Depth: 7533 feet. PBTB: NA. Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)
Daily Potential: 1,220 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 1,516 BWPD
Gas Lift. GOR: 1117
Spud: 12-08-15. Completed: 5-30-17. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 5622 feet w/ 1,700 sx.
5-1/2" @ 15,421 feet w/ 1,975 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7121 feet
Perfs: 7881-15,353

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#55AH Fryar Unit "B 13-12", API #42-227-38764
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2705' GR
6.50 miles southeast of Vealmoor
A-324, Section 13, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
2422' FNL, 2095' FEL of the survey
Latitude 032.4301455, Longitude -101.5484655.
Total Depth: 7803 feet. PBTB: 7803 feet. Logs: Neutron
Daily Potential: 594 Bbls 40.7 gravity oil w/ 2,709 BWPD
Pumping. GOR 329
Spud: 5-13-16. Completed: 10-31-16. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 645 feet w/ 670 sx.; MS tool @ 4461 feet w/ 870 sx.
5-1/2" @ 15,056 feet w/ 2,315 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7094 feet
Perfs: 8149-14,941
8149-14,941: Frac w/ 971,054# sand and 36,156g 15% HCl

into a new home in 2012 and had running water but only the shaky solar power for electricity.

Before the electrical line was installed at the house, they had to make frequent trips to the grocery store an hour's drive away or to

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AT&T

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court victory in a vertical merger antitrust case was in 1972, when the Supreme Court said Ford's takeover of a spark-plug business vio-

lated antitrust law.

The suit against AT&T could be the start of a new, more aggressive tack in antitrust by the Justice Department. But that depends on whether other considerations played a role.

"If it's politically moti-

vated because the president doesn't like CNN, then it's just a wild card," said NYU law professor Eleanor Fox. "If this represents a change of heart, to be much more aggressive against mergers, it would be a game changer."

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This undated photo provided by the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, shows Annie Hamm holding her great granddaughter outside her home on the Navajo Nation near Montezuma Creek, Utah. Hamm and her husband recently got electricity to their home, in time for the holidays.

NAVAJO

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a gas station to buy ice to keep food cool when their small refrigerator powered by the solar panel was full. One holiday season, they put up their Christmas lights but the unreliability of the solar panel made it hard to keep the lights on.

"We couldn't keep it on," said Annie Hamm. "We'd plug it in for a while, then turn it off."

Hamm, who is 60, kept track in a journal over the last two years the dates and times she called local officials and the tribal utility letting them know she was waiting for power.

Her count was 32, and she is convinced that her persistence and the home's proximity to the existing power line put her near the top of the priority list for an electrical hookup.

"You have to stand up for yourself, you have to keep checking and checking," said Hamm.

When electricity finally came to her house in late October, Hamm turned on all of its lights "to see what you can see." Co-workers cheered her the next morning, and her family posted the news on social media.

One of her sons gave her a bigger refrigerator and she bought about \$400 of food that would last about a month.

She's been taking showers with hot water that flows straight from the pipes instead of water heated on the stove.

Her husband, Thomas, has been using power tools to build shelters for their pets. And she's thinking about putting up the Christmas lights she has stored away.

"Those icicles," she says. "I have a lot."

OIL

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Surge Operating, LLC
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Suite 300
Houston, TX 77064-0000
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Yates 2054'
San Andres 3300'
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#2AH Fryar Unit "A 13-12", API #42-227-38810
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2677' GR
5.25 miles northeast of Knott
A-324, Section 13, Block 33, T&P RR Co. survey
2615' FSL, 1090' FWL of the survey
Latitude 032.4284985, Longitude -101.5556277
Total Depth: 7817 feet. PBDT: 7817 feet. Logs: Neutron
Daily Potential: 660 Bbls 40.0 gravity oil w/ 1,927 BWP
Pumping. GOR: 696
Spud: 8-12-16. Completed: 10-04-16. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 7685 feet w/ 660 sx.; Ms tool @ 4503 feet w/ 930 sx.
5-1/2" @ 15,105 feet w/ 2,420 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7092 feet
Perfs: 8199-15,015

#3AH Wolf-McCann Unit "10-15", API #42-227-38796
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2686' GR
3.50 miles northeast of Knott
A-325, Section 15, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
2086' FNL, 2604' FWL of the survey
Latitude 032.4235042, Longitude -101.5852148
Total Depth: 7926 feet. PBDT: 7926 feet. Logs: Neutron
Daily Potential: 1,095 Bbls 40.5 gravity oil w/ 2,400 BWP
Pumping. GOR: 706
Spud: 9-10-16. Completed: 11-23-16. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 7800 feet w/ 685 sx.; MS tool @ 4525 feet w/ 930 sx.
5-1/2" @ 14,687 feet w/ 2,190 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7330 feet
Perfs: 8345-14,567

