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## Local school districts plan holiday events

By **ERIN STEPHENS**  
 Staff Writer

Just like everybody else, local school districts are gearing up for the holiday season. Big Spring ISD, Coahoma ISD, and Forsan ISD have scheduled the following Christmas-related events this December. With all the various Christmas-themed events, from dances to music programs, there's a chance for everyone to take part in this year's festivities:

Sunday, Dec. 3

- Big Spring High School band concert at 2 p.m. in the BSHS auditorium. Concert, marching, symphonic, and honor bands will perform. The marching band will perform the en-

tire marching show for the the final time this year, lining the walls of the auditorium to give the audience a surround sound experience. The honor band will perform "Sleigh Ride" and "Twas the Night Before Christmas" as well. The concert will be free, but canned food donations for the Salvation Army

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Thursday, Dec 7

- Goliad Elementary is hosting a "Winter Wonderland" dance from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on their school's campus.
- First-grade classes at Moss Elementary will perform two separate Christmas programs. The first performance will take place Thursday at 6 p.m.

- BSHS theater department will be performing "Beauty and the Beast" at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$3. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 8

- BSHS theater department will perform "Beauty and the Beast" again at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$1 for students today and \$3 for non-students. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 11

- First-grade classes at Moss Elementary will perform their Christmas program again Monday at 6 p.m.
- Forsan High School band performs their Christmas program at 8 p.m.

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## Ho, ho, ho! 'Breakfast with Santa' fills the Heritage Museum with Christmas spirit



*HERALD photos/Roger Cline*

Left, a young believer whispers Christmas wishes in St. Nick's ear at the Heritage Museum of Big Spring's "Breakfast With Santa" event Saturday morning. Right, kids attending the event munch on muffins and decorate Christmas tree-shaped cookies with icing and Skittles. Museum staff said about 300 kids signed up to attend the annual breakfast.



### Locals performing in upcoming ballet



*Courtesy Photo*

**S t o r y**  
**McKinnon**, a local dancer from Stevi McKinnon's Dance Gallery in Big Spring, will be featured in the upcoming ballet "The Nutcracker," at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium this Dec. 16.

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**  
 Staff Writer

Get ready to witness Clara waltz with the flowers and the Nutcracker and Mouse Kind battle it out, in the ballet "The Nutcracker." Come down to the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium Dec. 16 as the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra presents, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's traditional ballet "The Nutcracker."

"The Nutcracker" is a ballet about in which a young girl, who's favorite Christmas toy comes alive and after defeating the evil Mouse King in battle whisks her away to a magical kingdom populated by dolls. The ballet will begin at 7:30 p.m. there at the Municipal Auditorium, and will feature dancers from the Midland Festival Ballet Company and local dancers from Stevi McKinnon's Dance Gallery located in Big Spring.

"Every other year the Midland Ballet comes to do the Nutcracker for the community here in Big Spring," said McKinnon. "They always ask if they can count on my kids in, and I always say yes!" This year McKinnon will have ten dancers from The Dance

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### Chamber supports local businesses with 'Sip and Shop'



*HERALD photo/Erin Stephens*

Shoppers take part in Sip and Shop event at various businesses in Big Spring. The event, organized by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, urged local shoppers to "Try local, buy local" by shopping at local businesses. Several local businesses participated in the event, offering special deals and refreshments, and staying open until at least 8 p.m. Friday.

### Investigator: Some officials resisted Charlottesville review

By **SARAH RANKIN**  
 Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — An independent report that found serious police and government failures in responding to violence at a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville this summer also accuses police agencies of putting up roadblocks to the investigation.

The report released Friday by former U.S. Attorney Tim Heaphy said Virginia State Police refused to make commanders on the ground at the Aug. 12 rally available for interviews or to provide most documents requested. It also said Charlottesville Police Chief Al Thomas deleted relevant text messages and made officers fearful of retaliation for

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**Big Spring Herald's Christmas Countdown**

**Lindsey** says "Only 22 Days 'til Christmas!"  
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## Obituaries

### Hilda Herrera



Hilda Herrera, 61, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Hilda was born March 8, 1956, in Sterling City, Texas, to Elizabeth Gaitan Rodriguez and Moises Rodriguez. She grew up in Sterling City but moved to Big Spring in the early 80's. Hilda enjoyed dancing, reading and watching movies but the highlight of her life was her grandchildren. Hilda was also a hairdresser for many years until she became ill. She married Marcelino Herrera in 1984. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband Marcelino Herrera of Big Spring; one son, Tony Rodriguez (Yvette

LeJeune) of Austin; one step-son, Scott Herrera (Amy) of Snyder; five grandchildren, Eric Herrera (Jaci) of Coahoma, Sonya Herrera of Big Spring, Joseph Herrera of Levelland and Stacey Herrera of Smeyer, and Lily River Rodriguez of Austin; several great grandchildren; three brothers, Moses Rodriguez (Liz) of Sterling City, Johnny Rodriguez (Elvira) of Abilene and David Rodriguez (Irene Nieves) of Ft. Worth; three sisters, Senaida Orona (Hinio) of New Braunfels, Mary Mireles and Marianne Rodriguez (Paul Ortega), all of Big Spring and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Adelaida Paredes and one brother, Robert Rodriguez.

Pallbearers will be Eric Herrera, Scott Herrera, Joseph Herrera, Moses Canales, Tommy Canales and Robert Diaz.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

*Paid Obituary*

### Virginia Louisa Cansino

Virginia Louisa Cansino, 48, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

### Robert William "Bobby" Dunn



Robert William "Bobby" Dunn, 55, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017, at his residence. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Dunn of Big Spring; four children, Veronica Marshall, Bo Marshall and Ramonda Marshall all of Louisville, Kentucky and Mandi Hodges of Bakersfield, California; a step-daughter, Mandy Blevins of Big Spring; his parents, Ray and Evelyn Smith of Springville, California; one brother, Bill Dunn of Castaic, California; two step-sisters, Dorine Horn of Maricopa, California and Debbie Smith of Mesa, Arizona; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to Kaiser Foundation Hospital - Los Angeles, % Mario Ceballos, 4841 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90027.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid Obituary*

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JON PATRICK MORRIS LEOS**, 20, of 2005 S Runnels, was arrested on the charges evading arrest detention previously convicted, and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

- **JESSICA MICHELLE JIMENEZ**, 37, of 1711 Young St., was arrested on a warrant of another agency.

- **ROY DWIGHT BIDDLE III**, 57, of 4924 Wasson Rd., was arrested on a warrant of another agency.

- **JIMETRE POST**, 18, of 2511

Chanute Dr., was arrested on a warrant of theft of property in between \$100 to \$740.

- **AJELANDRO GOMEZ**, 36, of 1307 College Ave., was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with deadly weapon.

- **CHARLIE EVERRETT RYERSON**, 71, transient, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported on 300 block of NE 12th St.

- **THEFT** the was reported on the 3500 block of Gail HWY, the 3600 block of W HWY, and the 1600 block of E 6th St.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE**

was reported on the 1500 block of Stadium Ave.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported on the 400 block of S Birdwell Ln.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported on the 200 block of W FM 700.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported on the 1000 block of E 4th St.

- **911 HANG UP** was reported on the 1500 block of Stadium Ave.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported on the 1400 block of N HWY 87.

## 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 elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional

ting 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

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 Resale 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](mailto: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.



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

### MONDAY

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

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

### TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

- 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.

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Tuesday, Dec. 12

- Coahoma Elementary K-2 will perform a Christmas music program at 2 p.m. in the CHS auditorium.
- Third- and fourth-graders/choir at Coahoma Elementary will perform their Christmas program at 6 p.m.
- Big Spring Junior High School band will perform their Christmas program in the junior high gym at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

- Washington Elementary will have

an "ugly Christmas sweater day" all day Wednesday. Students and staff are encouraged to wear their ugliest Christmas sweaters to get into the holiday spirit!

Thursday, Dec. 14

- Goliad Elementary students will be caroling at various retirement homes starting at 10 a.m.
- BS Intermediate choir will perform their Christmas program at First Baptist Church, 705 W FM 700, at 6 p.m., followed by the Big Spring Junior High choir, who will perform at 7:30 p.m.
- Coahoma High School junior high and high school band will perform

their annual Christmas music program at 7 p.m. in the Coahoma High School auditorium.

Monday, Dec. 18

- Big Spring Intermediate will perform a Christmas program at 6 p.m. in the BSI gym.

Tuesday, Dec. 19

- Forsan Junior High School band Christmas music program will be at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 20

- All Forsan Elementary Christmas programs will be held today. Fourth and fifth graders will perform at 9

a.m., second and third graders perform at 10:30 a.m., and pre-k, kindergarten, and first grade performs at 2:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 22

- Washington Elementary is hosting an event called "Washington's Got Talent" for students. Students will audition prior to the show, and students who make it past the audition phase will perform at the talent show Dec. 22.

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

**BALLET**

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Gallery who will be performing as part of the angles in the upcoming ballet "The Nutcracker" on the 16th. Those who will be featured in the ballet are: Kamilah Barrera, Korbyn Woodfin, Olivia Bacari, Story McKinnon, Madison Boen, Reese Woodfin, Saylor Hart, Ava Jean Martinez, Chassidy Phillips, and Emma Rodriguez.

"I love having my students involved in this production of 'The Nutcracker,'" said McKinnon. "It's such a great holiday tradition and we are happy to be apart of it." The Nutcracker will be orchestrated by the The Big Spring Symphony Association directed by Music Director Dr. Keith Graumann, who has been a part of the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra for 13 concert seasons. Ticket prices are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors. While free admission is offered to all students, those under 15 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets can be bought in advance and are available from: The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, The Convention and Visitors Bureau, The Heritage Museum, The Karat Patch. For more information contact, Dr. Keith Graumann keithgraumann@yahoo.com, or Linda Lindell, the Big Spring Symphony Association Board President at llindell@suddenlink.net.

**Man gets life sentence for shooting 2 West Texas officers**

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — A man has been sentenced to life in prison after a West Texas jury convicted him of attempted capital murder in the 2015 shooting of two police officers at an apartment complex.

The Ector County jury found Roy Daniel Garza guilty Friday of two counts of attempted capital murder and he was sentenced shortly afterward.

An Odessa police sergeant was shot in the arm and an officer suffered wounds to the chest and leg during a nine-hour standoff. Both men were hospitalized in fair condition.

Garza shot at a group of law enforcement personnel as he was being served a warrant from Williamson County for aggravated robbery.

He eventually surrendered after gas canisters were fired into his apartment and an armored police vehicle was used to break a wall.

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James Henry Gibbs, 72, passed away on Nov. 25, 2017. He will lie in state from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Hilda Herrera, 61, died Wednesday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Virginia Louisa Cansino, 48, died Thursday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

**REVIEW**

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speaking with investigators.

Thomas' lawyer denied texts were deleted. He spoke at a news conference in which community activists peppered Heaphy with questions and shouted at Thomas, illustrating the deep distrust between some of Charlottesville's citizens and law enforcement after white nationalists descended on the Virginia city over its decision to remove a Confederate monument.

"We are a community divided. We are still a community in crisis," Thomas said.

The report's findings come a little over three months after the rally, which was believed to be the largest gathering of white nationalists in at least a decade. Street fights erupted between white nationalists and counter-demonstrators before the event officially began, and the brawling lasted nearly an hour in view of officers until authorities forced the crowd to disband.

Later, as counterdemonstrators were peacefully marching downtown, a car drove into the crowd, killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer and injuring many more.

Heaphy's report was sharply critical of Thomas' response as the violence began to escalate that day.

According to the report, as brawling first broke out, Thomas said, "Let them fight, it will make it easier to declare an unlawful assembly."

Thomas did not recall making that statement, which was cited in accounts by two other police employees, though he confirmed

he waited to "see how things played out" before declaring an unlawful assembly, the report said.

"Chief Thomas' slow-footed response to violence put the safety of all at risk and created indelible images of this chaotic event," it said.

The report also said Thomas initially tried to limit access to certain information by directing subordinates not to answer certain questions. And it said Thomas and other Charlottesville police command staff deleted text messages relevant to the investigation.

Kevin Martingayle, an attorney for Thomas, said the chief disputes that.

Heaphy, now in private law practice, said he eventually got the information needed from city police, but that wasn't the case with Virginia State Police.

State police allowed Heaphy's team to interview the agency's leader and two troopers not present the day of the rally. But the report said state police refused requests to interview four others "important to our evaluation" and turned over just one document.

Heaphy's team said it obtained a second document, a detailed plan for state police resources on Aug. 12, after copies were accidentally left behind in a staging area.

State police Col. W. Steven Flaherty issued a statement Friday evening that did not directly address the report's characterization of the agency as unwilling to cooperate.

The statement said the rally brought individuals "from both the extreme right and extreme left" to Charlottesville "with the

sole purpose of provoking violence from the opposing side."

"In that kind of volatile and rapidly-evolving environment, it is difficult for any one police plan to account for every possible circumstance and resulting scenario," Flaherty said.

Virginia's Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Brian Moran was initially willing to cooperate with Heaphy's investigation, the report says, but Moran's office later invoked executive privilege over certain information amid concerns about possible litigation against the state.

Moran didn't respond to AP's requests for comment.

The investigation — which involved around 150 interviews and a review of photos, video and more than half a million documents — found a lack of coordination between state and city police and a passive response to the chaos.

The report also found police removed an officer from the area where the car smashed into counterdemonstrators, leaving only a small sawhorse in place at the time.

The report also said the fact that officers were dressed in everyday uniforms, not riot gear, at the outset caused problems. Their helmets and shields were staged behind barricades, not beside officers, Heaphy said, requiring them to leave conflict areas to retrieve that equipment.

"Supervisors devised a poorly conceived plan that under-equipped and misaligned hundreds of officers. Execution of that plan elevated officer safety over public safety," the report said.

**Tax bill clears Senate in big boost for Trump, GOP**

By **ALAN FRAM, MARCY GORDON and STEPHEN OHLEMACHER**  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans muscled the largest tax overhaul in 30 years through the Senate early Saturday, taking a big step toward giving President Donald Trump his first major legislative triumph after months of false starts and frustration on other fronts.

"Just what the country needs to get growing again," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said in an interview after a final burst of negotiation closed in on a nearly \$1.5 trillion package that impacts the breadth of American society.

He shrugged off polls finding scant public enthusiasm for the measure, saying the legislation would prove its worth. "Big bills are rarely popular," he said. "You remember how unpopular 'Obamacare' was when it passed?"

Trump on Saturday tweeted his thanks to Senate and House Republicans as they now begin trying to reconcile differences in legislation passed by both chambers, a behind-closed-doors process that is expected to move swiftly. Trump is aiming to sign the tax package into law before Christmas.

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over the Senate, Vice President Mike Pence announced the 51-49 vote to applause from Republicans. Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., was the only lawmaker to cross party lines, joining the Democrats in opposition. The measure focuses its tax reductions on businesses and higher-earning individuals, gives more modest breaks to others and offers the boldest rewrite of the nation's tax system since 1986.

Republicans said the package would benefit people of all incomes and ignite the economy. Even an official projection of a \$1 trillion, 10-year flood of deeper budget deficits couldn't dissuade GOP senators from rallying behind the bill.

"Obviously I'm kind of a dinosaur on the fiscal issues," said Corker, who battled to keep the bill from worsening the government's accumulated \$20 trillion in IOUs.

The Republican-led House approved a similar bill last month in what has been a stunningly quick trip through Congress for complex legislation. Democrats derided the hastily written, scribbles-in-the-margin crafting of the bill in the final hours Friday night.

After spending the year's first nine months futilely trying to repeal President Barack Obama's health care law, GOP leaders were determined to move the measure rapidly before opposition Democrats and lobbying groups could blow it up. The party views passage as crucial to retaining its House and Senate majorities in next year's elections.

Democrats dismissed the bill as a gift to its wealthy and business backers at the expense of lower-earning people. They played up the fact that the bill would permanently reduce corporate tax rates, from 35 percent to 20 percent, while offering only temporary tax cuts to individuals, lasting until 2026.

Congress' nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation has said the bill's reductions

for many families would be modest and by 2027, families earning under \$75,000 would on average face higher, not lower, taxes.

The bill is "removed from the reality of what the American people need," said Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. He criticized Republicans for releasing a revised, 479-page bill that no one could absorb shortly before the final vote, saying, "The Senate is descending to a new low of chicanery."

"You really don't read this kind of legislation," Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., told home-state reporters, saying senators focus on the major provisions as opposed to the "mind numbing" comparisons to current law.

