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U.S. 87 reliever route project still on track

Airport connection project seeking competitive grant

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Don't worry, folks. The U.S. Highway 87 reliever route under construction west of Big Spring will be built. A report Wednesday on CBS 7's News at 10 program was posted on that station's website under the headline "Funding for Big Spring reliever route uncertain." That's not quite true. Funding for the reliever route itself is in place and construction on the final phase of the project is on schedule to finish up in January 2019. What's

slightly less certain is funding for a Big Spring project to build roads connecting the McMahan-Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Park to the reliever route on the west, allowing a smoother flow of traffic to and from the site. "We want to have connectivity to the reliever route, of course. It was built into the original design of the road around it," said Airport Director

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Jim Little. "When that road around the airport was built, they left only two exits, an area on the south side, and an exit on the west side. Mayor Larry McClellan said the reliever route means a lot of economic opportunity for Big Spring. "When we get this together, I feel like we're going to have an airpark/industrial park that's going to be able to service the needs here around Big Spring, but

maybe the entire Permian Basin," said McLellan. "We know that this boom is coming, and to get ready for the boom and be prepared and be able to benefit from it, we need to have things in place not when it gets here, but we need to be ahead of the game. That certainly is going to be something that we are going to continue, to build up that airpark, build up those roads, and build up inside." The city has applied for a federal TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Grant to help with the project. That's the part of the funding that is uncertain, as the CBS 7 report makes clear farther into the story. "It is a competitive grant," said McLellan. "You don't always get it on

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Coahoma debate star headed to Austin for state Congressional Debate contest



Courtesy photo
Coahoma High School senior KayLee Wright will head to Austin Jan. 8 through 10 to compete in the UIL 3A State Congressional Debate contest.

Special to the Herald

KayLee Wright, a Coahoma High School senior, isn't just making plans for her future, she is proactively crafting her own. The just turned 17-year-old is heading to Austin to participate in state 3A UIL Congressional Debate contest to be held Jan 8-10 on the campus of the University of Austin. The contest is an individual competition but set in a simulated legislative body. Just like the real thing, participants draft legislation, deliver speeches, and respond to each other's arguments. "You go before a senate or a group of people and it will be like Congress," Wright explained. "You are in front of a chamber of people with like 20 people. While CX (cross exam debate) is more one-on-one with an individual person. "They judge us personally based on our one to two minute speeches and then we are questioned for an-

other minute. They judge us on our answers and what statistics we have laid out." Wright returns to the Congressional Debate state tournament for a second year in a row. The experience - along with a penchant for watching criminal TV shows such as Law & Order - helped the Coahoma senior to decide to pursue a career in the law. "It was the greatest experience," she said. "It's what made me want to become a lawyer." Yet, Wright is taking her plans for the future a step further than most youths her age. "I am learning a second language, sign language. I am learning ASL," she said. "I want to merge those two so I can do it for students and kids who don't really have that connection with an attorney on a communication basis. They need someone to speak for them. I want to merge that and create my own thing."

Public speaking seems to come naturally to Wright, who has been acting since the age of 8. Her mother, Tabatha, is a teacher at Coahoma High School, who oversee the theater/arts and speech and debate programs and is also KayLee's coach. "KayLee has always had a passion for debate," Tabatha Wright said. "I think that comes from being raised to always voice her opinion regardless of what her peers believed. But, you must do your research and make sure you make assertions that are true and just. She is very passionate about women's and children's rights and feels confident that she can one day be the voice for those in need of representation. Her style comes from debating on a regular basis with her friends over various issues in school, the community, or the news. KayLee Wright was quick to credit her success in debate to her mother's mentorship.

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SMMC Recognizes National Law Enforcement Day

By **ERIN STEPHENS**
 Staff Writer

In honor of National Law Enforcement Day, on Jan. 9 at 8:30 a.m., there will be a short ceremony at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Following a short prayer, led by Pastor Sam Segundo of Family Faith Center church followed by a breakfast prepared by the Yellow Rose Café in the main lobby of SMMC.



Duforat

and showing them our appreciation is only a small token of gratitude," Amanda Duforat, SMMC Marketing Manager, said. This is the second year that SMMC has hosted a ceremony honoring law enforcement officers. The entire community is invited to attend and join in recognizing all officers. Officers of every rank and file have chosen a profession that puts their life on the line every day for their communities. They've answered a call to public service that is demanding and often unappreciated. "While there are no words that will express the gratitude that these officers deserve, we couldn't think of a better way to say thank you than to start their year off feeding their body and their soul, with a small prayer and a hot meal," said Duforat.

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Trump seeks \$18 billion to extend border wall over 10 years



AP photo
In this June 22, 2016 file photo, a Border Patrol agent walks along a border structure in San Diego, Calif. The Trump administration has proposed spending \$18 billion over 10 years to significantly extend the border wall with Mexico. The plan provides one of the most detailed blueprints of how the president hopes to carry out a signature campaign pledge.

By **ELLIOT SPAGAT**
 Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Trump administration has proposed spending \$18 billion over 10 years to significantly extend the border wall with Mexico, providing one of its most detailed blueprints of how the president hopes to carry out a signature campaign pledge. The proposal by Customs and Border Protection calls for 316 miles (505 kilometers) of additional barrier by September 2027, bringing total coverage to 970 miles (1,552 kilometers), or nearly half the border, according to a U.S. official with direct knowledge of the matter. It also calls for 407 miles (651 kilometers) of replacement or secondary fencing, said the official, who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because the plan has not been made public. Trump has promised "a big, beautiful wall"

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the first go-around. We'd like to get it on the first go-around, but it doesn't always work out like that. It is competitive, and if we don't get that, I think we have some options that we can work with and at least get one road. Probably the shortest and least expensive would be the one off the west side."

The grant is set to be awarded in March.

The proposed connector road on the west side of the airport exits from the U.S. 87 reliever route about one mile

south of Interstate 20, heads east, and connects with Perimeter Road within McMahan-Wrinkle. Another proposed ingress to the airport grounds enters from the reliever route south of the site about two miles west of the junction with Business 87, i.e. the road that becomes Gregg Street in town. Both of the two areas already have exits built into the U.S. 87 reliever route.

Preliminary estimates put the total cost of the airport connections at \$14 million. Mayor McClellan said the southern route would be the more expensive of the two, with a price tag of about \$8.5 million.

"That money, that is a 70-30 split,"

said McClellan, meaning that, if Big Spring receives the TIGER grant, the city would pay 30 percent of the total, while the TIGER program would fund the remainder.

Little said a portion of the city's obligation could be funded by oil wells tapping reserves located below the airport, which are restricted by law to be used for aviation-related expenses.

If the TIGER grant doesn't go through, the city has other options available, but the grant would definitely be the best option, said city officials.

"I think, with the city, I think we can come up with the money, if we don't get the TIGER grant, to go in and at

least do the west portion," McLellan said. "It is about 1,700 feet that would come up to our fence line."

The city would gratefully accept individual or corporate donations to the project, said Little.

"We can accept private contributions and other types of revenues to make this happen," Little said, adding that anyone wishing to contribute can contact him directly at the airport, 432-264-2362; or they can call City Hall, 432-264-2401.

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with Mexico as a centerpiece of his presidency but offered few details of where it would be built, when and at what cost. His administration asked for \$1.6 billion this year to build or replace 74 miles (118 kilometers) of fencing in Texas and California, and officials have said they also will seek \$1.6 billion next year.



Trump

The 10-year plan, first reported by The Wall Street Journal, resulted from discussions with senators who asked the agency what it would take to secure the border, the official said.

It comes as the administration intensifies negotiations in Congress on a package that may include

granting legal status to about 800,000 people who were temporarily shielded from deportation under an Obama-era program, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

Trump said last year that he was ending DACA but gave Congress until March to deliver a legislative fix.

The plan on border security came in response to a request by U.S. Sen. Jeff Flake, said Jason Samuels, a spokesman for the Arizona Republican.

An administration official confirmed the document was prepared at the request of congressional negotiators and said funding for the wall and other security measures must be part of any legislative package on immigration. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the plan has not been made public.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the wall would be "first and foremost" in any package that includes new protections for DACA recipients.

She also said the administration wanted to close "loopholes" on issues that include handling asylum claims and local police working with immigration authorities.

Nielsen called the \$3.2 billion requests for fencing during the administration's first two years a down payment.

"This is not going to get us the whole wall we need, but it's a start," she said.

Mexico has steadfastly rejected Trump's demand that it pay for the wall and few doubt that U.S. taxpayers will foot the bill if the wall is built.

The Customs and Border Protection document calls for a total of \$33 billion in new border spending, including \$18 billion for the wall, \$5.7 billion for technology gear, \$1 billion for road construction and maintenance and \$8.5 billion for 5,000 new Border Patrol agents, 2,500 border inspectors and other personnel, the U.S. official said.

The document doesn't specify where the extended wall should be built.

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On National Law Enforcement Day, the website www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org suggests thanking law enforcement officers for their service and offering a token of respect; sending a note of thanks to local, county, or state police agencies; wearing blue, turning your social media channels blue, or shining a blue porch light to show your support; and sharing your support using #NationalLawEnforcementAppreciationDay to share on social media. Visit the website for more ideas.

National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day was founded in 2015 to thank officers across the country for all the daily sacrifices they make for their communities. Concerns of Police Survivors, the FBI National Academy Associates, the Fraternal Order of Police, the International Association of Chief of Police, the Officer Down Memorial Page, Law Enforcement United, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, International Conference of Police Chaplains, and National Troopers Coalition, and a long list of other organizations supported the inaugural day of National Law Enforcement Officers Appreciation Day.

Since then, nationwide, many more organizations have joined forces to support National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.) to spread encouragement and respect to these dedicated men and women.

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KAYLEE

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"My mom has taught me to be a quick thinker, to think as soon as possible and connect statistics to make everything flow as it should," she said.

Using her quick wit in challenging situations is just one of the aspects of Congressional Debate she enjoys.

"Whenever you are within a chamber, you can also write a bill from what other congressmen and women have stated and so that's what I love to do is writing something on a spot," Wright said.

Wright will participate in the preliminary congress on Jan. 9. If she qualifies for the finals, she will move on to take part in the super congress which will be held the following day on the 10 at the Texas state Capitol.

Hurricane Harvey survivors feel grief, distress months later

By JAMIE STENGLE

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Deb Eberhart couldn't sleep and was easily moved to tears as she worked to coordinate repairs to her Houston home in the months after flooding from Hurricane Harvey besieged it with 3-feet of water.

She clenched her jaw so hard that it hurt. She couldn't eat.

"I thought: 'Well, I'm not handling things as well as I should be,'" the 69-year-old retired teacher said.

Eberhart realized she needed help that had nothing to do with construction crews and insurance adjusters. So she joined storm survivors seeking help from therapists in the wake of the destructive winds and heavy rains in August that caused more than 80 deaths and an estimated \$150 billion in damage in Texas.

Experts say the emotional distress caused by such an event can take many forms — grief, anxiety, depression, even fear of storms — and progress through several stages over a year or longer. Even months after the storm hit, new patients have been coming to free counseling being offered by private and government-funded programs.

In the small coastal town of Port Aransas, which experienced major destruction after Harvey made landfall nearby, psychologist Andrew Reichert said he began noticing a shift about a month ago in what was bringing people in.

"It's gone from kind of the immediate stress and shock to more just kind of a chronic stress and long-haul type of thing," Reichert said. "A lot of my work is helping people prioritize and focus on what they can control versus what they can't."

Eberhart headed to Austin before the storm hit, even though she thought her Houston home would be fine. She later received photos of the flooding at her house from a neighbor who used a boat. When she returned home, she was heartbroken by what she found: "Mud and slush, and everything just gone."

She lived with her son and his roommates in Houston for about three weeks, then she moved into a starkly furnished apartment near her home. The stress increased amid the frustrations of being displaced, remodeling work and the grief from losing irreplaceable items such as furniture that belonged to her mother and childhood photographs.

"I think after a while you just have to accept the fact that maybe you're just stuck in a place, and somebody can just get you over the hump and it would be a therapist," Eberhart said.

She had her first counseling session in November with Judith Andrews, a psychologist who co-chairs the Texas Psychological Association's disaster resource network. Eberhart said talking to Andrews helped her realize she shouldn't be mad at herself for still being upset and that she needed to take steps to deal with the stress, such as starting to exercise again.

Andrews, whose organization is offering free counseling sessions, said survivors feel grief over the loss of both property and stability. "They're grieving about the loss of what was," she said.

They usually first experience the survival-focused "heroic phase," when people are responding with high intensity, helping others to survive or being rescued, Andrews said. A few weeks later comes the "honeymoon" phase, which can last up to six months as people are buoyed by feelings of solidarity and bonding from their shared experience.

But anger, resentment and feelings of isolation and abandonment can creep in during the "disillusionment" phase, when survivors struggle to rebuild. The "reconstruction" phase follows — and can last for years — as victims learn to accept that everything won't be the same.

"What happens when people don't process it by talking, then they really don't get rid of it," Andrews said. She noted that most people won't need long-term counseling but many "would certainly benefit by short-term therapy."

The Texas Education Agency is heading a task force to mobilize the mental health response in schools. One goal is to help teachers understand how to spot children who might benefit from talking to someone, said Andy Keller, a psychologist and president and chief executive officer of the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, which is collaborating with the state on task force.

Megan Davis took her 3-year-old and 6-year-old daughters — who escaped their Houston home by boat with their mother — to sessions with Andrews to make sure the girls were OK.

Davis said she was encouraged to hear her girls were "age-appropriately handling the large changes in their lives." The 34-year-old attorney said she also was given tools to talk to her daughters and to know how to let them guide the conversation.

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Advantages of a small school

Gary Humphreys has a gun shop in Del Rio. He says business is booming (pun intended). Gary is a historian hobbyist and is serious about it. He'll find some obscure story about a massacre or military operation a few hundred years ago in Val Verde County and go looking for the place where it occurred. A couple of times he has corrected scholars who had put an event in a different location.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Gary works with 4-H students in shooting competitions. He has made sure the youngsters have the right kind of guns and ammunition to make it to the finals. Some of them have won state championships. The rifles they shoot are the same ones used in Olympic competition and cost around \$5,000 each. He has been associated with the students for nearly 40 years. His daughter Holly has won shooting competi-

tions since she was a child.

Gary has family ties in Comstock, 30 miles from Del Rio. Holly went to a Del Rio private school in grades one through five. When she entered the sixth grade Gary had trouble deciding whether to send her to school in Del Rio or Comstock. "I went to Lions Club and the speaker that day was the Del Rio School Security Chief. In his closing remarks he said his goal was to get two armed officers on every 6th grade campus in Del Rio. When he said that I made the decision to send Holly to Comstock. She didn't need to be going to a sixth grade campus with armed officers."