#2 State Wilkinson "30", API #42-227-3864
Spraberry (Trend Area) Fields, new well, El: 2463' GR
9.50 miles northwest of Elbow
A-1655, Section 30, Block 34, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
2070' FWL, 1282' FNL of the survey
Latitude 032.2133103, Longitude -101.6630678
Total Depth: 10,340 feet. PBDT: 10,325 feet.
Logs: Neutron/Density
Daily Potential: 80 Bbls 39.0 gravity oil w/ 296 BWP
Pumping. GOR: 975
Spud: 3-07-17. Completed: 6-12-17. Pay: NA
8-5/8" @ 4484 feet w/ 975 sx.
5-1/2" @ 10,340 feet w/ 1,450 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7670 feet
Perfs: 7210-10,155
7210-10,155: Frac w/ 1,011,582 # sand and 40,582 Bbls frac

#0113HA Quahadi "A", API #42-227-38853
Garden City, S. (Wolfcamp) Field, new well, El: 2510' GR
11.70 miles southwest of Big Spring
A-427, Section 1, Block 34, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey
497' FSL, 380' FWL of the survey
Latitude 032.0913510, Longitude -101.5604227
Total Depth: 7247 feet. PBDT: NA. Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)
Daily Potential: 217 Bbls 36.0 gravity oil w/ 1,467 BWP
Pumping. GOR: 861
Spud: 9-23-16. Completed: 6-01-17. Pay: NA

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VS OF

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COUNTY, TEXAS

Cuatro Rojos, LLC; William
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James D. Hill; Marjorie B.
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Peggy L. Hunt; Andrea C.
Wiggins; Charles R. Wiggins;
William R. Schwartz; Carolyn
S.

Strube; Alice C. Glass; Lav-
erne S. Schniers; John M.
Jost, JR.; as trustee of the
trust created under the will of
Mercedes M. Jost, De-
ceased; Betty J. Schwartz, as
trustee of the David
William Schwartz Trust cre-
ated under the will of David
William Schwartz, Deceased;
West Texas boys Ranch;
Presbyterian Children's
Home and Service; Mildred
Taylor F/K/A
Mildred Jones; and the un-
known heirs of Mildred Taylor
F/K/A Midred Jones, De-
ceased

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of MILDRED
TAYLOR, formerly known as
MILDRED JONES Defend-
ant- GREETING

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Amended Answer and Cross-
Petition in Interpleader at or
before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on
the Monday next after the ex-
piration of 42 days after the
date of issuance of this cita-
tion the same being Monday
Dec.21, 2017 before the Hon-
orable Judge Yeats 118th
District Court of Glasscock
County, at the Courthouse in
said County in Garden City,
Texas. Said Plaintiff's Peti-
tion was filed in said court on
the 11 day of November 2017
in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the
nature of this suit is as fol-
lows, to-wit: Ownership of
Minerals

If land describe: Section 17,
Block34, T5S, T & P Ry. Co.
Survey
as is more fully shown by De-
fendant Energen Resources
Corporation, First Amended
Answer and

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Cross-Petition in Interplead-
er on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my
hand and seal of said Court
at Garden City Texas this 14
day of
Nov., 2017

Attorney for Plaintiff or
Plaintiff:
Davis, Gerald & Cremer
Julie L Griffis
400 W. Illinois, Suite 1400
Midland, Texas 79701
(432) 687-0011

Clerk of the Court:
Rebecca Batla,
District/County Clerk
Glasscock County, Texas
By: Deputy

#9611 November 26, 2017

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INVITATION TO BID

Pursuant to Texas Education
Code §11.153 and Texas
Natural Resources Code
§71.005, Big Spring Inde-
pendent School District (the
"District") hereby gives public
notice of its intention to lease
its mineral interests in ap-
proximately 18.3 acres of real
property, set out in 22 sepa-
rate tracts, all located in
Howard County, Texas ("the
Property"), which is more fully
described as follows:

Tract 1: All of Lot 11, Block
5, MONTICELLO ADDITION,
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Spring, Howard County,
Texas, according to the prop-
er map or plat on file in the
office of the County Clerk of
Howard County, Texas, and
being the property located at
1805 S. Monticello Street, Big
Spring, Texas.