Democrats took to the Senate floor and social media to mock one page that included changes scrawled in barely legible handwriting. Later, they won enough GOP support to kill a provision by Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., that would have bestowed a tax break on conservative Hillsdale College in Michigan.

The bill hit rough waters after the Joint Taxation panel concluded it would worsen federal shortfalls by \$1 trillion over a decade, even when factoring in economic growth that lower taxes would stimulate. Trump administration officials and many Republicans have insisted the bill would pay for itself by stimulating the economy. But the sour projections stiffened resistance from some deficit-averse Republicans.

But after bargaining that stretched into Friday, GOP leaders nailed down the support they needed in a chamber they control, 52-48. Facing unyielding Democratic opposition, Republicans could lose no more than two GOP senators and prevail with a tie-breaking vote from Vice President Mike Pence, but ended up not needing it.

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## A girl with a trumpet

Kelley Fletcher of Sulphur Springs is a tall girl who plays trumpet. In junior high school, she liked the sound the band director produced when he played his trumpet. So she decided to learn how to play the instrument.

"I picked up that trumpet and played a note and it came out immediately and the band director Mr. Wood told me I'd be great on trumpet. Forty-two years later I'm still torturing people who hear me play."

Kelley says she is still trying to become a good trumpet player.

"I think most trumpet players will say they are always becoming, because you never feel like you master the instrument."

In high school she made it to state playing a trumpet she got

at a pawnshop. As a reward, her father gave her a professional instrument.

"He came in the house one day and he had bought me a Bach Stradivarius, one of the pro-line trumpets. To have one of those that I could call my own was real exciting."

She has some idols. Harry James tops the list.

"He's such a heart player. When I hear him play I feel something. He puts a lot of emotion in his playing and he's a master musician."

Kelley has played professionally thirty-one years and taught band on high school and college levels for twenty-eight of those years. Now she has her own band. Last July she got to perform at home with a full orchestra on the Sulphur Springs Square.

"I was blessed with the opportunity to actually have an arrangement written for me with orchestra. It was a medley of Harry James tunes. It had a big ending, then a bigger ending and

it was so exciting and all the people on the square were very kind and applauded. I was on cloud nine because hearing a full orchestra behind me with strings and everything was a thrill."

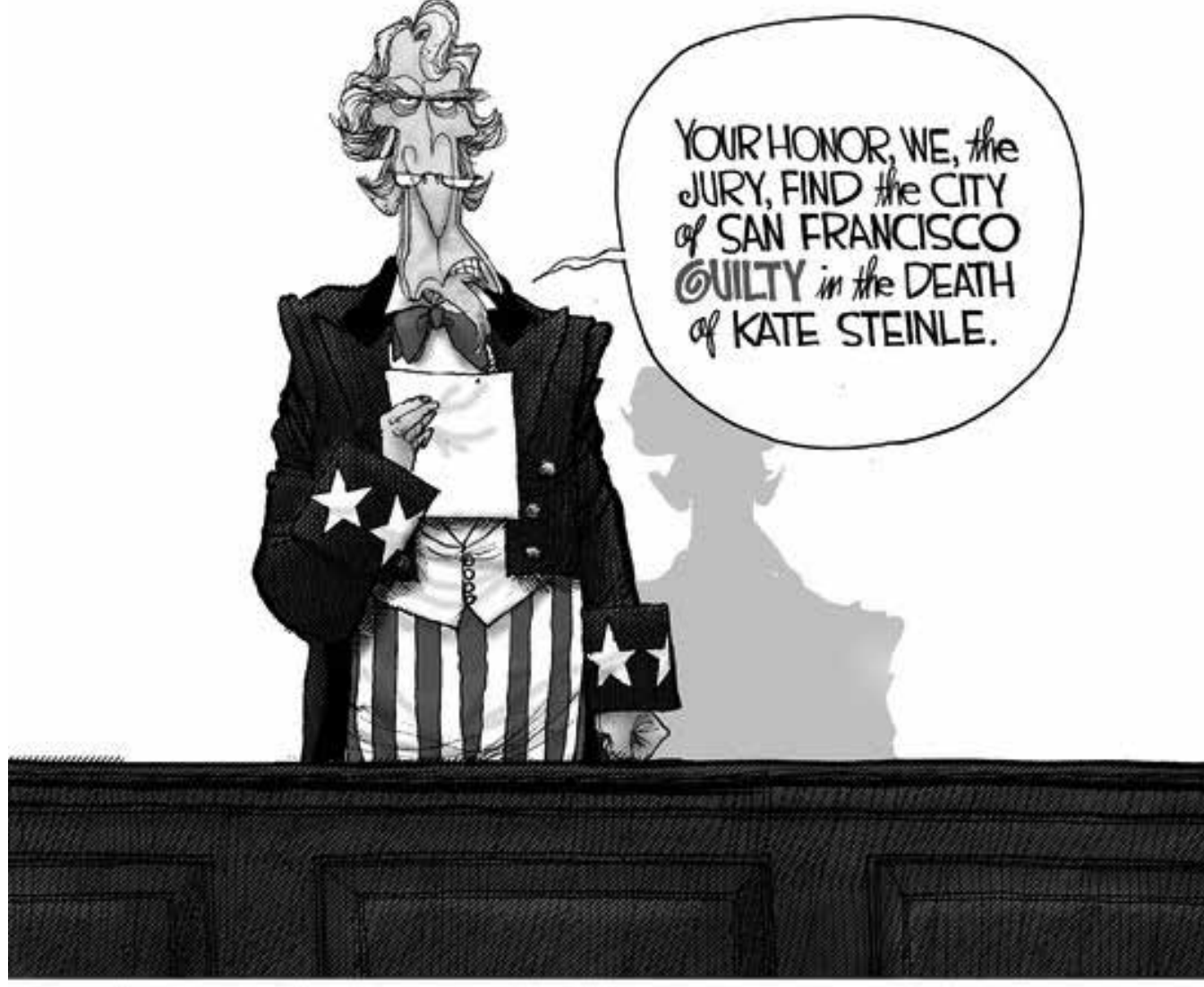
I met Kelley at the First Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs. It's a large complex of buildings and when I started asking people about where to find the female trumpet player they all pointed me in the right direction. When I first saw her in a hallway she was holding her trumpet, which gave me the feeling it's never far away from her. We went to the choir room and didn't even bother to close the door. I recorded her playing and Kelley's trumpet sounded all over the church.

Kelley has a wonderful sense of humor and is always making jokes about her height. She's over six feet tall. When she was performing in the square with the orchestra the audience gave her a standing ovation. I complimented her on that.

"Well they didn't have chairs," said Kelley.



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## DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, help us to serve You in joyful and peaceful obedience. We know that we are but travelers. Amen.

## Anchored in Galveston

Surely, the passing of 75 years knocks the edges from the fib of a 15-year-old, as well as a military doctor who ignored height and weight requirements for a youngster on his second try to join the US Navy.

Eddie Janek, reared by his widowed mother during the Depression in West, TX, stood 5'1" and weighed 98 pounds. He had "enlisted" several months earlier, but when authorities learned he was underage, he was sent home.

Soon, though, he hopped a train to Galveston—his home for the past 75 years. There, he "re-upped," this time bolstered by "doctored" Catholic confirmation records. During four years in the Pacific, he landed at both Leyte and Peleliu, where he saw death "up close." He distinguished himself during both WWII and the Korean War.

He has long treasured a sealed, glass-covered box of Presidential Unit Citations, and other medals from the US, Philippines and Korea. Presumably lost when Hurricane Ike ravaged the first floor of his home in 2008, his prized awards were returned a few weeks later.

Texas A&M students, helping with storm clean-up, found the muddied box across the bay from Janek's home. They reported it to President R. Bowen Loftin, who

then notified Janek of the students' undamaged "find."

A man whose ever-present faith and unbounded optimism share a double harness, Janek credits many folks who have helped him along the way.

First and foremost was his beloved wife Doris, who was claimed by Alzheimer's disease in January, 2015—14 years after diagnosis. Comatose for more than seven years, Doris had Eddie at her side almost 24/7.

He left her from time to time to attend mass, but only when a trusted person could maintain the vigil.

He's "Mr. Eddie" to most Galvestonians, and he's clearly beloved on the island. Eddie has long been a colorful community figure. He coached youth baseball for 34 years and served 16 years as a County Commissioner until Doris' disease took hold. "When citizens called his office, he didn't invite them to come to the courthouse, he drove out to their place," a friend said.

Janek has survived two wars, a stroke and a heart overhaul. He has also gotten hit by trains and caught under barges. Not until military service did he have access to toothbrushes, telephones and bathrooms. (Returning home a second time would have meant cotton-pickin', and he "didn't 'cotton' to that!")

Much has changed. Seemingly a "kid again," he recently made a tandem jump from an airplane, tumbling (with a professional) from 12,000 feet above his beloved Galveston Island. He made the jump on his 90th birthday.

(Helping him celebrate was his friend, State Senator Larry Taylor, who joined him for the jump.) "I'll jump again on my birthdays as long as I can walk," Janek beamed. His three sons and their wives fear that he'll do just that, and his six grandchildren are hoping he will.

Janek, who dutifully looks after his roses, keeps his 1964 (and a half) Ford Mustang convertible in spic-and-span condition. He drives it from time to time, and before you ask, it is indeed red.

Attending a social event recently, he spotted a group of women "in their 60s."

Interrupting, he said, "Ladies, I'm a widower, and I'm lonely. Do any of you have mothers or grandmothers who might go out with me?"

He claims three of them quickly said they weren't busy.

His honors continue to stack up.

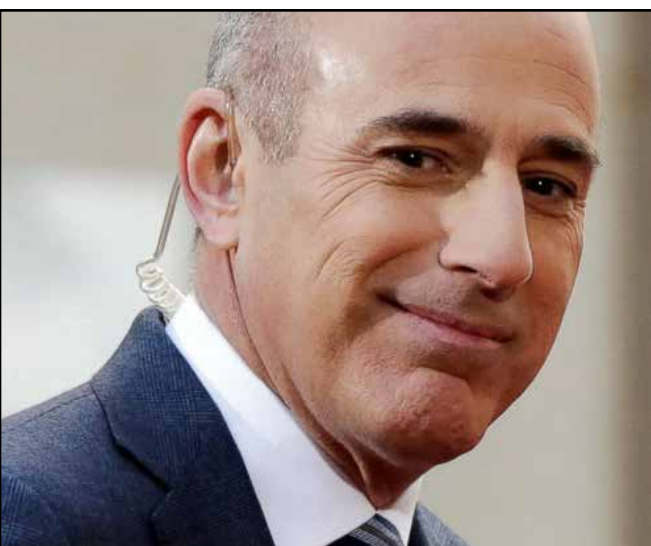
When the state authorized high school graduation for WWII veterans, he crossed the stage with youngsters nearly 70 years younger. Recently, county commissioners renamed what was formerly the West County Annex Building in Janek's honor. Now, they're building a Galveston sports complex spanning several city blocks. Come April, they'll name it for Eddie Janek, who loves his community as much as it loves him.

As you might expect, Janek claims his cup continues to "run-neth over."

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex.



# NBC launches review of Lauer behavior, company response



AP photo

In this April 21, 2016, file photo, Matt Lauer, co-host of the NBC "Today" television program, appears on set in Rockefeller Plaza, in New York. Lauer said in a statement read on the "Today" show on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017, that he considers it his full-time job to repair the damage from sexual misconduct allegations that led to his firing by NBC New earlier this week.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NBC News Chairman Andrew Lack said Friday an internal review into Matt Lauer's alleged sexual misconduct is under way, including how it happened and why it wasn't stopped earlier.

In a company-wide memo released publicly

Friday, Lack said those are among the questions NBC employees are asking in the wake of the "Today" host's firing for what Lack labeled "appalling behavior."

A team of NBCUniversal legal and human resources leaders have

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# Michael Flynn's rise was rapid, his fall even faster

By **CHAD DAY**, **ERIC TUCKER** and **STEPHEN BRAUN**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael Flynn was President Donald Trump's favorite general, rapidly vaulted to prominence by his fiery speech at the 2016 Republican National Convention about jailing Hillary Clinton and by Trump's decision to reward him with a plum job as his top national security aide.

Flynn's plunge was even faster. He was fired by Trump after just a month in the White House and left to contend with a mounting criminal probe that led to his decision to plead guilty Friday to lying to the FBI about his contacts with the Russian ambassador.

Flynn, 58, is the first person who served in the Trump White House to be charged in the wide-ranging investigation led by special counsel Robert Mueller into possible coordination between the Trump campaign and Russia. He also becomes the first former national security adviser to be charged with a felony since the fallout from the Iran-Contra affair of the mid-1980s.

Flynn came to the fore as the stern, hawkish persona of the tough national security image Trump sought to project to the nation and the

world during last year's campaign. Trump admired "my generals," as he described the military men he brought into his campaign, and for Flynn, the growing bond with the insurgent GOP candidate was life altering.

Flynn was a familiar presence on the Trump campaign trail, his appearance intended to lend national security gravitas to an election effort short on established names. At campaign events, and at the Republican convention, Flynn led cheers of "Lock her up" about the Democratic candidate and her email practices.

Flynn's vaunted military career as an intelligence specialist had ended in a forced dismissal by senior Obama administration officials. As a retired U.S. Army lieutenant general, he had to scramble for opportunities advising cybersecurity companies and starting up his own consulting firm. But Trump's growing admiration provided Flynn with the promise of a pivotal national role and a public forum for his increasingly defiant screeds against "radical Islam" and the Obama administration.

Trump lauded Flynn as an "invaluable asset" in November 2016 as he named him his national security adviser. And even after Trump fired him in February,

the president continued to hold Flynn in high esteem, grousing that such a "wonderful man" had been laid low by leaks and pesky media.

Flynn's path to the courtroom can be traced back to two events on the same day — Election Day 2016. That morning, Flynn published an op-ed in The Hill newspaper, trumpeting the talking points of the Turkish government. That evening, Trump won the election, thrusting the retired general known for his attacks on Islam into position for a top national security post.

Within weeks, Flynn had been named national security adviser and the Justice Department had taken an interest in the op-ed as possible evidence of unregistered foreign agent work.

While Flynn's attorneys began the process of determining whether he would need to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, Flynn had a phone conversation with the Russian ambassador to the United States that was recorded by the U.S. government and that swiftly caught the attention of the Justice Department.

He was interviewed by FBI agents on Jan. 24 about his communications with the ambassador, Sergey Kislyak, and

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# Weekly Oil Report

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A-325, Section 15, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
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2263' FSL, 1927' FEL of 496.39-acre lease  
2263' FSL, 1927' FEL of the survey

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#1744WA Miracle Max "A", drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39372  
13.60 miles northeast of Big Spring  
A-185, Section 17, Block 31, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9500 feet  
X=78715.446, Y=306933.032. Datum: NAD 27  
291' FNL, 2335' FWL of 638.5-acre lease  
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13.60 miles northeast of Big Spring  
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Total Depth: 9500 feet  
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290' FNL, 2365' FWL of 637.3-acre lease  
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Section 12, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9800 feet  
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330' FWL, 520' FSL of 643.1-acre lease  
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Latitude 032.437836, Longitude -101.489335. Datum: NAD 27  
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## LAUER

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started a "thorough and timely review" of what occurred and how the company can foster greater transparency and mutual respect, Lack said in the memo.

"At the conclusion of the review we will share what we've learned, no matter how painful, and act on it," he said.

His memo didn't address if the report will be made public. NBC News publicists didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Reiterating comments from a memo he sent Wednesday, Lack said the top priority is to create a safe workplace environment and that unacceptable actions are "met with consequences, no matter who the offender."

NBC's announcement Tuesday that Lauer was being fired for "inappropriate sexual behavior" meant that the network was cutting loose the popular, long-established star of its highly lucrative morning show.

How much Lauer's status may have protected him from allegations is among the questions raised by observers. NBC has said current executives didn't receive any complaints before the one Monday that triggered Lauer's immediate dismissal the next day.

Two other women came forward with ac-

cusations, with one telling The New York Times that Lauer had sexually assaulted her in his office in 2001. A Variety magazine investigation outlined a pattern of alleged salacious behavior, including three women who said Lauer harassed them.

In his first public response, Lauer said in a statement Thursday that some of the allegations were untrue but others had enough truth that he felt "embarrassed and ashamed."

Repairing the damage caused is his "full-time job," Lauer said.

He joined a lengthening list of prominent men toppled by misconduct claims, starting with movie mogul Harvey Weinstein and expanding out to others in Hollywood as well as media and politics.

In his memo, Lack said the company's mandatory online training on sexual harassment and other workplace issues will be augmented in the news division by in-person training

"This week we saw that when an employee comes forward to report misconduct, the system works. The complaint is quickly assessed and meaningful action is taken," he said. But workers must be empowered to "take the crucial first step of reporting bad behavior."