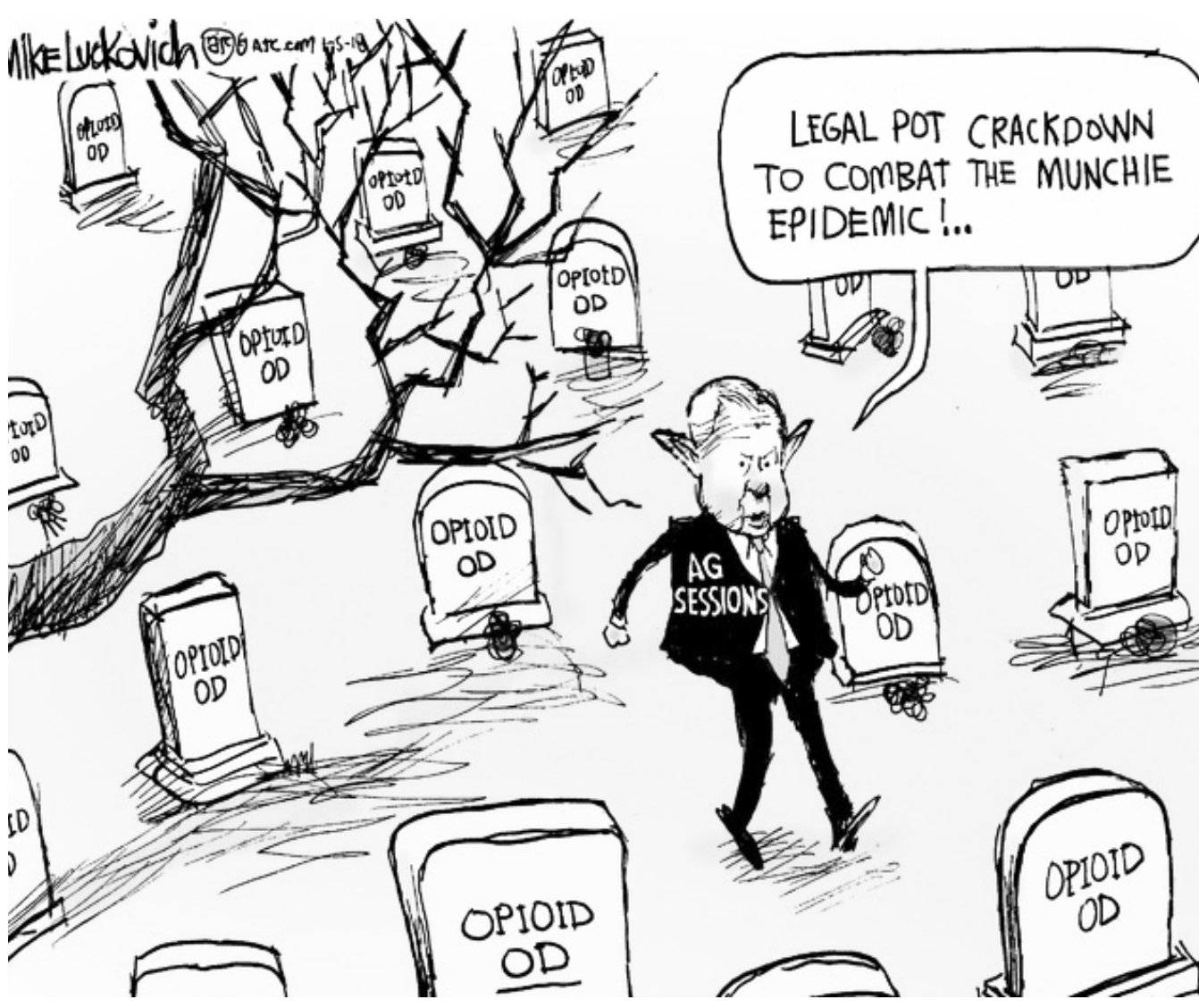
He made that choice on August first and got Holly enrolled in Comstock. "She did well and never once complained about the daily thirty-mile bus ride. The school had a good healthy atmosphere and she knew most of the people since her grandparents were raised there and I knew several of the Comstock High School graduates."

Holly was doing a horse project for 4-H and one day after school she and Gary were feeding horses and goats. They got home about 8:30 or 9 that night when Holly

discovered she had left one of her textbooks at school. "She told me she had homework to do and was upset about not having her book. I told her to call one of the other kids and maybe you can borrow their book. She didn't like that idea, saying the other kids had homework, too and are using their book. I told her that they might be through with it and she could use it. She was adamant about it and said she needed to go back to school and get her book."

Holly finally convinced Gary to take her to Comstock after 9 PM. "We drove down there and I asked her where to go. She told me to just pull up in front of the school. It was pitch black. She jumped out of the car, opened the front door to the school, went to her locker and got her book. They never lock the doors to the school in Comstock. The gym is always open and students go there at night, get out the basketballs, play for a while, put the balls back and turn off the lights."

In 2006 Comstock build a new school. The doors are locked now.



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DAILY PRAYER

The mistakes in our lives, Lord,
show us just how much we need
You. Amen.

Challenges of childhood

Childhood illnesses in the mid-20th Century were rarely treated by physicians who practiced medicine.

Instead, mothers practiced home remedies with abandon.

Many among us can remember times when the treatment was worse than the illness, as well as accompanying psychological damage that won't let go.

Youngsters cringed at hearing parental diagnoses. What now is regularly called an "upper respiratory infection" was then a chest cold, "crud," croup, or sometimes "epizootis." Perhaps what moms depended upon most often was castor oil (or black draught) for tummy disorders and Vicks VapoRub for what we called "bad colds."

Both treatments were bad news for youngsters. The elixirs tasted indescribably bad, akin to stagnant swamp water. And the VapoRub invariably caused embarrassment.

After chests were slathered liberally with the ointment, cloths were slapped on, theoretically to prevent greasy stains on outer clothing. Even worse, the cloths—never staying in place—were actually old diapers. They commonly slipped out between shirt buttons or drooped from shirt-tails. School friends quickly saw

edges of tattered diapers and/or got whiffs of the potent ointment.

"Your mamma didn't get your diaper on tight this morning," someone would always yammer. There may have been far more psychological damage than caused by illnesses.

Grandparents conversing with grandchildren do so at their own peril. Perhaps it has always been that way. A suggestion is to "hang loose," because wild—and sometimes "off the wall" responses—are inevitable.

During the holidays, Rev. Scott Sharman of Burleson asked grandson, Paxton, where he was going to live when he grows up. The 6-year-old, son of Killeen ISD teachers LaRon and Amanda Slay, answered in wide-eyed innocence. "I'm gonna live with Momma and Dad, and when they die, I'll take over their house."

"Won't that make you sad?" Granddad asked. "It's no problem. I'll hang up pictures of them."

A friend who has held down many jobs said his most unpleasant chore occurred in the family's old clapboard farm house when he was only eight years of age.

"It was miserable," he moans. "I had to get up every day at 5 a.m. during the winter time to fetch some wood so I could start a fire in the cook stove to heat water in the tea kettle."

"Then, I'd pour the boiling water through cracks in the floor to get the hogs out from under the house."

It's difficult for me to think of

a farm house without recalling a depression-era joke the late Bob Murphey included in almost all of his talks. Hosts frequently reminded him to "tell the story about what you fed your hound dogs during the Depression." (Murphey, an all-time best story teller, never had to worry about others stealing his material. It was his East Texas drawl that made him unique, and others simply fell short if they attempted to mimic his speaking delivery.)

"I was talking to a fellow on the next farm the other day, and he feared having to sell his hound dogs, simply because he couldn't afford to continue feeding them." Murphey said he urged the friend to feed them turnip greens. "My dogs won't eat turnip greens," the farmer responded. "Mine wouldn't either for the first three weeks," Murphey joked.

A platform favorite, he made thousands of talks throughout Texas and beyond. He said his hometown, Nacogdoches, Texas, was "the birth place of the zip code. None of us could spell it, so we decided to number it."

My Uncle Mort is foregoing New Year's resolutions for 2018, but hopes he can become "less opinionated."

Folks who know him best consider such a comment only after a liberal salting.

"Last year, I had eaten so much 'crow' by September that I had developed a taste for it," the 105-year-old said.

Immigrant acquitted of killing is sentenced for gun charge



AP photo

In this July 7, 2015 file photo, Jose Ines Garcia Zarate, right, is led into the courtroom by San Francisco Public Defender Jeff Adachi, left, and Assistant District Attorney Diana Garcia, center, for his arraignment at the Hall of Justice in San Francisco. Garcia Zarate, a homeless undocumented immigrant acquitted of killing Kate Steinle on a San Francisco pier, is scheduled to be sentenced on a lesser gun charge Friday, Jan. 5, 2018.

By PAUL ELIAS

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A Mexican man acquitted of murder in the shooting death of a San Francisco woman that sparked a national immigration debate was sentenced Friday to time served for illegal gun possession.

San Francisco Superior Court Judge Samuel Feng also denied a defense request to give Jose Ines Garcia Zarate a new trial for his conviction of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Garcia Zarate will now be taken into federal custody, but it's not clear when he will be transferred.

Defense attorneys argued that the judge failed to properly instruct jurors, who found Garcia Zarate not guilty last month of killing Kate Steinle on a popular pier in 2015.

Garcia Zarate faced a maximum sentence of three years behind bars but has been held in the San Francisco jail since his July 1, 2015, arrest.

He had previously been convicted of illegally re-entering the United States and been deported five times before Steinle was fatally shot. The San Francisco sheriff's department released him from jail several weeks before the shooting, ignoring a request from federal immigration officials to detain him for a sixth deportation.

San Francisco's "sanctuary city" policy bars local officials from helping federal immigration authorities in deportation matters unless they have a warrant. Donald Trump pointed to the shooting during his presidential campaign as another reason to

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Prosecutors in pot-friendly states will decide on crackdown

By KATHLEEN FOODY and DON THOMPSON

Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Whether to crack down on marijuana in states where it is legal is a decision that will now rest with those states' top federal prosecutors, many of whom are deeply rooted in their communities and may be reluctant to pursue cannabis businesses or their customers.

When he rescinded the Justice Department's previous guidance on marijuana, Attorney General Jeff Sessions left the issue to a mix of prosecutors who were appointed by President Donald Trump's administration and others who are holdovers from the Barack Obama years.

expect a flood of new cases, and people familiar with the job of U.S. attorney say prosecutors could decide against using already limited resources to seek criminal charges against cannabis companies that abide by state regulations or their customers.

"There are higher priorities: terrorism and opiates to start with," said Rory Little, a former prosecutor and a professor at the University of California Hastings College of Law. "You also have to draw the jury pool from the local people, who appear to generally support the state policy. You're not going to waste your resources on cases you can't win or cases your community is against."

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Total Depth: 9400 feet
X=712643, Y=285011. Datum: NAD 27
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Total Depth: 9155 feet
X=712702, Y=285024. Datum: NAD 27
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660' FSL, 467' FEL of 654-acre lease
660' FSL, 467' FEL of the survey

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Judge rejects 'Bachelor' star's fatal accident law challenge

By DAVID PITT

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — An Iowa farmer-turned-reality television star is fighting to avoid prison after driving his pickup into the back of a tractor and killing a neighbor.

Chris Soules, who became known as "Prince Farming" during his 2015 appearance on "The Bachelor" and also appeared on "The Bachelorette" and "Dancing With The Stars," lost a legal battle Friday in the felony case against him.

A judge dismissed his constitutional challenge to an Iowa law requiring the surviving driver in a fatal accident to remain at the scene until police arrive. He faces trial on Jan. 18.

Soules rear-ended a

farm tractor driven by Kenneth Mosher on a rural northern Iowa road just after sunset on April 24. Mosher died soon after at a hospital.

The accident sent the tractor Mosher was driving and Soules' pickup into ditches on opposite sides of the road. Soules called 911 and identified himself, administered CPR to Mosher and remained at the scene until emergency personnel arrived. But before law enforcement could arrive, Soules was driven home.

He was arrested at 1:16 the next morning at his home near Arlington, 12 miles northeast of the accident scene. Sheriff's reports indicate he declined to let officers into his house until after they

obtained a search warrant.

He was charged with failure to remain at the scene of a fatal accident, which carries a penalty of up to five years in prison.

His attorneys claim Iowa's law violates the constitutional rights of citizens to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures and to avoid self-incrimination.

The law in question says, in part, "a surviving driver shall promptly report the accident to law enforcement authorities, and shall immediately return to the scene of the accident or inform the law enforce-

ment authorities where the surviving driver can be located."

Most states consider it a felony to leave the scene of an accident in which someone is injured or dies, but Iowa's law differs in that it has been interpreted to require the surviving driver to be present when law officers arrive.

"No other state has a comparable requirement," Soules' attorneys said in court documents.

A driver forced to meet face-to-face with police is exposed to interrogation and

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In this Nov. 27, 2017, file photo, Iowa farmer and former TV reality show celebrity Chris Soules listens during a hearing in Buchanan County District Court in Independence, Iowa. Soules is fighting to avoid prison after driving his pickup into the back of a tractor and killing a neighbor in April 2017. He lost a legal battle Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, in the felony case against him when a judge dismissed his constitutional challenge to an Iowa law requiring the surviving driver in a fatal accident to remain at the scene until police arrive. It goes beyond the statutes of many states. His trial is set for Jan. 18.

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observation by officers and risk self-incrimination, his attorneys argued.

State prosecutors contend the purpose of the law is to prevent drivers from evading liability for driving recklessly, driving while drunk or driving with a suspended or revoked license.

"The state submits the legislature foresaw that drunk drivers could flee the scene of a fatal crash precisely because they wanted to escape and sober up before confronting law enforcement officers who may detect telltale signs of intoxication," prosecutors said in court documents.

Initial court documents Buchanan County Attorney Shawn Harden filed in May said Soules was seen purchasing alcohol at a convenience store shortly before the accident. They allege he attempted "to obfuscate the immediate facts and circumstances surrounding the accident, including a determination of his level of intoxication and an explanation of the empty and partially consumed open alcoholic beverages located in and around his vehicle ..."

Had Soules been tested at the scene or soon after and found to have been legally drunk, a much more serious charge such as vehicular homicide could have been brought. It carries a prison sentence of as much as 25 years.

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build a wall along the Mexican border and tighten immigration policies.

Defense lawyers argued in court papers that the judge improperly barred the jury from considering Garcia Zarate's claim that he didn't know he was holding a gun when it fired. They also argue that he didn't hold the gun long enough to warrant a firearm possession conviction.

Jurors had asked for clarification during deliberations on what "intent" they had to determine to convict Garcia Zarate of illegal possession.

Garcia Zarate said he was sitting on a city pier when he found and picked up a gun wrapped in rags. His lawyer said he didn't know it was a weapon until it accidentally fired, the bullet ricocheting off the pier's concrete walkway and striking Steinle in the back. The San Francisco sheriff's department has said it will turn over Garcia Zarate to U.S. authorities. A federal grand jury indicted him on two felony charges of illegal gun possession less than a week after the San Francisco jury acquitted him of murder.

Soules, 36, pleaded guilty to drunken driving in 2005 and was sentenced to one year of probation and a 60-day suspended jail sentence. In 2001, when he was 19, he twice pleaded guilty to underage possession of alcohol and also was fined for having an open container in a car.

The ruling Friday by Judge Andrea Dryer says Iowa's requirement to remain at the scene is not a seizure under the state or federal constitutions and it does not require the driver to divulge anything to police that would violate rights against self-incrimination.

Soules became a television reality show celebrity after appearing on the ABC network's "The Bachelorette" in 2014 and played the starring role in the network's "The Bachelor" in 2015. He also was chosen to be one of 12 celebrity competitors on "Dancing With The Stars" in that year but was eliminated during week eight of the competition, finishing fifth.

One of Soules' attorneys, Brandon Brown, said in court documents that he may claim as a possible defense diminished capacity "based upon his then-existing medical condition due to injuries sustained."

Brown did not provide an immediate response to the judge's ruling or indicate whether Soules would appeal to the Iowa Supreme Court but indicated a statement was planned for release Friday.

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Total Depth: 13,000 feet
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340' FWL, 900' FSL of 157-acre lease
2318' FEL, 1911' FNL of the survey

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Petey (Fusselman) Field
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660' FWL, 660' FNL of 640-acre lease
660' FWL, 660' FNL of the survey

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
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Total Depth: 8900 feet
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189' FSL, 1486' FWL of 479.5-acre lease
189' FSL, 1486' FWL of the survey

#3AH Silver City Unit, drill horizontal, API #42-227-39410
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
19.60 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-1234, Section 30, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8900 feet
Latitude 032.291717, Longitude -101.395061. Datum: NAD 83
219' FSL, 1119' FEL of 479.5-acre lease
219' FSL, 1488' FWL of the survey

#4AH Silver City Unit, drill horizontal, API #42-227-39411
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
19.60 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-1234, Section 30, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8900 feet
Latitude 032.291600, Longitude -101.395490. Datum: NAD 83
190' FSL, 1102' FWL of 479.5-acre lease
190' FSL, 1102' FWL of the survey

#5AH Silver City Unit, drill horizontal, API #42-227-39412
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
19.60 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-1234, Section 30, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8900 feet
Latitude 032.291629, Longitude -101.395499. Datum: NAD 83
200' FSL, 1103' FWL of 479.5-acre lease
220' FSL, 1103' FWL of the survey

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Until Sessions' announcement on Thursday, federal prosecutors followed guidelines laid out in the so-called Cole memo, which was issued by the Justice Department during the Obama administration. The memo discouraged prosecutors from going after people participating in the marijuana trade in states where recreational marijuana is legal, except in cases with aggravating factors.

Sessions revoked that document and others, citing the fact that pot remains illegal under federal law.

Federal prosecutors are not elected, but they often have long histories working in their districts. They are surrounded by attorneys who have spent their careers arguing federal cases before judges who can make their displeasure with a U.S. attorney known in sentencing decisions and in the scheduling of cases. That environment will not change because of a memo from the attorney general, Little said.