Tract 2: All of Lot 12, Block
6, Brown Addition to the City
of Big Spring, Howard
County, Texas, according to
the proper map or plat there-
of of record in the Plat Re-
cords of Howard County,
Texas.

Tract 3: All of Lots 1 & 2,
Block 2, COLE AND STRAY-
HORN ADDITION, an addi-
tion to the City of Big Spring,
Howard County, Texas, ac-
cording to the proper map or
plat on file in the office of the
County Clerk of Howard
County, Texas, and being the
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Tract 4: All of Lot 3, Block
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erty located at 604 11TH
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Tract 5: All of Lot 4, Block
2, COLE & STRAYHORN
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erty located at 606 11TH
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Tract 6: All of Lot 5, Block
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Clerk of Howard County,
Texas, and being the prop-
erty located at 608 11TH
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Tract 7: All of Lot 6, Block
2, COLE & STRAYHORN
ADDITION, an addition to the
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the proper map or plat on file
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Texas, and being the prop-
erty located at 610 11TH
Place, Big Spring, Texas.

Tract 8: All of Lot 1, Block
3, COLE & STRAYHORN
ADDITION, an addition to the
City of Big Spring, Howard
County, Texas, according to
the proper map or plat on file
in the office of the County
Clerk of Howard County,
Texas.

Tract 9: All of Lot Two 2,
Block 3, COLE & STRAY-
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tion to the City of Big Spring,
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plat on file in the office of the
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property located at 702 11TH
Place, Big Spring, Texas.

Tract 10: All of Lot 3, in
Block 3, COLE & STRAY-
HORN ADDITION, an addi-
tion to the City of Big Spring,
Howard County, Texas, ac-
cording to the proper map or
plat on file in the office of the
County Clerk of Howard
County, Texas, and being the
property located at 704 11TH
Place, Big Spring, Texas.

Tract 11: All of Lot 4, Block
3, COLE & STRAYHORN
ADDITION, an addition to the
City of Big Spring, Howard
County, Texas, according to
the proper map or plat on file
in the office of the County
Clerk of Howard County,
Texas, and being the prop-
erty located at 706 11TH
Place, Big Spring, Texas.

Tract 12: All of Lots 5 and
6, in Block 3, COLE &
STRAYHORN ADDITION, an
addition to the City of Big
Spring, Howard County,
Texas, according to the prop-
er map or plat on file in the
office of the County Clerk of
Howard County, Texas, and
being the property located at
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Texas.

Tract 13: All of Lot 10, in
Block 3, COLE & STRAY-
HORN ADDITION, an addi-
tion to the City of Big Spring,
Howard County, Texas, ac-
cording to the proper map or
plat on file in the office of the
County Clerk of Howard
County, Texas, and being the
property located at 705 E
12TH Place, Big Spring,
Texas.

Tract 14: All of Lot 11, in
Block 3, COLE & STRAY-
HORN ADDITION, an addi-
tion to the City of Big Spring,
Howard County, Texas, ac-
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Tract 15: All of Lot 12,
Block 3, COLE & STRAY-
HORN ADDITION, an addi-
tion to the City of Big Spring,
Howard County, Texas, ac-
cording to the proper map or
plat on file in the office of the
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County, Texas, and being the
property located at 701 E
12TH Place, Big Spring,
Texas.

Tract 16: All of Lot 12,
Block 5, MONTICELLO AD-
DITION, an addition to the
City of Big Spring, Howard
County, Texas, according to
the proper map or plat on file
in the office of the County
Clerk of Howard County,
Texas, and being the prop-
erty located at 1803 S. Monti-
cello Street, Big Spring,
Texas.

Tract 17: All of Lots 1 - 11,
inclusive, in Block "C",
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the City of Big Spring,
Howard County, Texas, ac-
cording to the proper map or
plat thereof of record in the
Plat Records of Howard
County, Texas, and being the
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Tract 18: 7.37 acres, more
or less, being a tract of land
out of Section 42, Block 32,
T-1-N, T. & P. RR. Co. Sur-
vey, Howard County, Texas,
and being the same tract of
land described in that certain
Gift Deed dated March 21,
2013, from Big Spring Inde-
pendent School District to
Greater Opportunities of the
Permian Basin, Inc., and re-
corded in Volume 1323, Page
414, Official Public Records
of Howard County, Texas.

Tract 19: 0.46 acres, more
or less, out of Section 44,
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Co. Survey, Howard County,
Texas, and being the same
land described in that certain
Warranty Deed dated Mary
17, 1930, from Howard
County to Big Spring Inde-
pendent School District, and
recorded in Volume 91, Page
569, Deed Records, Howard
County Texas.