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2278' FNL, 2107' FEL of the survey

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A-561, Section 12, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey  
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A-458, Section 694-1/2, F. Lambrecht survey  
Total Depth: 9000 feet  
Latitude 031.170538, Longitude -100.485716. Datum: NAD 83  
541' FNEL, 1193' FSEL of 840-acre lease  
1495' FNWL, 336' FSL of the survey

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County Regular Field

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AP photo

**Former Trump national security adviser Michael Flynn leaves federal court in Washington, Friday, Dec. 1, 2017. Flynn pleaded guilty Friday to making false statements to the FBI, the first Trump White House official to make a guilty plea so far in a wide-ranging investigation led by special counsel Robert Mueller.**

## FLYNN

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about whether they had discussed sanctions imposed on Russia following its election interference.

Days later, then-acting Attorney General Sally Yates warned White House counsel Don McGahn that Flynn had been compromised because of discrepancies between the White House public narrative — that Flynn and Kislyak had not discussed sanctions — and the reality of what occurred.

White House officials took no immediate action against Flynn, and he was not forced

to resign his position until after news reports indicated that he had discussed sanctions and that Justice Department officials had raised concerns.

In the weeks after his firing, Flynn registered retroactively with the Justice Department, disclosing that \$530,000 worth of lobbying his company did for a Turkish businessman could have benefited the government of Turkey. Flynn's business partner, former Export-Import Bank board member Bijan Kian, also registered.

In the filings, both men laid out a contract Flynn signed in the final months of the presidential campaign that

called for his firm, the Flynn Intel Group, to gather information that could support a criminal case against a Turkish cleric living in the U.S. The cleric, Fethullah Gulen, has been accused of being behind a failed coup last year, and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has called for his extradition. The U.S. has rebuffed those calls for lack of evidence.

But Flynn's retroactive disclosure of the work did not satisfy federal prosecutors. A grand jury in the Eastern District of Virginia soon began investigating, and FBI agents began asking questions about how much Flynn and Kian knew about Ekim

Alptekin, the Turkish businessman who hired them.

When Mueller was appointed in May, he incorporated that investigation.

The Turkish contract landed by Flynn's consulting firm was the first significant promise of business success since he had left the military. Flynn had won plaudits as a military intelligence officer in combat zones in Afghanistan and Iraq and was rewarded in July 2012 with a post as director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, the military's spy organization. He lasted two years, criticized by Obama administration officials for his management and temper, and was forced to retire in August 2014. Flynn's post-military career was a succession of consulting gigs and directorships at small defense contractors. He traveled to the Mideast in 2015 to lend credibility to a proposal for a U.S.-Russia private nuclear partnership that has yet to work out. And he took payments from several foreign firms that have come back to haunt him.

Congressional committees investigating Flynn earlier this year found that he had been paid more than \$37,000 by RT, a Russian state-sponsored television station, to attend its an-

niversary gala in Moscow in December 2015. Flynn was given a dignitary's welcome, seated beside Russian President Vladimir Putin at the network's lavish dinner. The Russian network has since been identified by a U.S. intelligence community assessment as a propaganda arm of Putin's government.

Flynn is also under investigation by the Defense Department's inspector general to determine whether he failed to obtain government approval before accepting payments from foreign governments. Flynn's rise in prominence in conservative circles came as he became an outspoken critic of President Barack Obama's handling of terrorism. Flynn called for a more aggressive campaign against the Islamic State group and turned his fire on Islam itself, calling it a "cancer" and a "political ideology" that "definitely hides behind being a religion."

Flynn harped on similar themes on the campaign trail, joining Trump at rallies and working his way into the campaign inner circle. Most notably, Flynn also became the face of Trump's calls for Clinton to be jailed over her use of a private email server.



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# A protest in Trump Country brings home nation's race divides

By **CLAIRE GALOFARO**

Associated Press

ROWLAND, N.C. (AP) — Six teenage girls put down their pompoms on a Friday night behind their tiny high school in their tiny town. They lined up along the football field. As "The Star-Spangled Banner" began, each dropped to one knee — and by morning, the culture wars splintering the nation would unfurl around them in miniature, in the most racially diverse rural county in America.

A parent had snapped a photo. Out it went onto social media. In poured calls for the girls to be punished, their principal fired.

Many lined up along ideological and racial divides, and some saw people they'd known all their lives lined up on the other side. Those who gazed into the gulf in between were left with the same unsettling sense — that something is souring in America's soul.

"This is the most lost I've felt racially in my entire life," says Tiona Washington, the mother of one of the cheerleaders.

Her daughter, 14-year-old Aajah, grew up here in Rowland in Robeson County, where the population is split among whites, blacks and Native Americans and many often remark at how well they've overcome the scars of slavery and segregation to get along.

The only president Aajah had ever really known was African-American, like her. Then her county, which voted twice for Barack Obama, joined with the nation to elect Donald Trump, whose comments about Muslims and minorities seemed to her to only further divide Americans.

Aajah watched her new president say there were "very fine people on both sides" of the deadly white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. He called on NFL team owners to fire any "son of a bitch" who continued kneeling to protest police brutality and racial inequality. He suggested in a speech that maybe police officers weren't being rough enough.

"I watch TV every day and that's all we see, police brutality or the KKK is coming out," says Aajah.

And so the shy girl who dreams of becoming a nurse took a knee alongside her friends, and awoke to find they'd been deemed a disgrace on Facebook by others in their county. One person said the girls must have intellectual deficiencies. A woman offered that she'd break her child's knees if she'd done the same thing.

Aajah's mother remembers seeing KKK members dressed in white with torches as a kindergartner in the

1980s, and recalls the moment as a crushing of childhood innocence — a sudden awareness that some may hate her because of the color of her skin. She'd hoped her own daughter would never confront such racism.

"We're back at a crossroads," Tiona Washington says. "The question is: Where do we want to go from here?"

Days before the cheerleaders' protest, the local newspaper interviewed Vonta Leach, a hometown hero who pulled his family out of poverty by playing football in the NFL. The headline read: "I would have kneeled."

Some Leach had considered friends pounced. "Some of the comments were, 'He ain't nothing but an 'N,'" he says.

He was raised in Rowland and moved back to the county because he wanted his children to grow up here. A church building bears his name. Yet even he couldn't escape the scorn of those who he believes have been emboldened by the president's racially tinged rhetoric.

"I'm well-off. But at the end of the day, I'm still black, and to some

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A-164, Section 150, DeWitt CSL survey  
Total Depth: 5800 feet  
Latitude 032.350320, Longitude -100.015700. Datum: NAD 27  
1053' FNL, 1000' FWL of 277.54-acre lease  
2079' FNL, 6645' FEL of the survey

#1 Petty, drill, El: NA, API #42-253-35516  
County Regular Field  
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A-1929, Section 3, Orphan Asylum Lands survey  
Total Depth: 2800 feet  
X=1308258, Y=418745. Datum: NAD 27  
1200' FEL, 975' FSL of 160-acre lease  
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#F036R Salt Creek Field Unit, drill, El: NA, API #42-263-32119  
Salt Creek Field  
7.80 miles northwest of Clairemont  
A-502, Section 13, J. Rodman survey  
Total Depth: 7500 feet  
X=975889.01, Y=591458.04. Datum: NAD 27  
2081' FNL, 3713' FEL of 12,100-acre lease  
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SWR 36 (H2S)

#H042WR Salt Creek Field Unit, drill, API #42-263-32120  
Salt Creek Field, El: NA  
7 miles northwest of Clairemont  
A-1359, Section 144, Block G, W&NW RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 7500 feet  
X=971825.72, Y=579042.37. Datum: NAD 27  
9743' FSL, 5970' FEL of 12,100-acre lease  
2047' FNL, 884' FWL of the survey  
SWR 36 (H2S)

### Reagan County

#101LH Ham "A1", drill horizontal, API #42-383-40048  
Lin (Wolfcamp) Field, El: NA  
19.96 miles northwest of Big Lake  
A-740, Section 6, Block M, TC RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9000 feet  
Latitude 031.233815, Longitude -101.420973. Datum: NAD 83  
530' FSL, 2230' FEL of 640-acre lease  
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Kinder Morgan Production Co., LLC#255-5 SACROC Unit, re-completion, API #42-415-33082  
Kelly-Snyder Field, El: NA  
8 miles east of Snyder  
A-2621, Section 212, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 7500 feet  
X=909610, Y=399842, Datum: NAD 27  
15,655' FWL, 11,845' FSL of 48,960-acre lease

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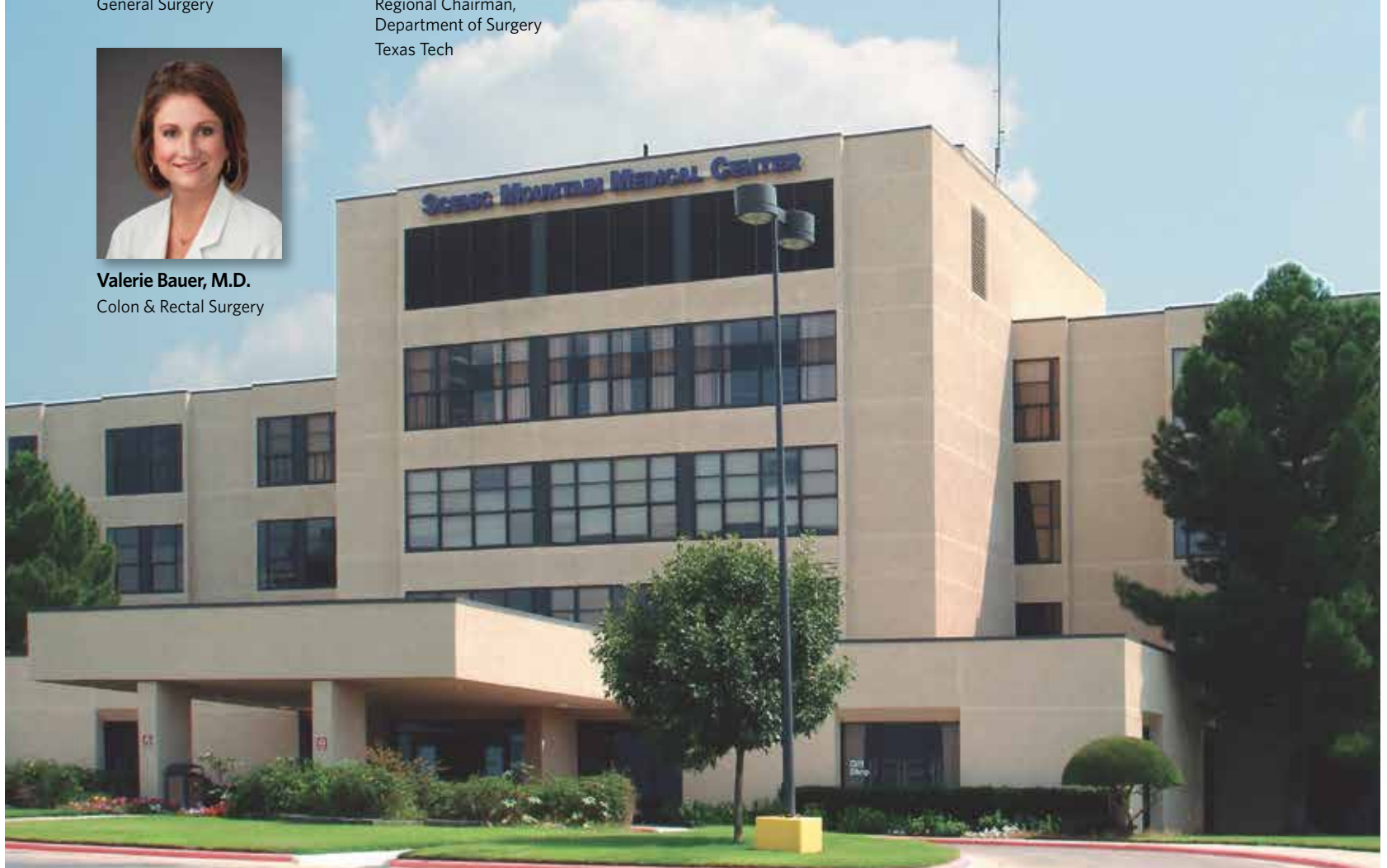
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**DIVIDE**

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I'm still a you-know-what," he says. "So I do understand that now."

On the other side of the divide in Robeson, the cheerleaders' demonstration was just one more sign of how American values of tradition, patriotism and honor seem to be unraveling.

Billy Hunt, a Native American and a Marine on the school's booster club, answered call after call from those who were no longer willing to support an upcoming fundraiser. He thinks the girls failed to consider people like him, those who served their country and see the flag as a symbol of that service, of loved ones and limbs lost to war. It seemed to him that they'd chosen a side, without imagining life on the other one.

"I'd like to see it back to people start feeling for each other again," Hunt says.

The morning after the game, Christopher Clark, the principal of South Robeson High, received a message from a friend: "You don't have the guts to lead." As

similar messages kept coming, Clark tried to explain that the Constitution protects the right to protest — that public outrage is not the rule of law. But it seemed many would rather it were.

"We've got a cultural battle going on for the heart and soul of America," he says. "We've heard, 'We're taking this country back.' Well, where do you want to take it?"

He understands that to some, that might harken back to the whole-some world of Ozzie and Harriet. But that was also a time when Clark, a Native American, had to go to the pharmacy through the back door.

Clark would never have knelt or allowed his own children to, either. But he doesn't believe he gets to make those choices for everybody else.

"When we start down the road of 'the other' — the other is wrong, the other is un-American, the other, the other, the other — where will we stop?" he wonders. "There will be a day when we look back on this and think: What in the world happened to us?"

**OIL**

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6 Desta Drive, Suite 6000 Kelly-Snyder Field, El: NA  
Midland, TX 79705-0000 3.50 miles northwest of Snyder  
Lauren Flowers, Regulatory AnalystA-1991, Section 295, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. survey  
(432) 688-2338 Total Depth: 7500 feet  
X=934497, Y=423523, Datum: NAD 27  
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A-215, Section 41, Block 34, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
440' FNL, 530' FEL of the survey  
Latitude 031.9966011, Longitude -101.5689986  
Total Depth: 9858 feet. PBTB: NA. Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)  
Daily Potential: 121 Bbbls 34.0 gravity oil w/ 332 BWPD  
Flowing. GOR: 305  
Spud: 1-10-17. Completed: 6-16-17. Pay: NA  
9-5/8" @ 9238 feet w/ 1,175 sx.  
MS tool @ 3909 feet w/ 985 sx.  
5-1/2" @ 16,428 feet w/ 2,785 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 8615 feet  
Perfs: 15,625-16,278  
Wichita/Albany 713' 15,625-16,278: Frac w/ 1,082,484 Bbbls fluid and 1,124,280# sand

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Santa Rosa 598'  
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7.70 miles south of Knott  
A-568, Section 19, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey  
475' FWL, 2173' FSL of the survey  
Latitude 032.2924361, Longitude -101.620000  
Total Depth: 10,310 feet. PBTB: 10,056 feet.  
Logs: Neutron/Density  
Daily Potential: 167 Bbbls 39.0 gravity oil w/ 344 BWPD  
Pumping. GOR: 2041  
Spud: 3-17-17. Completed: 6-28-17. Pay: NA  
8-5/8" @ 4119 feet w/ 950 sx.  
5-1/2" @ 10,310 feet w/ 1,450 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 10,097 feet  
Perfs: 6944-9905  
6944-9905: Frac w/ 1,316,267# sand and 44,107 Bbbls frac

Contractor not listed

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San Andres 3182'  
Glorieta 4063'  
Clear Fork 4623'  
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#253 Tubb "A", API #42-227-38867  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2713' GR  
3 miles northeast of Elbow  
A-370, Section 25, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
467' FNL, 1015' FEL of the survey  
Latitude 032.1837081, Longitude -101.4697538  
Total Depth: 10,126 feet. PBTB: 10,116 feet.  
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# Buffaloes defeat Bulldogs 69-47



By **MARISSA LOFTIN**  
Sports Editor

It was an exciting Friday night filled with quality basketball in the rivalry show down between the Forsan Buffaloes and the Coahoma Bulldogs, held at the Howard College Coliseum. The Buffs put the pressure on the Dogs and brought home a 69-47 victory in what proved to be a heated battle as both teams fought until the final buzzer.

Forsan's Ehren Hillger and Coahoma's Gage Clark went head to head in the tip off to start the game and the show was on. The Bulldogs got the first possession, but turned it over and the Buffs capitalized. Forsan's Bryce Hergert set the tone of the game and went on a shooting spree as he scored the team's first seven points of the game, putting the Buffs at a 7-1 lead just three and a half minutes into the game.