But the change will undoubtedly create some confusion and an uneven landscape, said John Walsh, the former U.S. attorney for Colorado appointed by Obama who left the office in 2016.

Prosecutors in Western states wanted guidance when the Justice Department when the likelihood of state marijuana legalization became clear in 2010 and 2011. They hoped to avoid a patchwork of prosecution strategies, Walsh said.

"When the policy is so broad and uncertain that it's left case by case to different decision makers, it creates confusion and uncertainty that can be unjust," Walsh said. "This is a uniquely difficult position to put the U.S. attorneys in. You could easily wind up with a very different approach in different areas."

U.S. attorneys around the country responded cautiously to Sessions' announcement. Some issued written statements suggesting the change would not dramatically alter their ap-

proach to marijuana.

In Colorado, U.S. Attorney Bob Troyer said his office will continue to focus on "identifying and prosecuting those who create the greatest safety threats to our communities around the state."

Troyer took over the office on an acting basis when Walsh, the Obama appointee, left. In November, Sessions named him the interim U.S. attorney. Trump could nominate a replacement at any time or decide to keep Troyer, a career prosecutor and attorney.

The new U.S. attorney in Massachusetts, Andrew Lelling, a Trump appointee who was confirmed by the Senate in mid-December, called marijuana "a dangerous drug" in his statement on Sessions' action. But he also said his office will focus on "bulk cultivation and trafficking cases, and those who use the federal banking system illegally" while considering its available resources, the seriousness of each crime and its effects.

In California's eastern district, newly sworn-in U.S. Attorney McGregor "Greg" Scott grew up in Humboldt County, deep in California's famed "Emerald Triangle" marijuana-growing region. But he became a career state and federal prosecutor who has spoken favorably of a previous federal marijuana crackdown.

Scott's spokeswoman, Lauren Horwood, said he declined to comment on the most recent federal move.

"The cultivation, distribution and possession of marijuana has long been and remains a violation of federal law for all purposes," she later said in a statement. "We will evaluate violations of those laws in accordance with our district's

federal law enforcement priorities and resources."

Brian Vincente, a Denver attorney who co-wrote Colorado's 2012 constitutional amendment legalizing recreational marijuana, said the industry will closely examine the background of any new U.S. attorney nominees.

"If this is in any way accompanied by a changing of the guard through the appointment of very conservative, anti-marijuana candidates, that's a red flag," he said.

Walsh, the former U.S. attorney for Colorado, said sitting and incoming top federal prosecutors in pot-friendly states should rely on their staffs, who have years of experience investigating cases, to put marijuana in context with other priorities.

"Those people make decisions about which cases they can win and which cases are crucial," he said.

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Q&A: Plan to expand offshore drilling draws cheers, jeers



AP photo

In this Oct. 17, 2017 file photo provided by the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, oil production equipment appears on Spy Island, an artificial island in state waters of Alaska's Beaufort Sea. The Trump administration on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018 moved to vastly expand offshore drilling from the Atlantic to the Arctic oceans with a plan that would open up federal waters off the Pacific coast for the first time in more than three decades. Alaska's Beaufort Sea is one of those areas.

By **DAVID KOENIG** and **MATTHEW DALY**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The energy industry is cheering the Trump administration's proposal to open nearly all U.S. coastlines to offshore oil and gas drilling, saying it will reduce U.S. dependence on foreign supplies and create jobs.

Independent experts are dubious. They cite strong opposition, even from Republicans, to some ocean drilling, and they question whether oil companies will invest in expensive new offshore projects when there are abundant reserves in shale on the U.S. mainland.

Some questions and answers about the administration's plan, the most expansive offshore drilling proposal in decades, along with potential roadblocks and what it could mean for U.S. energy production.

WHAT'S THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSAL?

The administration announced a new five-year plan for energy leases in federal waters. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said it would promote responsible energy development, boost jobs and pay for coastal conservation efforts. The plan proposes 47 leases starting in 2019 that Zinke said would open up 90 percent of U.S. offshore reserves to development by private companies.

The plan calls for expanded drilling in the Arctic and off the Atlantic coast and would open up waters off California for the first time in more than three decades. Drilling would be allowed from Florida to Maine in areas that have been blocked for decades.

An effort to expand offshore leasing was expected ever since last April, when President Donald Trump signed an executive order encouraging more drilling rights in federal waters to help the U.S. achieve "energy dominance" in the global market.

WHAT DOES THE ENERGY INDUSTRY THINK?

Industry groups praised the plan. The American Petroleum Institute's Erik Mito said it would increase national energy security, encourage economic growth, help consumers and create thousands of new jobs.

The Independent Petroleum Association of America said opening new areas to leasing would increase knowledge about potential resources and help companies make decisions about where to invest while boosting development of America's abundant energy resources.

WHAT DO ENVIRONMENTALISTS THINK?

A coalition of more than 60 environmental groups immediately denounced the plan, saying it would cause "severe and unacceptable harm" to America's oceans, coastal economies, public health and marine life.

"These ocean waters are not President Trump's personal playground. They belong to all Americans and the public wants them preserved and protected, not sold off to multinational oil companies," said a statement from members of the coalition, which included the Sierra Club, the Natural Resources Defense Council and the League of Conservation Voters.

WHAT DO THE COASTAL STATES SAY?

Some lawmakers in coastal states support offshore drilling, but in some states, even Republicans were critical of the Trump proposal.

In Florida, Republican Gov. Rick Scott asked for an immediate meeting with Zinke. Rep. Brian Mast, a conservative Republican who represents a coastal district north of Miami, said oil drilling off the Florida coast "puts our economy, environment and marine life at risk."

Republican Gov. Larry Hogan of Maryland asked the administration to withdraw proposed leases off his state's coast.

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Total Depth: 10,000 feet
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A-1632, Section 24, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
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Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.423371, Longitude -101.609817. Datum: NAD 27
226' FNL, 521' FWL of 466.33-acre lease
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Rule 38 Exception

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Total Depth: 10,000 feet
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A-2725, Section 338, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 7800 feet
X=936337, Y=426663. Datum: NAD 27
18,123' FWL, 27,960' FNL of 48,960-acre lease
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Total Depth: 7800 feet
X=917640, Y=426998. Datum: NAD 27
548' FWL, 780' FNL of 48,960-acre lease
2102' FWL, 2067' FSL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

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Texas man facing kidnapping charges after Colorado arrest

By **CLAUDIA LAUER**

Associated Press
DALLAS (AP) — A Texas man wanted for questioning in the death of a woman and the abduction of her two daughters has been charged with kidnapping.

Terry Allen Miles, 44, was arrested in a remote area of southern Colorado Wednesday evening after several tips of sightings had been reported there. The two girls, ages 14 and 7, were recovered safely and taken to a hospital to be checked for injuries.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas said in a news release Thursday that Miles had been charged with kidnapping.

A spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's office in Denver, where Miles made his first appearance in court Thursday afternoon, said he waived his right to a preliminary hearing in Colorado and consented to being transported to Texas. Spokesman Jeff Dorschner said Miles reserved his right to have a preliminary hearing and detention hearing when he arrives in Texas.

Law enforcement officials have been looking for Miles as a person of interest in the death of the girls' mother, Tonya Bates.

Co-workers called police in Round Rock, about 20 miles north of Austin, Texas, to ask that they check on Bates when she did not show up for work Saturday. An officer found Bates dead from apparent blunt force trauma.

An affidavit submitted by an FBI special agent seeking kidnapping charges against Miles says police contacted Bates' family, who told them Bates' daughters lived with her and she had a roommate, who they identified as Miles.

Police issued an Amber Alert for the girls, noting they could be with Miles and could be driving in Bates' car, which was also missing from her home.

Special Agent Sean Mullen wrote in the affidavit that Miles' mother had received a text message from him about 1 a.m. Saturday using one of the daughters' cellphones. According to the affidavit, the text read, "Mom I left with the kids and came home to something bad I think Tonyas boyfriend. I cant talk now tonya was involved in some bad stuff I will talk to you later when im safe these guys are crazy Mexicans."

Law enforcement officials tracked the girls' phones, finding one in the woods near

a Wal-Mart in Round Rock. Surveillance footage from the store showed Miles buying camping gear, including a 10-person tent, rope and tarps, then leaving in a vehicle that matched Bates' car.

The other daughter's phone showed a location near two cell towers in New Mexico on January 1. A license plate reader also captured a picture of the car travelling toward Colorado.

Law enforcement officers in several Colorado cities and counties checked hotels in

the area after receiving multiple reports of sightings.

Deputy Chief Jay Harrison of the Trinidad Police Department in Colorado said Miles may have been camping near Stonewall.

He said deputies and officers had been looking for Miles in the remote area near the Sangre de Cristo Mountains about 24 miles west of Trinidad, Colorado, Wednesday evening. After he was spotted, authorities said he began to drive erratically.

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DRILL

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Democratic governors along the West Coast blasted the plan. In a joint statement, California Gov. Jerry Brown, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown and Washington Gov. Jay Inslee vowed to "do whatever it takes to stop this reckless, short-sighted action."

WILL THE PLAN BE APPROVED?

Thursday's proposal is a draft. There will be a period for public comments, and environmentalists and possibly officials in some coastal states are likely to sue. Some sensitive or politically unpopular parts of the plan, like drilling off California, could be jettisoned. Final approval is unlikely for months or even years.

WHAT ABOUT OIL SPILLS?

The proposal comes less than a week after the Trump administration proposed to rewrite or kill rules on offshore oil and gas drilling imposed after the 2010 rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico. The accident on BP's Deepwater Horizon rig killed 11 workers and triggered the biggest offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

The Trump administration called the rules an unnecessary burden on industry and said rolling them back will encourage more energy production. Environmentalists said Trump was raising the risk of more deadly oil spills.

Rules imposed by the Obama administration targeted blowout preventers, massive valve-like devices designed to prevent spills from wells on the ocean floor. The preventer used by BP failed. The rules require more frequent inspections of those and other devices and dictate that experts onshore monitor drilling of highly complex wells in real time.

The Gulf of Mexico is still recovering from the BP spill, said Diane Hoskins, campaign director for the marine conservation group Oceana.

"Will we allow Florida's white beaches or the popular and pristine Outer Banks to share a similar fate?" she asked. "What about the scenic Pacific coast or even remote Arctic waters?"

DOES THE U.S. NEED THE OIL?

The oil industry likes the idea that these areas, long off-limits, could someday be home to drilling rigs. But interest in developing them right away would be stronger if oil were still over \$100 a barrel, as it was in 2014, instead of current prices hovering around \$60 per barrel.

"There will be some selective interest, but it's going to be limited in this price environment and the continued growth of shale," said Brian Youngberg, an oil-industry analyst with Edward Jones.

Advances in pumping oil and natural gas from shale formations have spurred huge growth in the U.S. energy industry. More efficient vehicles, tougher policies to limit climate change, and the growth of renewable energy mean that demand for oil could peak.

OIL

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Kinder Morgan Production Co., LLC#305-8A SACROC Unit, drill, El: NA, API #42-415-35362
6 Desta Drive, Suite 6000 Kelly-Snyder Field, El: NA
Midland, TX 79705-0000 8.45 miles northwest of Snyder
Lauren Flowers, Regulatory AnalystA-2479, Section 202, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. survey
(432) 688-2338 Total Depth: 7800 feet
X=904825, Y=394975. Datum: NAD 27
1912' FWL, 11,096' FSL of 48,960-acre lease
1912' FWL, 442' FSL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

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6 Desta Drive, Suite 6000 Kelly-Snyder Field, El: NA
Midland, TX 79705-0000 8.61 miles southwest of Snyder
Lauren Flowers, Regulatory AnalystA-2205, Section 195, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. survey
(432) 688-2338 Total Depth: 7800 feet
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6 Desta Drive, Suite 6000 Kelly-Snyder Field
Midland, TX 79705-0000 7.39 miles northwest of Snyder
Dana Toller, Engineering Tech A-2348, Section 335, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. survey
(432) 688-2315 Total Depth: 7800 feet
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3398' FNWL, 3680' FWL of 48,960-acre lease
52' FSL, 1179' FEL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

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(432) 688-2315 Total Depth: 7500 feet
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SWR 36 (H2S)

Glasscock County

Parsley Energy Operations, LLC #4801H Calverley "36B-25A-A", drill horizontal, El: NA
303 Colorado, Suite 3000 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37621
Austin, TX 78701-0000 7.10 miles northwest of Garden City
Johnnethan Washington, Reg. Tech A-807, Section 36, Block 35, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey
(512) 600-8855 Total Depth: 9435 feet
Latitude 031.530679, Longitude -101.355998. Datum: NAD 27
430' FWL, 260' FSL of 1,004.6-acre lease
430' FWL, 260' FSL of the survey

Energen Resources Corporation #104H Moore "SN 47-38 04", drill horizontal, El: NA
3510 N. "A" St., Bldgs. A and B Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37805
Midland, TX 79705-0000 5.85 miles northeast of St. Lawrence
Vonda Freeman, Regulatory AnalystA-871, Section 2, Block 34, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
(432) 684-3693 Total Depth: 9500 feet
Latitude 031.764278, Longitude -101.462823. Datum: NAD 27
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Steers hold off Panthers in close game 65-63



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Big Spring Steer Jeremiah Cooley blocks a shot against a Fort Stockton player in their home game against the Panthers on Friday, January 5, 2017.

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

The battle between the Big Spring Steers and the Fort Stockton Panthers in Steer Gym Friday night had the fans for both teams continuously on their feet in what proved to be an exciting basketball game. After strong performances by both teams, Big Spring managed to pull out the 65-63 win in a match up that went down to the final seconds of regulation.

The Steers came out red hot, not only with excellent shooting, but with exceptional defense to back it up. Big Spring's Abel Clark drained a three-pointer for the opening points of the game, and right after that Big Spring's John Ibanez went bananas. He put up four back-to-back shots; all of them in just the first quarter, all of them from beyond the arch for three and all of them effortlessly in the net.

The Panthers tried to keep it close as they

knocked down a few shots of their own, but The Steers outscored them 20-12 throughout the first.

Fort Stockton struggled with turnovers in the beginning of the second quarter due to excellent defense by Big Spring, especially from Zephaniah Nelson who was a stealing machine. That didn't last long though, and the momentum took a shift from the Steer side of the court to the Panthers. Fort Stockton brought themselves within just one point of Big Spring after trailing by ten thanks to efforts at the rim by Jovani Wislar.

Only up 29-28, Clark added some separation on the scoreboard in dramatic fashion as he let loose a half-court shot at the half-time buzzer that found its way into the net, sending the fans in the stands in an uproar.

Big Spring had trouble sinking shots in the third quarter while Fort

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Lady Hawks hang tough but fall to Cowgirls 57-45



Courtesy Photo by Cindy Smith

Howard College's Kaki Simpson drives the ball past a defender in the Lady Hawks game against Connors State College on Friday, January 5, 2017.

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

The game was closer than the final score indicates, but the Lady Hawks still took a 57-45 loss against the Cowgirls of Connors State College (CSC) at the Howard Coliseum Friday afternoon.

CSC held a two-point lead with only four minutes remaining in the game when Connors' Bailey Pendley buried two three-point shots, and with help from team-

mates, the Cowgirls sealed the 57-45 win over Howard College.

The Lady Hawks struggled offensively as they only shot for 23% from the field and 17% from beyond the arch.

Scorers for Howard College:

Corbyn Cunningham- 30 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals

Kaki Simpson- 10 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals

Ruthie Fox- 9 points, 8 rebounds, 1 steal

Kendall Alsup- 6 points, 13 rebounds
Addyson Moseley- 3 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals

Taylor Allison- 2 points, 4 rebounds

With this loss, Howard moves to 10-8 on the season and 0-2 in conference play. They will look to add a W in the win column of their conference record on Monday when they host South Plains. Tip off is at 5:45 p.m. with the men's game to follow immediately after.

Bulldogs remain undefeated at home, defeat Braves 50-43



Courtesy Photo by Lyndel Moody

Coahoma's Mason Moore (12) drives the ball around an Iraan defender in their game against the Braves on Friday, January 5, 2017.

Special to The Herald

After a hard fought victory, the Coahoma Bulldogs walked away with another win for the week as they beat a tough Iraan Braves team 50-43 Friday night.

