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H-E-B Feast of Sharing serving Big Spring Sunday

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer
 Christmas is a time for sharing, and a Christmastime sharing is a tradition for H-E-B. It's time once again for the H-E-B Feast of Sharing, scheduled for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Sunday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.
 "It's just a really special event where we get a lot of volunteers, and we're going to have our mobile kitchen here, and it's all about serving the community, bringing the community together," said Ricardo Serrato of Big Spring's H-E-B. "So we're expecting to get as many as 5,000 people at the event. We're going to have entertainment for kids, we're going to have music going on. Santa Claus is also going to make a special appearance."

Serrato said the meal would be a traditional Christmas dinner.
 "It's going to be like ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls. There's going to be drinks, some apple pie," he said. "There will be some turkey. Some people are like, 'Hey, I can't eat ham.' But we advertise that the main dish is going to be ham."
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to anybody that wants to come, Serrato added.
 "We want everybody to come out. It's open to everybody," he said. "There's hundreds of volunteers that help with this that we're really grateful for, that come together to help out. No charge, it's a free event. It's free and all you can eat. You can't take food out of the venue, but we just

want people to come and have a good time and enjoy themselves."
 Entertainment will be on the menu as well, Serrato said.
 "We've got some church choirs, just some really talented musicians that are here locally that have volunteered their time and their talent," he said. "It's going to be just a little variety of different things. We've got some dance teams gonna do some stuff. KBST is going to emcee the event for us, so it's going to be pretty cool."
 Big Spring's Feast of Sharing event is part of a program conducted by H-E-B across the state of Texas.
 "H-E-B just really believes in communities and giving back, and it's
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Driving for Christmas toys



Courtesy photos
T.E.I. Car Club and the Big Spring Cruisers held their annual Toy Drive Dec. 1 at Big Spring's Desert Flower Art Bar and Lounge. This is their fifth year to host a toy drive and a car show for the community. Their hopes are to bringing the community together to raise toys to help bring Christmas to all the local boys and girls. All the proceeds go to local families in need.

Drive-through Nativity



Herald photo/Roger Cline
Joseph and Mary present infant Jesus to Simeon in the Temple in this scene from First Church of the Nazarene's Annual Drive-through Nativity Friday evening. The Nativity, which is free to the public, is scheduled to continue Saturday and Sunday evenings. First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster Street in Big Spring.

Commissioners to hold Financial Review Workshop

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer
 Howard County Commissioners will meet half an hour earlier than usual Monday afternoon to hold a Financial Review Workshop.
 The workshop will be at 3 p.m. Monday in the second-floor conference room of the Howard County Courthouse.
 Howard County Auditor Jackie Olson said the workshop is something she organizes every few months to keep Commissioners informed about the county's finances.
 "I try once in a while to meet with them and let them know where we stand," said Howard County Auditor Jackie Olson. "It's just routine."
 The workshop is open to the public.

Following the Financial Review Workshop, Commissioners will adjourn to their regular meeting at 3:30 in the third-floor courtroom.
 At the meeting, commissioners will:
 • Consider scheduling items for 2018 including county holidays and Commissioners Court meetings.
 • Determine a candidate for election to the Howard County Appraisal District Board;
 • Consider adopting a
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Boycotts, protests to greet Trump on Mississippi visit

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE
 Associated Press
 WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — President Donald Trump's celebration of the heroes of the civil rights movement is set to go on without at least one leader from that era who plans to be a no-show for the Mississippi gathering.



Trump, at the invitation of Gov. Phil Bryant, R-Miss., was scheduled to attend the opening of the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum in Jackson, the capital.
 But U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., a leader of the civil rights movement, no longer intended to speak at or attend the event.
 Lewis, who was among scores of Democratic lawmakers who skipped Trump's inauguration in January to protest his record on race, said Trump's presence at the museum opening was an insult.

That a moment like this, that could be used for unification and bringing people together, some folks are choosing to play politics with it," said White House spokesman Raj Shah. "But that's not going to deter us from honoring heroes in the civil rights movement," which he said include Lewis.
 Shah said Trump "has always condemned racism, violence and bigotry and hatred in all forms. We stand by that."
 Others accuse Trump of harboring racial animosity, citing his blaming of "both sides" for deadly violence at a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, over the summer. Trump has also relentlessly criticized

Other activists were ready for protests Saturday, citing what they say is Trump's sowing of racial division instead of racial harmony.

The White House accused Lewis and others of injecting politics into a moment it said could be used to bring people together.
 "It's a little unfortunate

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Obituaries

Teresa "Wela" Brito



Teresa "Wela" Brito, 76, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017, at her residence. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Msgr. Bernard Gully officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Teresa was born on Dec. 18, 1940, in Uvalde, Texas, to Herminia Ramirez Olivarez and Marcelino Olivarez. Teresa married Jose Brito in February of 1959. She was a lifelong resident of Big Spring. Teresa was a homemaker and enjoyed quilting, knitting, baking, and sewing. She also raised and babysat for her four daughters, ten grandchildren and several great grandchildren and "adopted" grandchildren.

Teresa is survived by her husband, Jose Brito of Big Spring; four daughters, Sylvia Garfias and Es-

ter Gonzales both of San Angelo, Rebecca Peacock and Sally Grant (Joey) of Big Spring; four brothers, Freddy, Albert, Marcelino and Henry Olivarez; three sisters: Janie Rocha, Margie Heredia and Mary Rivera, all of Big Spring; ten grandchildren, Frank Garfias Jr., Jamie Garfias, Mike Garfias, Gabriel Gonzales, Nicholas Gonzales, Jake Gonzales, Jessica Smith, Kenneth Peacock, Andrea Burt, Adrian Grant and Clay Grant and several great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Teresa Dewett; three brothers, Frank Olivarez, Pedro Olivarez and Octavio Olivarez; and two sisters, Dora Noyola and Thero Olivarez.

Pallbearers will be, Frank Garfias Jr., Jamie Garfias, Mike Garfias, Gabriel Gonzales, Jake Gonzales, Kenneth Peacock, Adrian Grant, Clay Grant and Nicholas Gonzales.

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

Paid Obituary

Jeff Carter



Jeff Carter, 54, of Big Spring, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor Doug Shelley of East Side Baptist Church officiating.

Jeff was born on Feb. 23, 1963, to Magdalen Elizabeth Wollney Carter and Robert Harvey Carter, Jr. in Big Spring, Texas.

Jeff is survived by one daughter, Leslie Carter of Big Spring, one sister, Cheryl Joy of Big Spring; two brothers, Bill Carter of Big Spring and Ron Carter of San Antonio; two grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Magdalen "Maggie" Wollney Carter and Robert Harvey Carter Jr.

Memorial donations can be made at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to assist with expenses.

Arrangements are with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **ALIX MCKENNA PIERCE**, 24, of 812 S San Antonio St., was arrested on a warrant of theft of property \$2,500.

• **DAVID WAYNE HOLSEN-BECK**, 49, of 103 Collins Rd., was arrested on a charge of theft of property less than \$2,500, and two warrant of other agencies.

• **ORALIA KIMBERLY RAY OCHOA**, 19, of 2008 N Birdwell Ln., was arrested on charges of theft of property less than \$100 shopping, and a permit unli-

censed operator to driver.

• **ABILENE RENE MOJICA**, 35, of 1207 Sycamore St., was arrested on a warrant with another agency.

• **DAVID ADAM MARTINEZ**, 33, of 1105 Sycamore St., was arrested on warrants on disregard stop sign, failure to appear, and a warrant with another agency.

• **CHRISTOPHER RANDOLPH KEENOM**, 31, of 2200 Alabama St., was arrested on a warrant with another agency.

• **EDWIN JAMER DEAN**, 52, of 538 Westover Rd., was arrested on a warrant of theft of property

less than or equal too \$100 to \$750.

• **JAMES LEE MILLER**, 22, of 108 Merrick, was arrested on a warrant with another agency.

• **ALLEN RAY WARD**, 45, 218 Texas Rd., was arrested with two warrants with another agencies.

• **ERIK KIRKWOOD MULLEN**, 39, of 4608 62 Ave. W., was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass, habitation/shelter.

• **THEFT** was reported on the 200 block of W FM 700.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported on the 1900 block of Wasson Rd.

Take Note

• New hours for the Salvation Army!

Our days and hours are:

Tuesday - 9 a.m. - 12 noon and 1p.m. - 3 p.m.

Wednesday - 1p.m. - 7 p.m. (a late afternoon and evening added)

Friday - 9 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Food Pantry is on Wednesdays and Fridays at the above mentioned hours.

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

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation

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

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this

program please contact your child's school.

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

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

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

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

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

• Big Spring Centen-

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

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

Ronnal Eugene Bruton,



Services for Ronnal E. Bruton, 72, loan officer for Farm Service Agency, will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, 2017, at Morgan Mill Baptist Church with Rev. Joe Rogers officiating. Burial will follow at Morgan Mill Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017, at Lacy Funeral Home. Arrangements are by Lacy Funeral Home.

Ronnal was born in Bynum, Texas, on Nov. 26, 1945, to J.W. and Willie D. (Waller) Bruton. He married Lora Phyllis Smith on July 25, 1969, in Brandon, Texas. He was a member of Morgan Mill Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Bruton of Morgan Mill, Texas; daughter, Carrie Griffith and husband, Derek of San Angelo, Texas; brother, Randall Bruton and wife, Erma of Brandon, Texas; brother in law, Don Smith of Olton, Texas; several nieces and nephews; and many cousins. Online condolences can be made at www.lacyfuneral.com.

Paid Obituary

Kenneth Hamilton Sr.



Kenneth Hamilton Sr., 73, of Gatesville, Texas, formerly of Midland, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017, at his residence. Graveside service will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017, at Coahoma Cemetery with Pastor Doug Shelley of East Side Baptist Church officiating.

Kenneth was born on July 19, 1944, in Three Rivers, Texas.

He is survived by two sons, Kenneth Hamilton Jr. of Gatesville and Danny Ross (Lisa) of Lockhart; one daughter-in-law, Robin Ross of Guffey, Colorado; one sister, Bonnie Kay Jones of Dayton, Texas; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, Gladys Viola Alexander Hamilton and Clarence Taylor Hamilton; his wife, Eva Hamilton and one son, Steve Ross.

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

Support Groups

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder 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.

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TRUMP

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NFL players for kneeling during the national anthem to protest racism and police brutality largely directed at African-American males.

During the presidential campaign, Trump called for a "complete and total shutdown" of Muslims entering the U.S.

U.S. Rep. Bennie Thompson, Mississippi's only Democrat in Congress, announced his exit from the event in

a joint statement with Lewis.

"To come and somehow give the impression that things are all right, that we're getting along, was absolutely the wrong message," Thompson told The Associated Press in a telephone interview this week, saying he views Trump's agenda as too destructive to paper over differences, even for a couple of hours.

The NAACP, which is led by a Mississippian, has said Trump should cancel the appearance. The White House said the thought never crossed the president's mind.

Trump was to tour the civil rights museum, make brief remarks and depart before the celebration ended.

Lewis was arrested in Jackson in 1961 with Freedom Riders who were protesting segregated bus travel, and was held at the infamous Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman. Later, as head of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Lewis helped organize Freedom Summer, a volunteer effort to register voters in Mississippi in 1964.

Lewis had been expected to be one of the event's main speakers, along with

Myrlie Evers-Williams, the widow of assassinated Mississippi NAACP leader Medgar Evers. Evers-Williams has said she will address Trump's presence.

Thompson, NAACP President Derrick Johnson and others plan to gather Saturday at a local black history museum in Jackson to address what they say is the "contradiction" of Trump attending the opening of the civil rights museum.

Other African-Americans who oppose Trump say they'll attend the dedication.

Ex-aide: Rep. Franks offered \$5 million to carry his child



AP photo

In this March 24, 2017, file photo, Rep. Trent Franks, R-Ariz. speaks with a reporter on Capitol Hill in Washington. Franks says he is resigning Jan. 31 amid a House Ethics Committee investigation of possible sexual harassment. Franks says in a statement that he never physically intimidated, coerced or attempted to have any sexual contact with any member of his congressional staff. Instead, he says, the dispute resulted from a discussion of surrogacy. Franks and his wife have 3-year-old twins who were conceived through surrogacy.

By JULIET LINDERMAN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A former aide to Republican Rep. Trent Franks has told The Associated Press the congressman repeatedly pressed her to carry his child, at one point offering her \$5 million to act as a surrogate mother.

The eight-term lawmaker abruptly resigned Friday, bowing to an ultimatum from House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis. Ryan told Franks that he would refer the allegations to the Ethics Committee and urged him to step aside.

The former staffer said the Arizona congressman asked at least four times if she'd be willing to act as a surrogate in exchange for money. Franks, in his statement announcing his resignation, said he and his wife, who have struggled with infertility, have twins who were carried through surrogacy.

The former aide said the conversations took place in private, sometimes in the congressman's car, and that she repeatedly told him she wasn't interested. She said she never filed a formal complaint because until recently she didn't know where to go, but that his behavior had made her feel uncomfortable.

The Associated Press verified the identity of the staffer and confirmed that she worked in Franks' office. She asked that her name be withheld out of concern for her privacy.