"Bryce Hergert kind of carried us there in the first quarter," said Forsan head basketball coach Cory Richardson. "Everyone else was kind of focusing on Kobe a little bit, and they ran a zone on us so we put Hergert in the middle. He had our first six or eight points of the game. I can't remember the exact number, but I definitely got he carried us through the first of it and really got us going."

Coahoma began the game struggling with turnover issues but managed to turn things around late in the first quarter. Down 11-1, the Dogs fought their way back within three points thanks to efforts at

Buff defenders Kobe Richardson, Zane Riff and Ehren Hillger surround Coahoma's Gage Clark in their game on Friday night at the Howard College Coliseum December 1, 2017.

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# Aldridge, Gay lead San Antonio past Grizzlies, 95-78



AP Photo

Grizzlies center Marc Gasol (33) defends against his brother, San Antonio Spurs center Pau Gasol (16), the second half of an NBA basketball game Friday, Dec. 1, 2017, in Memphis, Tenn.

By **CLAY BAILEY**  
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs are looking for more consistency on defense. They came up with one of their better efforts of the season against the faltering Memphis Grizzlies.

The Spurs held Memphis to 41 percent shooting, forced 16 turnovers and pulled away in the fourth quarter sending the Grizzlies to their 10th straight loss with a 95-79 triumph Friday night.

"We're not consistent," said Spurs reserve guard Manu Ginobili, who had 11 points, seven rebounds and six assists. "We've had some games where the activity is great like (Friday), where we hustle, went for loose balls. We were very aggressive. Some other games we are passive. ... Consistency is what we are after."

The defensive consistency, coupled with 22 points from LaMarcus Aldridge and 18 more from Rudy Gay, led the Spurs to their fourth straight

victory. Patty Mills had 10 points. Memphis' 79 points were two short of the season-low for a San Antonio opponent.

Memphis, which trailed 68-59 heading into the fourth, let the game slip completely away when San Antonio ripped off a 16-1 rally in the middle stages of the final frame, taking the Spurs lead to 25.

"What bothers me the most is how we laid down at the end of the game, especially on the defensive end," said Marc Gasol, who led the Grizzlies with 16 points and 13 rebounds. "I understand when things don't go well for you offensively. You may go in a weird place mentally, but the defense has no excuse."

The Grizzlies did come out with more energy at the start of the game than the overall tone of play during the losing streak. The more spirited effort came in the second game under interim coach J.B. Bickerstaff, who took over after David Fizdale was

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# Jimbo Fisher resigns at Florida State to take Texas A&M job



AP Photo

In this Oct. 29, 2016, file photo, Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher shouts instructions during the team's NCAA college football game against Clemson in Tallahassee, Fla.

By **JOE REEDY**  
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Jimbo Fisher is leaving Florida State for Texas A&M, four years after leading the Seminoles to their third national title.

Fisher told university President John Thrasher on Friday that he was resigning to accept Texas A&M's offer.

"I believe Texas A&M is getting one of the best coaches in college football. We appreciate all he has done for our program and wish him and his family great success moving forward," Thrasher said in a statement that closed days of speculation

about Fisher's future.

Fisher leaves Florida State after going 83-23 in eight seasons. Besides the national championship, he also led the Seminoles to three Atlantic Coast Conference titles and four ACC Atlantic Division crowns. He will replace Kevin Sumlin, who was fired last weekend after going 51-26 in six seasons at Texas A&M. The Houston Chronicle reported that Fisher is expected to earn between \$7 million and \$7.5 million over at least five years.

Fisher's buyout from Florida State is the sum remaining on the contracts of his assistants who are not retained, which would be in the

range of \$7 million.

Fisher goes to a program that has lofty hopes amid a drought: Texas A&M last won a conference championship in 1998, when it was in the Big 12. The school's only national title came in 1939. Texas A&M Chancellor John Sharp said after Thursday's Board of Regents meeting that expectations were "nothing serious. We just want him to win a national championship."

Fisher is just the fourth head coach to leave a school where he has won an AP national championship and go directly to another

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Forsan's Bryce Hergert defends a shot by Coahoma's Mason Moore as Ehren Hillger (30), Kobe Richardson (24) and Gage Clark (23) stand by in their basketball game at the Howard College Coliseum on Friday, December 1, 2017.



Courtesy Photo by Lyndel Moody

Coahoma's Joe Manning defends Forsan's Bryce Hergert as Zane Riffe stands by in their basketball game at the Howard College Coliseum on Friday, December 1, 2017.



Courtesy Photo by Lyndel Moody

Coahoma's Mason Moore puts up a shot in their basketball game against Forsan at the Howard College Coliseum on Friday, December 1, 2017.

## DOGS VS. BUFFS

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the rim by Adam Clark, Mason Moore, and a three-pointer by Bryson Cline. A Coahoma layup with three seconds remaining in the first quarter from Gage Clark put the score at a 15-12 Forsan lead.

The Buffs got off to a hot start in the second quarter as they scored on five consecutive possessions, putting nine unanswered points on the board. What momentum Coahoma had in the first quarter had gone to Forsan's side as they couldn't get any shots to fall against a stiff Buffalo defense until late in the half.

With a little over four minutes remaining in the second, Forsan and Coahoma got into a very entertaining three-point shoot out that got the crowd on their feet as four of the last five shots made were from beyond the arc. It started with Buffs' Dylan Smith and Kobe Richardson, who sank back-to-back threes. A. Clark of Coahoma followed with one of his own, then Forsan's Hergert fired one right back. Bulldog G. Clark came right back and sank the final three of the half, and while Coahoma's shots started to fall, it wasn't enough to dig them out of the hole they put themselves in earlier in the quarter. Forsan had an answer for everything Coahoma handed them, and sat atop a 41-20 lead at halftime.

For the third and fourth quarters, the scoring for

both Coahoma and Forsan was almost dead even. The Buffs maintained control of the boards and kept putting the pressure on the Bulldogs defensively, and Coahoma fought for every basket and took advantage of some turnovers committed by Forsan.

Coahoma's Moore carried the team offensively as he used his quickness to penetrate the Buffs' tough defense and put down shots in the paint, and also buried two back-to-back threes late in the fourth.

Although they fought hard with great effort, the Bulldogs just couldn't contain Hergert, Richardson and Evans at the rim in the second half. Along with late buckets from Hillger, Jordan Enriquez and Caden Williams, the Buffs sealed the 69-47 win.

Moore lead Coahoma in points as he finished with 18 for the game. G. Clark racked up nine points, followed by Joe Manning and Cline who each had five.

Richardson had another huge night offensively as he lead the Buffs to victory with a total of 23 points for the game. Hergert was right behind him with 18, and Hillger with eight.

It is definitely still early in the season. This was only our third game, and we have a lot of things to work on. I thought the effort and the rebounding was there, and we moved the ball around pretty well. We just have to not turn the ball over as much and put it in the hole a little more. We missed some easy shots that we don't usually miss," said Richardson. "Overall, I think both teams got after it. I guess I like to use the analogy of how it is kind of

like playing your brother. I mean, you like him but you don't want to lose to him. Tempers can flare every once in a while too and usually when its all over, we are all back on the same page. They are all buddies, they know each other and they all hang around each other a little bit. But it is a rivalry, so no one wants to lose and everyone plays hard. It gets a little rough sometimes but you know that going in."

UP NEXT

Coahoma: The Bulldogs have a road game against Reagan County on Tuesday, December 5. On Thursday - Saturday December 7-9, Coahoma will compete in the Hooptown Classic held in Stanton.

Forsan: The Buffaloes have a home game against Ira on Tuesday, December 5 where they will look to keep their 17 home-game win streak alive, which goes back to the 2015-2016 season. Forsan will also be competing in Stanton's Hooptown Classic on Thursday - Friday December 7-9.

"It (Hooptown Classic) will be even tougher competition than we have already seen. We are still getting ready for district and it will be here before we know it. We have a lot of things to work on and a lot of new faces this year. A lot of different things we have to run, different styles to play and we're just trying to figure out what everybody can do. It's part of a growing process, like trial and error to see what we are good at, what not good at and what we have to get better at."

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**SPURS**

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fired Monday. While the attitude was different, it didn't offset the Spurs talent and depth. Memphis held an early lead, but it didn't take long for San Antonio to overcome the advantage and lead the rest of the way. "Team defense was very good," said Spurs guard Tony Parker, who was playing in his third game after returning from off-season surgery for a ruptured left quadriceps tendon. "I thought we communicated pretty good, and overall, we were active."

**TIP-INS**  
Spurs: Aldridge had a season-high 41 points against the Grizzlies on Wednesday night. ... San Antonio shot 44 percent, and the Spurs are 15-0 when they outshoot an opponent.

Grizzlies: Chandler Parsons (right knee), Mario Chalmers (right ankle) and Brandan Wright (right groin), all of whom sat out Wednesday's game at San Antonio with injuries, played Friday. ... However, Wright experienced tightness in the groin during the first half and did not return. ... McLemore surpassed his season-high with 11 points in the first half.

**BAD, BAD STRETCH**  
The 10-game losing streak is the longest for Memphis since losing 12 straight in January 2009. Memphis has not won a game since a road victory at Portland on Nov. 7. The Grizzlies last home win was Oct. 28 over the Houston Rockets. "The guys are down about it, but what happens sometimes when you on these streaks is one punch and you just start thinking about (the struggles)," Bickerstaff said.

**KAWHI STATUS**  
Injured Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard accompanied San Antonio to Memphis, but did not play. Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said before the game that Leonard, who hasn't played this season because of a quadriceps injury, may return soon. "He's getting closer all the time," Popovich said. "He could be back sooner rather than later." Leonard's teammates are looking forward to his return and getting players back in their regular roles. Patty Mills is playing with the second unit since Parker's return, and Kyle Anderson eventually will go back to the reserves when Leonard is healthy. "We've been playing together for a long time and we are used to each other," Ginobili said.

**UP NEXT**  
Spurs: At Oklahoma City on Sunday  
Grizzlies: At Cleveland on Saturday night.

# Cowboys know playoff formula: keep winning without Elliott

**By SCHUYLER DIXON**  
AP Pro Football Writer  
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — In 15th-year tight end Jason Witten's view, the Dallas Cowboys still have playoff hopes — if they win every remaining game.

And that includes their first victory without suspended star running back Ezekiel Elliott, 38-14 over the Washington Redskins on Thursday night. It was a refreshing reversal for Dallas after getting outscored 72-6 in the second half of losses in the first three games minus last year's NFL rushing leader.

The Cowboys (6-6) still have two games without Elliott from his six-game suspension over alleged domestic violence. However, 2016 All-Pro linebacker Sean Lee is expected to return for the next game

Dec. 10 against the last-place New York Giants after injuring his hamstring during the first game without Elliott and missing the next three.

"There's not a whole lot of wiggle room, but you know, that's what we play for and that's kind of the big picture," Witten said after catching his 67th career touchdown, third on the franchise career list, on the same night Dez Bryant broke Hall of Famer Bob Hayes' club record with his 72nd TD grab.

"I believe we're in the hunt

and there's still a lot of football to be played."

Philadelphia needs just one victory in its final five games to take the NFC East title from the Cowboys, who went an NFC-best 13-3 last year behind the spectacular rookie seasons of Prescott and Elliott.

The Cowboys made the Eagles wait at least until Sunday's visit to Seattle by dominating despite just 275 yards total offense against the Redskins. Dallas forced four turnovers after getting one total the previous three games

and rookie Ryan Switzer returned a punt 83 yards for his first career touchdown.

Dallas bounced back from three-and-outs on its first four possessions, a point owner and general manager Jerry Jones couldn't emphasize enough after the game considering how much the offense struggled during the losing streak.

Jones also lauded Prescott for playing with a bruised right hand that had to be checked for a fracture after he banged his throwing hand on a helmet while running the option. X-rays during the game were negative.

Mostly, Jones was just glad to see some life from his team after a dramatic three-game skid with all kinds of dubious

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AP Photo

In this Sept. 24, 2016 file photo, Florida State head coach Jimbo Fisher looks on during an NCAA college football game against South Florida in Tampa, Fla.

## FISHER

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college job. The last to do it was Johnny Majors, who went from Pittsburgh to Tennessee in 1977.

Florida State (5-6) faces Louisiana-Monroe on Saturday and needs a win to be bowl eligible for a 36th consecutive season. Defensive line coach Odell Haggins will be the interim coach.

"President Thrasher and I have worked together through this challenging period while coach Fisher was making a decision, and I appreciate

the cooperation, support and leadership he has provided," athletic director Stan Wilcox said. "We are extremely pleased by the quality of individuals who have already expressed interest in being the head coach at Florida State University. I am confident we will fill the position very soon."

The Seminoles were ranked third in the preseason Top 25 but lost quarterback Deondre Francois in the opening loss against Alabama and were 3-6 at one point before winning their last two. Florida State is trying to avoid its first losing season since 1976.

Fisher, who had dodged questions about his interest in Texas A&M for the last two weeks, said as recently as Thursday that he intended to coach on Saturday. However, growing frustration with the program from fans, alumni and parents of players made that unlikely. Junior linebacker Josh Sweat said earlier in the week that players had discussed the rumors but that they were trying to maintain the focus on this week's game.

"We still have to play regardless of what happens. Stay or leave it's about the next game," Sweat said. "We are still practicing and having fun."

Some players took to Twitter after Fisher's resignation and had mixed opinions. Francois tweeted "No call, no text, you could of said something."

Wide receiver Auden Tate was more subdued saying "we bumped heads at times, but that will never negate what he has done for me."

Since winning 33 of 34 games between 2013 and '15, the Seminoles have struggled. They are 19-12 in their last 31 games, including 10-10 in the ACC. It marks the first time since 2011 that the Seminoles have not won 10 or more games or qualified for a New Year's Six bowl game.

Last December, Fisher signed a contract extension through 2024 that made him among the highest-paid coaches in the country. He was making \$5.7 million this season, sixth-highest.

Yet it was the third straight year that Fisher's name was linked with a Southeastern Conference program. He was mentioned the last two years as a candidate at LSU, where he spent seven seasons as the offensive coordinator (2000-06). While at LSU he also worked with Scott Woodward, now the athletic director at Texas A&M. The Aggies' are

expected to approve Fisher's hiring on Monday.

Sumlin had two years remaining on his contract, which calls for a \$10 million buyout to be paid within 60 days of his termination. He led the Aggies to an 11-2 record in his first season in 2012, including 6-2 in the Southeastern Conference which included a win at top-ranked Alabama. Sumlin wasn't able to equal or surpass that the rest of his tenure.

Texas A&M has invested heavily in facilities the past five years, including a football operations center. Fisher has spoken about his desire for Florida State to add its own football-only building.

This marks the first time since after the 1975 season that Florida State has had to embark on a coaching search, when it went on to hire Bobby Bowden. Fisher came to Florida State as offensive coordinator in 2007 and was named the head coach in waiting following that season.

Possible candidates could include Oregon's Willie Taggart and Virginia Tech's Justin Fuente. Taggart, who grew up in Bradenton, Florida, went 7-5 in his first season at Oregon. He previously spent four seasons at South Florida where he took a team that was 2-10 in 2013 to 10-2 and a tie for the American Athletic Conference East Division title in 2016.

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said that Fisher did an unbelievable job. Swinney and Fisher will cross paths next season when Texas A&M hosts Clemson.

"Evidently he feels like that's the right move for him and his family and the right time to do so," Swinney said at an ACC title game news conference. "Florida State is Florida State. They'll hire a great coach. I don't have any doubt about that."

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Washington Redskins linebacker Zach Vigil (56) and Ziggy Hood (90) force Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) to scramble out of the pocket in the first half of an NFL football game, Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.



AP Photo

Dallas Cowboys running back Alfred Morris (46) looks for running room as he carries the ball against the Washington Redskins in the second half of an NFL football game, Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.



AP Photo

Dallas Cowboys' Ryan Switzer (10) dives into the end zone for a touchdown on a punt return against the Washington Redskins during the first half of an NFL football game Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

# COWBOYS

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numbers — Prescott's eight turnovers without a TD pass, for instance. "You're talking to a dreamer, so yes," Jones said when asked if he could still dream about the Cowboys making the playoffs. "It's not hard for me to look at the way we played, the way we answered the bell, with Sean Lee coming back and the players we're getting back and not dream."

The quickest explanation of the daunting road to the playoffs for the Cowboys involves Atlanta.

If the Falcons can win their fourth straight by beating NFC North-leading Minnesota on Sunday, Dallas is guaranteed to be at least two games behind all four current wild-card qualifiers with four games left.