Tract 20: 0.267 acres more
or less, out of Section 44,
Block 32, T-1-N, T. & P. RR
Co. Survey, Howard County,
Texas, and being the same
land described in that certain
Quitclaim Deed dated Febru-
ary 11, 1960, from the City of
Big Spring to Big Spring Inde-
pendent School District, and
recorded in Volume 278,
Page 320, Deed Records,
Howard County Texas; and,

Tract 21: 2.57 acres, more
or less, out of Section 44,
Block 32, T-1-N, T. & P. RR
Co. Survey, Howard County,
Texas, and being the same
land described in that certain
Warranty Deed dated May
20, 1930, from Annabel Bird-
well to Big Spring Indepen-
dent School District, and re-
corded in Volume 81, Page 232,
Deed Records, Howard
County Texas; and,

Tract 22: 2.83 acres, more
or less, out of Section 44,
Block 32, T-1-N, T. & P. RR
Co. Survey, Howard County,
Texas, and being the same
land described in that certain
Quitclaim Deed dated March
26, 1962, from Howard
County to Big Spring Inde-
pendent School District, and
recorded in Volume 308,
Page 145, Deed Records,
Howard County Texas.

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the contrary, the term "miner-
al interest" does not include
hard minerals such as, but
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The District will accept sealed
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erty for mineral development.
Bidders must be willing to
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ment all reasonable proced-
ures and precautions to
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deemed necessary by the
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Sealed written bids should be
addressed to "District Oil and
Gas Lease Bid c/o Susan
Bryan, CFO, Big Spring ISD,
708 E. 11th Pl., Big Spring,
TX 79720." Bids for the lease
of the above-described min-
eral interests may be submit-
ted, beginning November 20,
2017. All bids must be re-
ceived by the District busi-
ness office no later than 4:00
p.m. on December 5, 2017.
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submitted by U.S. mail or
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ders may obtain a copy of the
District's bid information
packet by contacting Susan
Bryan, Chief Financial Of-
ficer, at (432) 264-3620.

Bids will be presented to the
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meeting on December 14,
2017, at which time the
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hearing, pursuant to Texas
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§71.004, for consideration of
such bids. The Big Spring
ISD Board of Trustees re-
serves the right to accept or
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

It's all in the mind

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 7
♥ 10 5
♦ Q J 10
♣ K Q J 7 4 2

WEST
♠ 9 8 3 2
♥ A 4 2
♦ K 8 7 5 2
♣ 8

EAST
♠ 10 6 5 4
♥ Q 9 8 7
♦ 6 3
♣ A 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A K Q
♥ K J 6 3
♦ A 9 4
♣ 10 9 5

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1NT Pass 3NT
Opening lead — five of diamonds.

One habit a declarer must strive to
rid himself of is the temptation to
treat each suit as a separate entity
instead of dealing with the hand as a
whole.

Take this case where declarer won
the diamond lead in dummy and
played the K-Q of clubs, hoping the
defense would take the ace. But East
uncooperatively ducked both clubs,

leaving South with a hopeless task.
When declarer next led the ten of
hearts from dummy, East covered
with the queen, and the king lost to
the ace. Back came a heart, and South
could then do no better than finish
with eight tricks.

Declarer lost the contract on the
very first trick. He should have won
the diamond lead with the ace instead
of the ten rather than rely on the
opponents to win the first or second
club lead.

By taking the ace of diamonds at
trick one, he would have made sure
of reaching dummy later to cash the
clubs after the ace was driven out.
Thus, in the actual deal, South would
play three rounds of clubs after win-
ning the diamond lead in his hand.
East would take the third club with
the ace but could not harm South
regardless of what he returned.
Sooner or later, declarer would gain
entry to dummy with a diamond.

The outcome rests entirely on
South's attitude at trick one. He
should do more than woodenly allow
dummy's ten to win the first trick.
Instead, he should plan the play of
the hand as a whole before proceed-
ing.