"During my time there, I was asked a few times to look over a 'contract' to carry his child, and if I would conceive his child, I would be given \$5 million," she said, adding that she refused to look over the contract and has never seen a copy.

The woman said the requests shocked her, and made her feel afraid that if she didn't agree, she would face professional consequences. She said she spoke to another aide in the office, who had also been approached about surrogacy.

The aide cited the surrogacy requests as "a main reason" for leaving the office, adding that she felt retaliated against after turning down the congressman, ig-

nored by Franks and not given many assignments.

A spokesman for Franks would not comment on whether the congressman offered aides money in exchange to act as surrogates.

Franks, a staunch conservative, said in his statement Thursday that he never physically intimidated, coerced or attempted to have sexual contact with any member of his congressional staff.

The surrogacy process typically involves removing an egg from the mother, fertilizing it with sperm from the father, then placing the fertilized egg in the uterus of the surrogate, who carries it to term.

Franks, 60, said he had become familiar with the surrogacy process in recent years and "became insensitive as to how the discussion of such an intensely personal topic might affect others."

He said he regrets that his "discussion of this option and process in the workplace" with two female staffers made them feel uncomfortable.

Ryan on Thursday said in a statement that he was briefed on the allegations last week, and found them to be "serious and requiring action."

Ryan said that he presented Franks with the allegations, "which he did not deny," and filed them with the House Committee on Ethics.

A senior congressional official said Ryan's general counsel was contacted about two weeks ago by someone with information about "troubling behavior" by Franks involving a former staffer. Ryan's lawyer interviewed two women with similar complaints and verified them through a third party. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss the deliberations.

Andrea Lafferty, President of Traditional Values Coalition, said she is the one who reported

- Hear the presentation of the Annual Road Report;
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- Consider granting permission to order a motor grader, roller, and water truck.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

FEAST

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just a time that we like to bring the communities across the state of Texas together," said Serrato. "There's now, I believe it's like 31 Feasts of Sharing throughout the state, and it's just really nice to be able to have one here in Big Spring and bring our community together and be a part of that. It's our way to thank the community for their support."

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

Moss Elementary to present Christmas play

1st graders at Moss Elementary will be performing a musical play called "A Bugz Christmas" by John Jacobson on Dec 11 at 6 pm in the school cafeteria. The story of the play is that termites ate the lights off of the Christmas tree and the bugs are trying to find a solution to light up the tree again. Eventually, fireflies come to the rescue. Music teacher at Moss Elementary, Nannette Montez, invites the public to attend.

Franks' conduct to the speaker's office. Lafferty told AP that the former aide came to her about a year ago and told her about the surrogacy requests. Lafferty said she contacted Ryan's office last month, after the staffer agreed to discuss the incident with leadership.

"I was approached last year about the situation, she came to me wanting some advice about how to handle this. She came to me shaking and sobbing, and she shared a story that I think is horrific, a powerful man hiring young women, procuring staff, to potentially surrogate children for him," Lafferty said. "I accompanied (the former aide) to the meeting in the speaker's office where she said Congressman Trent Franks offered her \$5 million if she conceived him a child."

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county burn ban;

- Discuss adopting regulations for the December fireworks season;
- Continue discussion of installation of equipment for a secure wireless connection for the Texas state attorney general's office;
- Hear payroll report and treasurer's monthly report;

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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Ellis Pickett of Liberty is a surfer.

"Well there were all those beach movies way back in the sixties and in 1963 my buddy and I went to Galveston for a few days and surfing was already a big craze at that point. I rented a surfboard for six dollars for half a day and had so much fun I went back the next day and gave 'em ten dollars for a full day surfboard rental. I was thirteen years old at the time. The next year I got my driver license at age fourteen, the dumbest law ever, and I've been surfing ever since."

He has surfed in a lot of places. "I've surfed all over Texas, from High Island down to South Padre. I've surfed on the east coast, west coast end down to

Central America. I've never been to Hawaii. Most of my surfing has been in Texas."

I told him Texas is not known for surfing.

"That is absolutely true. But it is a common misconception. And when people ask me 'where do you surf in Texas' they follow up with the comment 'there's no surf in Texas.'"

He says surfing in Texas is seasonal.

"You go to the beach in the summer, right? You don't surf then. Surfing in Texas is from September to the end of May. During the summer months there is no surf in Texas. The Gulf of Mexico is flat and great for fishing, but the only time there's any surf is when it storms. There was even a movie made about ten years ago and the title was There Ain't No Surf In Texas and it plainly shows that there's plenty."

Ellis estimates there are about 200,000 surfers in Texas.

"It kinda depends on how you define a surfer. It could be someone who has a surfboard in his

garage or someone who surfs on a surfboard every week. You're not going to see that many people in the water with surfboards in Texas. However during a storm that's another story. Now we don't surf during the hurricane. We surf when the hurricane is two hundred miles away and the waves are coming up here. They're very good when they travel that far."

He knows the best surfing spots along the Texas coast.

"You start at High Island and go south. The more south you go the better it gets. By the time you get to the coastal bend it's great and it's also great on South Padre Island. If you go into Mexico by the time you get to Vera Cruz there's beautiful blue water and the waves are huge down there. When northers blow through Texas and blow the surf flat, five days later there's fantastic, beautiful surfing in Vera Cruz, Mexico. I surf every chance I get."

Ellis has worked for years to prevent erosion on Texas beaches.



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DAILY PRAYER

Today may we make the choice
to walk with You, Lord, and let
our past be our past. Amen.

When my 105-year-old Uncle Mort dropped in the other day, he claimed to be on the verge of "dropping out" of a world he believes is moving too fast. He claims he is weary of much, beginning with all the strings of zeros encountered in the news recently.

"Trouble is, zero clusters-with commas fore and aft-are being lobbed at us two and three at a time," Mort lamented. "What's worse, jarring numbers larger than zeros are in front of 'em, and they're sucking the air out of the room."

Huh?... He rattled on, citing several current news items whose numerical impact left him reeling. Mort claims his "goat has been gotten" by coaches' compensation that has ballooned into millions of dollars annually. And, he calls out Texas A&M University to be "front and center."

Referencing the arrival of Jimbo Fisher from Florida State University with a contract that could span 10 years and some \$75,000,000, Mort thought the figure seemed familiar. Turns out, it is almost the same outlay as the one Texas A&M recently expended to purchase Texas Wesleyan University's up-and-running law school.

He's aware that a "good ol' boy" name of "Jimbo" may carry the coach for a few games. The maxi-

mum outlay projected for Jimbo, however, hangs on his winning a national football championship. Should he fail to win one as soon as the "powers that be" deem acceptable, he will ride off down the trail of former coaches whose names have lost their luster. When that inevitable trail ride begins, the coach will be gone. But, the Aggies will still have their law school.

In these days, it is both quaint and refreshing to learn little hidden gems about smaller numbers-specifically, one dozen.

I cite the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's "42 club" that has met regularly for almost six decades. The game of "42" was extremely popular back then, and the club began with half-a-dozen couples who met for monthly dinners and "42" in members' homes, except for July, August and December.

When members have died or moved away, other old-timers have been invited to join.

In recent years, they've met at a restaurant before going to someone's home for dessert and games, always on Friday nights.

Who says retirees aren't busy? They've reached a place where it's difficult to get everybody together on Fridays. There was talk of disbanding, and they met on a recent Tuesday night to discuss that very topic. All members showed up that evening, and the 100% attendance became the topic of conversation. Eureka, now they are forging on, meeting monthly on Tuesdays. Leaving Fridays free, the "42-ers" scheduling woes seem to be on the wane.

Charles and Jean Tidwell are



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currently longest-tenured members. They split time between their home in Fort Worth and a mountain home in New Mexico. Several years ago, she mentioned to a mountain neighbor that her "42" club soon would visit from Fort Worth. "Where in the world will you put up 42 people?" the neighbor questioned.

Two warm/fuzzy vignettes about animals are in the news. At the Houston zoo, a gorilla departed her digs to visit hogs in an adjacent "hogsty." (Or is it "pigsty?") Whatever, no one was hurt; gorillas are vegetarians. Still, piglets nearby may have been difficult to convince that gorillas never have a yen for pork as well.

In Brooklyn, a raccoon gained access to a liquor warehouse, draining the contents of a bottle of booze. Predictably, it became as drunk as a skunk. It was treated medically and released, but NOT back into the liquor warehouse.

Finally, a well-oiled barroom patron's slurred words failed to convince the bartender of his professed sobriety. "Misten, lister," he began. "I've only had tee martoonis, and I'm not malf as huch under the affluence of incohol as some thinkle may peep. But the drunker I stand here, the longer I get."

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New Mexico school shooter left note plotting attack, suicide

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS

Associated Press
AZTEC, N.M. (AP) — A 21-year-old gunman who disguised himself as a student to get into a New Mexico high school where he killed two students had caught the attention of U.S. investigators more than a year ago, authorities said Friday.

William Atchison, a former student at small-town Aztec High School, had legally purchased a handgun at a local store a month ago and planned the attack, authorities said. He left a message on a thumb drive found on his body that detailed his plan to wait until the students got off buses and made their way to class.

He mingled with students, then walked into school with them and went into a second-floor bathroom to "gear up." Atchison's plan was to shoot up a classroom and then kill himself.

"Work sucks, school sucks, life sucks. I just want out of this (expletive)," he wrote.

More lives could have been lost had Francisco I. Fernandez not walked into the bathroom, authorities said. The gunman shot Fernandez, then walked out into the hallway and encountered the second victim, Casey J. Marquez. He immediately killed her.

Atchison then walked up and down the hall, firing randomly, before killing himself, authorities said.

"He was determined to create as much carnage as he possibly could," San Juan County Sheriff Ken Christesen said.

The shooter did not have a criminal record, much less a traffic ticket, officials said. The only contact with law enforcement was what they described as a generic message on an online gaming forum in 2016 in which he talked about what weapons might be used in a mass shooting.

The FBI said the posting was flagged and investigators talked with the gunman at his home in Aztec, where he lived with his parents. At the time, he did not own any weapons other than an airsoft pellet gun and said he had no plans for an attack and just liked to troll sites online.

The shooting has rocked Aztec, a community of about 6,500 near the Colorado border. Hundreds gathered for prayer services and candlelight vigils and more gatherings are planned over the weekend as residents look for answers.

In one bright spot, authorities said heroes at the school helped save lives.

A substitute teacher heard the gunshots but didn't have a key to lock the door to the computer lab. So she took students into an office or storage area and barricaded the door

with a couch.

Atchison came to the



Atchison

room and yelled that he knew they were in there and fired multiple shots into the room, authorities said.

A custodian also heard the gunshots and yelled for teachers to lock their doors.

State Police Chief Pete Kassetas said the two victims were not specific targets.

Marquez was a cheerleader and was planning to perform in the upcoming Orange Bowl. Her classmates said she came across as a student leader.

Bryn Divine, a senior at Aztec High School, remembered the victim being a vibrant and friendly student who often won dance contests at school events.

"She lit up pretty much any room we were all in," Divine said. "She was such a fun person to be around."

Fernandez was known for his interest in computers and his speed on the keyboard. His family has said he had a bright future ahead of him.

Gov. Susana Martinez said she has met with the teens' families and they talked about what great kids they were. Both of them also had jobs.

Martinez said the families are broken but are pulling together.

"I don't think anyone ever gets over this," she said.

Investigators were still combing over evidence at the school Friday, trying to determine how many shots were fired. The gunman had several magazines and reloaded multiple times, Kassetas said.

At Atchison's home, investigators found a torn note in a trash can in his room that listed what they believed to be the timeline for Thursday's shooting. The last words written on the note read "die."

Authorities don't believe anyone else knew about Atchison's intentions but said they are still investigating.

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A-356, Section 45, Block 33, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
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324' FNL, 614' FWL of 970.72-acre lease
324' FNL, 614' FWL of the survey

#4314H Guitar South "1-5-H", drill horizontal, El: NA
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330' FEL, 475' FSL of 806-acre lease
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Rule 37 Exception

#3AH Wright Unit "40-33", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39311
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
18.63 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-350, Section 33, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8500 feet
Latitude 032.293556, Longitude -101.372707. Datum: NAD 83
823' FNL, 236' FWL of 690-acre lease
823' FNL, 2404' FEL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

#4AH Wright Unit "40-33", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39312
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
18.63 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-350, Section 33, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8500 feet
Latitude 032.293585, Longitude -101.372717. Datum: NAD 83
793' FNL, 236' FWL of 690-acre lease
793' FNL, 2404' FEL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

#2645WA Shooter McGavin "B", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39355
10.70 miles east of Knott
A-1060, Section 26, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
X=778438.770, Y=299558.009. Datum: NAD 27
455' FNL, 188' FWL of 633.2-acre lease
455' FNL, 2428' FEL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

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Ex-priest gets life in prison for 1960 parishioner slaying



AP photo
John Feit enters the 92nd state District Court before the verdict was read in his trial for the 1960 murder of Irene Garza Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017, at the Hidalgo County Courthouse in Edinburg, Texas. Feit was found guilty of Garza's murder.