The Cowboys will have head-to-head losses against two of them (Atlanta and the LA Rams), with wins against none.

Not that such a gloomy forecast was part of the mood in a locker room enjoying its first win since before the downer of learning that Elliott had run out of legal options in his fight against the suspension.

"It's like a weight lifted off of us," said running back Alfred Morris, who had his first 100-yard

game as Elliott's replacement. "Our push for the postseason is still alive. We have to keep showing up. Otherwise, our chances of keeping this postseason alive are slim to none."

The chances are still kind of slim, though.

NOTES: Jones said CB Orlando Scandrick sustained small bone fractures in his back against the Redskins, but said Scandrick played with the injury. Jones is optimistic Scandrick won't miss many games. Former QB Tony Romo missed one game with a similar injury in 2014.

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Dallas Cowboys tight end Jason Witten (82) catches a pass for a touchdown in front of Washington Redskins safety Deshaun Everett (22) and safety D.J. Swearinger (36) in the first half of an NFL football game, Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

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# Christmas in Howard County

By **AMBER MANSEFIELD**  
Staff Writer

With the season of Saint Nick drawing closer, you can practically smell the pine from the Christmas trees and taste the eggnog that's flowing. The people of Howard County are definitely feeling the spirit of Christmas, as several different organizations and groups of people of the community present different ongoings and events with the hopes that everyone gets the most out of this Christmas season. Though the local media does its job of keeping the community informed on these events, it can be hard to keep up with everything.

Here is a non-official list of the different events and attractions going on throughout the month of December, but make sure to always check back with the Herald for a more detailed description of certain events.

### Saturday, Dec. 2

North Pole Shopping Extravaganza at the Big Spring Heritage Museum from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 432-267-8255.

### Saturday, Dec. 2

Santa Claus will be in town at the Big Spring Town Plaza Mall. Bring the little ones to come see, take pictures with Santa, and make sure to tell him what they want for Christmas. This event is from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### Saturday, Dec. 2

Porters, located on 501 Birdwell Ln, will be having doing a wine sampling of Messina Hof's "Angel." Messina Hof's Angel is a crisp, sweet dessert wine, harvested from the last pick of Riesling when the grapes are like raisins in order to capture flavors of apple, pear and honey. Perfect with fruit, cheesecake and light, sweet chocolate desserts. The sampling is from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Porters. Must be 21 and older to sample.

### Saturday, Dec. 2

Don't miss the 32nd Annual Big Spring Parade. This year's parade will feature over 40 different candy giving floats, and of course Santa will be there riding his own float waving to the crowd. The parade starts at 5:30 p.m. beginning on 24th and Scurry and will head North towards 4th. "Scurry is really perfect because it runs right in front of the Herald, and down in front of the Heritage Museum where people sit out in front and watch it," said Rick Nunez, Publisher at Big Spring Herald. "And it keeps the flow on Gregg moving along."

### Saturday, Dec. 2

The Big Spring Heritage Museum Christmas Tree Forest is up on display until Dec. 22. Come check out the many different Christmas trees set up and decorated by members of the community. The museum is located on 510 Scurry, hours of operation are: Tuesday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information call: (432) 267-8255

### Sunday, Dec. 3

Lularoe Arielle Castle boutique will be having their open house. There will be wine, shopping, and food! So come for a littler early Christmas shopping or just because you deserve it. Located at 549 Hillside Drive. Big Spring, TX 79720

### Sunday, Dec. 3

This is the start date of the Annual Comanche Trail Festival of Lights. This annual event is so grand, folks travel from out of town to enjoy the festival lights. The festival is at the Comanche Trail Park, and will continue each night from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., and it will run up until Dec. 25.

Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

One other last minute change: Santa is going to be on hand an extra day.

"We did find out we had a little bit of a change last night," said Festival Committee member Vicki Stewart.

"We had our last Festival of Lights committee meeting, and originally Santa Claus was going to be here the 19th through the 23rd; now he's going to be here the 18th through the 23rd. We've added another day. He volunteered another day for us!"

### Tuesday, Dec. 5

The Big Spring Heritage Museum Gingerbread House contest begins. Entries must be delivered to the Museum between 12 noon and 4 p.m. on Dec. 5. where those who enter will fill out an entry form. The winner will receive a prize of \$100 and will be chosen by people's choice voting and announced on Tuesday, Dec. 12 during the KBYG Morning Show. The Museum located on 510 Scurry, hours of operation are: Tuesday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information call: (432) 267-8255

"This is just something for the community to get together to enjoy, and

bring the Christmas season out in them," said Museum Director Tammy Schreengost. "You don't have to make anything fancy, but certainly can if you want."

### Tuesday, Dec. 5

Scenic Mountain Medical Center presents their tree lighting ceremony. There will be Christmas Carols performed by various choirs groups and come meet Santa and enjoy some hot Chocolate and cookies. It will begin at 6:30



p.m. in the SMMC front lawn located on 1601 W 11th Pl.

### Thursday, Dec. 7

Bring a friend or two and come enjoy yourselves as Terri Chaney host the "Coffee, Canvas, and Cake," at the Big Spring Heritage Museum. It will be \$40 bucks a person. The shindig will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 510 Scurry.

### Friday, Dec. 8

Live Annual Drive Through Nativity starts Dec. 8th through the 10th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Come enjoy the magic of the Christmas presentation in the comfort of your vehicle while you view stunning scenes of the life and resurrection of Christ Jesus.

### Saturday, Dec. 9

Porter's will be hosting a Gingerbread House Workshop. Free for kids under the age of 15. It starts at 2 p.m. and the Gingerbread Kits will be provided, limited space available. Porters is located on 501 Birdwell Lane.



leged boys and girls. Toys may be dropped out at 215 W. 3rd St.

### Friday, Dec. 15

Santa Claus will be at Back in Motion Chiropractic. Come see and take pictures with Santa Claus

at 3 p.m. Back in Motion Chiropractic is located on 1113 Scurry St.

### Saturday Dec. 16

Tchaikovsky's spectacular Nutcracker Ballet comes to the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium at 7:30 PM.

The conductor for the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra is Music Director Dr. Keith Graumann. The ballet will feature students from Stevi McKinnon's Dance Gallery in Big Spring. Principal dancers for the performance are from the Midland Festival Ballet Company. Ticket prices are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors. While free admission is offered to all students, those under 15 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

"I love having all my students involved in this production of The Nutcracker," said Steve McKinnon. "It's such a great holiday tradition and we are happy to be a part of it."

Always be sure to read the Herald for other upcoming events that may not be advertised yet, and always check the Friday Church pages for upcoming Christmas events local churches host.



### Sunday, Dec. 10

It's the 3rd Annual Feast of Sharing Holiday Dinner. Anyone of the community is invited to enjoy a free classic holiday meal, and give thanks to all of life's blessing. They will be serving from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at 1001 Birdwell Lane.

### Sunday, Dec. 10

The Dance Gallery presents The Nutcracker Act 2. The Gallery will be performing for the community at Cohoma High School Auditorium at 2 p.m. Adult seat is \$3 and a child seat is \$2. To purchase tickets early come by the Dance Gallery located at 2303 Goliad St., or call 432-267-3977 or 432-816-1540.

### Sunday, Dec. 10

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# Prince Harry, Meghan Markle greet fans in English city

## Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Chanting "Harry, Harry!" and "Meghan, Meghan!" hundreds of people lined the streets of a central English city Friday to welcome Britain's Prince Harry and his American fiancée, actress Meghan Markle.

The couple's visit to Nottingham was their first official commitment since they announced their engagement on Monday. They plan to tour Britain over the next six months to give Markle an opportunity to learn about the country before their May wedding in the chapel at Windsor Castle.

Markle smiled and looked confident as she basked in the adoration of a crowd that had waited for hours in the cold to catch a passing glimpse of the couple. Dozens waved British and American flags.

A few were lucky enough to see the engagement ring up close as Markle shook hands. But the ring was old news for British commentators, who instead focused on her handbag — a Strathberry tricolor leather tote designed in Scotland and handcrafted in Spain.

The couple traveled to the east Midlands in England to visit to a youth project and to raise AIDS

awareness. Their fans followed, including Irene Hardman, 81, who brought a gift bag with fridge magnets and candy for Markle.

Hardman wept with joy after handing the bag to the bride-to-be.

"I cried — she's wonderful, and it's fantastic," Hardman said. "They're so genuine."

The trip was Prince Harry's third to Nottingham since October 2016. The prince has long championed AIDS charities, following in the footsteps of his late mother, Princess Diana.

Holly Burdett, who is originally from West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire, but now lives in Sydney, Australia, returned home on the "gamble" that the couple would announce



their engagement while she was there.

"I always thought I'd marry Harry, but you can't win them all," Burdett joked. "As long as they're happy, that's all that matters."

## Big Spring ISD

### Kentwood Early Childhood

**Monday:** Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, fresh oranges, white milk. Lunch: Oven Roasted drumstick, dinner, mixed roll, mashed potatoes, fresh broccoli, milk.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh apples, milk. Lunch: Spaghetti, diced peaches, green beans, fresh red pepper strips, milk.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast: Breakfast sandwich, diced pears, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, pineapple tidbits, sliced carrots, fresh zucchini squash,

turkey or chef salad with flatbread, or cheeseburger, fresh apples, diced pears, orange glazed carrots, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad.

**Thursday:** Breakfast: Chicken patty biscuit, fresh bananas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or hot dog, or chicken nuggets with roll, fresh oranges, baked beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

**Friday:** Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, strawberry raisins, apple juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, or pepperoni pizza, or beef taco salad, pineapple tidbits, fresh steamed spinach, fresh baby carrots, fresh canta-

string cheese, fresh grapes, diced pears.

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

### Coahoma ISD

**Monday:** Breakfast: Pancakes and sausage. Lunch: Crispy salad and croissant, or mini corn dog with tater tots, or oven roasted chicken with broccoli bites, baked beans, fresh fruit cup.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast: Breakfast

burrito and hash browns. Lunch: Sante Fe Salad, or nacho grande with beans and salsa,

corn, fresh fruit, milk.

**Friday:** Breakfast: Dutch waffles with bacon, or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, applesauce cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or vegetable beef soup with corn bread, Italian vegetables, fresh veggies cup, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

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**Monday:** Breakfast: Sausage biscuits, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Breaded drumstick, Texas toast, baby carrots, seasoned corn, fresh grapes, cookie, fruit variety, milk.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast: Breakfast sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Frito pie, fresh veggie cup, Charro beans, salsa, apple pineapple d'lite, lettuce and tomato, fruit variety, milk.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast: Stuffed bagel, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Lagna garden salad, Tuscan veggies, garlic bread sticks, pears, fruit variety, milk.

**Thursday:** Breakfast: Waffles, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Pulled pork sliders, coleslaw, savory green beans, chilled pineapple, fruit variety, milk.

**Friday:** Breakfast: Breakfast bread, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hot dog, fries, baby carrots, oranges, smiles, fruit variety, milk.

### Big Spring Senior Center

**Monday:** Chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato, dressing, chips and salsa, Tapioca pudding, milk.


**Tuesday:** Hamburger steak with grilled onions, parselied buttered potatoes, green beans with red pepper, chocolate cake, break, milk.

**Wednesday:** BBQ Chicken, squash, coleslaw, fruit cup with citrus, bread, milk.


**Thursday:** Ham, mac and cheese casserole, country style greens, peaches, cornbread, milk.

**Friday:** Fish fillet on a bun, tarter sauce, sweet potatoes, sugar cookie, milk.

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**Thursday:** Cinnamon toast crunch cereal, fresh banana, milk. Lunch: Hamburger, applesauce, baked beans, fresh celery sticks, milk.

**Friday:** Breakfast: Sausage breakfast pizza, fresh apple slices, milk. Lunch: Cheese pizza, fresh baby carrots, fresh cantaloupe, kickin' Pinot beans, milk.

### Elementary Schools

**Monday:** Breakfast: Cinnamon toast crunch cereal, animal crackers, fresh apples slices, grape juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or oven roasted drumstick, dinner roll, fresh grapes, mixed fruit, mashed potatoes, fresh broccoli, garden salad.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast: Breakfast corn dog, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Hot dog, or diced chicken Caesar salad with breadstick, strawberry raisins, diced peaches, buttered green beans, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast: Sausage breakfast pizza, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, broccoli/cheese, fresh apples, diced pears, orange glazed carrots, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad.

**Thursday:** Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh apples slices, cherry star juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, or ham and turkey salad, dinner roll, fresh orange wedges, rosy applesauce, baked beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

**Friday:** Breakfast: Banana Muffin, strawberry/banana cream cheese, fresh bananas, apple juice. Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, beef taco salad, fresh cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits, fresh steamed spinach, fresh baby carrots, garden salad.

### Intermediate School

**Monday:** Breakfast: Cocoa puffs cereal, graham cracker, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, or cheeseburger, or oven roasted drumstick with dinner roll, fresh grapes, mixed fruit, mashed potatoes, fresh broccoli, garden salad.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast: Breakfast corn dog, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, with diced chicken salad with breadstick, chili mac pasta, strawberry raisins, buttered green beans, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast: Cherry frudel, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, or ham or

loupe, garden salad.

### Junior High School

**Monday:** Breakfast: Cocoa puffs cereal, string cheese, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or oven roasted drumstick, or buffalo chicken salad with roll, fresh grapes, mixed fruit, mashed potatoes, fresh broccoli, garden salad.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or diced chicken salad with crackers, or beef rotini, fresh bananas, diced peaches, buttered green beans, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or broccoli/cheese potato, chef salad with flatbread, fresh apples, diced pears, fresh zucchini squash, orange glazed carrots, garden salad.

**Thursday:** Breakfast: Chicken patty biscuits, fresh bananas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or tuna salad with dinner roll, or sausage red beans and rice bowl, fresh oranges, applesauce, baked beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

**Friday:** Breakfast: Sausage breakfast pizza, fresh grapes, apple juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or pizza salad with dinner roll, or cajun chili fries bowl with flatbread, fresh cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits, fresh steamed spinach, fresh baby carrots, garden salad.

### High School

**Monday:** Breakfast: French toast sticks, or egg and cheese muffin, or waffles, warm cinnamon apples, cocoa puffs cereal, string cheese, fresh apples, diced pears.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, or sausage and cheese muffin, or waffles, warm cinnamon apples, animal crackers, fresh oranges, mixed fruit cup.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast: Scrambled eggs and ham and hash browns and toast, or egg and bacon muffin, or waffles, warm cinnamon apples, lucky charms cereal, string cheese, fresh pears, applesauce.

**Thursday:** Breakfast: Sausage and cheese quesadilla, or sausage and cheese muffin, or waffles, warm cinnamon apples, honey nut cheerios cereal, animal crackers, fresh bananas, raisins,

**Friday:** Breakfast: Egg and ham frittata and toast, egg and sausage muffin, or waffles, warm cinnamon apples, frosted mini wheats cereal,

or taco soup with corn bread, tiny tomato cup, cucumber slices, peaches, sherbet cup.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast: Breakfast parfait or biscuits with scrambled eggs and bacon. Lunch: Caribbean salad, or chicken sandwich with fries or x-Treme burrito with salsa and corn, fresh veggie cup, mandarin oranges.

**Thursday:** Breakfast: Sausage kolache and yogurt or homemade spice muffins and yogurt. Lunch: Crispy chicken salad, or asian bowl with egg roll, or Salisbury steak with biscuits, gravy, roasted potatoes, garden salad, fruity Jell-o cups.

**Friday:** Breakfast: Breakfast club or egg and cheese sandwich. Lunch: Chef ham salad, or pizza, ham and cheese melt, ham and cheese melt, baby carrots, crunchy broccoli salad, fresh fruit cup, brownie.

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**Monday:** Breakfast: Cherry strudel with Colby jack cheese stick, or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicekn nuggets with mac and cheese, or sweet and sour chicken Asian bowl with egg roll, cheesy potato Au gratin, ranch style beans, carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast: Mini sausage biscuits, or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, peach cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: County fried steak or steak fingers, or popcorn chicken, savory green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, fresh fruit, milk.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast: French toast with sausage patty, or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger or mini corn dog, spicy fries, baby carrots, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

**Thursday:** Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, strawberry cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken sandwich, or chicken parmesan, tater tots, seasoned



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# Accusers face risks in breaking nondisclosure agreements

By MICHAEL TARM

AP Legal Affairs Writer  
CHICAGO (AP) — Details of alleged sexual assaults by Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein, comedian Bill Cosby and other famous figures are now widely known in part because several accusers did something they promised in writing never to do: They talked publicly about their allegations.