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5	9	8	2	3	1	6	7	4
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ANSWER:

Newsday Crossword SATURDAY STUMPER by Andrew Bell Lewis

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| ACROSS | DOWN | 12 Festive cry |
| 1 Half a converse phrase | 1 Starter suggesting miscellany | 13 Author admired by Sirs ACD and JMB |
| 6 Road blocker, at times | 2 Congestion is likely to affect them | 14 Criminal signatures |
| 15 Received avidly | 3 Portfolio adjustments | 20 Plugged in |
| 16 Salsa verde ingredient | 4 Urban graffitist's "canvas" | 23 Mitigating |
| 17 Certain wedding official | 5 "That's unfortunate!" | 24 Home for organic filaments |
| 18 Strapped | 6 Former Miss Florida | 25 Swells |
| 19 "The scales fell from my eyes" | 7 Time for some wrap parties? | 26 Mere shadows |
| 21 Hyperbolize, with "on" | 8 Semi-doubled | 27 Potentate's proclamation |
| 22 Dalai Lama's former home | 9 Designer in the U.S. | 29 Exodus 19 setting |
| 26 Hail in Oz | 10 German leaf-blower brand | 30 Blessing-curse connector |
| 28 Spots for wallet-size Kahlo portraits | 11 Soil's growth potential | 31 Energy source |
| 32 Corporate cheque abbr. | | 34 Peruvian pronoun |
| 33 From this day forward | | 36 900+-station network |
| 35 Unassailable | | 37 Liquid in some flambéed desserts |
| 38 Special-event compositions | | 39 Word before pack or pick |
| 41 Southeast Asian hot sauce | | |
| 42 Command the attention of | | |
| 43 Legs on a lobster | | |
| 44 Throws out | | |
| 47 Italian nickname for Anthony | | |
| 48 Smooth pivot | | |
| 51 Lilylike garden plant | | |
| 53 Terribly awkward | | |
| 59 Monsoon region designator | | |
| 62 42% of Scrabble tiles | | |
| 63 Becomes more driven about | | |
| 64 Make clear, or confuse | | |
| 65 Sesame, on Southern menus | | |
| 66 Open-pore material | | |

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Pisces Moon Insights

Pisces is one of the dual signs -- a sign represented by two entities. The Pisces symbol is that of two fish, mirroring each other by swimming in opposite directions. Will they collide? Will they pause to assess new directions? Will one eat the other? Will they dance or perhaps wind up traveling together? All bets are off under this moon.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're not always a social butterfly, but you'll certainly make the rounds today and benefit greatly from the effort. Before the sun goes down, you'll have touched base with a good number of people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're happiest when you're helping people. Positive words, encouraging feedback and general appreciation will boost spirits and make people want to be at their best around you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Interesting things will get dug up today. A heavy emotion with roots in childhood will be in there, too. That one will take more courage to deal with than you expect. Pat yourself on the back tonight.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're not too concerned about the long term right now, because there's an urgency to unburden your heart that takes precedence. Do what you need to do for love, and let the chips fall where they may.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In an emotionally healthy mindset, you like the ones who like you and you prize those who treat you well, and when a person doesn't treat you well, that person's value diminishes in your eyes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your intellectual powers are even more augmented than usual, so the question becomes: What problem can you solve today with that highly analytical brain of yours?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The middle

child of the zodiac, you have a tendency to be rather selfless. Be careful not to be so focused on helping and highlighting others that you forget to serve your own needs and nurture your own talents.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't expect people to leave their egos at the door; it's just not going to happen today. The best they can do is offer their ego up to your mercy and hope you will be gentle in the handling.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You know the appropriate thing to say, but you don't always choose it. You'll be admired for this (in contrast with the pity and annoyance garnered by those who don't seem to know or care about the social rules).

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The secret to turning up your charisma is this: Think in terms of fun moments. Do this and you'll stop worrying about how you're being perceived or what the other person can do for you. The future will take care of itself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're curious about your environment and about people and what stories they may be keeping behind the facade of normalcy. Your curiosity will set the stage for a magical encounter.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A proverb says, "I felt sorry for myself because I had no shoes, until I met a man who had no feet." Some may need to see a scenario of poorer fortunes to feel grateful, but not you. Gratitude is your entire attitude.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 26). Excitement mounts over the next five weeks as you sense you're getting close to something you've pursued for ages. The first part

of 2018 shows you holding up the trophy and then nearly immediately setting your sights on the next goal. March is a financial high. May brings distant family together to celebrate. Virgo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 32, 27 and 18.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: There are 35 days remaining in the year. Thoughts? Feelings? Goals? With the Sagittarian sun shining on the mission, it's likely you have loads of all three -- and with Mercury and Saturn also in the fiery sign of adventure and expansion, many have the ambition to match the task. In short, this is the home stretch, and a boost of energy is there for the taking, with a few exceptions.

Tuesday brings an alignment of Mercury and Saturn. It may feel as if life is slapping down your grabbing hand. The good news is that this reprimand will be brief and informative. Think of it as either a test of wills or a course correction. In no way is this to be considered a real obstacle. Quickly take in the message, and then react accordingly. Don't dwell on it, discuss it, agonize over it or blow it out of proportion. It's a road sign, not a book.