Both teams started off the game playing tough defensive basketball in the Coahoma ISD competition gym. Taylor Barnes struck first for the Bulldogs, sinking a field goal to put the first 2 points on the scoreboard for the night around the 7 minute mark. However, neither team seemed to get a shot off away from the post until mid-quarter, when Coahoma's Mason Moore sank a beauty from behind the arc for 3 points.

That opened the flood gate as the 'Dogs racked up the score to end the period 18-4 in their favor. That 14 point spread would make a difference in the game later on as the Braves pulled within 4 points of the

Bulldogs lead at the top of the fourth quarter.

Coahoma's Gage Clark, Joe Manning and Bryson Cline also contributed to the Bulldogs' score in the first period.

By the second quarter, the Braves began to chip away at the 'Dog's lead. Iraan added 4 more points to their score before Moore answered back at the charity stripe, sinking in a basket.

G. Clark, Manning and Barnes helped to keep Coahoma in the lead throughout the second. As the buzzer sounded to end the fourth, Cline buried a shot to end the first half with some energy, but the Braves cut their deficit to 9 points at the end of the second. The score was set at 26-17, still in favor of Coahoma.

After returning for the second half, momentum continued to flow in Iraan's favor. The Braves struck

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Bufs remain undefeated in district, beat Hornets 76-62



Courtesy Photo by Jodi Mims

Forsan's Garrett Evans goes in for a layup in their home game against Irion County on Friday, January 5, 2017.

By STEVE BELVIN
Staff Writer

One thing teams better learn when they play the Forsan Buffaloes: you'd better be able to handle the ball. If not, the Forsan press will eat you alive. Take for instance Forsan's demolishing of Irion County Friday night in Forsan. They proved this to be true in Friday night's dominating win over Irion County. The Buffs' press gave the Hornets fits, causing turnover after turnover. At times, Irion County would take two steps forward and then five steps back. It all resulted in a 76-62 Forsan victory that put the Buffs at the top of District 7-2A with a 3-0 record, and 16-3 on the season.

Really, all the Buffaloes had to do was control the first and third quarters. In those two periods they outscored Irion County a combined 48-24. In the second and fourth quarters, the Buffaloes relaxed.

Forsan's Garrett Evans got off to a hot start and he never stopped. The Buffs' press was relentless and Evans was deadly. He scored 16 points in the

first quarter alone, hitting five goals that included three threes. He had a banner night, finishing with 33 points on a 12-for-18 shooting night. He also had five assists and four steals.

Trailing 25-14 after the first quarter, Irion County played Forsan on equal terms in the second quarter. Both teams headed into the locker room with the score sitting at 38-27 at the half.

Forsan stepped on the gas in the third quarter, however. The press remained dominant. During one stint, Irion County turned the ball over five consecutive times without even crossing mid court. It resulted in nine Forsan points.

By this time Kobe Richardson and Bryce Hergert started to heat up for the Buffs. Forsan led 61-37 heading into the fourth quarter. Richardson finished with 18 and five assists. Hergert had 16 points, eight rebounds and three blocks. It was a night Forsan didn't shoot particularly well, only 36 percent from the floor, but the main thing is the defense forced 30 Irion County turnovers.

Irion County got a stellar game

from post player, Tyler West, who tested the Buffs halfcourt defense. West steadily scored inside making 11 of his 19 shots, good for 29 points and 13 rebounds. Nathan Chacon, though undersized for a post player, chipped in 16 points and seven rebounds.

Irion County falls to 1-2 in district play and 8-10 overall on the season.

FORSAN (R-A-P)
Garrett Evans: 12-5-33
Bryce Hergert: 6-2-16
Kobe Richardson: 6-2-18
Ehren Hillger: 1-0-2
Zane Riffe: 1-1-3
Jaeden Ceasar: 1-0-2
Caden Williams: 10-2
Team Total: 28-10-76

IRION COUNTY
Valdo Gomez: 2-4-8
Nathan Chacon: 5-6-16
Dawson Sparks: 1-1-3
Swyner Porter: 1-0-2
Raden Coachman: 1-0-2
Tyler West: 11-6-29
Team Total: 22-18-62

Scores by Quarter:
Forsan 25 - 13 - 23 - 15 - 76
Irion County 14 - 13 - 10 - 25 - 62
JV- Forsan 51, Irion County 49 (OT).



Courtesy Photo by Jodi Mims

Forsan's Ehren Hilger (30) takes the ball to the hoop in their home game against Irion County on Friday, January 5, 2017.



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Elijah Munoz goes up for a layup as Jeremiah Cooley stands by in their home game against Fort Stockton on Friday, January 5, 2017.

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Stockton had a little more success. Clark was able to bury two three-point shots, and along with scores from Ibanez and Elijah Munoz, The Steers kept a small 44-43 lead over the panthers heading into the fourth.

It remained neck-and-neck throughout the remainder of the game. For every shot the Panthers made, the Steers had an answer for it.

Nelson showed off his quick feet while handling the ball, making defenders miss left and right, and took the ball up for a fancy reverse layup that made the crowd go wild. Ibanez and JaVone Ford each sank one more three-pointer, and with help from Jeremiah Cooley at the free-throw line Big Spring managed to hold off Fort Stockton to get the 65-63 victory.

"Tonight we did well. Our transition has improved and our defense was good. We still struggled jumping into our press at times. That is something that we kind of pride ourselves on is our press. It's getting better. I know it's the first year and there is still some ugliness to it, but when its clicking it's fun," said head boys basketball coach Kris Hise. "I just think that we are steadily improving. I mean I feel like I can see it everyday because I am around them. All the guys are kind of bonding together and we are really playing team basketball right now. I think out of the 13 guys we had, there were nine guys that scored. Anytime you have that happen, you know you are playing a team game. It's not a me-game at that point, so I am really proud of them for that."

Scores By Quarter:

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|----|----|----|----|----|
| BS | 20 | 12 | 12 | 21 |
| FS | 10 | 18 | 15 | 20 |

Big Spring Scorers:

- Clark- 21 points (4 threes), 1 steal
- Ibanez- 17 points (5 threes)
- Munoz- 8 points, 2 steals
- Cooley- 6 points
- Ford- 5 points (1 three)
- Nelson- 4 points, 4 steals
- Ludington- 2 points
- Renteria- 2 points

Up Next, The Steers will make their way to Midland for their last pre-district game against the Midland High Bulldogs. District play for the Steers will kick off in Sweetwater on Friday, January 12.



Courtesy Photo by Lyndel Moody

Coahoma's Gage Clark (23) goes after the ball in their game against the Braves on Friday, January 5, 2017.

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first sinking in a 3 point basket, but Coahoma's Manning answered right back as he dropped in a free throw. Cline followed up quickly with a field goal. Coahoma's Zack Schneider was fouled making a successful basket but wasn't able to convert for the extra point at the free throw line.

After three quarters of play, the score stood at 37-29 with the Bulldogs still in the lead.

At the top of the fourth quarter, an Iraan player was able to sink a three-point shot in to bring the score within four points for the Braves, but that was as close as the team got. Both teams were playing aggressively during the foul-heavy quarter, but Coahoma was able to pad their lead to end the game seven points ahead due to the efforts of Moore, G. Clark, Barnes, and Brice Martin.

The win puts the Bulldogs at an overall 9-5 record on the season. Coahoma will take on Ballinger this Tuesday for their last pre-district game. Their district play will start with a road game against Jim Ned on Friday, January 12.

Earlier in the evening, the Coahoma Junior Varsity boys won against the Braves 50-25.

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Lady Buffs get fourth consecutive win, defeat Lady Hornets 52-40



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Lady Buff Macey Evans (24) shoots a three pointer in Forsan's basketball game against Irion County on Friday, January 5, 2017.



Courtesy Photo by Jodi Mims

Lady Buff Jenna Evans (42) takes a shot in Forsan's basketball game against Irion County on Friday, January 5, 2017.

By STEVE BELVIN

Staff Writer

It was strength in numbers for the Forsan Lady Buffaloes Friday night in their district 7-2A win over the Irion County Lady Hornets. Forsan has now four back-to-back district wins after defeating the Hornets 52-40.

The win establishes Forsan as a legitimate threat in the league. After losing their district opener, Forsan has dialed up four wins including Tuesday's 39-32 win over Ozona.

Friday's win was a case of too many Lady Buffs being too much for the Hornets.

Irion County had plenty of fire power coming from Macy McNutt and Hadley Miller. They, went blow for blow with Forsan as long as they could. However, Forsan had an abundance of arsenal with the likes of Rylee Evans, Chasidy Grantham, Macey Evans and Emily Garcia. All four Lady Buffs scored in double figures.

R. Evans, a freshman guard, had a strong game and finished with a team-leading 14 points which included two three-pointers. She carried the load from the second quarter on, making good decisions on the court.

In the early going it was Garcia who carried the load. The Forsan post player scored the first six points of the game to kick start her team. She finished with 12 points and six rebounds.

Although both teams got off to relatively slow starts, Grantham and M. Evans finished out with strong showings as they each scored 11 points. Grantham had a team-high seven rebounds and M. Evans had five assists.

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Leonard, Ginobili each have 21, lead Spurs past Suns, 103-89



AP Photo

San Antonio Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard, left, and Phoenix Suns guard Devin Booker, right, chase the ball during the first half of an NBA basketball game Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, in San Antonio. (AP Photo/Eric Gay)

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Looking for some extra offense with two of their top scorers out, the Spurs turned to their defense.

Kawhi Leonard and Manu Ginobili each scored 21 points and San Antonio set a season high in steals in beating the Phoenix Suns 103-89 on Friday night.

Playing without starters LaMarcus Aldridge, who sat out for rest, and an injured Danny Green, the Spurs responded by scoring 29 points off 23 turnovers. San Antonio had 15 steals and six blocks, fueling a 31-13 advantage in fast-break points.

"It's their active hands," Phoenix coach Jay Triano said. "They trace the ball, they chart deflections. Their hands are always in the pot. They don't let you make a pass on time and on target and they take a lot of pride in that." Leonard was at the forefront of the defensive effort.

The two-time NBA Defensive Player of the Year set a season

high with three blocks and tied his season best with four steals.

Leonard ran down Devin Booker from behind to block a layup early in the first quarter and minutes later stepped in front of Tyson Chandler for a steal that led to a breakaway dunk.

"Kawhi is getting to look more and more like himself every game," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

It was Leonard's eighth appearance after missing the season's first 27 games with right quadriceps tendinopathy.

Leonard had eight points during a 26-3 run after San Antonio fell behind by eight points two minutes into the second quarter.

"He's just starting to get into his groove offensively," Triano said. "He's got the midrange, he can shoot the 3. He's strong, so if you've got a lighter defender, he can go past them. He's got to be the focus of your defense and then that opens him making plays for others and them being able to shoot the ball."

Ginobili also drew the Suns' attention, scoring 15 points in a decisive third quarter.

"I totally respect what he's doing out there," Chandler said. "It seems like whenever we got close he hit every big shot. He's been doing that consistently for the last 19 years."

Ginobili joined Vince Carter as the only 40-year-old players to score 20 points off the bench. He shot 7 for 10 from the field in setting a season high for points.

"He's something else," Popovich said. "Whatever he's drinking, I want some of it. I'm serious. There's got to be a fountain of youth somewhere."

Booker had 21 points and Marquese Chriss added 12 for Phoenix, which lost its ninth straight in San Antonio.

Booker finished 8 for 17 from the field after shooting 5 for 7 in the opening quarter.

"They put a bunch of different bodies on me," Booker said. "I had

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Rangers open baseball, business deal with Japan's Nippon Ham

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers and Japan's Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters are starting a multiyear agreement this year that will involve baseball and business operations.

Former Texas ace Yu Darvish is among the players who came to the majors from the Fighters. The latest big name to come to the U.S. from Nippon Ham is Shohei Ohtani, who signed with the Los Angeles Angels in December with the intention of being a pitcher and everyday player.

Rangers general manager Jon Daniel said Friday part of the reason for the agreement is that both franchises are building stadiums. The Rangers plan to advise the Fighters for the stadium in Sapporo, Japan.

Nippon Ham will have a staff member work in the Rangers' system as an instructor during spring training and the regular season. Texas personnel also will travel to observe operations of the three-time Japan Series champion Fighters, who play in the NPB Pacific League.

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On football: Terrell Owens belongs in Canton

By **ROB MAADDI**

AP Pro Football Writer

When Pro Football Hall of Fame voters meet the day before the Super Bowl to choose the Class of 2018, the decision to select Terrell Owens should take less time than it does to microwave a bag of popcorn.

T.O. belongs in Canton. It's a no-brainer.

Owens is second to Jerry Rice in all-time receiving yards and third in touchdown catches behind Rice and Randy Moss, a finalist in his first year of eligibility.

No. 81 was a five-time All-Pro, a six-time Pro Bowl pick and one of the most entertaining players of his generation.

Owens deserved first-ballot induction. Case closed. Yet, he's been snubbed twice because voters are punishing him for his off-field and locker room "antics" during a sensational 15-year career.

But there is no "character clause" for the Pro Football Hall of Fame — and that's not saying Owens should fail it.

Owens was never arrested nor suspended by the NFL. He didn't have legal issues or drug problems.

Still, he's been kept out because of questionable behavior and the perception he was a malcontent.

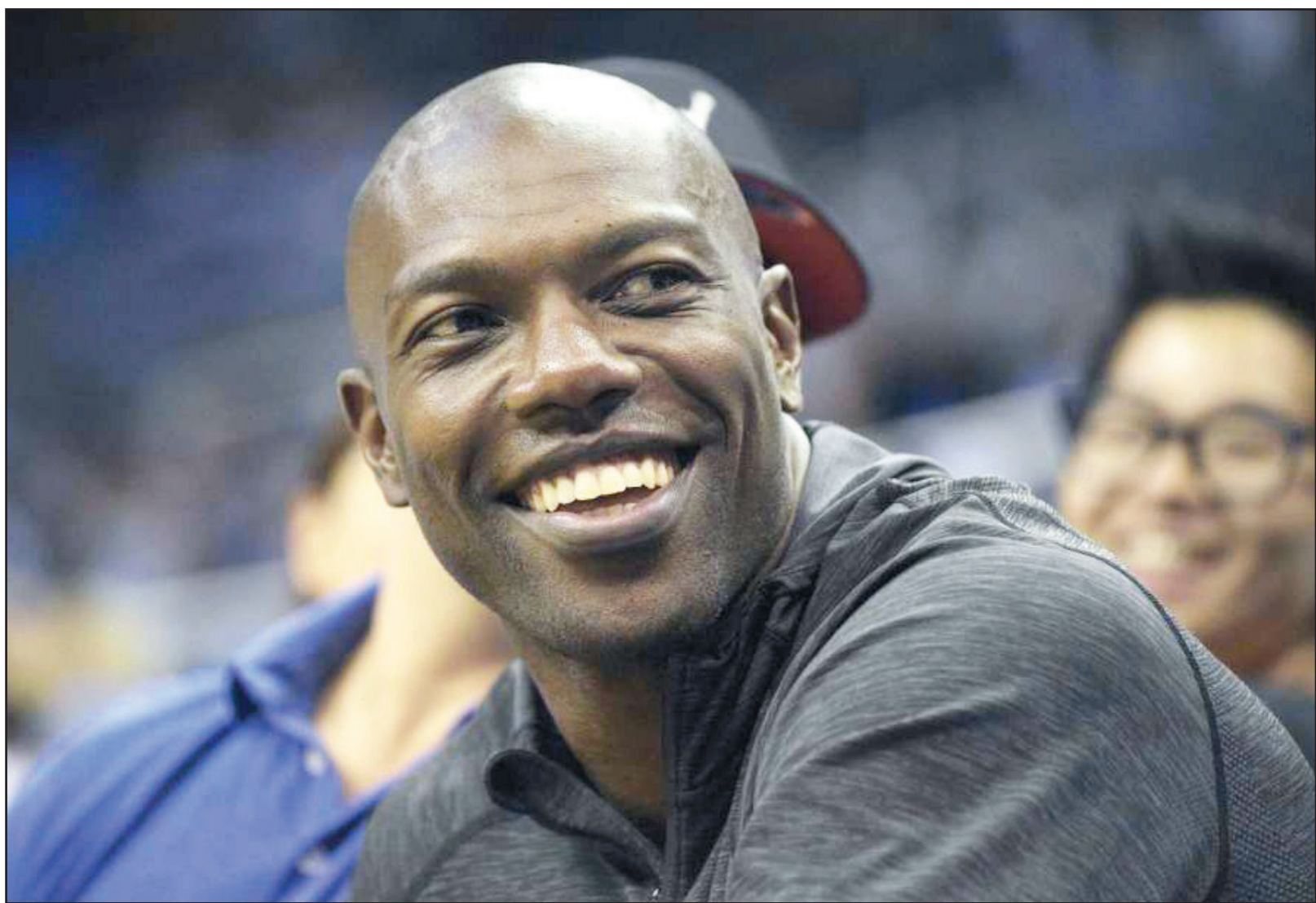
Sure, Owens often spoke his mind and sometimes got under the skin of teammates and coaches. He threw some of his quarterbacks — Jeff Garcia, Donovan McNabb and Tony Romo — under a rapidly moving bus. He also defended Romo from criticism and famously cried once while doing it.