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — A jury on Friday sentenced an 85-year-old former priest to life in prison for the 1960 killing of a school-teacher and former beauty queen who was a member of the parish he served.

The same jurors in Hidalgo County in South Texas found John Bernard Feit guilty of murder Thursday night. Prosecutors asked jurors Friday for a 57-year prison term — one year for each year he had walked free since killing Irene Garza after she went to him for confession at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in McAllen, Texas.

The 25-year-old Garza disappeared April 16, 1960. Her bludgeoned body was found days later. An autopsy revealed she had been

raped while unconscious, and beaten and suffocated.

Prosecutor Michael Garza, who is not related to the victim, had asked the jury not to view the now elderly and weak Feit as he is today, but to try to imagine him as a 28-year-old man capable of subduing the woman.

The jury deliberated just over four hours Friday before deciding on the maximum sentence. Afterward, Garza said at a news conference that he wished that he could take credit for the conviction and sentence, "but it was God-driven."

"I can say this: Pigs are flying, and Irene is

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CNN corrects report about Trump campaign and Wikileaks tip

By DAVID BAUDER

AP Media Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — CNN had to correct a story on Friday that suggested the Trump campaign had been tipped off early about Wikileaks documents damaging to Hillary Clinton when it later learned the alert was about material already publicly available.

The new information, CNN noted, "indicates that the communication is less significant than CNN initially reported."

It's the second mistake in a week by a major news organization on a story that initially had been damaging to the president but didn't live up to scrutiny, sure to give Trump ammunition for his campaign against "fake news." This time it was by one of Trump's favorite targets.

The story, by CNN reporters Manu Raju and Jeremy Herb, was posted at 8:05 a.m. on Friday and said that an email was sent to Trump and campaign officials on Sept. 4, 2016 with a link to documents from the Democratic National Committee hacked by Wikileaks.

Five hours later, the Washington Post reported that the message had actually been sent on Sept. 14 and it wasn't a tip to secret documents, since Wikileaks had released them a day earlier.

CNN corrected its story at 3:45 p.m. with the new information.

CNN, quoting several sources familiar with the exchange, said that Donald Trump Jr. was asked about the WikiLeaks email Wednesday during closed-door testimony before the House Intelligence Committee.

Trump counselor Kellyanne Conway tweeted to CNN reporters: "Be honest and keep explaining the much-repeated lie you let live for hours. Tell America WHY the date of the email is important. (Hint: it destroys your attempt to destroy @DonaldJTrumpJr)." She also linked to an article in the Daily Caller headlined: "CNN Botches Major 'Bombshell' Alleging Contacts Between Don Jr. And WikiLeaks."

CNN said its original account that the email was released 10 days earlier was based on accounts from two sources who had seen the email. Trump representatives have described the email as one of many unsolicited messages the campaign received. The Post said it had obtained a copy of the email and said its sender identified himself as Michael J. Erickson, the president of an aviation management company.

There's no indication that CNN plans to discipline Raju and Herb, meaning it blames the error on its sources more than its reporters.

Both the CNN story and last Friday's mistake by ABC News stem from investigations into the Trump campaign and possible collusion with Russian officials.

ABC suspended investigative reporter Brian Ross for four weeks without pay after he had erroneously reported that Michael Flynn, the former national security adviser, had been directed to make contact with the Russians. That would have been significant news if it happened during the campaign, but ABC later corrected the report to note that the order to Flynn came when Trump was already president-elect.

Besides the suspension, ABC has already told Ross he could no longer report on Trump.

Taken together, the stories are particularly damaging for journalists because polls indicate that a majority of Trump supporters believe the president's contention that the media fabricates stories about him more than once in a while.

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630' FSL, 2002' FWL of 640-acre lease
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Energen Resources Corporation #101H Adams "NS 43-6 01", drill horizontal, El: NA
3510 N. "A" St., Bldgs. A and B Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39369
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Sabalo Operating, LLC #1AH Rising Sun "40-33", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39380
P.O. Box 2907 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
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455' FNL, 2458' FEL of 513.9-acre lease
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Surge Operating, LLC #8AH Hamlin Unit "19-30", drill horizontal, El: NA
7850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39384

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resting," he said.

Feit, then a priest at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, came under suspicion in the investigation early on. He told police that he heard Garza's confession in the church rectory rather than in the confessional, but denied he had killed her.

Among the evidence that pointed to Feit as a suspect over the years: Two priests told authorities that Feit had confessed to them. One of them said he saw scratches on Feit soon after Garza's disappearance. His portable photographic slide viewer was found near Garza's body.

Feit had also been accused of attacking another young woman

in a church in a nearby town just weeks before Garza's death. He pleaded no contest and was fined \$500.

Prosecutors presented evidence earlier in the week that church and elected officials suspected Feit but didn't want to prosecute him. They feared it could harm the reputations of the church and Hidalgo County elected officials, most of whom were Catholic. Sen. John F. Kennedy, a Catholic, was running for president that year.

Feit was sent to a treatment center for troubled priests in New Mexico, later becoming a supervisor with responsibility in the clearing of priests for parish assignments. Among the men Feit

helped keep in ministry was child molester James Porter, who assaulted more than 100 victims before he was defrocked and sent to prison.

Feit left the priesthood in 1972, married and went on to work at the Catholic charity St. Vincent de Paul in Phoenix, training and recruiting volunteers and helping oversee the charity's network of food pantries.

Garza's family members and friends had long pushed authorities to reopen the case, and it became an issue in the 2014 district attorney's race. Ricardo Rodriguez had promised that if elected, he would re-examine the case.

Director Bryan Singer denies sex assault on teen in 2003

By GENE JOHNSON

Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — A new lawsuit accuses "Superman Returns" director Bryan Singer of sexually assaulting a 17-year-old boy at a party on a yacht more than a decade ago.

The lawsuit filed in King County Superior Court in Seattle claims that Singer demanded sex from Cesar Sanchez-Guzman while giving him a tour of the vessel as it sailed on Lake Union and Lake Washington. After the then-teenager refused, the law-

suit says, Singer pushed him on a bed and raped him.

In a statement Friday, attorney Andrew Brettler said Singer "categorically denies these allegations and will vehemently defend this lawsuit to the very end."

"Cesar Sanchez-Guzman apparently claims that he did not remember this alleged incident from 2003 until now," the statement said. "Significantly, when Sanchez-Guzman filed for bankruptcy only a few years ago, he failed to disclose this alleged claim when he was supposed

to identify all of his assets, but conveniently, now that the bankruptcy court discharged all of his debts, he is able to recall the alleged events."

The statement also took issue with a lawyer for the accuser, Jeffrey Herman, who filed a sex abuse lawsuit against Singer and other Hollywood executives in 2014 on behalf of former child actor and model Michael Egan.

Within months, Egan's case was dismissed, and Herman

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Fast-moving flames force people to flee on a moment's notice



AP photo

Dick Marsala looks through debris from his destroyed home after a wildfire roared through the Rancho Monserate Country Club Friday, Dec. 8, 2017, in Bonsall, Calif. The wind-swept blazes have forced tens of thousands of evacuations and destroyed dozens of homes in Southern California.

By **JULIE WATSON and ELLIOT SPAGAT**

Associated Press

FALLBROOK, Calif. (AP) — Flames were practically on top of Dick and Joan Marsala's home when they got an urgent knock on the door and were told to leave.

The couple, in their mid-80s, grabbed only a change of clothes and medications before fleeing Thursday through wind gusts and smoke as fire swallowed the row of mobile homes behind their place in the Rancho Monserate Country Club north of San Diego.

It's a story that has played out in communities across much of Southern California this week as ferocious winds whipped sparks into massive infernos that have destroyed more than 500 buildings, killed dozens of horses and forced hundreds of thousands of people to run from fires that have burned nearly 250 square miles since Monday.

The flames that tore through Fallbrook, self-proclaimed "Avocado Capital of the World," and nearby Bonsall, home to a premier racehorse training facility, traveled so far that even people who found temporary refuge had to move again when the fires got too close.

Flames sprang up so quickly and moved so fast that three people were burned Thursday trying to escape. Many of those who managed to get out unscathed did so with only the clothes on their backs after abandoning a lifetime of possessions to fate.

The Marsalas and other unlucky homeowners returned Friday to find their homes in ruins.

Dick Marsala was too overwhelmed to speak as he searched through the smoldering remnants in search of his wallet. It was still too hot, so he climbed back out. Peering through a broken window, he spotted a framed photo still hanging on a blackened wall. It was a picture of him golfing.

"I'll be darned," he said, his eyes tearing up as he put on sunglasses.

The charred gray remains of much of the 55-and-over community stood in stark contrast to the bright green nine-hole golf course where Marsala and others in the community played regularly.

Many residents were on the course when the fire swept into the area, driven by dry desert Santa Ana winds

that surpassed 35 mph (56 kph). That was too fast for firefighters to stop the flames.

"The crews were trying to stay out ahead of this as quickly as they could," said Capt. Kendall Bortisser of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention. "As we know, when a tornado hits the Midwest, there's no stopping it. When a hurricane hits the East Coast, there's no stopping it. When Santa Ana winds come in, there's no stopping them."

Tom Metier was brushing his teeth to get ready for a doctor's appointment when sheriff's deputies pulled up and yelled, "Get out now!"

He grabbed the key to his safety deposit box, prescription pills and some cash. Winds were howling outside, and flames leaped through the brush on a nearby hillside.

Metier, who expected to lose everything, was surprised to find his place intact Friday. He zipped through the mobile home park in a golf cart, fielding calls from neighbors and reporting whose homes survived and whose were gone.

More than a third of the community's 213 mobile homes burned as the fire zigzagged along a hillside, skipping some streets and razing others. On one street, all 24 mobile homes were gone, with only hulls of cars and stoves left.

"It's really horrible to see some of

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eventually paid a settlement and apologized to two of the executives, saying, "I believe that I participated in making what I now know to be untrue and provably false allegations against you."

Egan pleaded guilty to fraud in an unrelated federal case in 2015.

"Notwithstanding his track record, this same lawyer is coming after Bryan again," Singer's lawyer said in the statement Friday. "We are confident that this case will turn out the same way the Egan case did."

Michael Pfau, a Seattle-based lawyer for Sanchez-Guzman, has represented many sex abuse victims, including cases that have resulted in tens of millions of dollars in payments from the Catholic church, Mormon church and the Boy Scouts.

He said he was not involved in Egan's case but began working on

Sanchez-Guzman's case with a referral from Herman.

"Abusers often deny these accusers at first," Pfau said Friday. "Our client has a very credible story. To equate him with someone who lives in a different state and was involved in different circumstances isn't relevant."

Singer, who also directed several "X-Men" movies and "The Usual Suspects," is the latest in a wave of sexual harassment and abuse allegations against powerful men in the entertainment industry, media and politics that began in October with accusations against Harvey Weinstein.

Allegations have also ensnared Kevin Spacey, who starred in the "The Usual Suspects."

Last weekend, Britain's The Sunday Times reported that Gabriel Byrne, one of Spacey's co-stars in that 1995 film, said production on it was once abruptly shut down for two days because Spacey had made inappropriate sexual advances toward a younger actor.

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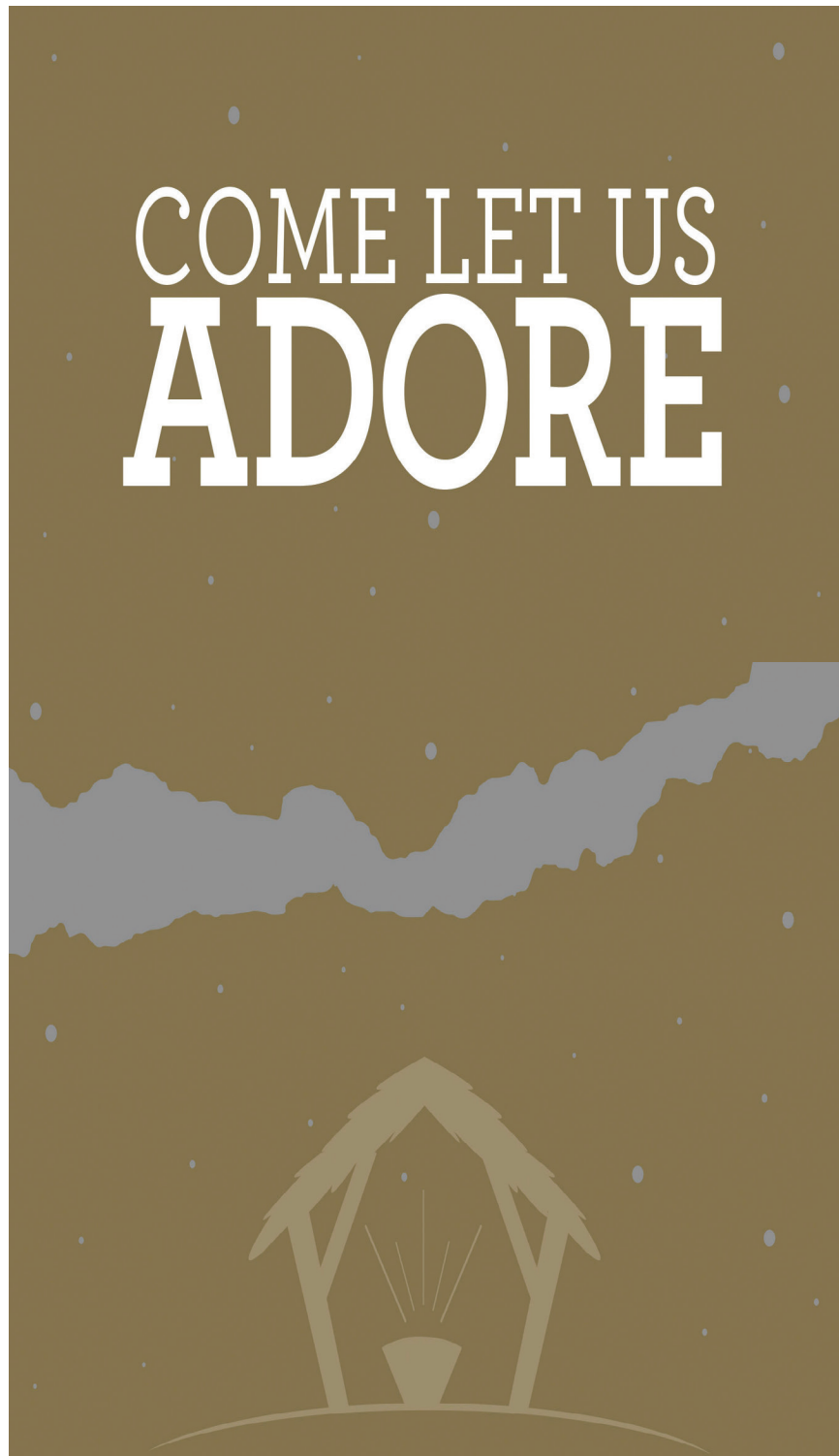
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15.10 miles southwest of Snyder
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Total Depth: 5000 feet
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these little streets look like a moonscape," he told a friend whose home was reduced to black rubble.