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Answer to previous puzzle

FAZES	ALPHA	SPA
ALIVE	RULER	ALT
CAPAN	TRADE	LAS
ESP	TUSKS	ALONE
ETRE	MARIMBA	
CARRYING	TUNE	
BLEU	NOR	EGO
SIDES	TEA	SLATE
GPO	ERA	ELAN
DROP	ONES	GUARD
UNA	AIRED	TUMS
MANTA	DWARF	KOD
BIC	DELAY	OF GAME
EVE	I LOVE	AS NAP
RED	CITES	WASNT

Disney Animation, Pixar chief John Lasseter taking leave

By LINDSEY BAHR

AP Film Writer
 LOS ANGELES (AP) — Just days before Pixar's "Coco" is set to hit theaters, Pixar co-founder and Walt Disney Animation chief John Lasseter announced he is taking a six-month leave of absence citing "missteps" with employees.

The boisterous, Hawaiian shirt-wearing personality behind some of the most beloved children's films of the past 30 years like "Toy Story" is the latest entertainment titan to be exposed for claims of sexual harassment and inappropriate conduct in the workplace, including a reported "unwanted advance" toward actress and writer Rashida Jones, who had been working on the script for "Toy Story 4."

In a vaguely-worded memo obtained by The Associated Press Tuesday, Lasseter says he knows he has made some employees feel disrespected and uncomfortable. "I deeply apologize if I have let you down. I especially want to apologize to anyone who has ever been on the receiving end of an unwanted hug or any other gesture they felt crossed the line in any way, shape, or form," Lasseter wrote. "No matter how benign my intent, everyone has the right to set their own boundaries and have them respected."

A Disney spokesperson says the company is committed to maintaining a respectful work environment and fully supports Lasseter's sabbatical. Representatives for

Jones did not immediately respond to request for comment.

Lasseter, 60, is known for directing films like "Toy Story," "Toy Story 2," "A Bug's Life" and "Cars," and has produced every Pixar feature since 2001's "Monsters, Inc." He has been the chief creative officer for Pixar and Walt Disney Animation Studios since 2006, when Disney purchased Pixar, and has overseen the recent Disney Animation renaissance with hits like "Frozen," "Moana" and "Zootopia," which won the Oscar for best animated feature this year.

Lasseter himself won a special achievement Oscar for "Toy Story" and one for his animated shorts, "Tin Toy," from 1989. He has been recognized for numerous honors, including the Producer's Guild David O. Selznick Achievement Award. But aside from the critical accolades around his work in animation, Lasseter's films are by and large extremely profitable. His Pixar films have earned over \$10 billion and, not accounting for inflation, "Frozen" is the ninth highest-grossing film of all time (and No. 1 for animation).

A report in the entertainment trade The Hollywood Reporter, citing unnamed sources, details a culture in which Lasseter was known to hug, kiss and grope female employees. His well-documented hugs were at one time apparently publicly regarded as a quirk of employment under Lasseter. The



AP photo
 In this Feb. 28, 2016 file photo, Pixar co-founder and Walt Disney Animation chief John Lasseter arrives at the Oscars in Los Angeles. Lasseter is taking a six-month leave of absence citing "missteps" with employees.

Wall Street Journal had even cheekily detailed his proclivity for hugs in a 2011 story and photo spread subtitled "A sampling from among the 48 hugs administered by Pixar

chief John Lasseter during the WSJ's daylong adventure with him."

Lasseter said he will use the sabbatical to take better care of himself, recharge and "ulti-

imately return with the insight and perspective I need to be the leader you deserve." He told employees he looks forward to working together again in the new year.

'Call Me By Your Name' leads Indie Spirit Award nominations

By LINDSEY BAHR

AP Film Writer
 LOS ANGELES (AP) — The romantic coming-of-age film "Call Me By Your Name" has a leading six Film Independent Spirit Award nominations, followed by Jordan Peele's satirical horror "Get Out" and the Robert Pattinson thriller "Good Time" with five nominations each.

Actresses Tessa Thompson and Lily Collins announced the nominees for the 33rd installment of the awards show Tuesday.

Luca Guadagnino's "Call Me By Your Name," a lush romance set in 1980s Italy, was also recognized for directing, cinematography and editing. Timothy Chalamet and Armie Hammer's received acting nominations for their performances.