When those women spoke out, they broke nondisclosure agreements — contractual pledges not to discuss what happened that are common features of financial settlements. In doing so, they helped start a national discussion about sexual misconduct and showed that the agreements do not necessarily offer the same ironclad protection that for decades has shielded the rich and powerful.

A look at how the agreements work and what can happen when accusers go public anyway:

## WHAT THEY ARE

The agreements amount to contracts to buy and sell silence. Some require that accusers destroy emails and other evidence related to the allegations. The pacts are typically signed before an accuser sues or before a lawsuit gets to trial.

The accusers may see trading silence for money as their sole recourse to obtain a degree of justice, especially if statutes of limitation rule out criminal charges. Others fear opting for a civil or criminal trial means an emotionally draining courtroom

fight in a media spotlight.

"Many women go into the settlement agreement because they just don't want to face what potentially could be coming," said former Fox News anchor Juliet Huddy, who, according to a New York Times report in January, signed a confidentiality deal to settle claims against former Fox News host Bill O'Reilly. "Some people just want to make it go away and move on with their lives."

Those comments to NBC in October came in her first extended interview since the out-of-court settlement in 2016 with 21st Century Fox, Fox News' parent company. But with her lawyer beside her, she was careful not to break the confidentiality pledge. She talked only generally about women coping with abuse but declined to offer any details about the allegations or settlement.

Zelda Perkins, a former Weinstein assistant, was among the first of his accusers to break a commitment to stay quiet — one she kept for nearly 20 years, until an October interview with the Financial Times. She said she's speaking now about how Weinstein sexually harassed her "on every occasion I was alone with him" and about her 1998 settlement to spark debate "about how egregious these agreements are."

## THE CHALLENGE OF ENFORCEMENT

Two parties can agree to do just about anything in writing, but that does not mean courts will enforce the



In this Aug. 22, 2017 file photo Bill Cosby departs Montgomery County Courthouse after a hearing in his sexual assault case in Norristown, Pa. Details of alleged sexual assaults by Cosby and other famous figures are now widely known in part because several accusers did something they promised in writing never to do: They talked publicly about their allegations. When those women spoke out, they broke nondisclosure agreements. Cosby sued Andrea Constand in early 2016, two months after Pennsylvania authorities charged him with drugging and molesting her in 2004. Cosby argued that she breached confidentiality terms in their 2006 settlement.

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terms if disputes arise. Judges can refuse to enforce confidentiality clauses if there's a wider public interest in breaking the silence, such as an accusers' wish to expose an abuser so others are not victimized. Contracts clearly aimed at concealing crimes can be deemed unenforceable. And, in some instances, judges can decline to enforce them if they violate a victim's free-speech rights.

Most judges would be reluctant to penalize a victim who violates a confidentiality pact, said Alan Garfield, a Delaware law professor. But each state sets its own rules about the provisions, he explained, and there's no consensus among judges about assessing their legality.

"There's just enough uncertainty to make people afraid to breach them," he said.

## SUING THE ACCUSER

When victims do break their silence, the accused have the option of suing for breach of contract, asking that settlement payouts be returned. But such action can backfire, making the accused look even worse, said Garfield: "It would look like a continuation of the abuse."

It's also risky. It could generate more sympathy for the ac-

cusser and draw more attention to allegations the accused sought to hide in the first place.

Bill Cosby is among the few who tried anyway.

He sued Andrea Constand in early 2016, two months after Pennsylvania authorities charged him with drugging and molesting her in 2004. Cosby argued that she breached confidentiality terms in their 2006 settlement, including by answering prosecutors' questions before they charged him.

She said Cosby opened the way for her to go public by going public himself with sweeping denials about ever assaulting anyone. Cosby withdrew the suit months later.

Cosby's first trial in June ended in a hung jury. His retrial is pending.

## OTHER CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS

Confidentiality provisions are often written into employment contracts. Former Fox News Channel CEO Roger Ailes sued former anchor Gretchen Carlson last year after she said publicly she was fired for refusing his sexual advances. Her allegations led to his ouster. Ailes, who died in May, said her contract prohibited her from going public until both sides first tried closed-door arbitration.

Prenuptial and post-nuptial agreements can also contain confidentiality provisions. Donald Trump's did. In divorce-related proceedings, a New York court in 1992 let his first wife, Ivana Trump, strike a nondisclosure clause barring her from ever discussing their years as a couple. An appeals court reversed that decision, saying the confidentiality terms did not "offend public policy as a prior restraint on protected speech."

## PROPOSED CHANGES

Legislators in several states are now pushing for laws specifically instructing courts not to enforce provisions that keep names of the accused secret. Pennsylvania state Sen. Judy Schwank said sexual predators have "hidden behind" nondisclosure agreements, enabling harassment "to grow like a cancer."

But among those who could lose out are victims themselves. It's the prospect that accusers might be willing, at the right price, to keep quiet that enables them to press for higher payouts.

If laws say courts cannot enforce such provisions, that leverage is lost. And if confidentiality is off the table, the accused may conclude there's no point in even trying to settle.

Questions about how Congress deals with such cases arose after Rep. John Conyers was accused of sexual harassment by a former aide. Marion Brown said the Michigan Democrat propositioned her for sex multiple times over more than a decade. She broke a confidentiality agreement Thursday to tell her story to "Today."

"I felt it was worth the risk," Brown said, "to stand up for all the women in the workforce that are voiceless."

## Who's who in Howard County: Kristin Bryant



**Where do you work?** I am self-employed. I have cleaned resident and commercial places for the past two years. If anyone needs or know someone who is need of a good clean, please call me 432-312-0990! I'll be happy to make your life easier.

**What city do you live in?** Big Spring, Texas

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

**What 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 fascinated by history.

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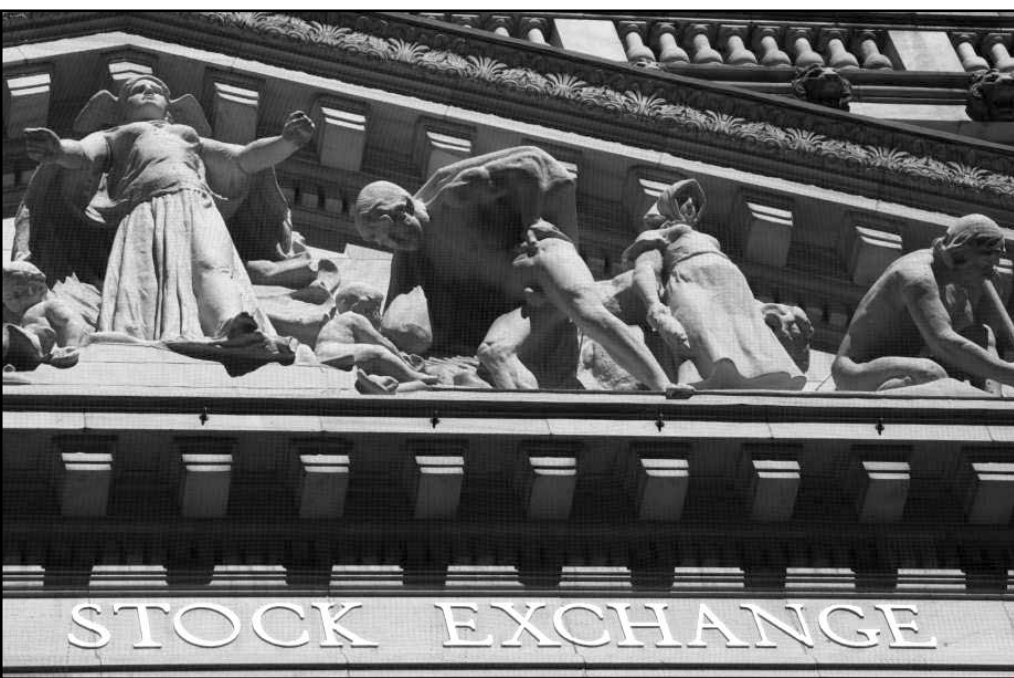
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### US stock indexes are little changed a day after big gain



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**This July 15, 2013, file photo, shows the New York Stock Exchange. Asian stock markets were marginally higher Friday, Dec. 1, 2017, after an overnight recovery of technology stocks on Wall Street. An agreement among key crude exporting countries to extend oil production cuts also boosted sentiment.**

By **ALEX VEIGA**

AP Business Writer

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U.S. stock indexes were little changed in early trading Friday, a day after the Dow Jones industrials closed above 24,000 points for the first time. Technology companies, still the biggest winners in the year to date, slumped. Energy stocks led the gainers as the price of crude oil rose.

**KEEPING SCORE:** The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose less than 1 point to 2,648 as of 10:25 a.m. Eastern Time. The Dow Jones industrial average was little changed at 24,275. The Nasdaq composite slid 7 points, or 0.1 percent, to 6,865. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks gave up 7 points, or 0.5

percent, to 1,537. More stocks rose than fell on the New York Stock Exchange.

**TAX CUTS:** Investors were keeping an eye on Washington as Republicans moved to make major changes to their proposed tax overhaul package ahead of a vote Friday. Among the changes aimed at appeasing deficit hawks is a rollback of some of the tax cuts after six years. The legislation is expected to add \$1 trillion to the nation's deficit over 10 years. It would also slash the corporate tax rate, offer more modest cuts for families and individuals and eliminate several popular deductions.

**TECH SLIDE:** The technology sector, an investor favorite since the beginning of the year, had some of the biggest losses. Qorvo fell \$2.58, or 3.4 percent, to \$74.

**NOT QUITE YET:** Qualcomm declined 1.2 percent after Bloomberg News reported that Broadcom, a rival chipmaker, won't make a new offer for the company until next year. Qualcomm fell 82 cents to \$65.52. Broadcom lost \$9.70, or 3.5 percent, to \$268.24.

**UGLY OUTLOOK:** Ulta Beauty slid 4.8 percent after the beauty products retailer issued a disappointing forecast for the current quarter that overshadowed solid third-quarter results. The stock lost \$10.67 to \$211.04.

**NEW RECIPE:** Meal kit maker Blue Apron climbed 4.8 percent after it named a new CEO. The company has struggled since its initial public offering in June. The stock rose 14 cents to \$3.14.

**OIL SURGES:** Benchmark U.S. crude New York rose \$1.35, or 2.4 percent, to \$58.75 a barrel. Brent, the international standard, rose \$1.55, or 2.4 percent, to \$64.15 a barrel. On Thursday, the OPEC cartel and a group of allied oil-producing nations agreed to extend output cuts until the end of next year.

The pickup in oil prices helped lift energy stocks. Hess climbed \$1.43, or 3.1 percent, to \$47.31.

**BONDS:** Bond prices didn't move much. The yield on the 10-year Treasury held steady at 2.41 percent.

**CURRENCIES:** The dollar rose to 112.66 yen from 112.53 yen on Thursday. The euro weakened to \$1.1867 from \$1.1896.

**MARKETS OVERSEAS:** Major stock indexes in Europe were mixed. Germany's DAX was down 0.1 percent, while France's CAC 40 fell 0.1 percent. The FTSE 100 index of leading British shares was 0.2 percent higher.

### Permits

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- Joseph Parnell, 3213 Fenn St., res hvac, Val: \$ 7,000, Fee: \$45
- Big Spring Hospital Corp., 1601 W 11th Pl., com. Plumb, Val: \$500,000, Fee: \$199
- Verizon, 2503 S Gregg, signs typer a, b, c, d, e, Val: \$15,000, Fee: \$85
- Geo Group, 3711 Wright, com. plumb, com. Hvac, Val: \$1,420,100, Fee: \$0
- Abraham Gonzalez, 4204 Parkway, res. plumb, Val: \$1,100, Fee: \$39
- Brenda Parker, Lynn Dr, res. re-roof, Val: \$5,900, Fee: \$40
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- Timothy James Phillips, 1509 Lancaster St., res. re-roof, Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$25
- Beverly Knous, 3229 Drexel Ave., other non-residential, Val: \$2,484.83, Fee: \$25
- George T. Thomas, 100 Lincoln Ave., res. plumb, Val: \$7,000, Fee: \$51
- Greyhound Bus Lines, 311 E 3rd St., com. Plumb, Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$32
- Hail Dent Repair, 501 E FM 700, res. gas, Val: \$500, Fee: \$32
- Robert Eugene Menges, res. elec., Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$25
- Thomas Moreno, 2605 Alamesa Dr., res. re-roof, Val: \$6,500, Fee: \$45
- Loten LLC, 1518 Sycamore St., res. gas, Val: \$250, Fee: \$32
- Miller Insulation, 704 W 3rd, com. Elec., Val: \$0, Fee: \$25
- Benjamin Carmen Garcia, 514 NE 11th St., res. re-roof, Val: \$25,000, Fee: \$0
- Robert Freeman Jackman, 215 W 3rd., res. additional, res. elec., Val: \$11,416, Fee: \$76.94
- JD Richardson, 507 E 17th Rear, res. re-roof, Val: \$8,600, Fee: \$55
- Placida Ayala Riddle, 3236 Drexel Ave., res. re-roof, Val: \$ 500, Fee: \$25
- Elbow School, 5001 Nichols, com. water tap, Val: \$357, Fee: \$0
- Margaret Sumner, 1704 Settles St., res. gas, Val: \$100, Fee: \$32
- Brian Jeffery Wingert, 2613 Cindy Ln., res. re-roof, Val: \$4,200, Fee: \$35

### Public Records

#### Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

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- Tammy D. Bishop, 1410 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
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- Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring
- George Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Rd. #14, Big Spring
- Juan Romero, 2504 March Circle, Big Spring
- Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road, Big Spring
- Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City
- Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W. Highway 80, Big Spring
- Lillie Shoup, 1301 Colby Big Spring
- Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place 301, Big Spring
- Derrick Dewayne Smith, 1207 Mulberry Big Spring
- Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd. Big Spring
- Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring
- Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring

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Wayne Klade Bristo, 58, and Raquel Rangel Martin, 58, both of Big Spring.

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**RECORDS**

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Stevens Saint Juste, 25, and Cherice Admaya Calloway, 27, both of Big Spring.  
Karen Michelle Wood, 47, and Stacy Marie Beach, 40, both of Big Spring.  
Guadalupe Ontiveros, 54, and Maria Christina Flores, 53, both of Big Spring.  
Alberto Armando Cavazos, 35, and Ashley Marie Galindo, 28, both of Lamesa.  
Michael Thomas Martin, 36, and Christina Jean Diaz, 34, both of Big Spring.  
Joseph Alexander Thompson, 22, and Vanessa Hernandez Rodriguez, 23, both of Big Spring.  
Oscar Aguirre Jr., 23, and Mercedes Lynn Rios, 20, both of Stanton.  
Aaron John Mendoza, 28, and Christie Jo Rich, 28, both of Big Spring.  
David Gutierrez Jr., 32, of Big Spring, and Victoria Teresa Prieto, 28, of Lubbock.