The fire 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of San Diego ignited for unknown reasons and destroyed at least 85 structures as it burned 6 square miles (16 square kilometers).

Meanwhile, firefighters northwest of Los Angeles gained some control over the largest and most destructive fire in the state, which destroyed 430 buildings. The blaze in Ventura County grew to 206 square miles (533 square kilometers) since igniting Monday.

Along the coast between Ventura and Santa Barbara, tiny communities had so far survived close calls. Slopes along U.S. 101 were blackened, but homes still stood at La Conchita and Faria Beach. Sections of Carpinteria were under mandatory or voluntary evacuation orders, but no flames were in sight.

Fire crews made enough progress against other large fires around LA to lift most evacuation orders. The Fallbrook fire broke out along State Highway 76 and quickly jumped six lanes to the other side.

Horse trainers took stock of the damage at the elite San Luis Rey Downs training facility for thoroughbreds in Bonsall, where many of the more than 450 horses were cut loose to prevent them from being trapped in burning stables.

Frantic herds galloped through smoke and past flaming palm trees in a chaotic escape from a normally idyllic place.

"We almost got trampled to death," trainer Kim Marrs said. "One gal got knocked down. I thought she was going to get crushed. You just had to stand there and pray they didn't hit you."

Most of the loose horses were corralled and taken to Del Mar Fairgrounds, but about 25 died as barns and pasture burned.

The fire, on the eastern border of the Marine Corps' Camp Pendleton, was uncontained, although winds subsided significantly overnight. Forecasters said they would return later in the day but be less widespread.

Authorities said 1,000 firefighters battled the flames with help from a fleet of air tankers and helicopters. Crews were also dispatched to stamp out a small new fire that began to the east in the Cleveland National Forest near the mountain town of Alpine.



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6 miles northwest of Snyder
A-509, Section 40, Kirkland & Fields survey
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A-1991, Section 295, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. survey
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X=936253, Y=423409. Datum: NAD 27
18,818' FEL, 31,363' FNL of 48,960-acre lease
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8 miles north of Snyder
A-1954, Section 391, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 7510 feet
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565' FWL, 486' FSL of 40-acre lease
1817' FEL, 2516' FSL of the survey

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#563OF P.L. Fuller "NCT-1", re-completion, El: NA
Wildcat Field, API #42-415-03954
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A-2054, Section 563, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 5000 feet
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Dogs and Buffs meet again at Hooptown Classic, Buffs win 72-67



Special to The Herald

STANTON - In a nail-biter of a game, the Forsan varsity Buffaloes defeated the Coahoma Bulldogs 72-67 on Friday afternoon in high school boys basketball action.

It was the second time the two teams have met in the past week in what could be called Howard County Bowl III for the year. The last time the two squared off was Friday, Dec. 1, at Howard College where the Buffs took the game 69-47. This time the two neighboring county teams met during the Hooptown Classic held at Stanton High School.

Coahoma started the game out fast as they racked up a quick 8 points, thanks to the hands of Mason Moore and Gage Hill, before Forsan's Jaeden Ceasar buried the first points on the board for the Buffs. Bulldogs' Moore and Gage Clark helped to bolster Coahoma's lead through most of the first quarter. However, thanks to Forsan's Ceasar, Garrett Evans and Kobe Richardson, the Buff's were able to grab the lead to end

the first quarter with a score of 20-18.

Game play was tight and fast with Forsan keeping a slight lead throughout the top of the second. Coahoma's Braxton Chandler hit a nice shot from behind the three-point line to give the 'Dogs a 30-27 lead with 5:16 on the game clock. Unfortunately for Coahoma, it was short lived.

Forsan roared right back by putting 6 points on the board just before Coahoma's Clark sank a shot to make the score 32-33 with 2:38 left in the game.

Coahoma's Moore would tie the score one more time with a deep three-pointer to tie the game at 35s, but the Buffs would end the half ahead 43-37.

The Buffs added to their lead by outscoring the Bulldogs 20-15 in the third quarter, and both teams headed to the final period of the game with a score of 63-52.

The 'Dogs came back strong in the fourth with Clark leading the way as they posted 15 points on the scoreboard

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Coahoma Bulldogs, Mason Moore and Joe Manning, defend against Forsan's Kobe Richardson in their game at Stanton's Hooptown Classic on Friday, December 8, 2017.

Courtesy Photo by Lyndel Moody

'Dogettes defeat Lady Owls 41-18 in Hooptown Classic

Special to The Herald

STANTON-The Coahoma Bulldogettes defeated the Reagan County Lady Owls 41-18 on Friday afternoon during the Hooptown Classic basketball tournament held at Stanton High School.

The 'Dogettes dominated play throughout the game. By the end of the first half, Coahoma had racked up 34 points compared to the Owl's 9. Contributing to the Bulldogettes' score were Makayla Overton, who hit a nice three-pointer in the second period of play, and Cassie Grant, who was strong at the rim throughout the game. During the second quarter, Caitlyn Corley nailed a fast break layup for 2 points to bring the score to 31-5.

Also scoring for Coahoma during the game were Ashley Romero, Paige Atkins, Kaigen Howard, Chloe Starr, Makynlee Overton, and Paige Atkins.

On Thursday, the Bulldogettes lost against Pecos at the Stanton tournament with a final score of 42-33.

While the Bulldogettes started out strong in the first quarter of play, dropping in baskets for 22 points compared to Pecos' 10, the girls seemed to slow down through the rest of the game. Coahoma collected only 11 points in the next three periods of play compared to Pecos' 32.

"We played a great 1st quarter but couldn't get anything going after that," said Coahoma Head Coach Byron Seals.

Game Stats for Pecos:
Leading scorers
Cassie Grant - 11 points
Caitlyn Corley - 10 points
Makayla Overton - 5 points
Makynlee Overton - 3 points



Coahoma's Makayla Overton makes a pass in their basketball game against the Lady Owls of Reagan County at the Hooptown Classic tournament in Stanton on Friday, December 8, 2017.

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Coahoma's Abbie Lopez puts up a shot in their game against Reagan County at Stanton's Hooptown Classic on Friday, December 8, 2017.



Courtesy Photo by Lyndel Moody
Coahoma's Cassie Grant works around a Lady Owl defender in their game at Stanton's Hooptown Classic on Friday, December 8, 2017.



Courtesy Photo by Lyndel Moody
Head Bulldogette basketball coach Byron Seals talks to the team in their game at Stanton's Hooptown Classic on Friday, December 8, 2017.

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compared to Forsan's 9. Although the 'Dogs fought down to the wire, Coahoma but just couldn't pull off the win against a tough Buffalo team.

- Games Stats
- Coahoma:
- Brice Martin - 9 points, 3 assists, 1 rebound, 2 steals, 3 three-pointers
 - Braxton Chandler - 2 assists
 - Joe Manning - 2 points, 2 assists, 3 rebounds, 1 steal
 - Mason Moore - 20 points, 2 assists, 4 rebounds, 1 steal, 3 three-pointers
 - Gage Hill - 2 points, 4 assists, 3 rebounds, 3 steals
 - Bryson Cline - 2 points, 1 assist, 1 steal
 - Gage Clark - 22 points, 4 assists, 5 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 three-pointer
 - Keegan Dobbs - 4 points, 1 assist, 2 rebounds.
 - Taylor Barnes - 2 points
 - Bracy Bacon - 2 points
 - Jonathon Schneider - 2 points
- Forsan:
- Smith - 2 points
 - Hergert - 22 points, 1 three pointer
 - Richardson - 20, 6 three-pointers
 - Hillger - 5
 - Riffe - 9, 1 three-pointer
 - Cesar - 9
 - Williams - 5



Courtesy Photo by Lyndel Moody
Coahoma Bulldogs, Adam Clark (2) Joe Manning (5) and Keegan Dobbs (25), defend against Forsan's Bryce Hergert (20) with Zane Riffe (34) standing by in their game at Stanton's Hooptown Classic on Friday, December 8, 2017.

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No. 20 TCU beats No. 22 Nevada 84-80 for 15th straight win



AP Photo

TCU guard Jaylen Fisher drives to the basket past Nevada guard Kendall Stephens during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Los Angeles, Friday, Dec. 8, 2017.

By BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — After dominating the first 30 minutes, TCU cooled off and Nevada came on strong.

The 20th-ranked Horned Frogs still had enough left to hang on for an 84-80 victory Friday night in the Hall of Fame Basketball Classic, extending the nation's best winning streak to 15 games.

TCU (10-0) never trailed while playing the last game of a tripleheader in front of a sparse, late-night crowd at Staples Center. Jaylen Fisher scored 20 points, and Kenrich Williams added 16 points and 11 rebounds for his 11th double-double during the streak.

"I was just trying to feed off my teammates, let them give me open shots and let their drive feed my drive," Fisher said.

The Horned Frogs are off to their best start since going 13-0 in 2014-15.

"We've gotten better the last two weeks," coach Jamie Dixon said. "We've really adapted and done some things better. We can be really good. Our offensive numbers are about as good as they can be. Defensively, we're getting better."

Cody Martin had 27 points and 11 rebounds for the 22nd-ranked Wolf Pack (8-2). Jordan Caroline added 21 points and 10 rebounds. Martin's twin brother, Caleb, had 17 points.

"The energy, effort and enthusiasm was too late," Nevada coach Eric Musseleman said. "We didn't defend like I thought we would."

Kendall Stephens hit a 3-pointer to leave Nevada trailing 83-80 with eight seconds left.

Fisher got fouled and made one free throw. Then he stole the ball from Cody Martin as time expired.

"I still think we're a really, really, really good team," Cody Martin said. "We just came out a little lackadaisical."

Nevada closed within eight points early in the second half before TCU went on a 19-10 run, extending its lead to 67-50. The Horned Frogs got three 3-pointers, two from Fisher, during the spurt. He also made two free throws.

From there, the Wolf Pack cut their deficit to 72-67 thanks to the Martin twins. They anchored a 17-5 run, going 6 of 6 from the free throw line.

"We were playing behind the whole game," Caroline said. "We didn't have the energy we needed to."

Williams hit a 3 that pushed TCU's lead to 79-69 before Nevada chipped away at it.

"We got a great win out of it on a neutral court," Dixon said. "Those kind of wins are hard to come by."

DADDY'S BOY

Caroline's 3-month-old son, J.C., watched the game wearing a Nevada bib and then got his diaper changed on the seat afterward.

COMING HOME

The game was a homecoming for Dixon, who was born in Burbank and whose parents still live in his childhood home in North Hollywood. It was his first time as a head coach in Los Angeles. He had several high school friends on hand, along with his sister.

BIG PICTURE

After setting a school record with an 8-0 start, Nevada has lost two in a row, both to Big 12 schools away from home. The first defeat was in overtime.

TCU has defeated four straight opponents as a ranked team for the first time since winning five in a row during the 1997-98 season.

UP NEXT

Nevada: Hosts Radford in the opening round of the Las Vegas Classic on Dec. 17.

TCU: Hosts Texas Southern on Monday in the first of three straight home games.



AP Photo

TCU guard Kenrich Williams, left, drives past Nevada guard Jordan Caroline during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Los Angeles, Friday, Dec. 8, 2017.



AP Photo

TCU guard Kenrich Williams, right, drives to the basket past Nevada forward Cody Martin, left, during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Los Angeles, Friday, Dec. 8, 2017.