Jordan Peele, meanwhile, picked up a directing and screenplay nod for "Get Out," the box office hit and cultural phenomenon that has translated its momentum into awards buzz and nominations. Actor Daniel Kaluuya was nominated for his leading performance as a man visiting his white girlfriend's family in the country.

"Get Out" and "Call Me By Your Name" are competing for Best Feature alongside Sean Baker's "The Florida Project," Greta Gerwig's "Lady Bird" and Chloe Zhao's cowboy drama "The Rider."

Oscar hopefuls are sprinkled throughout each category of the awards recognizing achievements in independent film. For the past four years, the Indie Spirit best feature winner matched the Oscar best picture winner, with "12 Years a Slave," "Birdman," "Spotlight" and "Moonlight."

Notably Gerwig did not receive a directing nomination for "Lady Bird" but did pick up a screenplay nod. Acting recognition nods were given to Saoirse Ronan (lead) and Laurie Metcalf (supporting).

In addition to Peele and Guadagnino, nominated directors include Baker ("The Florida Project"), Zhao ("The Rider"), Josh Saffdie and Benny Safdie ("Good Time") and Jonas Carpignano ("A Ciambra").

In the acting categories, best male lead has Chalamet and Kaluuya up against James Franco for "The Disaster Artist," Pattinson for "Good Time," and Harris Dickinson for "Beach Rats."

Best leading female nominees include Ronan,

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Vatican, China exchange art amid stall in hard diplomacy



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Secretary General of China Culture Industrial Investment Fund Zhu Jiancheng, left, and Chinese artist Yan Zhang attend a press conference at the Vatican, Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017. The Vatican and China have announced a first-ever exchange of artworks for exhibits in Beijing and the Vatican Museums, as the two states forge ahead with soft diplomacy amid a stalemate in negotiations to heal decades of diplomatic estrangement. Writing on screen at top reads in Italian "Beauty unites us."

By NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican and China are planning a first-ever exchange of artworks for exhibits in China and the Vatican Museums, as the two states forge ahead with soft diplomacy amid a stalemate in negotiations to heal decades of diplomatic estrangement.

The parallel exhibits announced Tuesday, involving an exchange of 40 works of art from the Vatican's collection of Chinese bronzes, ceramics, cloisonne and paintings, and 40 works from China, are due to open simultaneously in March in the Forbidden City and the Vatican's Anima

Mundi ethnological museum.

The head of the government's China Culture Industrial Investment Fund, Zhu Jiancheng, told a Vatican news conference that he hoped the exchanges would reinforce friendship, build mutual trust and "contribute to the normalization of diplomatic relations."

The dual exhibitions would "open a new era in people-to-people exchanges between China and the Vatican," he said. The exhibit in China will travel to four other cities after its Beijing inauguration, including Xian and Shanghai.

The investment fund is a Chinese government and Communist Party vehicle for monetizing soft power

initiatives in media, culture and exhibitions. Its shareholders include the Bank of China, the Ministry of Finance and China International Television Corporation, which operate under orders from China's Cabinet, the State Council, and the ruling party's Central Committee led by President Xi Jinping.

Pope Francis, and before him Pope Benedict XVI, has made normalizing relations with China a priority. But the Vatican and China remain at odds over the Vatican's insistence that the pope have the authority to name bishops. China views the Vatican position as an infringement on its sovereignty.

Scholars and human rights activists say they only expect Xi's attitude

toward religious and ethnic minorities to become tougher following his appointment to a second term as party leader during the recent party congress.

The Vatican spokesman, Greg Burke, said there remained a mutual interest to keep the relationship going.

"A lot of times cultural exchanges can be a lot easier than strict diplomatic exchanges, and that is what's happening here," he told The Associated Press.

Vatican Museum officials declined to enter into the diplomatic standoff, or hopes that it might end, during Tuesday's news conference announcing the initiative, deferring to their Chinese guests.

But the head of the Vatican Museums, Barbara Jatta, said beauty and art were an "extraordinary vehicle for dialogue."

China cut relations with the Holy See in 1951, after the Communist Party took power and set up its own church outside the pope's authority. China has an estimated 12 million Catholics, many of whom worship in non-state sanctioned congregations faithful to the pope that often overlap with the government-sanctioned church.

Francis broke through years of diplomatic stall in 2014 when he sent Xi and the Chinese people a telegram of greeting as he flew through Chinese airspace en route to South Korea. China responded formally in May of this year, when it gave Francis two paintings by artist Zhang Yan in the name of the Chinese people, which are now in the collection of the Vatican Museums.