North Texas promotes former Dallas player Choice to RB coach

DENTON, Texas (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys running back Tashard Choice has been hired to coach his old position at North Texas.

Choice was promoted Friday from his previous role as a quality control coach with the offense. The Mean Green qualified for the New Orleans Bowl, losing to Troy 50-30.

The 33-year-old Choice spent



AP Photo

In this Oct. 23, 2015 photo, former NFL football player Terrell Owens watches the action from court side seats during the second half of a preseason NBA basketball game between the Orlando Magic and the Memphis Grizzlies in Orlando, Fla.

Owens should be judged for his value on the field. He made every one of the five teams he played for better. He wasn't the perfect teammate and he was disruptive at times, but when he stepped on the field, he was exceptional and durable.

Owens only missed 12 games in his long career, plus the nine he didn't play in 2005 after Andy Reid kicked him

off the Philadelphia Eagles following a nasty feud with McNabb and a dispute with management over a new contract.

That came only several months after Owens helped McNabb have his best season, and then heroically returned from ankle surgery — against doctor's orders — to play in the Super Bowl. Owens would've been MVP of that game against the New England Patriots if McNabb didn't throw three interceptions in the 24-21 loss.

Anyone who covered the T.O. circus in Philadelphia and the aftermath knows Owens wasn't solely to blame for the way things went down. McNabb was overly sensitive and didn't like all the attention Owens received. McNabb was booed by

Eagles fans at the 1999 draft and he never forgot it. The same fans embraced Owens from the second he arrived in Philadelphia after eight seasons in San Francisco. More than 20,000 people went to see his first practice of 2004 training camp at Lehigh University. That led to jealousy issues with McNabb that finally escalated a year later.

After things got ugly in Philly, the locker room was divided between McNabb supporters and Owens supporters. If the mess was entirely Owens' fault, some of the well-respected veterans who sided with him wouldn't have done so.

But it was easier for Reid to dismiss a 32-year-old receiver who wanted more money than a 28-year-old franchise quarterback who never ruffled any feathers.

Owens ended up in Dallas and had three excellent sea-

sons with the Cowboys before he wore out his welcome. He played one year in Buffalo and one more in Cincinnati.

Those who argue that Owens bounced around the league because teams couldn't wait to get rid of him should consider that Rice played for three clubs, and Hall of Fame receiver James Lofton also played for five. Lofton is on the 48-member selection committee and voted for Owens last year.

This really shouldn't be a difficult decision. It certainly doesn't compare to the steroid dilemma Major League Baseball Hall of Fame voters face each year.

Terrell Owens is one of the greatest players in the history of the sport and earned the right to receive a gold jacket.

When he finally puts one on, getcha popcorn ready because it'll be the most must-see induction speech ever.



AP Photo

San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker (9) drives around Phoenix Suns guard Tyler Ulis (8) during the first half of an NBA basketball game Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, in San Antonio.

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(Bryn) Forbes on me at one point. Kawhi was guarding me a little bit. Throwing different looks. First half, I got open a few times. Second half, it was all double teams."

TIP-INS

Suns: F T.J. Warren did not play after being listed as questionable

due to an illness. Phoenix was also without F Jared Dudley (illness). ... The Suns have made a 3-pointer in 1,099 consecutive games since March 29, 2004. It's the second-longest streak in NBA history to Dallas' 1,108 straight from Feb. 27, 1999, to Dec. 12, 2012.

... The Spurs have won 12 of the last 13 in the series. Phoenix's last win in San Antonio was Feb. 27, 2013. Jermaine O'Neal had 22 points in the 105-101 victory.

Spurs: Aldridge has missed only two games this season, both for rest. ... Green missed his second straight game and seventh overall with tightness in his left groin. ... Joffrey Lauvergne exited with 2:56 left in the first half after colliding nose to forehead with Chriss, but returned to the Spurs bench midway through the third quarter. He played seven minutes in the fourth, finishing with three points and six rebounds in 15 minutes.

OFFSEASON NON-WORK-OUTS

Ginobili was asked if he prepared for the season any differently considering he has had such a dynamic start to his 16th season.

"Very different this year," Ginobili said. "I didn't do anything. I thought I was going to retire and I took a two-month vacation. So, if you want to look that I worked out? No. I just went to Spain for 47 days thinking I wasn't going to come back, but then mid-August and September and October, I tried to work hard because I knew it was going to be hard."

Ginobili is averaging 8.5 points, but has been active on both ends and has been dunking like he did in his first years in the league.

BOOKER FAN

Popovich praised Booker before and after the game, calling the 21-year-old a great player.

"I thought we did a pretty good on him," Popovich said. "Lost him here and there, but he's a special kid."

UP NEXT

Suns: Host Oklahoma City on Sunday night.

Spurs: Visit Portland on Sunday night.

LADY BUFFS

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The game looked like it might be a quick blow-out. Forsan led 12-3 at the end of one. Behind McNutt and Miller, the Hornets crept back into contention. Forsan led 20-16 at the half.

Irion County's Miller, a 6-foot bruiser, scored six points and tallied seven rebounds. More importantly, she blocked four shots. She eventually fouled out midway through the fourth quarter, and without her height, the game was over. McNutt was the offensive force for Irion County on her way to a 20-point, 8-rebound game.

Forsan took control of the game quickly in the third quarter. M. Evans made a three, L. Evans made a short jumper, Grantham made two free throws and M. Evans converted a three-point play. Forsan had the game well in hand, leading 34-20 five minutes into the fourth quarter.

FORSAN

Rylee Evans: 5-2-14
Chasity Grantham: 7-3-11
Macey Evans: 4-5-11
Emily Garcia: 6-4-12
Jenna Evans: 0-6-6
Mikahaela Willard: 0-2-2
Team Totals: 14-16-52
IRION COUNTY
Alexis Martinez: 2-0-6
Makina Laudermilk: 2-1-5
Kelcie Williams: 2-0-6
Macy McNutt: 8-3-20
Hadley Miller: 7-2-6
Team Totals: 15-6-40.

Forsan 12-08-15-17- 52
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WHEN PIGS FLY

By AMBER MANSFIELD
Staff Writer

Feral hogs and domesticated hogs are two completely different hogs. Domesticated pigs are like Babe the pig, pink, round and thinly furred. Feral hogs are like Chewbacca, dark, muscular and hairy. They're also big and they're dangerous. For years, wild boars and hogs have been breeding out of control all across Texas.

While many people are familiar with the havoc feral hogs have wreaked on the agricultural industry by eating crops and digging ruts in fields that can break farm equipment, some don't realize this is a problem that will only continue to grow unless something is done. Starting this year though, a new federal test program will introduce a new poison bait to help eradicate the boar population. There is currently an estimated population in excess of 1.5 million feral hogs in Texas, and numbers show they cause more than \$50 million in damage to Texas agriculture. This free-ranging, non-native, invasive species exhibits the highest reproductive capability of any hoofed animal, which makes population reduction difficult. A sow, a female adult pig, begins breeding at six to eight months of age and have two litters of four to eight piglets, and even a dozen is not unheard of, every 12 to 15 months during a life span of four to eight years.

Yet with no natural predators and the ability to be able to thrive practical anywhere and eat anything, hogs are getting more and more out of control. Thankfully there are some who recognize this problem and are working to fix it with the poison bait test. Researchers from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and Australian and New Zealand partners are in the works and starting test to perfecting the poison.

"The tests will cover two major habitats where feral hogs are common during seasons when they're most likely to go for bait," said Nathan P. Snow, PhD, Research Biologist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services. "Tests will start early in 2018 in dry West Texas and continue in humid central Alabama around midsummer."

The Department of Agriculture has been working on a solution for the feral hog problem for over a decade.

"Although trapping, aerial operations, and recreational hunting of feral swine have effectively reduced damage in some areas," said Snow. "Studies show that at least 70 percent of feral swine must be removed each year in order to prevent population growth."

Should the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approve the toxic bait for use with feral swine, it could become another tool in the toolbox for integrated feral swine

damage management.

"There are a lot of factors we have to consider with this toxic bait," said Snow. "We have to have other animals and environment in mind. How to be the most humane about it, but also have a method that actually produces results. We understand and sympathize with that farmers, ranchers, and people who have wild hog problems that effect their way of living."

Feral hogs that continue to grow in numbers in Texas and elsewhere, are a substantial liability to agriculture and native wildlife in Texas because of their destructive feeding habits and potential to spread disease. If something isn't done before then Texas could find itself in a situation similar to Australia, who has an official estimate that there are now 23 million feral pigs in Australia, outnumbering the continent's human population of 21 million. For more information about that upcoming toxic bait and bait test, here is a January 2018 factsheet questions and answers about, "Sodium Nitrite Toxic Bait for Feral Swine," provided by Wildlife Services.

Q. Why do we need a toxic bait for feral swine? A. Feral swine are a harmful and destructive invasive species causing damage and disease threats to crops, public property, native ecosystems, livestock health, and human health. More than 6 million feral swine are located in at least 35 states across the United States. Their damages to agricultural crops alone are estimated at \$190 million each year. A toxic bait for use with feral swine is another tool in the toolbox for integrated feral swine damage management. Since 2013, Wildlife Services' National Wildlife Research Center (NWRC) scientists and collaborators have been evaluating the potential use of a bait containing sodium nitrite as a feral swine toxicant.

Q. What is sodium nitrite? A. Sodium nitrite (NaNO₂) is a meat preservative commonly used to cure meats such as sausage and bacon. When eaten in high doses over a short period of time, it is toxic to feral swine.

Q. How does it work? A. An overdose of sodium nitrite reduces the ability of blood to transfer oxygen to tissues, a condition known as methemoglobinemia. The mode of death is similar to carbon monoxide poisoning. Once enough sodium nitrite bait is eaten, the feral swine gets faint, is rendered unconscious, and quickly dies. In most cases, feral swine die within 2.5 to 3 hours after eating a lethal dose.

Q. How is the toxicant delivered? A. A micro-encapsulation coating is placed around sodium nitrite prior to manufacturing the feral swine bait. This helps to protect sodium nitrite from breaking down, and hides its odor and salty flavor. The micro-encapsulated sodium nitrite is mixed with an oil-based bait (peanut

paste) to attract feral swine and improve stability. The micro encapsulation coating rapidly dissolves once eaten by feral swine, allowing the active ingredient, nitrite, to enter the bloodstream. Studies using bait with 10% sodium nitrite have resulted in feral swine mortality rates as high as 95%. Approximately 1/3 lb. of bait of this concentration is lethal to a 70 lb. feral swine.

"We put the toxin in pill cap-



HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield
Seth Mansfield, left, and Garret Cline pose next to a feral hog nearly the same height as two men.



Courtesy photo

Shown above are two photos taken from local Joe Mansfield's game camera at his feed stand located just a few miles outside of Big Spring.

sule, and then put a peanut butter paste around the capsule to help mask the taste of the toxin," said Snow. "Naturally any toxin wouldn't taste good, but since hogs eat anything it makes it easier in disguising the poison."

Q. What are the risks to non-target species, scavengers and the environment? A. Many factors are considered when developing a toxic bait. Not only must it be effective and humane in eliminating feral swine, but also low risk for those handling it, the environment, and wildlife. Other wildlife, such as raccoons, bears and deer, may be attracted to the bait. Sodium nitrite can be toxic to other animals if eaten at high amounts over a short time period. To prevent other species from accessing the bait, NWRC scientists are developing and testing swine-specific delivery systems and baiting strategies. The majority of sodium nitrite eaten by feral swine is metabolized prior to death. Any remaining sodium nitrite in the carcass continues to break down, limiting the risk of hazards to scavenging animals. The compound also degrades quickly when exposed to environmental elements, such as microorganisms, sunlight, heat, and moisture.

Q. How will hunters know if a feral swine has eaten sodium nitrite bait and what are human health impacts? A. It is unlikely that a hunter will shoot a feral swine exposed to a lethal dose of sodium nitrite because animals die within a few hours of eating the bait. If a swine does not eat enough bait to become sick, it simply metabolizes the remaining sodium nitrite. If a treated feral

swine is killed by a hunter before it succumbs to the toxicant, its blood would be unusually thick and chocolate brown in color. Preliminary data show low levels of nitrite in the meat of feral swine killed with sodium nitrite. However, the Environmental Protection Agency EPA assessment of human health impacts is ongoing. The stomach and digestive tract of treated feral swine will contain sodium nitrite residues and residual bait. These organs should be discarded. Skin contact with sodium nitrite bait is not considered harmful under normal circumstances. However, persons with a peanut allergy should avoid all contact with the bait or digestive tract contents. Pesticide labels typically require the use of gloves when handling products and health experts recommend hunters wear gloves and other protective equipment when processing feral swine to protect against diseases the animals may

carry. Federal and state regulations concerning the use of a sodium nitrite toxicant have not yet been developed. The U.S. EPA will evaluate any potential risks to human health during the registration process.

Q. Is the toxic bait available for use? A. No. The goal is to register the sodium nitrite bait for use with feral swine with the EPA by 2020-2021. In 2016, an application was submitted to the EPA by APHIS Wildlife Services for an experimental use permit to conduct field trials starting in 2018.

Q. Who will be allowed to use the toxic bait? A. If registered by the EPA, the toxic bait will be available for use by APHIS Wildlife Services certified applicators or those working under their authority.

For more information, please go to www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife-damage/feral-swine or www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlifedamage/nwrc on the web.



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Here shown is the wild pigs accessing the bait station that will be used to hold the toxic bait.



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Wolff: "In every way comfortable" with Trump book

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael Wolff's a provocateur who's said to love a brawl and once bemoaned the glare of the spotlight — and the bigger disappointment of watching it move on. Obscurity is a threat to Wolff no longer.

His incendiary new book on President Donald Trump is drawn from what he said was regular access to the West Wing and more than 200 interviews, including some three hours with Trump himself. It blew open what seems an inevitable feud between the publicity-loving president and his former adviser Steve Bannon, who is quoted extensively and unflatteringly describing Trump, his family and advisers. Trump's lawyers sent Wolff and his publishers cease-and-desist letters, as they had to Bannon. Instead of halting publication of "Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House," Wolff's publisher accelerated its sale to Friday, due to "unprecedented demand."

"Where do I send a box of chocolates?" Wolff, 64, said on NBC's "Today." Earlier, he had tweeted: "Thank you, Mr. President."

As of midday Friday, the book was No. 1 on both Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com. Trump tweeted late Thursday that Wolff's book was fiction and reliant on fake sources.

"I authorized Zero access to White House (actually turned him down many times) for author of phony book! I never spoke to him for book. Full of lies, misrepresentations and sources that don't exist. Look at this guy's past and watch what happens to him and Sloppy Steve!" Trump wrote. White House spokes-

woman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said the White House had rejected some two dozen of Wolff's requests for an interview with Trump.

The author retorted on NBC's "Today" show: "I absolutely spoke to the president. Whether he realized it was an interview or not I don't know. But it certainly was not off the record." Wolff said he spoke with Trump for a total of about three hours over the course of the campaign and after Trump's inauguration. He added that he has recordings and notes and remains "absolutely in every way comfortable with everything I've reported in this book."

"My credibility is being questioned by a man who has less credibility than, perhaps, anyone who has ever walked on earth," Wolff said.

Wolff has given Trump's allies fodder, particularly with an acknowledgement in the introduction that he could not resolve discrepancies between some accounts in a White House riven by rivalries.

"Many, in Trumpian fashion, are baldly untrue," Wolff writes of some accounts. "Those conflicts and that looseness with the truth, if not reality itself, are an elemental thread of the book." He says he "settled on a version of events I believe to be true."