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Aldridge, Ginobili rescue Spurs against Celtics, 105-102

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The Boston Celtics are flush with young talent, but those youthful legs were done in by a 40-year-old Spurs veteran fresh from a "killer nap."

Manu Ginobili, who has teetered on the brink of retirement the past two offseasons, hit a high-arching 3-pointer with 5 seconds remaining and San Antonio beat Boston 105-102 on Friday night, snapping the Celtics' four-game winning streak.

"Like he told me a lot of years ago, 'This is what I do,'" Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "He's amazing. He loves those moments and he's come through an awful lot and he did it again tonight. At age 40."

The veteran's heroics enabled San Antonio to escape Kyrie Irving's 36-point effort for Boston.

"I said before the game he's probably the best player, one of the best players, at the end of quarters I've ever seen," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said. "Now I wish I hadn't said it."

Ginobili rose earlier than normal on game day to enjoy a rare snowstorm in San Antonio with his family, but he recovered by taking a refreshing nap.

The added sleep was beneficial as Ginobili set up the winning basket by sprinting into the paint for an offensive rebound with 25.8 seconds left. He eventually was able to get Boston rookie Jayson Tatum to switch off him defensively, allowing him to shoot a rainbow shot over a charging Al Horford.

"Horford contested great, I just gave him a little more air," Ginobili said. "Shot it higher and it just went in. I think I got even a little lucky because it's not my usual shot. I had to shoot it higher."

LaMarcus Aldridge had 27 points and 10 rebounds for San Antonio.

Irving, who scored a career-high 57 points against San Antonio in 2015 while with Cleveland, created havoc again at the AT&T Center. Irving finished 13 for 21, including 6 for 10 on 3-pointers, but missed his final two 3s. His final 3-point attempt rattled in and out as the buzzer sounded.

"I thought it was cash money," Irving said of his final attempt. "I thought it was going to hit the bottom of the net, and I obviously didn't put enough on it. It was a good play call, you know just happens. I'm just going to replay

it, probably for about 33 more minutes, then I'll be over it."

The Spurs, already without Kawhi Leonard and Kyle Anderson, lost Danny Green in the first half. Green left with tightness in his left groin. There was no update on the severity of the injury, but Popovich said he doesn't expect him to travel with the team for their upcoming road trip.

"We've got to remember we played the best team in the league so far, the best defense in the league without Kawhi, without Tony in the last few minutes and without Danny in the second half," Ginobili said. "Danny, for us, is a key player. We fought hard, we stayed in the game and then it was a lottery."

Pau Gasol had 14 points and 11 rebounds, Rudy Gay had 15 points, and Tony Parker added 11 for the Spurs, who are undefeated with Parker in the lineup through six games.

San Antonio held Boston to one field goal in the opening 4 minutes of the final quarter to erase a five-point deficit and set up the last-second dramatics.

Tatum had 20 points, and Jaylen Brown added 15 for the Celtics.

TIP-INS

Celtics: Forward Marcus Morris was listed as questionable while rehabilitating his left knee, but felt comfortable enough during pre-game warmups to play. Morris finished with five points in 25 minutes after being listed. ... Boston suffered its first loss to a Western Conference team after winning eight straight. ... The Celtics are 10-3 on the road, trailing only Houston (11-1) and Golden State (11-3) for the league's best road record.

Spurs: Popovich would not confirm a report by the San Antonio Express-News that Leonard will make his season debut Saturday in Phoenix. "Sooner rather than later," Popovich said, repeating the answer he has given all season about the All-Star forward's return. ... Parker has played 36,000 career minutes as a starter, 24th in league history. ... Ginobili



AP Photo

San Antonio Spurs forward LaMarcus Aldridge (12) and Boston Celtics forward Al Horford (42) reach for a rebound during the first half of an NBA basketball game Friday, Dec. 8, 2017, in San Antonio.

has played 26,000 minutes in his career, all with the Spurs, the fourth most in franchise history behind Tim Duncan, Parker and David Robinson. ... Green has 500 steals and 401 blocks in his career. Green, LeBron James and Kevin Durant are the only players since 2009 with 500 steals, 400 blocks and 800 3-pointers.

UP NEXT

Celtics: Visit Detroit on Sunday night in a battle be-

tween two of the top four records in the Eastern Conference.

Spurs: Visit Phoenix on Saturday night in what could be Leonard's season debut.

IN AWE

Tatum played his first game against the Spurs after being selected third overall by Boston in the NBA Draft out of Duke.

The 19-year-old did not play like he was in awe of the vet-

eran Spurs, but admitted afterwards he was.

"It's crazy playing against coach Pop with all the legendary things he's done on and off the court," Tatum said. "Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili, I've been watching those guys ever since I can remember, since I started playing basketball. Just to go out there and play against them and coach Pop, it was pretty cool to me."

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Mavericks center Noel out indefinitely after thumb surgery

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks center Nerlens Noel has undergone surgery to repair a torn ligament in his left thumb, and there is no timetable for his return.

The 6-foot-11 Noel last played Nov. 22 at Memphis, but the injury wasn't revealed until before a loss at Boston on Wednesday. He hasn't

played more than 5 minutes in a game since early November.

Noel signed a one-year qualifying offer as a restricted free agent after failing to get a max contract offer from the Mavericks or any other team. Dallas acquired him at the trading deadline last season.

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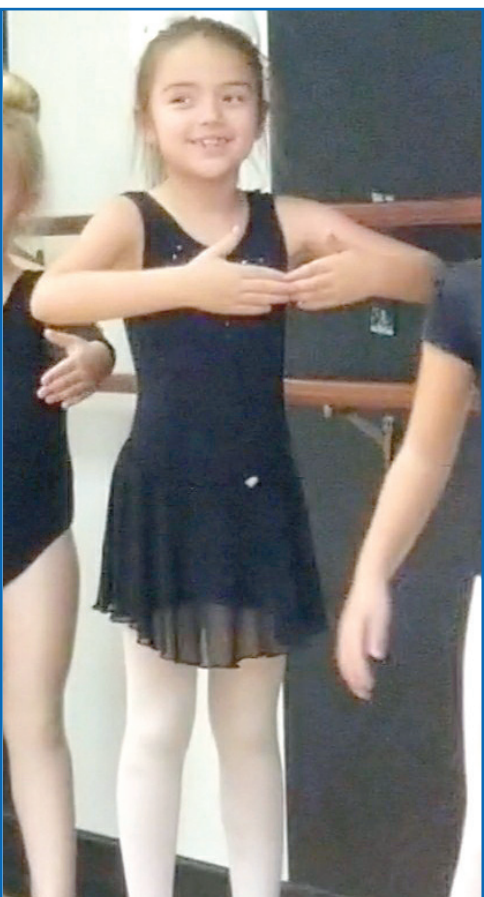
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Left Photo shows the little ballerinas practicing for the upcoming ballet this Sunday. The right photo shows the eldest ballerina's at The Dance Gallery. The far right shows little angel Abigail Pinney, trying on her angel costume.



Courtesy Photo

Kamillah Barrera is all smiles during rehearsal.

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**

Staff Writer

The dancers of The Dance Gallery, a dance studio located here in Big Spring and operated by Stevie McKinnon, are getting ready to dance the season away, as they prepare for the many upcoming shows they have in store for the people of Howard County this December. The Dance Gallery has been providing a place since the '80s for boys and girls of all ages a place to hone their skills and express their love of the art of dancing. McK-

Dance is the hidden language of the soul

—Martha Graham
20th Century American
dancer and choreographer

innon started off at The Dance Gallery when she was a little girl, and now - 19 years into operating the business - McKinnon has went from learning to dance to teaching others to dance.

"I love teaching dance to kids who have a passion and want to dance," said McKinnon. "These kids definitely have a fire for the art, and all the kids have been practicing like crazy to prepare for the upcoming show."

The first upcoming show is this Sunday, The Dance Gallery would like to present Act II of the Nutcracker for the community of Howard County. Act II of the Nutcracker will begin at 2 p.m., and tickets for this event are \$3 for an adult ticket and \$2 for children's ticket.

"This is our first time doing this ballet," said McKinnon. "So instead of the whole two and half hour ballet, I decided to shorten it by doing the second half of the ballet." The dancers who are performing and what role they will be in Act II for the Nutcracker this Sunday are:

The angels will be played by, Emmie Andres, Allayna Burrow, Lotus Castle, Brinlee Gallion, Ausiana Jackson, Journey McKinnon, Elyn Mulkey, Sutton Parker, Abigail Pinney, Payslie Pool, and Kylee Sayre.

The Sugar Plum Fairy will be performed by Katy Manning. Clara is performed by Karmen Pantoja, The

Nutcracker Prince will be performed by Eli Cobos. The entire cast joins them as they greet Clara and the Prince

The "Spanish" will be performed by, Araceli Avalos-Vanderbilt, Taylor Barton, Sarah Bandy, and Odalys Vela

The "Arabian" performers are, Audrie Reyes, and R'Lonie Cole. The "Chinese" performers are, Victoria Baeza, Amanda DeHoyos, Kennedy Johnson, Story McKinnon, Brianna Partlow, Audrie Reyes, and Joy Trinidad. The "Russian" will be performed by The Dance Gallery's hip hop group, Eli Cobos, Tyler Grove, Nate Long, and Christian Pantoja.

"Mirliton" will be performed by Katy Manning, Ava Baccari, Madry Bagwell. The "Mother Ginger" will be performed by Story McKinnon, Livi Baccari, Kamillah Barrera, Madison Boen, Izabelle Cerda, Krislyn Elder, Saylor Hart, and Ava Jean. The "Waltz of the Flowers" will be performed by Dew Drop-Odalys Vela Corp-Araceli Avalos-Vanderbilt,

Ava Baccari, Madry Bagwell, Taylor Barton, and Kennedy Osborne.

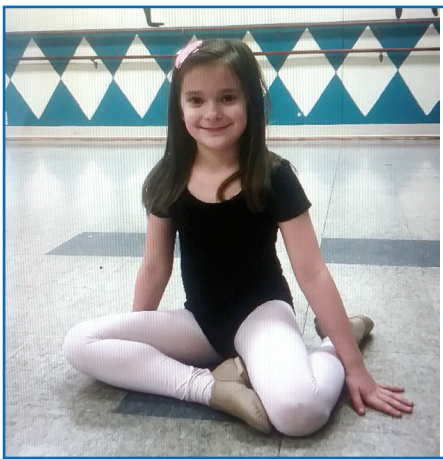
"Finale" Entire Cast. Choreography- Stacey Blackwell-Yocca, Stevi McKinnon.

"I want to say thank you to my kids who have made this play a priority in their life," said McKinnon. "And to all the dance parents, none of this would be possible without you."

The Dance Gallery's younger dancers will have two different groups performing dances to various variety of Christmas songs. The first performance will be at Canterbury, located on 1700 S Lancaster St, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m., and the second group will be performing at Parkview Nursing and Rehab Center, located on 3200 Parkway Rd., Dec.19 at 6 p.m.

"Come and support these kids who have worked so hard, and come support the art of dancing," said McKinnon.

For any questions about the upcoming shows or how to get your kids involved in dancing call: 432-267-3977 or 432-816-1540.



Courtesy Photo

Kennedy Johnson (left) and Briana Partlow (right) showing skills



Courtesy Photo

Stevie McKinnon teaching her little dance learners.



Courtesy Photo

Little dancers having a little dancing fun during rehearsal.



Courtesy Photo

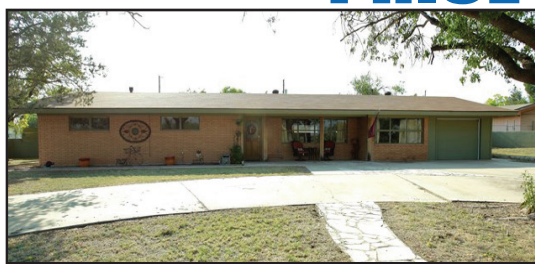
Amanda Dehoyos showcasing her skills.



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Bought a \$450M painting? In NY, don't worry about the tax

NEW YORK (AP) — New York collects sales tax on even the smallest items, but it probably won't collect a cent on a nearly half-billion dollar painting by Leonardo da Vinci.

The Italian Renaissance artist's "Salvator Mundi" sold for \$450 million (380 million euros) during a record-breaking auction at Christie's last month to a buyer reported to be a Saudi prince.

But unless he decides to hang the work in a Manhattan pied-a-terre, or ships it using a certain type of carrier, he'll likely be spared the roughly \$39 million in sales taxes a regular New Yorker would have to pay for buying a work of art at that price at a local poster shop.

That's because the state's laws are structured so that out-of-town buyers generally don't get hit with big tax bills. If they did, New York's status as a global center for art sales might be jeopardized, an expert said.

Christie's declined to identify the buyer of the 500-year-old painting,

but media reports point to the Saudi royal family. The New York Times reported Tuesday that documents it reviewed identify the painting's anonymous buyer as a little-known Saudi prince, Bader bin Abdullah bin Mohammed bin Farhan al-Saud.

The Wall Street Journal reported Thursday that Bader was actually acting as a proxy for Saudi Arabia's crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman.