**District Court Filings**

Plaintiff: Howard County, Et Al  
Respondent: Laura Olague  
Type of Case: Tax Cases  
Date: Nov. 13, 2017

Plaintiff: Ally Financial  
Respondent: Curtis Flewellen  
Type of Case: Consumer/commercial/debt  
Date: Nov. 9, 2017

Plaintiff: Melissa Reyes  
Respondent: Esmeralda Reyes  
Type of Case: Divorce  
Date: Nov. 13, 2017

Plaintiff: Capital One Bank  
Respondent: Roger Fierro  
Type of Case: Consumer/commercial/debt  
Date: Nov. 13, 2017

Plaintiff: Erica Rathell  
Respondent: David McCaffity  
Type of Case: Injury/damage-motor vehicle  
Date: Nov. 14, 2017

Plaintiff: James Buzzelli  
Respondent: Gayle Buzzelli  
Type of Case: Divorce  
Date: Nov. 14, 2017

Plaintiff: Sandra Abendschan  
Respondent: Robert Abendschan  
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Plaintiff: Mildred Ramos  
Respondent: Marcos Ramos  
Type of Case: Divorce  
Date: Nov. 15, 2017

Plaintiff: Eli Vialpando  
Respondent: Elizabeth Vialpando  
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**County Court Judgments**

(Note: The State of Texas is listed as prosecutor for all listed county court judgments)

Defendant: Broderick Sneed  
Offense: Driving while license invalid with previous conviction or suspension  
Sentence: Probation of six months, \$250 fine  
Date: Nov. 2, 2017

Defendant: Misty Laster  
Offense: Theft of property in between \$100 to \$750  
Sentence: \$292 in fines  
Date: Oct 23, 2017

Defendant: Tristian Clay  
Offense: Criminal trespass  
Sentence: \$100 in court cost, \$267 in other fines  
Date: Oct. 31, 2017

Defendant: Aaron Arredondo Jr.  
Offense: DWLs with previous convention or suspension with our fin res.  
Sentence: \$450 in fines, \$219 in court cost  
Date: Oct. 31, 2017

Defendant: Lyndon T. Fraley  
Offense: Possession of controlled substance in between 3 to 28 grams.  
Sentence: \$200 in fines, \$402 in court cost, 47 days in jail  
Date: Oct. 20, 2017

Defendant: Donald R. Vanderbilt  
Offense: Fail to ID give false or fictitious information  
Sentence: \$750 in fines, \$292 in court cost, 13 days in jail.  
Date: Oct. 13, 2017

Defendant: Gary Cunningham  
Offense: Driving while license invalid with previous conviction or suspension.  
Sentence: \$267 in court cost, \$25 in fines  
Date: Nov. 2, 2017

Defendant: Ronesnia Bell  
Offense: Theft of property in between \$50 to \$500  
Sentence: \$500 in fines, \$307 in court cost, \$25 in fines  
Date: Oct. 5, 2017

Defendant: Demis Robert Torres  
Offense: Criminal trespass  
Sentence: \$500 in fines, \$292 in court cost  
Date: Oct. 25, 2017

Defendant: Joshua M. Basurto  
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than two ounces  
Sentence: \$500 in fines, \$347 in court cost, 46 days in jail.  
Date: Oct. 9, 2017

Defendant: Kimberly Rios  
Offense: Theft of property in between \$500 to \$1,500  
Sentence: \$2,500 in fines, \$328 in court cost, 18 days in jail  
Date: Oct. 17, 2017

Defendant: Quincy L. Henry  
Offense: Assault causes bodily injury  
Sentence: \$100 in fines, \$311 in court cost.  
Date: Oct. 3, 2017

Defendant: Gloria Ramirez  
Offense: Driving while intoxicated  
Sentence: \$400 to reimburse Howard County for appointed counsel  
Date: Sept. 25, 2017

Defendant: Michelle Cuellar  
Offense: Driving while intoxicated  
Sentence: 12 months probation  
Date: Sept. 26, 2017

Defendant: Christopher Westling  
Offense: Unlawful carry weapon  
Sentence: \$100 in fine, \$292 in court cost, 30 days in jail  
Date: Sept. 25, 2017

Defendant: Jody Dawdy  
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than two ounces  
Sentence: \$749 in fines, \$279 in court cost  
Date: Oct. 25, 2017

Defendant: Darrell Shults  
Offense: Interfere with emergency request for assistance  
Sentence: \$342 in court cost, 10 days in jail.  
Date: Sept. 28, 2017

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**Top Republican claims enough votes for Senate OK of tax bill**



AP photo

**With reporters looking for updates, Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, and other senators rush to the chamber to vote on amendments as the Republican leadership works to craft their sweeping tax bill, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017. It would mark the first time in 31 years that Congress has overhauled the tax code, making it the biggest legislative achievement of President Donald Trump's first year in office.**

**By MARCY GORDON and STEPHEN OHLEMACHER**

Associated Press  
WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate Republican leader claimed enough votes Friday to push the party's \$1.4 trillion tax bill through the chamber, apparently overcoming eleventh-hour hitches that had raised questions about whether the GOP's push for its highest legislative priority might falter.

"We're confident in the 50 and we'd like to build on that," No. 2 Senate GOP leader John Cornyn of Texas told reporters, emerging from a meeting of top Republicans.

With the party controlling the Senate 52-48 and Democrats uniformly opposed, Republicans need 50 votes to win approval for the bill. Vice President Mike Pence would break a tie.

Momentum for the measure was boosted earlier Friday when Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., declared he would vote for it. In an interview with Wisconsin radio station WISN, Johnson said leaders had agreed to make tax breaks more generous for millions of businesses, which he's been demanding for weeks.

"I sought assurance and I was given assurance that I will be at the table" when Senate-House bargainers write a compromise version of the bill, Johnson said of talks he had with GOP leaders Thursday night.

Hoping to achieve GOP unanimity, Cornyn said leaders were still working on a pair of holdouts: Sens. Bob Corker of Tennessee and Arizona's Jeff Flake.

One Republican wild card was Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, and an aide said Friday, in response to Cornyn's confidence, "They're making great progress. She's still undecided."

Senate passage would push Congress a step closer to the first rewrite of the nation's tax code in three decades and a major legislative accomplishment for President Donald Trump.

The bill seemed to be sailing toward passage Thursday, until a report was released by Congress' nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation estimating the package would produce

budget deficits totaling \$1 trillion over the coming decade.

Trump administration officials and leading congressional Republicans have said the measure's tax cuts would spark enough economic growth to pay for the lowered levies. The projection left the votes of several GOP lawmakers in doubt, including Corker and Flake.

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, proposed an amendment to let homeowners deduct up to \$10,000 in local property taxes on their federal returns. It's similar to a provision in the House-passed bill. Without the deduction, Collins said, it would be "very problematic for me" to vote for the bill.

Amid a whirl of meetings and dramatic votes Thursday evening, the Senate GOP leaders were rewriting the bill behind closed doors. Changes being discussed included rolling back some of the tax cuts after six years to appease deficit hawks — notably Corker and Flake. If leaders could win over Collins and there were no other defectors, Corker and Flake could oppose the measure, and it would still be approved.

At stake is a top priority for President Donald Trump and a Republican Party that considers passage of the measure the best way to preserve the GOP's congressional majorities in next year's midterm elections.

Another faction to be reckoned with: senators supporting millions of businesses whose owners report the firm's profits on their individual tax returns. The vast majority of U.S. businesses, big and small, are taxed this way. Sen. Steve Daines, R-Mont., backed the tax legislation Wednesday after securing an increase in the deduction for business income from 17.4 percent to 20 percent.

Johnson said Friday that he was won over after GOP leaders offered to boost that deduction to 23 percent.

The scramble to alter the bill came after the Senate's parliamentarian ruled that automatic "triggers" designed to guard against big deficits would violate Senate rules. GOP leaders' main concern was winning over the hawks worried about adding more red ink to the mounting \$20 trillion deficit.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DORIS MARIE HUIBREGTSE, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of DORIS MARIE HUIBREGTSE, DECEASED were issued on November 27, 2017, in Cause No. P-14731 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to STEPHEN LEE LOWRY. The residence of STEPHEN LEE LOWRY IS 8917 Cypress Creek Road, Lantana, TX 76226. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 27th day of November, 2017.

#9622 December 3, 2017

### RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

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

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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 require-



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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.

**IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Dec 21, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.**

### THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

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

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Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location

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Section: 25 Block: 31 T2N  
Abstract: 188  
Survey: T&P RR CO  
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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

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INVITATION TO BID

Pursuant to Texas Education Code §11.153 and Texas Natural Resources Code §71.005, Big Spring Independent School District (the "District") hereby gives public notice of its intention to lease its mineral interests in approximately 18.3 acres of real property, set out in 22 separate 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, 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 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 thereof of record in the Plat Records of Howard County, Texas.

**Tract 3:** All of Lots 1 & 2, Block 2, COLE AND 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 property located at 600 11TH Place, Big Spring, Texas.

**Tract 4:** All of Lot 3, Block 2, 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 property located at 604 11TH Place, Big Spring, Texas.

**Tract 5:** All of Lot 4, Block 2, 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 property located at 606 11TH Place, Big Spring, Texas.

**Tract 6:** All of Lot 5, Block 2, COLE AND 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 property located at 608 11TH Place, Big Spring, Texas.

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the proper map or plat on file in the office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas, and being the property 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 & 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 property located at 702 11TH Place, Big Spring, Texas.

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**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 proper map or plat on file in the office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas, and being the property located at 708 11TH Place, Big Spring, Texas.

**Tract 13:** All of Lot 10, in 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 property located at 705 E 12TH Place, Big Spring, Texas.

**Tract 14:** All of Lot 11, in Block 3, COLE & STRAYHORN ADDITION, an addi-

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**Tract 15:** All of Lot 12, 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 property located at 701 E 12TH Place, Big Spring, Texas.

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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. Survey, Howard County, Texas, and being the same tract of land described in that certain Gift Deed dated March 21, 2013, from Big Spring Independent School District to Greater Opportunities of the Permian Basin, Inc., and recorded in Volume 1323, Page 414, Official Public Records of Howard County, Texas.

**Tract 19:** 0.46 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 Mary 17, 1930, from Howard County to Big Spring Independent 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

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Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, and being the same land described in that certain Quitclaim Deed dated February 11, 1960, from the City of Big Spring to Big Spring Independent School District, and recorded in Volume 278, Page 320, Deed Records, Howard County Texas; and,

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**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 Independent School District, and recorded in Volume 308, Page 145, Deed Records, Howard County Texas.

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CAUSE NO. 51916

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The petition of Texas Department of Family And Protective Services, Petitioner was filed in the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas on the 22nd day of May, 2017 against David Anthony Juarez Respondent in the above entitled cause and entitled In The Interest Of A Child

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ISSUED and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Big Spring, Texas on this the 1st day of December, 2017.

Clerk of the Court:  
Colleen Barton  
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Howard County, Texas

By Laura Martin, Deputy  
#9623 December 3, 2017

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By Steve Becker

South does it with finesse

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ K 9 4  
♥ 7 2  
♦ A 10 6 3  
♣ J 8 5 2  
**WEST**  
♠ Q 8 7  
♥ J 6 3  
♦ 8 5 2  
♣ K Q 9 4  
**EAST**  
♠ 10 2  
♥ A K Q 10 9 5 4  
♦ 7  
♣ A 10 7  
**SOUTH**  
♠ A J 6 5 3  
♥ 8  
♦ K Q J 9 4  
♣ 6 3

The bidding:  
East South West North  
1♥ 1♠ 1NT 2♠  
4♥ 4♠ Dble

Opening lead — three of hearts  
Occasionally, declarer knows from the bidding or play that the normal percentage play in a suit cannot succeed, while another approach offers at least some chance of success.

South was confronted by just such a situation in today's deal, where West's double of four spades stopped his partner from bidding five hearts, which would have gone down only one. However, we can only report what actually happened, which is that South found himself in four spades doubled.

Two rounds of hearts were led, declarer ruffing the second. The nor-

mal play in the trump suit would have been to lead a spade to the king followed by a spade to the jack. But West's one-trump bid and subsequent double made it clear that this was one finesse that was guaranteed to fail.

South therefore rejected the normal play in favor of one that gave him at least some chance to avoid a trump loser. He had to hope that East was dealt the doubleton ten of spades.

Accordingly, he cashed the ace of spades at trick three and then led the jack. Had West started with the Q-10-x of spades, or with any four spades including the queen, this "backward" approach would have proven fruitless, since West would have been assured of a trump trick come what may.

As it was, though, West was a dead duck. If he covered the jack with the queen, East's ten would fall under South's ace when the next spade was led, and dummy's nine would pick up West's eight to make the contract. And if West did not play the queen on the jack, South would let the jack ride to achieve the same result.

Since West's spade holding was rather anemic, he should have passed four spades to give his partner the option of bidding five hearts. He has our gratitude, though, because without him, we'd have had no story to tell.

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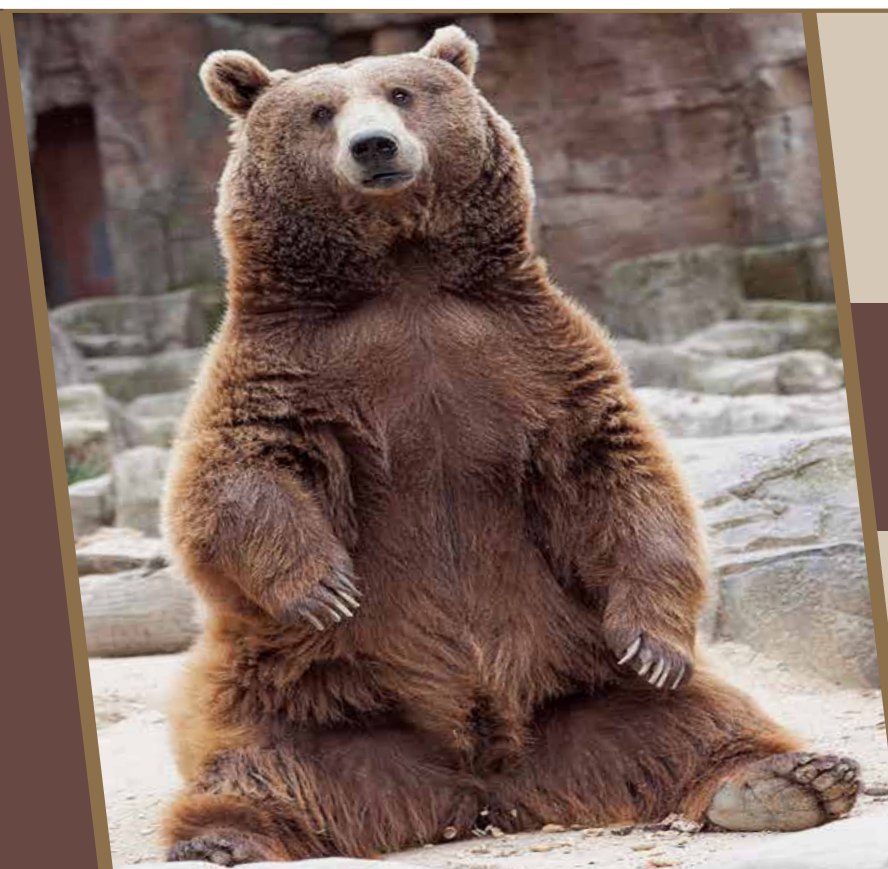
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7	8	2	5	4	1	3	6	9
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8	5	9	7	4	1	7	3	6
2	4	6	8	5	3	7	9	1
1	3	7	2	9	6	5	8	4

ANSWER:

### Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



#### Selfie Retrograde

The full moon in Gemini and Mercury's retrograde in social Sagittarius will zero in on our social goals and image. How do you post that? Springly, let's hope. Though there's nothing inherently wrong with taking pleasure in one's own appearance, many suspect the selfie addicts of being shallow, self-centered and lacking in meaningful purpose.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Maybe you didn't exactly hit it off with a certain person you're now expected to work with. However, as you focus on what there is to like about this person, you'll start to find more and more to appreciate, making the process easier.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You'll save yourself a lot of hassle by being extra attentive in your efforts to hold on to the things people typically lose track of -- receipts, keys and especially time.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** There are many things you can learn only by doing, and friendship is one of them. Each exchange teaches you something new, and you'll love what you learn today.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You may have to take sides soon. Keep in mind that the most powerful person isn't the biggest or most intimidating person in the room; rather, it's the one with the biggest network of supporters.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You want to say the smart thing, and you'll take time to figure out just what that is. But ultimately, the smartest thing of all will be to listen

carefully to the other person, stay in the moment and respond with a mix of heart and head.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You'll be teaching today. Think less in terms of imparting what you know to others and more in terms of giving them a structure that helps them find out who they are and what they are capable of.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Your ambition is part of what makes your life exciting, but sometimes it makes you feel small and overwhelmed, too. Just remember that you don't have to know every step that's ahead; you only have to know the next one.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** As much as you want to show up strong on the social front, to commend and celebrate every life event for each person you know would be a full-time job. Anyway, know that you're valued for more than just your social efforts.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** It's time to do some personal accounting that has nothing to do with money. Whom have you lifted? How many are better off because you gave of yourself? And most importantly, who's next?

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You'll know the ones who aren't telling the truth or possibly don't even know the truth by the vagaries in their communication. Hyperbole and adjectives will be their substitute for facts.

**AQUARIUS (Jan.**

**20-Feb. 18).** You need more structure in your life, but it will be tricky to determine how much is too much. If it's too difficult or boring to follow your own rules, you'll rebel. So go easy. Gentle, small improvements count big.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You want to be the master of your mind, and your mind feels the same about you. The power struggle can be problematic. There's intelligence in every part of you to consider. It's about getting the parts to work together.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 3).** You don't really need to compete to win. You arrive on the scene an automatic winner and continue to add value by your presence and work in the months to come. It's so good to belong! Many profound connections will be made this year as you share your wisdom and listen to the wisdom of others. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 27, 44, 49 and 13.

the restless feeling that the grass is greener in other people's Facebook feeds), the way we represent ourselves in the digital realm will come with all kinds of baggage.