For example, Wolff writes in the book that Trump didn't know who former House Speaker John Boehner was on election night 2016. Sanders disputes that, pointing to public photos that show the golf enthusiasts had hit the links over the years. Two people close to Boehner confirmed that and said they had spo-

ken before and after the election.

Sanders also derided Wolff's contention in the book that Trump and his family had not wanted to win the election.

For his part, Trump went after Bannon in an unusual White House statement. Wolff and his publisher did not respond to a request for comment and an interview.

Wolff built his four-decade career writing about some of the world's rich and powerful people — including Rupert Murdoch, in seven books and across a wide range of newspapers and magazines. Sometimes, he critiqued the media. And often, he got scathing reviews back on his writing style, his focus on atmospherics and his factual mistakes.

"One of the problems with Wolff's omniscience is that while he may know all, he gets some of it wrong," wrote the late David Carr in The New York Times, noting some discrepancies in dates in Wolff's 1988 book about Murdoch, "The Man Who Owns the News: Inside the Secret World of Rupert Murdoch." But Wolff was getting support from other corners. Janice Min, an owner of The Hollywood Reporter, tweeted that she was one of the few guests at a dinner reported in the book at Roger Ailes' house in January last year. According to Wolff, Bannon discussed Trump's plans for appointing Cabinet and other advisers and Ailes warned him about the qualifications of some. "It's not a deep bench," Bannon acknowledged. Wolff: "In every way comfortable" with Trump book according to the book.

Stolen jewels from Venice include 30-carat diamond earrings



AP photo

Some jewels are on display at the "Treasures of the Mughals and the Maharajahs" exhibition, at Venice's Doge's Palace, in Venice, Italy, Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018. News reports say thieves stole precious Indian jewels from the famed Al Thani Collection that were on exhibit, the thieves grabbed a golden, jeweled brooch and a pair of earrings Wednesday and escaped by blending in with the crowd and delaying the triggering of the alarm.

ROME (AP) — One was a delicate, tasseled pendant, featuring a flawless 10-carat diamond surrounded by a ring of rubies and diamonds. The other was simpler but no less gorgeous: two pear-shaped 30.2-carat diamond earrings surrounded by smaller, irregular-cut diamonds suspended like starbursts.

The Al Thani Collection on Friday revealed details of the precious jewels stolen Wednesday from a Venetian palace exhibit in a brazen theft that sorely embarrassed Italian security officials. A manhunt has been launched for the thieves, who calmly pocketed the gems and mixed in with the crowd to make their getaway. The collection, assembled by Qatar's Sheikh Hamad bin Abdullah Al Thani, hasn't revealed the value of the stolen pieces. But news reports have estimated they are worth a few

million euros. Al Thani said the two pieces were designed by Bhagat Jewelers, the exclusive Mumbai jeweler, in 2011 and 2014. Bhagat jewels, known for the unique craftsmanship, quality gems and one-of-a-kind designs by Viren Bhagat, can fetch into the seven figures. Common to both stolen pieces and Bhagat's style are the unique, minimal platinum settings that make it look as if the jewels are floating, Al Thani said. Surveillance footage of the theft Wednesday at the Doge's Palace in Venice show one of the thieves calmly opening the showcase window, as if he had a key, putting the jewels in his pocket and sauntering off while another stands nearby watching.

Police say the alarm was triggered a minute later, giving the thieves time to escape. That makes them think the job was done by professionals who knew what they were doing

and what they wanted. A gold necklace in the same display case was reportedly left untouched.

The Al Thani Collection is a renowned collection of 270 pieces of Indian and Indian-inspired jewelry and precious stones, jades and artifacts, spanning 400 years from the Mughal period to the present. The more modern pieces are often Art Deco in style, evidence of the popularity of Indian motifs and gems that inspired Cartier and other jewelers in the West in the last century.

The Venice exhibit, located in the famed Palazzo Ducale on the edge of St. Mark's Square, was the latest stop in an exhibit "Treasures of the Mughals and the Maharajas" that has brought the collection to Paris' Grand Palais, London's Victoria and Albert Museum, New York's Metropolitan and the Miho Museum near Kyoto, Japan.

Forsan ISD


Monday: Holiday Break
Tuesday: Breakfast: Mini sausage biscuits or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, peach cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken sandwich, or nachos,

fruit variety, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: French bread pizza, marinara sauce, garden salad, California blend veggies, fruit cup, fruit variety, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast, sausage or breakfast parfait, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch:

browns, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Popcorn chicken, roll, broccoli bites, fries, fruit cup, fruit variety, milk.

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spicy fries, seasoned beans, garden salad, salsa, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast with sausage parry or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Cheese or pepperoni pizza or crispy chicken salad, Italian vegetables cup, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

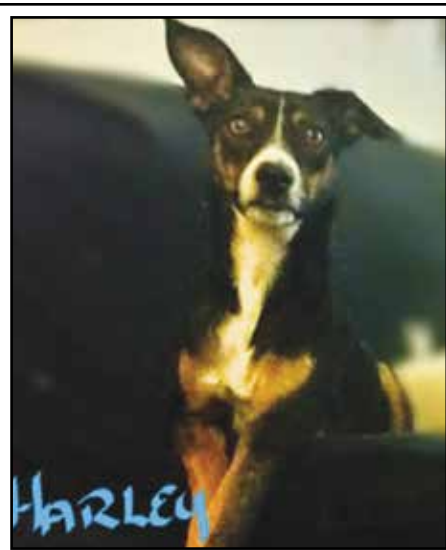
Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, strawberry cup, fruit juice, and milk. Lunch: Steak fingers or chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, savory green beans, roll, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Dutch waffle with bacon, or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, applesauce cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger or grilled cheese sandwich with tomato soup, seasoned corn, tater tots, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Texas chili, cornbread, celery sticks, baby carrots, orange smilies, brownie, fruit variety, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast bread, yogurt, or cereal bar, and yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken quesadilla, Spanish rice, seasoned corn, refried beans, salsa, lettuce and tomato garnish, peaches, fruit variety, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, has



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Oscar-winning filmmaker Haggis accused of rape, sex assault

By MICHAEL BALSAMO and LINDSEY BAHR
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A civil lawsuit charging Oscar-winning filmmaker Paul Haggis with raping a publicist has prompted three additional women to come forward with their own sexual misconduct accusations, including another publicist who says he forced her to perform oral sex, then raped her.

One of the other women speaking out told The Associated Press that Haggis tried to sexually assault her. "I need to be inside you," she recalled him saying, before she managed to run away.

Another of the new accusers said Haggis held down her arms, forcibly kissed her on a street corner, then followed her into a taxi. She said she later escaped his clutches.

When asked about the new accusations, Christine Lepera, attorney for the 64-year-old screenwriter of "Million Dollar Baby" and "Crash," said, "He didn't rape anybody."

Haggis has denied the original rape allegation in a counter-complaint to the lawsuit, and said the accuser and her lawyer had demanded

a \$9 million payment to avoid legal action, which he characterized as extortion.

The plaintiff in the lawsuit, filed Dec. 15 in Manhattan, is identified in court papers as Haleigh Breest. The other three women subsequently came forward to Breest's New York attorneys. They spoke to the AP on the condition that they not be identified for fear of retribution. The AP generally does not identify people who say they were the victims of sexual assault.

On Friday afternoon, Breest's attorneys filed an amended complaint that includes details of the allegations lodged by the three new accusers.

In separate interviews with the AP, the three provided detailed accounts of encounters they say occurred between 1996 and 2015. The women were early in their careers in the entertainment business when, they say, the Hollywood heavyweight lured them to private or semi-private places under the guise of discussing productions or a subject of a professional nature.

They all said Haggis first tried to kiss them. In two of the cases, they

said, when they fought back, Haggis escalated his aggression.

The new rape accuser said she was a 28-year-old publicist working on a television show being produced by Haggis in 1996 when he called to ask to review photos from the show that night in her office.

"I thought it was odd, but I agreed. He was the ultimate boss. I didn't feel inclined to say no," she said.

When Haggis arrived, she said, everyone else had left the office for the night and he insisted they speak in a back office. She said Haggis began kissing her as soon as they walked into the room.

"I just pulled away. He was just glaring at me and came at me again. I was really resisting. He said to me, 'Do you really want to continue working?'" the woman said. "And then he really forced himself on me. I was just numb. I didn't know what to do."

She said he made her perform oral sex, then pushed her to the floor and raped her.

When she returned to work the next day, she was so scared of Haggis that she asked a friend to come to work with her, she said.

Her account was cor-

roborated by another friend, who said that in the weeks after the attack the woman lost weight and appeared to be depressed. When she asked what happened, the woman said Haggis had raped her a few weeks earlier, the friend said.

The friend spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because she still works in the entertainment industry and feared possible retaliation.

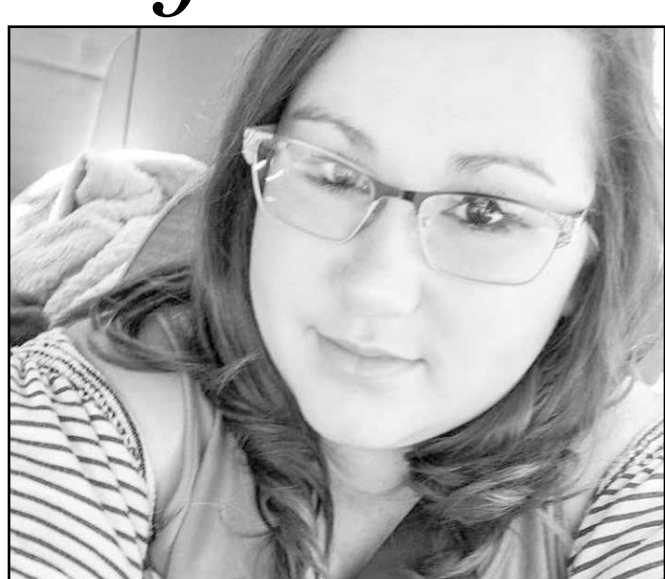
The accuser said she considered calling the police but feared that no one would believe her and worried that Haggis could end her career.

"The power, the anger, the financial resources, you feel like you are not really a match for that," she said.

The woman said she felt inspired to come forward after seeing Haggis' photo and a news story about Breest's lawsuit, amid the growing #MeToo movement of women speaking out about sexual misconduct by powerful men in Hollywood, politics, the media and other industries.

Breest accuses Haggis of raping her after he lured her back to his apartment in Manhattan following a film premiere in 2013.

Who's who in Howard County: Crystal Clark



Where were you born? Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland, TX
What city do you live in? Big Spring, TX
Who is your family? Just me!
What hobbies/organizations/clubs do you enjoy? Love to hang out with my friends, go to the movies, and read.
Favorite authors? I'm a fan of any romantic author.
Fave movie? The Notebook
Music? ANY!
If you could go anywhere, where would you go? I'd love to visit Yellowstone National Park.

She had accepted his offer of a ride home. Instead, she said, he brought her to his apartment in SoHo and invited her inside for a drink. Fearing she would insult him if she declined the offer, Breest went into his apartment and had a glass of wine.

Quickly, Haggis became "sexually aggressive," she said in her lawsuit, and began kissing her. She was "petrified and felt paralyzed," the suit said, when Haggis asked her, "You're scared of me, aren't you?"

\$30M Denver kaleidoscopic exhibit planned by arts-tech firm

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Creators of a popular immersive art entertainment project in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on Thursday announced a push into a major metropolitan market with plans for an interactive exhibit and music venue in downtown Denver.

The for-profit arts company Meow Wolf said it will launch the new business venture to build a kaleidoscopic walk- and crawl-through exhibit for all ages, under a 20-year lease in partnership with Denver-based commercial real estate developer Revesco Properties. It operates a nearby urban amusement park.

A new five-story building, spanning an area larger than a football field, is scheduled for completion in an industrial neighborhood by early 2020, offering the offbeat public attraction near stadiums for Denver's major league sports teams, the Children's Museum of Denver and the city's Downtown Aquarium.

The Denver venture will provide a major financial and creative test for Meow Wolf and its growing staff of about 200 artists, technicians and project developers. CEO Vince Kadlubek de-

scribes them as the "corporate version of an art collective."

He estimated overall investment will reach \$30 million or more and compared it to the budget of a major motion picture.

Meow Wolf plans to seek additional investors later this year in an offering that could involve equity in the company or debt obligations or both.

The company last year raised nearly \$1 million by selling off-exchange shares to employees and small-scale internet investors to fuel its expansion and equip a manufacturing and video production facility in Santa Fe.

In Santa Fe, the company invented a new brand of family entertainment that combines eye-popping psychedelic design work that lends itself to shared images on social media with narrative storytelling.

Ben Davis, a national art critic

In this July 14, 2017, file photo, Caryn Saeger, 28, of Delta, Ohio, and her 2-year-old daughter Chloe explore Meow Wolf's mazelike exhibition space in Santa Fe, N.M. Creators of a popular immersive art entertainment project in Santa Fe, are expanding to a major metropolitan market with plans for an interactive exhibit and music venue on a wedge of highway-side property in an industrial stretch of downtown Denver.

AP photo

for artnet News, said Meow Wolf has succeeded in creating a new model for big, fun visual entertainment that borrows from science fantasy and thriller films and rewards visitors as they explore labyrinthine exhibits.

Scaling up high-tech exhibits for larger audiences will likely put the business in competition with museums and theme parks that have major financial resources, he said.

Artistic details of the Denver exhibit remained largely a mystery because the company did not disclose specifics. The attraction will be three times larger than the Santa Fe project.

Windsor official backs homeless crackdown for royal wedding

LONDON (AP) — A political storm is brewing ahead of Prince Harry's and Meghan Markle's May 19 wedding over whether to crack down on homeless people and beggars in the well-to-do English town of Windsor.

The wedding will be held at Windsor Castle, the town's most famous landmark and a favored residence of Queen Elizabeth II. It is expected to draw thousands of extra visitors to the picturesque riverside town 20 miles (32 kilometers) west of London that is already popular with international tourists.

Borough council leader Simon Dudley kicked off the controversy by tweeting over the Christmas holidays about the need to clean up Windsor's streets. He then wrote to police and Conservative Prime Minister Theresa May suggesting that action be taken to reduce the presence of

beggars and the homeless.

Dudley referred to an "epidemic" of homelessness and vagrancy in Windsor and suggested many of those begging in the town are not really homeless. He said the situation presents a beautiful town in an unfavorable light. The prime minister said Thursday she does not agree with Dudley's call for police action, emphasizing that councils like the one Dudley heads must act to help the homeless.

"I think it is important that councils work hard to ensure that they are providing accommodation for those people who are homeless," said May.

Homeless charities reacted angrily Thursday to his suggestion that homelessness should be treated as a police matter so Windsor can make a positive impression on visitors during the royal nuptials. They also re-

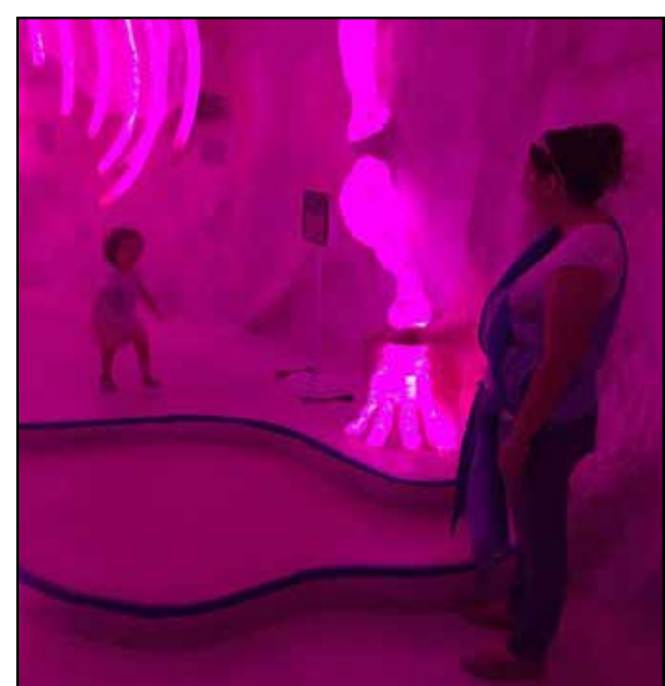
jected the assertion that Windsor's homeless were living on the streets by choice.

Greg Beales, a spokesman for Shelter, said people sleeping on the streets are in desperate need of help, particularly in winter when the weather can be dangerously cold.

"Stigmatizing or punishing them is totally counter-productive," he said.