Whoever the original purchaser was, the painting now appears headed to the newly opened branch of the Louvre museum in Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates. The museum tweeted Friday that the painting had been acquired for the museum by the government's tourism and culture department.

The identity of the owner and ultimate destination of the artwork plays a big role in whether the sale is taxed.

If the painting of Christ raising a hand in blessing had been bought by someone who planned to keep it



in New York, the buyer would be on the hook to pay an 8.875 percent state and local sales tax, which on a \$450 million purchase would amount to around \$39 million (30 million euros), said Jason Kleinman, a lawyer who advises art collectors on the tax consequences of their purchases. That probably won't happen if the painting is shipped to the Middle East.

"We're not supposed to tax the Saudi guy if he takes the painting outside the U.S.," Kleinman said. "The caveat is that New York has very particular rules about how a painting needs to be shipped out of the city. If those

rules are not abided by, there will be some inadvertent sales tax."

The painting's buyer could be forced to pay the tax if he hired a specialized fine-art shipper to deliver the painting to him in Saudi Arabia or Abu Dhabi. New York state authorities say purchases by out-of-state buyers who use specialized art shippers as opposed to common freight carriers like UPS or FedEx are subject to sales tax.

Christie's advises buyers on its website that it must collect tax on items collected by certain carriers.

Big Spring ISD

Kentwood Early Childhood

Monday: Breakfast: Sausage breakfast muffin. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, french fries, mixed fruit, sliced carrots, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Egg and cheese fundle, fresh apples, milk. Lunch: Popcorn chicken, diced peaches, vegetables blend, fresh cucumber slices, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Chocolate muffin, diced pears, milk. Lunch: Cheesy penne pasta, pineapple tidbits, fresh celery sticks, corn, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Egg sausage burrito, fresh bananas, milk. Lunch: Corn dogs, campfire pinto beans, fresh cantaloupe, fresh baby carrots, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast sandwich, fresh apple slices, milk. Lunch: Cheese pizza, chopped broccoli, man-

Cobb salad with flatbread, fresh apple, diced pears, fresh roasted squash, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh bananas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, or diced chicken ranch salad with soft pretzel, steak fingers with roll, fresh oranges, applesauce, campfire pinto beans, fresh baby carrots, garden salad.

Friday: Breakfast: Maple waffles, fresh grapes, apple juice. Lunch: Meatball sub sandwich, or cheeseburger, or cheese pizza, pineapple tidbits, buttered broccoli, fresh red pepper strips, fresh cantaloupe, garden salad.

Junior High School

Monday: Breakfast: Cocoa puff cereal, animal crackers, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or meatloaf with dinner roll, or Philly

al, string cheese, fresh grapes, diced peaches.

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

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Waffles and bacon. Lunch: Chicken fajita salad, or country fried steak, or Coahoma meatloaf, mashed potatoes, okra roll, slushie cup.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll and sausage or cheesy toast and sausage. Lunch: Crispy chicken salad, or meat and cheese chalupe or enchiladas, refined beans, zesty cucumbers, salsa, fresh fruit cup.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or breakfast parfait. Lunch: Chicken tenders or hamburger, cheeseburger, broccoli, sweet potato fries, rice krispy treat.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage and egg and cheese sandwich.

Lunch: Chef ham salad, or chicken spaghetti with breadstick or pizza, garden salad, carrots, apple slices.

Friday: Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy with scrambles eggs or pita pocket breakfast. Lunch: Fiesta salad, or chicken nuggets with mac and cheese, bakes beans, potato salad, mandarin oranges.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Mini chicken biscuits, or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets with mac and cheese or tangerine chicken, or asian bowl with egg roll, seasoned corn, tater tots, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage cheese breakfast sandwich or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, peach cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Cheese or pepperoni pizza or chicken salad, Italian vegetables, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, fresh fruit, salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Monte Cristo sandwich, or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Steak fingers, or chicken stripes, mashed potatoes, gravy, savory green beans, roll, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, strawberry cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger or cheese sticks with marinara sauce, tater tots, baby carrots, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: French toast with bacon or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, apple-

sub sandwich, fresh grapes, mixed fruit, french fries, fresh tomato wedges, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast sandwich, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or tuna platter with dinner roll, or popcorn chicken bowl with soft pretzel, fresh banana, diced peaches, fresh roasted cauliflower, fresh cucumber slices, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Jamich, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or ham turkey Cobb salad with dinner roll, Cheesy penne pasta, fresh apples, diced pears, fresh celery sticks, orange glazed carrots, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh bananas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or diced chicken ranch salad with dinner roll, or chicken nachos, fresh oranges, applesauce, campfire pinto beans, fresh baby carrots, garden salad.

Friday: Breakfast: Chocolate muffin, fresh grapes, apple juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or pizza salad with roll, or cajun chili fries bowl with flatbread, fresh cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits, fresh steamed kale, creamy coleslaw, garden salad.

High School

Monday: Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy, or sausage and egg muffin, or waffles, fresh blueberries, raisin bran cereal, string cheese, fresh apples, diced pears.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon mini rolls, egg muffin melt, or waffles, fresh blueberries, trix cereal, animal crackers, fresh oranges, mixed fruit.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast taco, or sausage and cheese muffin, or waffles, fresh blueberries, fruit loops cereal, fresh pears, applesauce.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, or egg and bacon muffin melt, or waffles, fresh blueberries, apple jacks cereal, animal crackers, fresh bananas, raisins.

Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast corn dog, or chocolate muffin, or waffles, fresh blueberries, frosted flakes cere-

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darin oranges, grape tomatoes, milk.

Elementary Schools

Monday: Breakfast: Trix cereal, graham crackers, fresh apple slices, grape juice. Lunch: Meatloaf with dinner roll, or ham chef salad, fresh grapes, mixed fruit, french fries, grape tomatoes.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Apple frudel, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Corn dog, or popcorn chicken bowl with dinner roll, strawberry crasins, diced peaches, mixed vegetables, fresh cucumber slices, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage breakfast pizza, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Pizza salad with dinner roll, or cheeseburger, fresh apples, diced pears, fresh roasted squash, fresh celery slices, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh apple slices, cherry star juice. Lunch: Diced chicken ranch salad with breadstick, or meatball sub sandwich, fresh oranges, rosy applesauce, baked beans, fresh baby carrots, garden salad.

Friday: Breakfast: Bagel with cream cheese, fresh bananas, apple juice. Lunch: Turkey and cheese melt, or pepperoni pizza, fresh cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits, fresh broccoli, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.

Intermediate School

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon toast crunch cereal, bug bite crackers, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Spicy Chicken Sandwich, or cheeseburger, or meatloaf with dinner roll, fresh grapes, mixed fruit, french fries, fresh tomato wedges, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast sandwich, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Chicken sandwich, or chili dog, popcorn chicken bowl with pretzel roll, strawberry crasins, diced peaches, fresh roasted cauliflower, fresh cucumber slices, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Strawberry jamwich, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or chicken Carbonara pasta, or ham and turkey

sauce cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken sandwich, or tamale plate, spicy waffle fries, seasoned beans, salsa, California Blend, fresh fruit, milk.

Sands CISD

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken sandwich, fries, fresh veggie cup, mandarin oranges, fruit variety, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Mini pancakes, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Asian bowl, egg roll, garden salad, fruity gelatin, fruit variety, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Ham and cheese melt, baby carrots, crunchy broccoli salad, fruit variety, brownie, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: French toast, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Taco soup, cornbread, tiny tomato cup, cucumber slices, peaches, lime sherbet cup, fruit variety, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Corn dog, tater tots, bakes beans, apple-pineapple d'lite, fruit variety, milk.

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday: Philly steak sandwich, sauteed onions and peppers, baked chips, 3 bean salad, chocolate pudding, milk.

Tuesday: Smoked sausage, sauerkraut, red roasted potatoes, mixed fruit with walnuts, bread, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken and dumplings, orange glazed carrots, Caesar salad, strawberries and banana, crackers, and milk.

Thursday: Fried catfish, baked potato wedges, hushpuppies, coleslaw, jell-o with fruit, milk.

Friday: Pepper Steak, steamed brown rice, oriental vegetables, vegetable egg roll, pears, milk.



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Can better policies prevent workplace sexual harassment?

and other places regular people work.

"I do think it will be a lasting movement," said Roberta Kaplan, an attorney who won the Supreme Court case that legalized gay marriage in the U.S. But while Kaplan— who is defending a woman who is being sued by Hollywood produced Brett Ratner after accusing him of rape — thinks "most companies have policies that are pretty good," there's still a problem: Many people don't truly comprehend them.

"They understand the English language, and what the words mean in the abstract sense, but I don't think most people understood it in every-

day life," she said. In an unusual move for a large company, Facebook on Friday publicly released its policies against workplace harassment and bullying, including its enforcement procedures and how it investigates complaints. The company says it wants to help other companies create better policies, and ideally prompt them to publish their own procedures too.

"We don't think we are perfect, we don't think we have all the answers," said Lori Goler, the company's vice

president of people. But she said companies should "come together to make sure that we all learn from each other."

Facebook itself has been sued for sex discrimination and harassment, in 2015 by a former employee who said she was wrongfully terminated in 2013 after she complained about being harassed. The woman, Chia Hong, later dropped the suit, and Facebook has maintained no wrongdoing.

Facebook would not disclose how many complaints of sexual harassment it has investigated, or specific details on how well its policy has actually worked. Goler said the goal is not to reduce the number of reports, but to get "as many people to raise their hand as possible."

Dan Eaton, an employment attorney and instructor of business ethics at San Diego State University, said "sexual harassment policies, like ethics policies, are only as good as the managers who implement them and are responsible for making sure there is broad compliance."

For a policy to be effective, he said, it has to be applied consistently — and if wrongdoing is found, there have to be consequences that are disclosed

policy meets that standard.

Goler said that while Facebook's policy itself has been "pretty consistent" over the years, the training around has evolved to address the "gray areas" and nuanced situations that people might encounter. For example, she said, "how many times do you ask someone out?" before backing off, and what if they don't say no outright but that they are busy? Do you ask again?

Facebook, like many other companies, will fire offenders if the company determines that sexual harassment has taken place. More difficult are the unclear cases, where it's one person's word against another's.

Facebook also has a mandatory arbitration agreement for anyone who joins the company. Experts on workplace harassment say these sorts of clauses can deter people who want to report harassment.

Facebook's move on Friday follows Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg's post over the weekend warning of a potential backlash against women and urging companies to put clear policies in place on how they handle sexual harassment allegations.

In this May 16, 2012, file photo, the Facebook logo is displayed on an iPad in Philadelphia. On Friday, Dec. 8, 2017, Facebook publicly released its policies against workplace harassment. This includes enforcement procedures and how it investigates complaints. The company says it wants to help other companies create better policies, and ideally prompt them to publish their own procedures too. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke, File)

NEW YORK (AP) — Sexual misconduct happens at work not because companies don't publish anti-harassment policies, experts say, but because managers don't enforce them — and because people fail to apply them to themselves.

While the floodgates on reporting abuse and sexual harassment have opened with high-profile cases in Big Tech, Hollywood and Washington, it's not yet clear whether the effects of the #metoo movement have trickled down to day-to-day offices, factories

A letter of thanks

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To my friends and valued customers; I consider it an honor and a privilege to care for your circulation needs on a daily basis. As some of you know back in April I was diagnosed with colon cancer. I have really appreciated the outpouring of love, support and prayers that I have gotten from you. I know that prayer works wonders. I have been fortunate that I have not been in any pain or have not felt ill during this process. I will be having surgery at MD Anderson on Friday, Dec. 15, 2017, and will be out of place for around a month.

I have an assistant that has been helping me since this ordeal has been going on; her name is Carrie Harvell and she will take care of any of your circulation needs during my absence. She can be reached easier in the mornings as she does throw routes in the afternoon. The other members of our staff can also help you if there are any problems please do not hesitate to call. Carrie and the staff can be reached at 432-263-7331.