One of the paintings will be included in the collection of Chinese artworks on display at the Vatican's show, which is called "Beauty that Unites: travels in the marvelous harmony of the Chinese people and Vatican Museums." The other Zhang painting will be part of the collection that the Vatican is loaning for the China exhibit, "Anima Mundi (Soul of the World): human, nature and harmony."

Report: Weinstein paid \$1M to accuser after 2015 case died

NEW YORK (AP) — Harvey Weinstein paid \$1 million to silence an Italian model who accused him of groping her in 2015 after prosecutors decided not to charge him, and in the 1990s, his brother paid other accusers from his personal bank account, a magazine reported Tuesday.

Ambra Battilana Gutierrez told The New Yorker she signed a nondisclo-

sure agreement before knowing the media mogul had a pattern of sexually harassing and abusing women. But she felt at the time pressured to sign the agreement.

"I didn't even understand almost what I was doing with all those papers," she told the New Yorker. "I was really disoriented. My English was very bad. All of the words in that agreement were super difficult to understand. I guess even now I can't really comprehend everything."

She recalled that, across the table, Weinstein's attorney was trembling visibly as she picked up the pen.

"I saw him shaking and I realized how big this was. But then I thought I needed to support my mom and brother and how my life was being destroyed, and I did it,"

she told me. "The moment I did it, I really felt it was wrong."

Weinstein attorneys Blair Berk and Ben Brafman said in a statement to the magazine that because of pending investigations it would be inappropriate to respond to each of the details in the article. "Suffice it to say, Mr. Weinstein strongly objects to any suggestion that his conduct at any time has ever been contrary to law," according to the statement published in the magazine. "Be assured that we will respond in any appropriate legal forum, where necessary, and fully expect that Mr. Weinstein will prevail against any claim of legal wrongdoing."

Gutierrez had told police the movie magnate touched her thigh, grabbed her breasts and asked "are these real?" during a meeting in his Manhattan office on March 27, 2015. Investigators conducted a sting, listening to a call between the two and getting the model to record an in-person encounter in which Weinstein alternated between trying to persuade her to come into

his hotel room and apologizing for his conduct at his office.

No charges were brought, because the district attorney concluded they were not supported.

Gutierrez told the magazine the decision shocked her. "We had so much proof of everything," she said. "Everyone was telling me, 'Congratulations, we stopped a monster.'" After the recent flood of allegations against Weinstein brought new scrutiny of that decision, Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance's top assistant prosecutor said that police had arranged the 2015 sting without prosecutors' knowledge and that there were other "proof issues." The NYPD pushed back, saying it had used established investigative techniques to present prosecutors with a recording that corroborated Gutierrez's complaint, plus other statements and information. Weinstein also once asked his brother and business partner to settle claims made by two women, and Bob Weinstein sent them 250,000 British pounds, the magazine reported.

SPIRIT

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Margot Robbie for "I, Tonya," Frances McDormand for "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri," Salma Hayek for "Beatriz at Dinner," Shinobu Terajima for "Oh Lucy!" and Regina Williams for "Life and Nothing More."

Dee Rees' period racial drama "Mudbound" was singled out as the Robert Altman Award winner in recognition of its ensemble cast, including Mary J. Blige, Garrett Hedlund, Jason Mitchell, and Carey Mulligan, but it did not receive any other nominations.

Film Independent chief Josh Welsh said Tuesday that 40 percent of the nominated filmmakers are people of color.

While the Indie Spirit nominees often overlap with many of the more mainstream awards, the show also puts a spotlight on under-the-radar efforts like "The Rider," and "Beach Rats," and specifically singles out notable first features, like "Menashe," "Patti Cake\$" and "Columbus," and first screenplays like Kumail Nanjiani and Emily V. Gordon's

"The Big Sick."

"The Big Sick" only received one other nomination, for Holly Hunter's supporting performance.

Nominees are chosen by Film Independent, which includes critics, filmmakers, actors, festival programmers, past winners and nominees, and members of its board. Many films with a perceived indie edge are not eligible because their production budgets are too high, like Edgar Wright's "Baby Driver." Film Independent has an eligibility cap of \$20 million, but can consider films with higher budgets at the discretion of the nominating committee.

One notable exclusion was Guillermo del Toro's romantic horror "The Shape of Water," which has been considered a major Oscar contender in multiple categories, including its lead Sally Hawkins. Despite being Spirit Awards eligible, "The Shape of Water" received zero nominations.

Winners will be revealed at a March 3 ceremony hosted by Nick Kroll and John Mulaney, a day before the Academy Awards. It will air live on IFC.

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