Murphy James of the Windsor Homeless Project called Dudley's views offensive.

"It's absolutely abhorrent that anybody has got these views in this day and age, especially a lead councilor of the borough," he said. Harry and Markle will be wed on the closed-off castle grounds but have said they want the public to be involved to some degree. Harry has supported a number of charity events to help the homeless.



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US employers closed out 2017 with modest but steady hiring

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. employers added 148,000 jobs in December, a modest gain but still enough to suggest that the economy entered the new year with solid momentum.

The unemployment rate remained 4.1 percent for a third straight month, the lowest level since 2000. For all of 2017, employers added nearly 2.1 million jobs, enough to lower the unemployment rate from 4.7 percent a year ago.

Taken as a whole, Friday's government report points to the job market's strength and resilience 8½ years into an economic expansion. Job growth remains steady and is underpinning an economy that's both contributing to and benefiting from an improved global outlook. The just-enacted U.S. tax cuts, too, are raising hopes for faster growth and higher corporate profits and fueling a powerful stock market rally.

At the same time, the pace of job growth is slowing, which typically happens when unemployment falls to ultra-low levels and fewer people are available to be hired. Average monthly job gains have declined to 171,000 this year from a peak of 250,000 in 2014. Last year's job gains were the fewest since 2010.

Despite the low unemployment and the difficulty some employers face in finding enough qualified workers, pay gains remain sluggish. Average hourly earnings rose 2.5 percent in December from a year earlier — about a full percentage point lower than is typical in a healthy economy.

The December job growth, while modest, underscores the economy's continued health. Last month's pace of hiring is enough, over time, to lower the unemployment rate.

The steady but unspectacular pace of hiring and modest wage gains make it unlikely that the Federal Reserve will feel compelled to accelerate its pace of rate increases. Blockbuster job growth and rapid pay increases would have stoked fears that inflation could accelerate and potentially have nudged the Fed toward quicker rate hikes — something many stock investors fear.

Investors seemed pleased and sent stock prices up, one day after the Dow Jones industrial average broke through the 25,000 mark for the first time.

"You've got the 'Goldilocks' pace for markets: Strong growth and low inflation," said Carl Tanenbaum, chief economist at Northern Trust.

The unemployment rate for African-Americans reached a record low of 6.8 percent in December. And the jobless rate for veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq fell to 3.3 percent, also a record low.

The African-American rate is still much higher than the rate for whites, which was 3.7 percent, or



AP photo

In this Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2017, file photo, job candidates are processed during a job fair at the Amazon fulfillment center in Robbinsville Township, N.J. On Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, the U.S. government issues the December jobs report.

Asian-Americans, at 2.5 percent. Blacks have long had a higher unemployment rate than whites. But the gap is now at its lowest level since 1972, when the government began tracking the data, according to Michael Feroli, an economist at JPMorgan Chase.

Solid economic growth in both the United States and major countries overseas is supporting more hiring. Factory managers received the most new orders in December than in any month since 2004. Retailers have reported strong holiday sales. Builders are ramping up home construction to meet growing demand.

Sales of existing homes reached their fastest pace in nearly 11 years in November. Consumer confidence is at nearly a 17-year high. And the Dow Jones industrial average reached 25,000 for the first time on Thursday.

Manufacturing and construction reported strong job gains in December, adding 25,000 and 30,000 jobs, respectively. A category that includes hotels and restaurants gained 29,200.

Retailers cut 20,300 jobs, mostly in department store chains such as Macy's, which announced this week that it would close 11 additional stores. That suggests that stores hired fewer seasonal workers for the winter holidays, a sign of the impact of e-commerce.

Transportation and warehousing, a category that has grown substantially this year to keep up with online deliveries, added just 1,800 positions in December.

Most economists expect the Trump administration's tax cuts to help speed the economy's already decent pace of growth. Some envision the unemployment rate dropping as low as 3.5 percent by the end of 2018.

A rate that low would mark the lowest such level in nearly a half-century, and it would likely force

businesses to accelerate pay raises to attract and retain employees. Pay raises have remained puzzlingly weak for many U.S. workers despite the robust job market.

Some businesses, though, are already howling that they can't find enough qualified people. There are roughly 6 million available jobs, near a record high, according to government data. Should unemployment fall to 3.5 percent, those complaints will intensify.

For at least two years, economists have been expecting the falling unemployment rate to boost wages.

They point to several trends that may be keeping a lid on wage gains.

As the vast baby boom generation ages — 10,000 of them are turning 65 every day — they are

PBUWCD to begin annual water level measurements in Howard, Martin counties

Special to the Herald

STANTON — Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District (PBUWCD) personnel began annual depth-to-water level measurements Dec. 28. The data collected helps determine the effect of the 2017 pumping on groundwater levels in the aquifers within the district.

After each measurement is made, a blue vinyl sticker with the observation well number, the depth-to-water level measurement, and the date of the measurement is affixed to the well equipment or other appropriate surface near the well site.

PBUWCD personnel measure the same wells in the observation well network each year, as long as the individual wells are accessible and provide satisfactory data. The current depth-to-water measurements in individual wells are compared to that of the previous years to determine the annual change in water levels of the aquifers within the district.

The staff of the PBUWCD appreciates the cooperation of the landowners as we continue to provide this service for the residents of Howard and Martin counties. Additional information about the observation well and water level measurement programs is available by contacting the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District at 432-756-2136, or by visiting www.pbuwcd.com.

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- Anthony Anderson, 3401 Camellia Dr. #707, Temple
- Steve Antoine, 1425 E. Sixth St. #19, Big Spring
- Corina Avila, 1800 Winston St., Big Spring
- Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring
- Letitia Baucham, 1202 Stanford, Big Spring
- Linda Beck, 1713 Worley Rd., Banner Elk, N.C.
- Joshua Bell, 1962 Tuscola, Snyder
- Elda Melina Bernal, 1311 Mobile, Big Spring
- Tammy D. Bishop, 1410 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
- John Bochnicka, 538 Westover Rd. #260
- Chad Wayne Brown, 3901 Ave. O, P.O. Box 391, Snyder
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- James Bullard, 202 Fourth St., Palestine
- Melinda Burns, 2218 Carlton Way, San Angelo
- Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morning-side Way, Canyon Lake
- Jason Canales, 612 Drake Road Big Spring
- Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17th St., Big Spring
- Gloria Cerna, PO Box 55, Lamesa
- Pedro Chavarria, 1408 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
- Matilda Cortez, 302 N. St. Teresa, Stanton
- Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble
- Roy E. DeBlanc, 1066 Cutrer Rd.,

- Osyka, Miss.
- Laura W. Dennis, 1511 Scurry, Big Spring
- Humberto Diaz Jr., 3417 N. Midland Dr, Midland
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- Jimmy Dodson, 405 31st St., Snyder
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- Clayton W Durbin, 6508 Centerpoint, Big Spring
- Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
- Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E. Parker, Midland
- Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 1221 E. 17th St., Big Spring
- Joanna Esparza, 501 S. Tackitt, Seymour
- W. Carol Evans, 809 E. 33rd, Plainview
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- Kristen Falcon, 2606 Fairchild Dr., Big Spring
- Lez Faulkner, 1102 South Water, Burnet
- Jose Enrique Faz, 509 N. Goliad, Big Spring
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- Ellen French, P.O. Box 942, Poteau, Okla.
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- Scott Herrera, H.C 76, Box 97B Ash Rd., Big Spring
- Billy Dean Hill, 7117 Alissa, Rowlett
- Johnny R. Hill, 704 San Antonio, Big Spring
- Kaleb Hill, 910 Baylor, Big Spring
- Shatiya Lasha Jenkins, 4590 N. Texas #198, Odessa
- Jim Bob Jennings, 4446 Ridgecrest Amarillo 9001 Indiana Apt D, Lubbock
- Stephanie Ford Johnson, P.O. Box 483, Coahoma
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- Joni D. Kelly, 3050 Co. Rd 139, Colorado
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- Keith James Kochmick, 1003 Stadium, Big Spring
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- Kayle R. Lane, P.O. Box 83965, Waco
- Daniel Jerome Langston, 3307 Cornell Ave., Big Spring
- Rafael Lemus, 1804 Mittel, Big Spring
- Jesse Paul Lopez, 101 Scurry St., Big Spring
- Clifford G. Lowe, 501 Circle, Big Spring
- Patricia D. Lyons, 7502 Interstate 27 number A, Lubbock
- Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa
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retiring and are being replaced by younger workers, who typically earn far less money. That is likely suppressing overall wage growth, economists say.

Worker pay also depends on productivity, or how efficient employees are. And productiv-

ity has been weak for roughly a decade.

In 2000, the last time the unemployment rate fell this low, wages were growing at a 4 percent annual pace. But productivity, which measures workers' output per hour, was much higher then. A falling unemployment rate can force up pay, but rising productivity has a much greater effect.

A sad holiday tale from Barnes & Noble

NEW YORK (AP) — Shares of Barnes & Noble are tumbling to all-time lows after airing some ugly holiday sales numbers.

The beleaguered bookseller said Friday that comparable-store sales slid 6.4 percent during the crucial nine-week period ending Dec. 30.

Most retailers have strengthened digital operations and their sales have followed. At Barnes & Noble, however, online sales dropped 4.5 percent.

Amazon.com is winning over more people each year to its Prime membership program, at one point handing out trial memberships to 4 million people in one week this holiday. That's proven devastating for Barnes & Noble, where overall holiday sales fell 6.4 percent, to \$953 million.

The company says trends of improving sales leading into November began to fade by December.

Shares of Barnes & Noble Inc. fell 15 percent, to \$5.52.

US service sector expands at slower rate in December

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. services companies expanded at a slower pace in December for the second straight month, a somewhat expected softening after robust growth in the fall.

The Institute for Supply Management said its services index slipped last month to 55.9 from 57.4 in November. Those months come on the heels of a 60.1 reading in October, which was the fastest pace of growth since August 2005. September's reading of 59.8 also was a 12-year high. Any reading above 50 signals expansion.

"It had to ease up a little bit, because that fast of growth couldn't be sustained for a long period of time," said Anthony Nieves, chair of the ISM non-manufacturing business survey committee.

The services sector has reported growth for 96 consecutive months, a positive sign for the overall U.S. economy.

"All indications are that 2018 will continue with growth," Nieves said.

The service sector accounts for more than 70 percent of U.S. jobs, so any indication of continued expansion likely means steady gains for the broader economy in the coming months.

Measures of business activity and new orders also fell last month, but they still remain in positive territory. The employment index rose by 1 percentage point, which could be attributed in part to holiday hiring.

There were 14 non-manufacturing sectors that reported growth in December, including retail trade, utilities, health care and real estate. The three sectors reporting contraction were information, educational services and management of companies.

Q&A: Plan to expand offshore drilling draws cheers, jeers



AP photo

In this Oct. 17, 2017 file photo provided by the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, oil production equipment appears on Spy Island, an artificial island in state waters of Alaska's Beaufort Sea. The Trump administration on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018 moved to vastly expand offshore drilling from the Atlantic to the Arctic oceans with a plan that would open up federal waters off the Pacific coast for the first time in more than three decades. Alaska's Beaufort Sea is one of those areas.

By DAVID KOENIG and MATTHEW DALY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The energy industry is cheering the Trump administration's proposal to open nearly all U.S. coastlines to offshore oil and gas drilling, saying it will reduce U.S. dependence on foreign supplies and create jobs.

Independent experts are dubious. They cite strong opposition — even from Republicans — to some ocean drilling and question whether oil companies will invest in expensive new offshore projects when there are abundant reserves in shale on the U.S. mainland.

Questions and answers for the administration's proposal — the most expansive offshore drilling proposal in decades — along with potential roadblocks and what it could mean for U.S. energy production.

WHAT'S THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSAL?

The administration announced a new five-year plan for energy leases in federal waters. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said it would promote responsible energy development, boost jobs and pay for coastal conservation efforts. The plan proposes 47 leases starting in 2019 that Zinke said would open up 90 percent of U.S. offshore reserves to development by private companies. The plan calls for expanded

drilling in the Arctic and off the Atlantic coast and would open up waters off California for the first time in more than three decades. Drilling would be allowed from Florida to Maine in areas that have been blocked for decades.

An effort to expand offshore leasing was expected ever since last April, when President Donald Trump signed an executive order encouraging more drilling rights in federal waters to help the U.S. achieve "energy dominance" in the global market.

WHAT DOES THE ENERGY INDUSTRY THINK?

Industry groups praised the plan. The American Petroleum Institute's Erik Milito said it would increase national energy security, encourage economic growth, help consumers and create thousands of new jobs.

The Independent Petroleum Association of America said opening new areas to leasing would increase knowledge about potential resources and help companies make decisions about where to invest while boosting development of America's abundant energy resources.

WHAT DO ENVIRONMENTALISTS THINK?

A coalition of more than 60 environmental groups immediately denounced the plan, saying it would cause "severe and unacceptable harm" to America's oceans, coastal economies, pub-

lic health and marine life.

"These ocean waters are not President Trump's personal playground. They belong to all Americans and the public wants them preserved and protected, not sold off to multinational oil companies," said a statement from members of the coalition, which included the Sierra Club, the Natural Resources Defense Council and the League of Conservation Voters.

WHAT DO THE COASTAL STATES SAY?

Some lawmakers in coastal states support offshore drilling, but in some states even Republicans were critical of the Trump proposal.

In Florida, Republican Gov. Rick Scott asked for an immediate meeting with Zinke. Rep. Brian Mast, a conservative Republican who represents a coastal district north of Miami, said oil drilling off the Florida coast "puts our economy, environment and marine life at risk."

Republican Gov. Larry Hogan of Maryland asked the administration to withdraw proposed leases off his state's coast.

Democratic governors along the West Coast blasted the plan. In a joint statement, California Gov. Jerry Brown, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown and Washington Gov. Jay Inslee vowed to "do whatever it takes to stop this reckless,

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Martha McDonald Martin, 600 Driver Rd, Big Spring
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Ethel Laverne McVae, 4202 Parkway Rd. Big Spring
Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring
Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover number 236, Big Spring

Callie Nicole Partlow, 2905 Navajo Dr., Big Spring
Dana Kay Peach, 1806 N 13th, Lamesa
Nicole Preston, 1605 E 11th place, Big Spring
Jacquelin Dannon Ramey, 1404 E 6th St.,
Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring
Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring
George Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Rd. #14, Big Spring

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

Marriage Licenses

James Lee Dorland, 59, and Terri Lynn Schroeder, 55, both of Big Spring.

County Court Judgments

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

Defendant: Cody Webster
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than two ounces
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$327 court cost, ten days in jail
Date: Nov. 29,2017

Defendant: Allen Ray Ward
Offense: Tehft of property less in between \$750 to

\$2,500.
Sentence: \$317 in court cost, ten days in jail
Date: Dec. 8, 2017

Defendant: Dalton R. Evans
Offense: Possession of controlled substance in between 3 to 28 grams
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$327 court cost, 20 days in jail
Date: Dec. 6, 2017

Defendant: Tracy Hudgins

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short-sighted action."

WILL THE PLAN BE APPROVED?

Thursday's proposal is a draft. There will be a period for public comments, and environmentalists and possibly officials in some coastal states are likely to sue. Some sensitive or politically unpopular parts of the plan, like drilling off California, could be jettisoned. Final approval is unlikely for months or even years.

DOES THE U.S. NEED THE OIL?

The oil industry likes the idea that these areas, long off-limits, could someday be home to drilling rigs. But interest in developing them right away would be stronger if oil were still over \$100 a barrel, as it was in 2014, instead of current prices hovering around \$60 per barrel.

"There will be some selective interest, but it's going to be limited in this price environment and the continued growth of shale," said Brian Youngberg, an oil-industry analyst with Edward Jones.

Advances in pumping oil and natural gas from shale formations have spurred huge growth in the U.S. energy industry. More efficient vehicles, tougher policies to limit climate change, and the growth of renewable energy mean that demand for oil could peak — although there are huge differences of opinion about when that might happen.

WOULD IT INCREASE U.S. PRODUCTION?

Even if the administration's leasing program is reduced by the comment process or lawsuits, experts think it could boost production, but not for several years at least.

Jason Bordoff, an energy expert at Columbia University and a former Obama administration official, said the size of the Trump administration's proposal is huge. "You're not going to see this much of the offshore opened to drilling or lease sales," he said.