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I look forward to the upcoming New Year and to hopefully being cancer free. I also look forward to serving your needs for many years to come. Thank you for your patronage and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely, Robert Smith
Circulation Manager
Big Spring Herald

Note: The Moss Elementary School Honor Roll was inadvertently omitted from the second six weeks Honor Roll list which ran Nov. 30. The Moss Honor Roll is printed in entirety below:

Moss Elementary A Honor Roll

1st Grade
Alyssa Beserra
James Blair
Dominick Bustamante
Alexander Chavez
Angel Dodd
Bella Edmondson
Nyjah Franco
Ysenia Fuentes
Jacob Garza
Ashton Gray
Ashlynn Hebbard
Kaitlynn Heffington
Alysa Hinojosa
Anabelle Lloyd
Larry Martinez
Heaven Mathis
Braxton McGuffey
Tyler Mendoza
Valori Mize
Evony Moreno
Jayden Parnell
Gia Patel
Jeremiah Ramos
Gabriel Reyes Cotto
Aralyn Rivera
Khloe Roberts
Aiden Rodriguez
Andyn Rodriguez
Jayden Rodriguez
Robert Ross
Ellena Sanchez
Landon Skeen
Ellie Valbuena
Eric Wingo
Addison Woodard

Aaliyah Jones
Turner Lathem
Adan Martinez
Matthew Montgomery
Richard Ojo
Ian Paredez
Teagan Paul
Nicholas Pusatero
Hailey Reyna
Jaidon Romero
Heaven Rose
Aliyaha Ruiz
Gabriella Salazar
Vincent Villarreal
Christy Williams
Jaslynn Williams

A-B Honor Roll

1st Grade
Evangelyna Acosta
Diosmary Almonte De
Los Angeles
Jazmine Babrak
Ethan Bautista
Amycha'nia Bridges
Presley Broman
April Campos
Elijah Carson-High
Allyson Casares
Graciee Coble
Brianna Cofferen
Conner Colegrove
Ethan Covey
Guadalupe Cruz
Bethesda De Los Santos
Layla Escovedo
Roger Fierro
Hannah French
Makaila Garcia
Alexa Gomez
Aiden Gonzales
Isaiah Gonzales
Paola Gonzalez
Kendelyn Guzman
Eviana Gutierrez
Hayden Hanson
Emmalee Hebbard
Juliette Heffle
Alexa Hernandez
Julian Hernandez
Isaiah Herrera
Neviellah Hilario
Rylan Hodnett
Latoya Hokes
Aaliyah Johnson
Kasey Jones
Rowdy Landis
Serenity Martinez
Kynslea Mata

2nd Grade
Gabriel Arguello
Abigail Barfield
Hayden Blackell
Brynli Blaine
Allen Bratcher
Damyan Castaneda
Isabella Chavez
Jack Cross
Rylan Eagle Rodriguez
Ethan Ervin
Kenley Garcia
Ehren Garza
Jason Gonzales
Jacob Grissom
Brathan Harrell
Ashton Hughes

Dawson McAllister
Emelia McCoy
Hayden McNally
Jesus Medina
Canaan Mrazek
Alesana Norman
Alexia Olivarez
Weston Oppgard
David Ovalle
Dominique Parras
Keshvi Patel
Juan Pina
Townsend Porras
Ciana Rivera
Isabella Robles
Jadrien Robles
Hayden Rodriguez
Victor Rodriguez
Jennavae Romero
Jalynn Rushin
Bibian Salgado
Azul Salinas
Bethany Smith
Ayden Starr
Julia Aguilera Tapia
Eric Vick
Audrina Vigil
Kalianna Wheeler-Oliveras
Parker White
William Wooten
Alex Yanez
Zachary Ybarra
Jaylen Young
Khloe Zapata

2nd Grade
Alison Ayala Torres
Gabriella Balcazar
Basia Banks
Naleyah Bautista
Blake Bittle
Allyson Bos
Cuauhtemoc Burciaga
Monique Calderon
Joseph Cannon
Anallysa Casare
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Stocks around the world push higher on US jobs, Brexit talks



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In this Monday, Aug. 24, 2015, file photo, a man walks towards the New York Stock Exchange. Stocks are opening moderately higher on Wall Street, Friday, Dec. 8, 2017, as investors welcome a strong U.S. jobs report and signs of progress in Britain's departure from the European Union.

By STAN CHOE

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks around the world climbed on Friday following a stronger-than-expected U.S. jobs report and a breakthrough in talks for the United Kingdom to leave the European Union.

Health care and technology stocks helped lead the market, while crude oil continued to claw back some of its sharp drop from earlier in the week.

KEEPING SCORE: The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 13 points, or 0.5 percent, at 2,650, as of 2 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 90, or 0.4 percent, to 24,301, and the Nasdaq composite rose 40, or 0.6 percent, to 6,853.

JOBS REPORT: U.S. employers added 228,000 jobs last month, more than economists expected. The un-

employment rate remained at a low 4.1 percent, as the economy continues to accelerate.

Paychecks, though, have not been getting much bigger. Hourly wage growth rose less last month than economists expected. Higher wages would help workers spend more, but they could also lead to higher inflation.

The jobs report is the last major piece of economic data that will arrive before the Federal Reserve meets next week to discuss interest rate policy. Most economists expect it to approve the third increase in short-term rates for the year.

BREXIT: Negotiators reached a key agreement that allows talks to continue to the next stage for the United Kingdom to leave the European Union. Investors are hoping for a smooth exit that does not disrupt global trade.

In Germany, meanwhile, political

parties agreed to open talks that could renew Chancellor Angela Merkel's governing coalition. That helped the German DAX gain 0.8 percent. The FTSE 100 in London rose 1 percent, and France's CAC 40 gained 0.3 percent.

SHUTDOWN AVERTED, FOR NOW: Another potential source of worry for investors dissipated after Congress passed a spending bill that will prevent a government shutdown this weekend. The deal keeps the government running only until Dec. 22, though, when another deadline looms.

TECH HELPS LEAD THE WAY: Technology stocks in the S&P 500 rose 0.6 percent and were on pace for their fourth straight gain.

They had fallen 4 percent in four days around the start of this month, as investors moved out of tech stocks and into companies seen as bigger winners from Washington's push to overhaul the tax code, such as financial companies and retailers. It was an uncharacteristic loss for tech, which have been the market's biggest winners by far this year. Since then, tech stocks have roughly halved their loss.

HEALTHY GAINS: Health care stocks in the S&P 500 rose 1.1 percent for the biggest gain of the 11 sectors that make up the index. Biotechnology stocks were particularly strong.

Alexion Pharmaceuticals jumped \$9.14, or 8.6 percent, to \$115.92 for the biggest gain in the S&P 500 following a report from The New York Times that an activist hedge fund has bought shares in the company and pushed it to do more to lift its stock price.

Vertex Pharmaceuticals rose \$5.34, or 3.8 percent, to \$144.12.

MARKETS OVERSEAS: Japan's

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- Johnny R. Hill, 704 San Antonio, Big Spring
- Kaleb Hill, 910 Baylor, Big Spring
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Net neutrality fans speak up as FCC set to strike down rules



AP photo

Demonstrators rally in support of net neutrality outside a Verizon store, Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017, in New York. The FCC is set to vote Dec. 14 whether to scrap Obama-era rules around open internet access that prevent phone and cable companies from favoring certain websites and apps.

By TALLARBEL
AP Technology Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Net neutrality is a simple concept but a dense and often technical issue normally discussed

in tech and telecom circles. Now it's hit the mainstream. Next week, the Federal Communications Commission plans to vote on gutting Obama-era rules meant to

stop broadband companies such as Comcast, AT&T and Verizon from exercising more control over what people watch and see on the internet.

Celebrity complaints and street protests aren't likely to stop the agency's vote on Thursday, but activists hope the growing outcry will push Congress to intervene and will show support for stricter regulation down the road.

Net neutrality has been a hot button before, thanks to assists from Silicon Valley and TV host John Oliver speaking out about what they see as threats to the internet. More Hollywood celebrities have been joining the cry against the agency's direction.

"Long live cute dog videos on YouTube! #RIPinternet.

Share what you loved about The Internet," actor Mark Ruffalo tweeted as he urged people to push Congress to intervene. Big-time Hollywood producer Shonda Rhimes tweeted a link to a story about saving net-neutrality on her lifestyle website. Net-neutrality rules bar cable and phone companies from favoring certain websites and apps — such as their own services — and give the

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Nikkei 225 index jumped 1.4 percent, the Hang Seng in Hong Kong gained 1.2 percent and South Korea's Kospi rose 0.1 percent.

COMMODITIES: The price of oil continued to recover from its sharp loss in the middle of the week. Benchmark U.S. crude gained 56 cents to \$57.25 per barrel. Brent crude, the international standard, gained \$1.03 to \$63.23 per barrel.

That helped energy stocks in the S&P 500 rise 0.7 percent. Noble Energy gained \$1.11, or 4.3 percent, to \$27.01 for

one of the largest gains in the index.

Gold slipped \$4.70 to settle at \$1,248.40 per ounce, silver rose 2 cents to \$15.82 per ounce and copper added a penny to \$2.98 per pound.

YIELDS: The yield on the 10-year Treasury note held steady at 2.37 percent. The two-year yield dipped to 1.79 percent from 1.82 percent, and the 30-year yield held steady at 2.77 percent.

CURRENCIES: The dollar ticked up to 113.52 Japanese yen from 113.13 yen late Thursday. The euro dipped to \$1.1761 from \$1.1774, and the British pound slipped to \$1.3397 from \$1.3465.

FCC more oversight over privacy and the activities of telecom companies. Supporters worry that repealing them would hurt startups and other companies that couldn't afford to pay a broadband company for faster access to

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Jesus Medina, 49, and Marie Teresa Medina, 47, both of Big Spring.
William Dean Woodard, 48, and Sylvia Ann Cravens, 47, both of Big Spring.
James David Rivera, 34, and Nicole Arispe Naylor, 36, both of Colorado City.

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Plaintiff: Howard County, Et Al
Respondent: Fortune Natural Resources Corporation
Type of Case: Tax cases
Date: Dec. 5, 2017

Plaintiff: Howard County, Et Al
Respondent: Big Spring Monticello Homes, LLC

Type of Case: Tax cases
Date: Dec. 5, 2017

\$250 fine
Date: Sept. 28, 2017

Plaintiff: Howard County, Et Al
Respondent: Protech Chemicals, LTD
Type of Case: Tax cases
Date: Dec. 5, 2017

Defendant: Alonzo Velasco
Offense: DWLS with previous conviction
Sentence: probated for six months
Date: Oct. 24, 2017

Plaintiff: Stephen Adams
Respondent: Teresa Adams
Type of Case: Divorce
Date: Nov. 30, 2017

Defendant: Brandon J. Kee
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than two ounces
Sentence: \$721 fine, \$279 in court cost
Date: Oct. 23, 2017

Plaintiff: Delton Lecompte
Respondent: Douglas Vires
Type of Case: Injury/damage-motor vehicles
Date: Nov. 30, 2017

Defendant: Jesse Gonzales
Offense: Duty on striking unattended VEH less than \$200
Sentence: probated for 12 months
Date: Oct. 12, 2017

Plaintiff: Conn Appliances, INC.
Respondent: Brenda Hernandez
Type of Case: consumer/commercial/debt
Date: Dec. 1, 2017

Defendant: Guadalupe Moreno
Offense: Driving while intoxicated
Sentence: probated for 12 months
Date: Oct. 19, 2017

Plaintiff: Lauren Schooling
Respondent: Sean Schooling
Type of Case: Injury/damage motor vehicle
Date: Dec. 4, 2017

Defendant: Billy McGee
Offense: Driving while intoxicated
Sentence: probated for 12 months
Date: Oct. 12, 2017

Plaintiff: Martin Sambrano
Respondent: Gina Zambrano
Type of Case: divorce
Date: Dec. 5, 2017

Defendant: Frankie Corwin
Offense: driving while intoxicated
Sentence: probated for 12 months
Date: Oct. 12, 2017

Plaintiff: Alexis Harris
Respondent: John Harris
Type of Case: divorce
Date: Dec. 5, 2017

Defendant: Rodolfo Hernandez
Offense: driving while intoxicated
Sentence: probated for 12 months
Date: Oct. 24, 2017

Plaintiff: Susan Halbert-Lester
Respondent: Tony Lester
Type of Case: divorce
Date: Dec. 6, 2017

Defendant: Michael Garza
Offense: driving while intoxicated
Sentence: probated for 12 months
Date: Oct. 23, 2017

County Court Judgments

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

Defendant: Tomi J. McPherson
Offense: Theft of service in between \$100 to \$750
Sentence: probated for 12 months, \$267 fine
Date: Oct. 19, 2017

Defendant: Justin Almazan
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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0307485
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Nov 16, 2017 Status/Permit No. 830846
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Dec 21, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Public Notice

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

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

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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
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Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal
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Section: 25 Block: 31 T2N
Abstract: 188
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Public Notice
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♣A 8 2	♣J 7 4		

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♠K Q J 10 5
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♣Q 6 3

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But if the defenders initiate the suit, they can score only their A-K, and declarer winds up with a club trick. It does not matter whether East or West leads the suit first; declarer simply plays low from the next hand to achieve his goal.

Declarer can put this knowledge to good use on the present hand. South wins the opening heart lead with the king and sees that he has four potential losers — a diamond and three clubs. He then cashes the K-Q of trumps and Q-A of hearts.

Declarer next leads a diamond to the ace, deliberately rejecting the finesse, and exits with the queen. He does not care which defender actually wins the trick, since that player has to return a club or yield a ruff-and-discard, and either way the contract comes home.

Note that if South attempts the diamond finesse at trick six and it loses, a diamond return will force him to initiate the club suit himself, and he will go down one.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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ANSWER:

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Venus and Neptune Confusion

We are born alone yet utterly dependent on others to stay alive. There is absolutely no benefit to believing we are better than the others, yet seeing as we are each the center of our own universe, our own superiority is a rather natural conclusion. The Venus and Neptune situation has us struggling with the cult of specialness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). One of the worst questions of all is but two words: Why me? It leads nowhere. To focus yourself more wisely, ask yourself a better question. How can this struggle help others? How can I make it even slightly better?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sometimes you celebrate in quiet, personal ways, but this is not one of those times. There's a boisterousness to your soul today -- a zest that needs enthusiastic expression. The song of life is a glory song.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The idea that we are special and superior to others is both a crutch and a cult. It's born out of the fear that if we are equal to all, we are too common to warrant the attention and love we need.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Social skills are easy for you now. You'll sense what others want and are ready for. You'll present your ideas with enthusiasm. And most importantly, when your turn is through, you'll hand the conversation over and just listen.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Being soft in your dealings with yourself is different from being lazy. It actually takes a good deal of energy to deal gently and thoughtfully in your own affairs. Try a little tenderness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's said that we're a blend of the five people we spend the most time with. This is hardly the case for you, yet it's time to get a new influence in your circle

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 10).