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### Newsday Crossword

**SATURDAY STUMPER** by Lester Ruff  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
[www.stanxwords.com](http://www.stanxwords.com)

- ACROSS**
- 1 Attack inciter
  - 6 Construction paper
  - 15 Large bill
  - 16 Imaginary strings
  - 17 Deciding on pitches
  - 18 Employee file stat
  - 19 Much more than miffed
  - 21 Clear for keeping
  - 22 Freedom of movement?
  - 23 Grille cover
  - 24 Stick with to the end
  - 26 Instrument Bach wrote for
  - 27 Predecessor of George I
  - 29 Voucher opponents
  - 30 LEGO City Passenger
  - 31 Crisis condition
  - 33 Middling bond rating
  - 34 Bryan's "matter of choice," not "chance"
  - 35 Boast the faculty of
  - 39 Went nowhere
  - 40 Unwritten constitution
  - 41 Pineapple portion
  - 44 It means "surrounding"
  - 45 Carnival cruise stop since 2016
  - 46 What Brits call "presenter"
  - 47 Jeans category
  - 49 Sundance sister channel
  - 50 On target
  - 51 Oater heroine
  - 52 Not as extended

- 54 Boyardee's "bowl of classic comfort"
  - 57 Its valley has 300+ châteaux
  - 58 Wins easily
  - 59 Tiring tasks
  - 60 Going on and on
  - 61 Dogmatic stance
- DOWN**
- 1 Bayonet accessory
  - 2 One rescued by Rambo
  - 3 Breyers and Oreos, e.g.
  - 4 Depot data
  - 5 Word related to "measure"
  - 6 Merit badge craft
  - 7 All fired up
  - 8 Telescopic discovery of 1781
  - 9 Flier to fens
  - 10 Masters stroke
  - 11 Eradicated
  - 12 *Patria di Pavarotti*
  - 13 Choctaw, for one
  - 14 Soprano
  - 20 Be sorry
  - 25 Something rolled for breakfast
  - 26 Big name in green slices
  - 28 Rankles
  - 30 Come to an end
  - 32 Unreliable gossip
  - 33 Enduringly mischievous, as some guys
  - 35 Warning from Trebek
  - 36 Newton's second law, essentially
  - 37 Follow Nemo, perhaps
  - 38 Clark's New Year's Eve successor
  - 40 Seat with a book rack
  - 41 Poorly maintained
  - 42 Three Tenors genre
  - 43 Great respect
  - 44 All-time highest-ranking woman in Presidential succession
  - 47 Worth more, often
  - 48 British composer of German descent
  - 51 Something fixed by astronomers
  - 53 Capacity
  - 55 Like *la*, to 56 Down: Abbr.
  - 56 Author best known for her journals

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# RECORDS

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Defendant: Bradley Dalton  
Offense: Evading arrest/detention  
Sentence: \$100 in fines, \$342 in court cost, 20 days in jail.  
Date: Sept. 26, 2017

Defendant: Ramon Bazaldua  
Offense: Resist arrest search/transport  
Sentence: six months probation  
Date: Sept. 21, 2017

### Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Teri Lynn Hall, David Hall, and Jennifer Leigh Hall Mercer, Heirs of Alton Marvin Hall Deceased  
Grantee: Treva Jean Hall  
Property: East 42 feet, of lot number 10, and West 21 of lot number 11, in block number 13, Douglass Addition  
Date: Nov. 15, 2017

Grantor: Vickie Gonzalez  
Grantee: Victor Martinez and Teresa Martinez  
Property: lot four, block 67, original town of Big Spring  
Date: Nov. 15, 2017

Grantor: Leah Jean'ne Mitchell Independent Executrix of the estate of Anita Loy Johnson deceased  
Grantee: Leah Jean'ne Mitchell and Julie Lynn Johnson  
Property: N/2 of section 47, block 33, T-3-N, T and P Railroad Company  
Date: Nov. 15, 2017

Grantor: De De Properties, IV, LLC  
Grantee: Bruce Neagle  
Property: lot 12, block 6, corrected plat of Hillcrest Terrace a subdivision to the city of Big Spring  
Date: Nov. 16, 2017

Grantor: Justin Gard and Briana Gard  
Grantee: Damond K Construction, LLC  
Property: Being a 17.63 acre tract out of the North part of Section 1, block 32, T-2-S, T and P, Railroad Company Survey.  
Date: Nov. 17, 2017

Grantor: R M Enterprises  
Grantee: Seguro Credit I LLC  
Property: All of lot number one, in block number number six, Highland Park Addition to the city of Big Spring  
Date: Nov. 17, 2017

Grantor: James L. Christy  
Grantee: Seguro Credit I, LLC  
Property: All of lot nine, block number four, Stanford Park Addition  
Date: Nov. 17, 2017

Grantor: XTREME Property Management LLC  
Grantee: Seguro Credit I, LLC  
Property: Being Lots two, three, and four, and part of lot five, block two, Jones Valley  
Date: Nov. 17, 2017

Grantor: Prosperity Management 3, LLC  
Grantee: Seguro Credit I, LLC  
Property: Being 14, block seven, Standford Addition  
Date: Nov. 17, 2017

Grantor: Micahel Forshee and May Forshee  
Grantee: Michael Ray Cox  
Property: Being lot 23, block one, Colonial Hills addition  
Date: Nov. 17, 2017

Grantor: Silver Leaf Communities, LLC  
Grantee: Hannah Nicole Tucker  
Property: Being all of lot number nine, in block one, University Gardens number 2, consisting of block one, lots 1-14 and block two, lots 1-15  
Date: Nov. 17, 2017

Grantor: Wal Enterprises, LLC  
Grantee: Rebecca Suzanne Smith  
Property: All of block number five, except the W/150 in the Edwards Heights Addition  
Date: Nov. 17, 2017

### Warranty Deeds with Vendors' Liens

Grantor: Mary Ann Webb  
Grantee: Clifford Paul Cooper  
Property: Being a 1.5 acre tract of land our of the SE part of a 42.89 acre land in the SW part of section 27, block 32, T-1-N, T and P Railroad Company Survey  
Date: Nov. 16, 2017

Grantor: Michael Villareal and Michelle Villareal  
Grantee: Michael John Villareal  
Property: Being a 0.217 acre tract land our of lots one and two of block 15, Saunders addition.  
Date: Nov. 16, 2017

Grantor: Secretary of Housing and Urban Development  
Grantee: Kyrstin Heath  
Property: Being all of lot number four and the South two feet of lot number five, in block number four, Coronado Hills  
Date: Nov. 29, 2017

# US construction spending up a strong 1.4 percent in October



**In this Friday, Oct. 6, 2017, photo, a worker continues construction on an apartment and retail complex in Nashville, Tenn. On Friday, Dec. 1, 2017, the government reports how much U.S. construction spending changed in October.**

**By MARTIN CRUTSINGER**  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. construction spending surged 1.4 percent in October, the best gain in five months, with all major categories of building posting gains.

The October spending increase was the third monthly gain after more modest advances of 0.3 percent in September and 0.5 percent in August, the Commerce Department said Friday.

Home building was up 0.4 percent, with strength in single-family construction offsetting a drop in apartment building. Non-residential construction rose 0.9 percent after four straight de-

clines. Spending on government projects jumped 3.9 percent, the biggest one-month gain in three years, with spending at the federal and state and local levels all showing increases.

Though home building has been weak for much of the year, economists expect such construction to rebound as a strong job market boosts sales in coming months.

The overall economy grew at a healthy annual rate of 3.3 percent in the July-September quarter, the best showing in three years, even though residential construction declined for a second straight quarter. But economists remain optimistic that the low level of unemployment — 4.1

percent in October — will spark a sustained rebound in sales and construction.

The strength in October was evident in all major sectors of construction. The rise in housing construction reflected a 0.3 percent gain in single-family homes, which offset a 1.6 percent drop in the smaller apartment category.

In the non-residential area, office building was up a strong 4.4 percent, and hotel construction rose 2.3 percent. Those gains offset a 1.9 percent fall in the category that covers shopping centers.

In government categories, spending at the state and local level rose 3.3 percent, while spending on federal projects jumped 11.1 percent.

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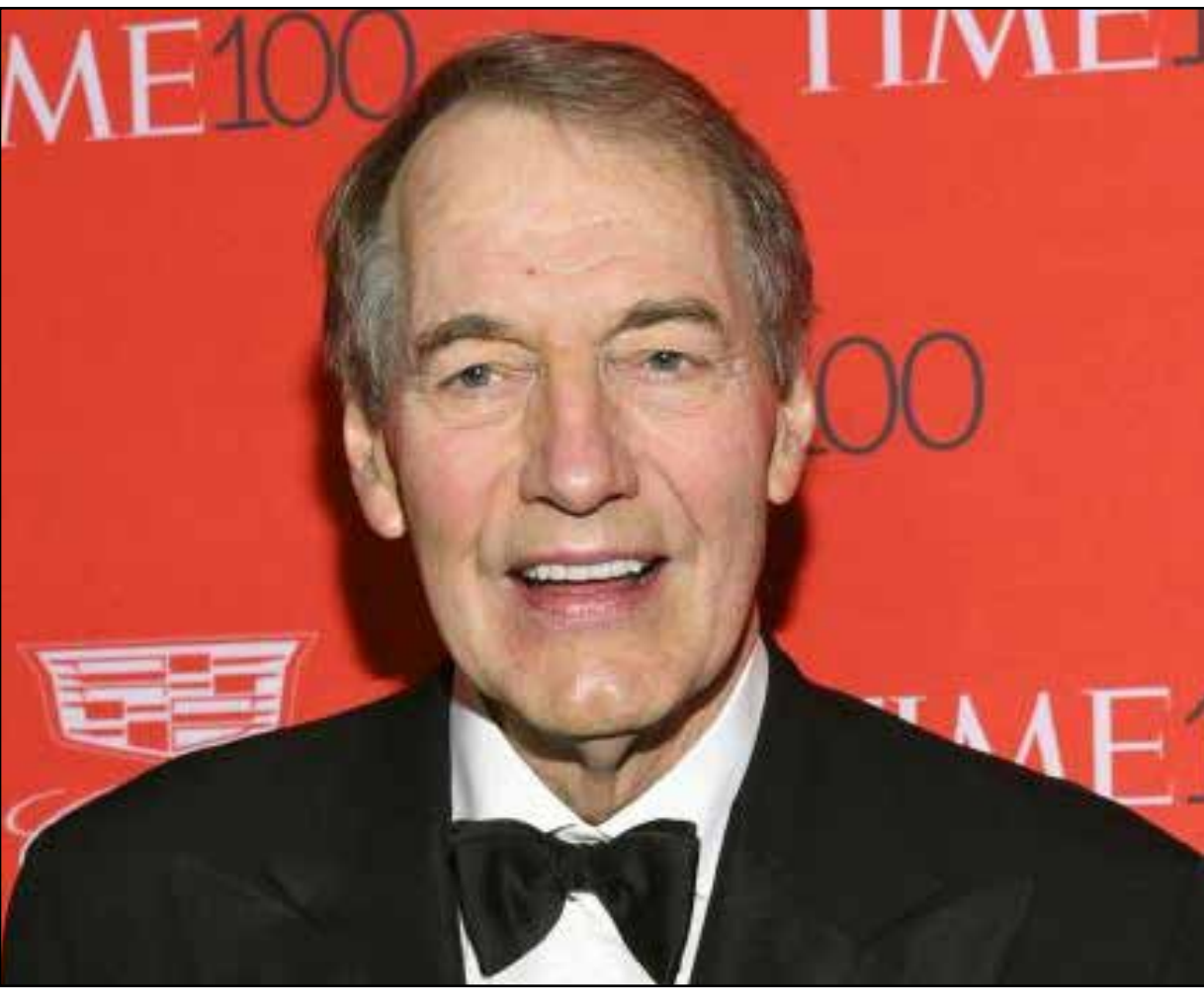
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# Schools cut ties with honorees accused of sexual misconduct



In this April 26, 2016 file photo, Charlie Rose attends the TIME 100 Gala, celebrating the 100 most influential people in the world in New York. Some U.S. universities are reviewing whether to revoke honorary degrees given to prominent men accused of sexual misconduct. North Carolina State, Oswego State and Montclair State are reviewing honorary degrees given to Rose, who has been accused of harassment.

By COLLIN BINKLEY

Associated Press

Dozens of U.S. colleges have bestowed honors upon prominent men from Hollywood to the nation's capital who have recently been accused of sexual misconduct. Their dilemma: deciding whether to revoke them.

More than 10 men facing allegations have received honorary degrees that could face scrutiny, including fired news anchor Charlie Rose, who has collected at least nine, and Pixar executive John Lasseter, with at least two.

Some schools have already started cutting ties, including the University at Buffalo, which rescinded a 2001 honorary degree awarded to film mogul and alumnus Harvey Weinstein. The University of Kansas and Arizona State recently pulled two journalism awards from Rose, citing allegations of groping and inappropriate behavior from several women.

But other schools have yet to decide the fate of similar accolades, which are often given to honor success but have increasingly been withdrawn when recipients fall from grace.

"It's an issue that more colleges are facing now, and I think each one will look very carefully at these situations and make their own determination," said Timothy McDonough, a vice president of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges.

Three schools — North Carolina State, New York's Oswego State and New Jersey's Montclair State — are all reconsidering honorary degrees given to Rose before he was fired from CBS and PBS on Nov. 21.

The final decision at North Carolina State and Oswego State will be made by their governing boards, which traditionally hold the power to confer and rescind degrees. Oswego State officials said Thursday that they have started the process to revoke Rose's 2014 honorary degree.

"These are credible allegations of predatory sexual harassment that completely conflict with the core values of our institution and significantly degrade the achievements that were the basis for awarding him an honorary degree," university President Deborah Stanley said.

Others, however, are standing behind similar commendations.

The Juilliard School in New York, which gave an

honorary doctorate to actor Kevin Spacey in 2000, said it does not rescind such honors. Spokeswoman Alexandra Day said the degrees are granted "based on information known about the artist at the time of the award."

Only hours after NBC host Matt Lauer was fired on Wednesday, some alumni of Ohio University, his alma mater, were calling on officials to scrub his legacy from the school. University officials said they were "disappointed to hear of Matt Lauer's alleged conduct" but have no policy to revoke a 1999 Medal of Merit awarded to him.

After another prominent Ohio University alumnus, Fox News founder Roger Ailes, was accused of sexual harassment, the university decided last year to take his name off a campus newsroom and return a \$500,000 gift.

Georgetown University declined to comment on an honorary degree given to Rose in 2015 but said the school has never revoked one.

McDonough, of the governing boards association, said it's rare for schools to rescind honors but that more are likely to do so following the recent rash of allegations. At many schools, it's a question of whether the recipient's alleged actions come into significant conflict with the university's ideals, he said.

Efforts to strip honors have come from students, faculty, administrators and outside critics. More than 20 schools have rescinded honorary degrees given to comedian Bill Cosby, accused by dozens of women of various kinds of sexual misconduct including assault, amid pressure

from students and staff. The few that have not rescinded honors from Cosby include Temple University, his alma mater.

Student newspapers at North Carolina State and Duke University recently published editorials saying

Rose should be stripped of honors from the schools. Officials at Duke, where Rose studied and received an honorary doctorate in 2016, declined to respond specifically to the Rose case but said the school has never revoked any of the hundreds of honorary degrees conferred since the 1920s.

Universities vary widely in their policies for granting honorary degrees, and even more so in their rules for revoking them. Many are given to prominent figures who speak on campus or to notable alumni. Governing boards often take recommendations from the president and discuss the matter in private sessions to avoid public scrutiny.

Marist College, a private school in New York, has faced calls to rescind a 2001 honorary degree given to alumnus and former Fox News host Bill O'Reilly over allegations of harassment, but the school has no formal policy for giving or rescinding awards. Spokeswoman Julia Fishman said the governing board recently started the process to craft one.

Robert O'Neil, a former president of the University of Virginia, said honorary degrees are supposed to honor professional achievement but often have other motivations.

"In many cases, it's just to recognize a wealthy donor," O'Neil told the AP. "I think the eclectic or haphazard

process at some institutions risks creating a very bad precedent."

Tax records show that some recently accused men have donated to the schools that honored them. Rose contributed at least \$9,500 to Duke through his foundation between 2013 and 2015, records show, while O'Reilly gave \$25,000 to Marist in that period, along with a \$1 million donation to start a scholarship program.

Many universities declined to comment on honors given to embroiled men, including Clark Atlanta University, which gave an honorary doctorate to Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., in May, and the Savannah College of Art and Design, which conferred one to Lasseter in 2015.

Some schools, however, have long shunned the practice of awarding honorary degrees. The University of Virginia and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology forbid it, with policies that stem from the teachings of Thomas Jefferson, who sometimes disparaged all degrees as "meaningless credentials."

O'Neil said other schools may need to adopt similar policies to avoid embarrassment in the future, while others will likely be more selective when choosing recipients.

"I expect that the whole process will be much tidier and much more conscientious going forward," he said. "They don't want to make any mistakes now."

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