You have been the arms that caught the falling, and though you don't want to live your life with arms extended in waiting, you're a really fine protector. Because of this, you'll be promoted, admired and adored. There's a windfall coming your way in March. You'll heed a calling in July that's clear and resonant. Libra and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 1, 44, 48 and 12.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

Each relationship is its own world, with its own atmosphere and environment. The harshness of life, which is often keenly felt in the atmosphere of relationships, inspires and requires us to form different kinds of protective armor to function optimally. Some of the armor we build is made of the emotional equivalent of hard metal. Other armors are as thin as veils yet unmistakably there. There is no single correct armor for every situation. Just as people choose the clothing that they feel is appropriate for what they will do with their day, we suit up emotionally for life with the armor we think will be correct.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Frank Longo
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ancient Mecca, e.g.
 - 6 Shams may be against them
 - 15 Chevy Celebrity cousin
 - 16 It sounds like "Who cooks for you"
 - 17 Sank, in a sport
 - 18 Potential big winner
 - 19 Crackle, e.g.
 - 20 Irritable
 - 22 Worthy of many stars
 - 23 German mathematician who inspired Einstein
 - 25 Novel creation
 - 26 Small party
 - 27 Ear attachment
 - 31 Shabby
 - 34 Flower bud's protector
 - 35 What rings may indicate
 - 36 Sichuan native
 - 38 How Juliet said "speed"
 - 39 Lowest level
 - 42 It can illuminate the senses
 - 45 First step in some discoveries
 - 47 U.S. occupation target in 2014's *RoboCop*
 - 48 Word from Old English for "lightly boiled"
 - 49 Forum's combative crew
 - 52 Get a fresh take on
 - 55 Helmeted hawk
 - 56 Cracking indication
 - 57 With no delay
 - 59 Galvanize
- DOWN**
- 1 Cave art medium
 - 2 Suspension in a kitchen
 - 3 What barbs can damage
 - 4 Oath elicitor
 - 5 Down-state sign
 - 6 Daisy offering
 - 7 *King Lear* figure
 - 8 50 Cent mentor
 - 9 D.A. portrayer in *Crash*
 - 10 Money back
 - 11 Opposite of "lean"
 - 12 Manifestation
 - 13 America's Cup, for one
 - 14 Much more than a morsel
 - 21 Ready when you are
 - 24 Hardly thrilling
 - 25 World's largest motorcycle maker
 - 27 Make sweet-smelling, in a way
 - 28 Many small-screen programs
 - 29 *Yaourt*, essentially
 - 30 Duchamp called him "incomparable"
 - 31 Advocate of seat-belt law enforcement
 - 32 One who's hardly hospitable
 - 33 Chocolate alternative
 - 37 Tripping
 - 40 Work out
 - 41 Stuck on a shoulder, say
 - 43 Teacher's activity
 - 44 Where Ali wouldn't fight
 - 46 *Collezioni* retailer
 - 49 1990s FBI head
 - 50 Source for Argentine dusters
 - 51 Witty outburst
 - 52 Let out all one's gripes
 - 53 World Heritage Site with snow
 - 54 "The Skinny on ___" (heart.org page)
 - 55 Power letters
 - 58 ___ butter
 - 60 *Pronomen Latine*

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Trump says fines for Wells Fargo will not be dropped

By **KEN SWEET**

AP Business Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump weighed in on an investigation into scandal-plagued Wells Fargo, tweeting Friday that fines and penalties against the bank would not be dropped, and may actually be "substantially increased."

Trump's statement comes a day after Reuters reported that Mick Mulvaney, the president's budget director and now acting director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, was weighing whether the bank should have to pay tens of millions in fines already levied against it for mortgage lending abuses.

Wells Fargo, the nation's largest mortgage lender, has offered refunds to customers this year after acknowledging that its mortgage bankers unfairly charged them fees to lock in interest rates on mortgages. It's just one of a number of legal problems the San Francisco-based bank is facing, most notably a scheme in which bank employees opened more than 3 million fake accounts in order to meet sales quotas. Wells Fargo employees also tacked on insurance for auto loan customers who did not need it, in some cases leading to defaults and repossessions.

The CFPB under previous director, Richard Cordray, was considering additional fines and penalties against Wells Fargo, but the investigation was frozen last month after Cordray resigned from federal watchdog agency, and Mulvaney took over.

"I'm looking at those (investigations) on an individual basis," Mulvaney told reporters last

week.
Trump tweeted that the fines and penalties for the bank's "bad acts against their customers ... will not be dropped, as has incorrectly been reported, but will be pursued and, if anything, substantially increased."

The mortgage scandal impacted roughly 100,000 customers, which is substantially less than the number of customers who were give fake accounts, or who were stuck with unneeded auto insurance.

Wells Fargo & Co. had been fined \$100 million by the CFPB, which at the time was the largest fine the agency had ever individually brought against a bank.

While Trump signaled a tough hand against Wells Fargo, his appointments and recent actions have been more industry-friendly. Before his appointment, Mulvaney was a well-known critic of the CFPB saying the bureau had too much power with not enough oversight. Trump is likely to appoint a more business-friendly permanent director to the CFPB once he makes the announcement.

"I will cut Regs but make penalties severe when caught cheating!," Trump tweeted.

Earlier this year, Trump signed a bill to overrule new regulations written by the CFPB that would have allowed bank customers to band together to sue their banks, banning what's known as mandatory arbitration agreements. There is now a push to get Congress to veto another set of new regulations proposed by the CFPB that would intensely regulate the payday lending industry as well.

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customers.

Critics of the rules say that they hurt investment in internet infrastructure and represent too much government involvement in business. Phone and cable companies say the rules aren't necessary because they already support an open internet, and have lobbied hard for their repeal.

While libertarian and conservative think tanks and telecom trade groups have spoken up against net neutrality, everyday people have been vocal in protesting the rules' repeal.

Since the FCC announced just before Thanksgiving that it was planning to gut the rules, there have been about 750,000 calls to Congress made through Battle for the Net, a website run by groups that advocate for net neutrality. By contrast, there were fewer than 30,000 calls in the first two weeks of November. While Congress doesn't need to approve FCC decisions, it can overrule the agency by passing a law.

Net neutrality also has triggered discussions all over social media, even in groups that typically don't discuss tech policy. In one Facebook group about leggings seller LuLaRoe, one woman's lament about the repeal triggered more than 270 responses. They included questions about what net neutrality was, links to explanations and statements of support. The discussion sprawled into the next day.

Meanwhile, net-neutrality supporters protested outside 700 Verizon stores Thursday, said Tim Karr, senior director of strategy for Free Press, an advocacy group involved in Battle for the Net. In midtown Manhattan, some 350 people came to chant slogans and wave signs.

"Access to a free and fair internet is necessary for a functioning democracy," said Lauren Gruber, a writer for a branding agency who joined the New York protest. If the net-neutrality rules are repealed, she said, "it's just another showcase of oligarchy upon America."

Most people don't follow what federal agencies like the FCC are doing, even though decisions can have a lot of impact on people's lives, said Beth Leech, political science professor at Rutgers Univer-

sity. Having celebrities speak out can help spark people's interest, she said.

"Protests that draw average people out into the streets across the country are relatively rare," she said. "It's the rarity that gives them some of their power."

The liberal organization MoveOn is urging Americans to speak up for net neutrality. Democratic senators have called for a delay in next Thursday's vote, while Democratic FCC Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel urged backers to "make a ruckus." Some Democrats are hoping that any rollback of net neutrality rules will become a campaign rallying cry in 2018 and beyond.

"Net neutrality has the potential to motivate young and progressive voters to turn out," said Tyler Law, spokesman for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, which works to get Democrats elected to the House.

"There will be a political price to pay for those who are on the wrong side of this issue, because net neutrality's time as a campaign issue has arrived," Sen. Ed Markey, D-Mass., a longtime net neutrality supporter, said on a call with reporters Wednesday.

Republican campaign officials didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

The FCC's commenting system has logged 23 million comments, compared with roughly 4 million for the last blockbuster issue — when the agency approved the net-neutrality rules in 2015. An August study by a data firm backed by the telecom industry found that 60 percent of the comments made this year supported keeping the 2015 rules.

But the commenting system has been messy. The FCC says millions of comments used temporary email accounts from fake-mailgenerator.com, hundreds of thousands of comments came from one address in Russia and many comments were duplicates.

Some net-neutrality supporters have become intensely personal in their advocacy. FCC Chairman Ajit Pai and his staff have called out ugly and racist tweets and death threats. Pai also said activists came to his home to post signs that referenced his children. One man was charged in November with threatening to kill U.S. Rep. John Katko and his family if the New York Republican didn't support net neutrality.

RECORDS

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Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Amerifunds Diversified Funding, LLC

Grantee: Payton Parker and Brenda Parker

Property: Being all of lot number eight, in block number seven, replat of Wasson Place

Date: Nov. 30, 2017

Grantor: Landra Gwenette Gentles

Grantee: Elmer Rayburn Tyler and Gwendolyn O. Tyler

Property: All that certain tract, parcel and place of land out of and part of the NW ¼ section number 13, block number 33, Tsp. One, S, T and P Railroad Company

Date: Nov. 30, 2017

Grantor: Irene Flores

Grantee: Ruben Sandate and Laura Sandate

Property: Lots 2 and 3, block one, Settles Heights Addition

Date: Nov. 30, 2017

Grantor: Charles Ray Kinard and Brad Aaron Kinard

Grantee: Sonny Glen Kinard

Property: Being a 27.60 acre tract of land out of the North part of section 28, block 33, T-1-N, T and P Railroad

Co. Survey

Date: Dec. 1, 2017

Grantor: Sophia M. Crawford

Grantee: Rebecca Suzanna Smith

Property: Being all of lot number 27, in block number 5, Kentwood, unit number one

Date: Dec. 1, 2017

Grantor: Linda Baker and Holston Banks

Grantee: Parks Fuels, LTD

Property: Being the S 20' of lot number 13, and all of lots number 14, 15, block two

Date: Dec. 1, 2017

Grantor: Brenda Robledo, Andrea Robledo, and Randy Robledo

Grantee: Sabino Hernandez and Lizbeth Lara

Property: Lot three, block two, Sunset addition

Date: Dec. 4, 2017

Grantor: Timothy D. Yeats and Tammy K. Yeats

Grantee: Tommy Churchwell and Laurie Churchwell

Property: All of lots one and two, and the S 2.5 feet of 5th St., lying adjacent to the adjoining the North line of Lot one, all in block 35

Date: Dec. 5, 2017

Grantor: Roger Ewing and Kathy Ewing

Grantee: Ruth W. Garner

Property: Being all of lot number 11, in block number three, Caroline Court to a replat of lots 5-10, block one, lots 3-9, block two, and lots 3-20, block all in Caroline Court

Date: Dec. 6, 12017

Grantor: Sondra McKinney aka, Sondra Byerley

Grantee: Doug Blagrove and Shana Blagrove

Property: Being the W/2 of lot number three, and the E/2 of lot number four, in block number 20, Edwards Heights Addition

Date: Dec. 6, 2017

Grantor: Aurora F. Puga, Heir of Robert P. Flores

Grantee: Libby Uribe

Property: Being lot seven, block 36, Bauer addition

Date: Dec. 7, 2017

Grantor: J. Hopper Homes, Inc

Grantee: Eric Herrera and Jaci Herrera

Property: Lot three, block A Stone Creek Subdivision, addition to the city of Coahoma

Date: Nov. 30, 2017

Grantor: Terry L. Marshall and Nancy E. Marshall

Grantee: Daryl G. Snelgrooes and Mateldia M. Snelgrooes

Property: Being a 5.0 tract, more or less our of the NW/4 of section 37, block 31, T-2-N, T and P Railroad Co. Survey

Date: Dec. 1, 2017

Grantor: Gary L. Krager

Grantee: Adam Graves and Tracy Sturgill

Property: Being a 2.06 acre tract, more or less, out of the NE/4 section one, block 32, T and P Railroad Co. Survey

Date: Dec. 1, 2017

Grantor: Neva Joyce Green

Grantee: Maria De La Rosa

Property: Being all lots number one and number two, in block number 62

Date: Dec. 7, 2017

Grantor: Patricia Elaine Hardison, individually and as hereof Dewey Carroll Hardison, deceased; by her agent and attorney in Lois Elaine Wallace

Grantee: Robert R. Coates and Kimberly R. Coates

Property: A 4.33 acre tract of land out of the NW/4 of section one, block number 32, T-1-S, T and P Railroad Co. Survey

Date: Dec. 7, 2017

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