Still, Bordoff believes some new areas are likely to be opened and that "could have an impact on U.S. production. But this is pretty far down the road — likely well into the 2020s."

Exxon Mobil Corp. finds more oil in deep waters off Guyana

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — Exxon Mobil Corp. is reporting another significant oil discovery in deep Atlantic Ocean waters off Guyana.

The company says its Ranger-1 well hit a major oil reservoir in an area known as the Stabroek Block off the South American country. The well was drilled to a depth of 21,161 feet (6,450 meters) in 8,973 feet (2,735 meters) of water.

The discovery announced Friday by Exxon Mobil and partner Hess Corp. is the sixth significant find in the block since 2015. The area holds an estimated 3.2 billion barrels of recoverable oil. Exxon Mobil officials told reporters in Guyana last week that production would start in late 2019 or early 2020.

Neighboring Venezuela is pressing a territorial claim to an area of Guyana that includes part of the Stabroek Block.

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Offense: Theft of property in between \$750 to \$2,500
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$317 in court cost, 20 days in jail

Date: Dec. 6, 2017

Defendant: Patrick Rios

Offense: Fail to ID, fugitive give false information
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 in court cost, 20 day sin jail

Date: Dec. 6, 2017

Defendant: Johnny Juarez

Offense: possession of marijuana less than two ounces
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$327 in court cost, 11 days in jail

Date: Oct. 25, 2017

Defendant: Anselmo Rangel

Offense: Possession of marijuana less than two ounces
Sentence: 12 months probation

Date: Sept. 12, 2017

Defendant: Miranda Johnson

Offense: Theft of property in between \$750 to \$2,500.
Sentence: 12 months probation

Date: Sept. 12, 2017

Defendant: Treycee Fairman

Offense: Theft of property in between \$750 to \$2,500
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$342 court cost, 45 days in jail

Date: Sept. 25, 2017

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Tri Dal Construction Ltd.

Grantee: Tri Dal Real Estate

Property: Being a 25.387 acre tract of land out of the East part of section 13, block 33, T an dP, Railroad Company Survey.

Date: Dec. 28, 2017

Grantor: ASRO Management, LLP

Grantee: Karen Edwards

Property: Lot 28, block 4, highland park addition to the city of Big Spring

Date: Dec. 28, 2017

Grantor: Stephen Allen Summers and Cynthia Lynn

Why cable bills are rising again and what can you do



AP photo

This Wednesday, May 30, 2007, file photo shows a cable box on top of a television in Philadelphia. Cable and satellite TV providers are ringing in 2018 with an unwelcomed gift: higher cable bills. Although annual rate hikes are inevitable, many consumers manage to lower their bills by pushing back and getting promotional rates.

By TALI ARBEL

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Cable and satellite TV providers are ringing in the new year with an unwelcomed gift: higher cable bills.

Comcast, for instance, says customer bills will rise 2.2 percent, on average, in 2018. AT&T is raising DirecTV's prices by up to \$8 a month in mid-January. Smaller providers are planning increases, too.

Over the past decade, prices for TV service have risen almost twice as fast as inflation, according to an analysis of government data. Data provider S&P Global Market Intelligence says customers' cable and satellite TV bills have soared 53 percent since 2007, to \$100.98 in 2017.

Annual rate hikes are as guaranteed as death and taxes. But you can push back and trim your bill.

PUSH BACK

You can threaten to ditch your cable company in hopes of getting a discount. Companies will

often offer a promotional rate for a year or two — though they may also try to get you to upgrade packages in the process. BillFixers, a service that fights on your behalf in return for a cut of your savings, estimates that 55 percent of customers are on a promotion at any given time.

But just having a discount doesn't mean it's a good one. BillFixers' founder, Ben Kurland, recommends calling to complain about prices and rejecting the first deal offered. More often than not, a better discount will be available if you ask for it. Repeatedly.

If you decide to cut one of your services, like your home phone, but you feel that you are still paying too much, Kurland advises calling back again in a month and seeing if there are any new discounts.

Cable companies are already dealing with customers dropping TV service entirely. That hurts the networks, too, as their fees are based on the number of subscribers. It's in everyone's interest to keep you as a customer,

even if you are paying less.

Many promotions are automatic after you initially sign up for service and last for a year or two. That may protect you from immediate price hikes, at least partially. Those deals don't always include equipment charges and separate fees for over-the-air networks, including ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC (yes, you're paying for them, too, even though they are free with an antenna).

CORD-CUTTING

An increasingly popular option is to just peace out. Though there are still 94 million cable and satellite TV customers, that's roughly 4 million fewer than two years ago, according to MoffettNathanson Research.

You don't have to drop TV networks completely. Online TV services such as YouTube TV, DirecTV Now and Sling TV offer smaller packages of channels, often for less than what cable charges. MoffettNathanson estimates these services have 3.5 million customers combined. Make sure the service has your favorite channels, as these services have notable gaps.

Antennas are also available for \$50 or less. You get over-the-air networks for free, although reception might not be perfect.

Be careful: Paying for online services to replace TV could eventually add up to more than a \$100 cable bill, especially as more services are created to compete for your dollars. Disney, for instance, is pulling its movies from Netflix and plans its own streaming service in 2019. On the other hand, it's easy to cancel after a month or two of catching up on shows; cancelling cable is a chore by comparison.

Warranty Deeds with Vendors' Liens

Grantor: Lee Harris Management, LLC

Grantee: William B. Yvon Jr., and Sherrie Koepke

Property: Being all of lot number four, in block number two, Mountain Park Addition to the city of Big Spring.

Date: Dec. 29, 2017

Grantor: Polly Speaker, not joined by spouse for the reason that the property conveyed herein is sole and separate property and does not constitute any part of any homestead.

Grantee: Danny R. Davis Sr.

Property: Being all of lot number five and six, in block number one, Suburban Heights Addition to the city of Big Spring

Date: Dec. 29, 2017

Grantor: Jaime Nuno and Gracie Nuno

Grantee: Daniel Robert White

Property: Lot number 19, in block number two, in Monticello Addition to the City of Big Spring.

Date: Dec. 29, 2017

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| 8 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
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ANSWER:

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

An honorable decision

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A Q 6 5
 ♥ J 10 3
 ♦ A Q 9 7
 ♣ K 5

WEST
 ♠ 9 7
 ♥ 8 4
 ♦ 6 2
 ♣ A Q 10 9 6 4 2

EAST
 ♠ J 10 8 3
 ♥ A Q 9 6 5 2
 ♦ 10 4 3
 ♣ —

SOUTH
 ♠ K 4 2
 ♥ K 7
 ♦ K J 8 5
 ♣ J 8 7 3

The bidding:
 East 2♥ South Pass West 3♣ North Dble
 Pass 3NT
 Opening lead eight of hearts.

How to make the most effective use of your honor cards is an important concern on almost every deal you encounter. Electing to play or withhold an honor card may be the key to making or breaking the contract.

For example, take this deal where West led the eight of hearts against three notrump. Declarer very properly covered the eight with dummy's ten, and East now had to decide which heart to play.

After considerable thought, he chose to cover the ten with the queen. This play would have proven eminently successful if South had taken the trick with the king. In that case, whenever declarer tried to score his ninth trick by leading a club toward the king, West would rise with the ace and return a heart, allowing East to run his hearts.

But South also had a decision to make at trick one, and he very smartly refused to win the first trick with the king, thereby gumming up the East-West defense. After the queen held, there was no way to stop South from scoring three spades, four diamonds, a heart and a club for a total of nine tricks.

Subsequent analysis revealed that if East had allowed dummy's ten to win the opening trick, retaining both his ace and queen, he would have fared much better. When West later gained the lead with the ace of clubs, his heart return would have sunk the contract.

In refusing to play either of his honors at trick one, East should conclude that defensive prospects are very poor unless he can run his hearts, and that this can occur only if West has another heart to lead. Once East credits West with a second heart, the play of the six or nine on the opening trick — requesting a later continuation — is clearly correct.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Love's Wounds Mend This Libra Moon

By HOLIDAY MATHIS

Old pain can be remembered but not really felt. With age comes perspective. The sting of rejection, the longing for elusive love -- for many, that's all left somewhere in the snows of yesteryear. Look for living proof that hearts heal, love's wounds mend and life goes on. The mature will be a source of help and inspiration to the inexperienced this Libra moon.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). No one is the same in every situation. The situation changes and so will each person's role. The key to predicting individual behavior is not in understanding the individual so much as understanding the situation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Everyone craves moments of solitude throughout the day, although some need it more than others. You've a talent for knowing how much space to give people for the optimal relationship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Instant and radical changes are possible, but they seldom stick. You'll have complete, if gradual, success with a plan that includes incremental change, reinforced over time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You could tell a million stories if you wanted to, but you've too much respect for the beauty and stillness around you to spoil the pockets of pure tranquility you'll encounter today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've a talent for quickly getting to the essence of a problem, and today's challenge will be technological in nature. On a side note, music will be an important part of your day and mood.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your character is not represented in a single act. Rather, it's the average of many behaviors over time. You'll work on being the



person you want to be more consistently.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may think a person is not responding to you, but no reaction (SET ITAL)is(ENIT) the response. Take this into consideration, and choose your next move carefully and in the knowledge that you deserve respectful and timely attention.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Social experts suggest that each person has 40 seconds to speak before running the risk of dominating the exchange. Your gracious awareness of whom gets airtime, for how long and why will make you very popular.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Even though you are quite satisfied with many aspects of your life, you still think it would be better if you were more conscientious. You'll deliver on this today, creating happiness for others and spreading goodwill.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Persistence will win out once again. But be persistent in making the effort, not in the way you make it. When it's not working one way, change your approach.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The people in your life will help to reduce your stress, not cause more of it. Furthermore, they would say the same of you. This is how you know you belong together.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Some people don't know what they have until they've sampled a lot of the world. You're different. You don't need the comparison to know that what you have is rare. This kind of happiness could only come from something special.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 7). Your determination ramps up over the next six weeks as a casual desire

becomes an absolute must for your life. Your prize is coming. Keep working. A competition will bring out your best. Friendship and love get your attention in March. Your planning will allow for a spectacular summer trip. Aries and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 28, 18, 4, 20 and 7.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The headlining act on this week's cosmic show is a tight power trio of the sun, Venus and Pluto. The actual solar conjunction of Venus then Pluto happens on Tuesday, Jan. 9, but the driving celestial music continues all through the week. In short, these planetary power players are ready to rock us. The realm of Capricorn is an authoritative influence for the softer assets of Venus. Love becomes assertive; fun takes a daring turn; work challenges and exhilarates us. Pluto handles the bigger issues of life with confidence; the sun empowers his stance. It's a week when many will feel that the big picture and small picture are fitting perfectly together, which makes momentum easier to achieve. March on.

Mercury, the minister of communication, moves into Capricorn on Thursday, Jan. 11. Though levity and humor can be effective tools for creating bonds and coping with life, there will be many situations in the next few weeks in which the humor is better left out of the equation entirely, just to avoid confusion. Address problems directly. Keep exchanges very simple and to the point. Make sure the work is done before relaxing. Appropriateness reigns king.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Academy Award winner Nicolas Cage confessed that as a student he was often bored with the teacher's presentations, preferring to learn through experience. Steep challenge is the optimal teacher for courageous Capricorns such as Cage. In the months to come, we can expect the release of upward of six major film projects starring the prolific Cage.

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37 ___ double
38 Prompter's query
45 Habitual birdwatcher
46 Word from the French for "stir up"
50 Viperine beast
51 Obtain uncombined, in a lab
52 Carbon-fiber propeller
53 Tintypes of a tin type
54 Spiritless
55 It's northwest of Frankfurt
56 Certain space seller
58 Unequivocal turndown
62 Lead voice in *The Lorax*

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1 High point of many towns
2 Chief
3 Antonym of "enhance"
4 Limelight lovers, supposedly
5 Grammy-winning name in the *Training Day* cast
6 Condition introduction
7 ___ Bucks (Ivy Leaguers' dining certificates)
8 "Common" quality
9 Selection indication
10 It's behind many whodunits
11 OPEC's biggest customer
12 Who you know
13 Mars pet food brand
14 Change nothing
21 Assuming
24 Place for reading or writing
25 "The child of Nature," per Longfellow
26 Cold ___
29 Former title for four of the last seven VPs
33 Audacious adventure
34 Beach bum, for one
35 Common clue for "flea"
36 Seashell souvenir
38 Text, essentially

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Black Panther movie causing excitement around country

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There's a Black Panther party going on all around the country.

Superhero fans, movie fans and especially connoisseurs of black culture — American and African — are eagerly awaiting the debut of Marvel's "Black Panther" movie starring comic books' first black superhero with an enthusiasm not often seen in American cinema.

"Black Panther" viewing parties are being scheduled around the country for its February release, smack dab in the middle of Black History Month. Clothing lines are being designed around the bright colors and Afrofuturism styles of Wakanda. And Grammy-winning rapper Kendrick Lamar was just named to produce the soundtrack.

And people are already calling the still-unseen movie one of the most important of 2018, despite the fact that the character that has only appeared once on the silver screen and until now, has not occupied the same pantheon as stalwarts like Superman, Batman and Spiderman.

But for some fans, none of that matters.

"As the father of two little black boys I'm super excited to have a superhero that looks like them on screen," said Glen Greezy of New York City, who plans to hit Times Square and see the movie on opening weekend along with more than 900 of his friends on Facebook.

"Other superheroes are great and I see their movies too, but something about having a black man as the main character in a superhero movie is extra appealing."

"Black Panther," starring Chadwick Boseman as the eponymous superhero, opens on February 16, picking up the adventures of the newly crowned African king and superhero who debuted in 2016's "Captain America: Civil War."

Existing in the same shared universe as Iron Man, the Hulk, Captain America and Spiderman, the Panther, however, the Black Panther's adventures center around his futuristic hidden homeland of Wakanda, considered to be the most technologically advanced nation on Marvel's earth. In the new movie, T'Challa, the Black Panther's real name, must battle longtime adversaries with the aid of his all-female bodyguards and a CIA agent to maintain control of his country and prevent a world war.

Directed by Ryan Coogler, it also has an all-star cast including Angela Bassett, Lupita Nyong'o, Michael B. Jordan, Forest Whitaker, Danai Gurira, Sterling K. Brown and more.

For many people, the Black Panther movie isn't just a movie; it's a symbol of change.

"Black Panther" is just going to be really special. ... I don't plug into film anticipation. But I can feel it. A lot of my friends have asked me to go to the premiere! Everyone in my network is excited about it, and you can feel it when they're not," Daniel Kaluuya, the "Get Out" star who also is featured in "Black Panther," told The Associated Press recently.

The internet explodes each time a new trailer, poster or piece of artwork debuts from the movie, sparking hashtags like #BlackPantherSoLit and #WelcometoWakanda. Twitter declared that Black Panther was one of the most tweeted-about movies of 2017, and the only movie on the list that hadn't premiered yet.

"Do we really have to wait until February!" lamented Elwood L. Robinson, chancellor of Winston-Salem State Uni-



AP photo

This image released by Disney and Marvel Studios' shows Chadwick Boseman in a scene from "Black Panther," in theaters on Feb. 16, 2018.

versity in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on Twitter while sporting a Black Panther T-shirt.

Groups like MALIK Fraternity Inc., the first collegiate fraternity founded on the concept of African fraternalism, in Charlotte, North Carolina and the Intentional Community Building Collective and Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle in Baltimore, are assembling discussion panels on the movie's themes.

Created by Stan Lee and Jack Kirby, the minds behind Spider-Man, the Fantastic Four and other Marvel comics, the Black Panther holds a unique position in comic book history. While not the first black comic book hero — the first black character to headline his own comic book was Dell Comics' Western hero and gunfighter Lobo in 1965 — the Black Panther is considered the first black superhero, introduced as a supporting character in Fantastic Four in 1966 and later featured in his own book.

There has been a renaissance with black superheroes on television as well. "Black Lightning" debuts on the CW on January 16 featuring an educator who gains electrical powers and becomes a superhero. "Luke Cage," a television show about a former convict with superhuman strength and unbreakable skin, premiered on Netflix in 2016 and will begin a second season later this year.

Cage debuted in a self-titled comic book "Luke Cage, Hero for Hire" in 1972 with an exaggerated Afro and a catchphrase "Sweet Christmas!" He was followed by Black Lightning in a DC comic book in 1977.

There have been

other black superhero movies — Wesley Snipes starred as the vampire slayer Blade in one of the first Marvel movies, and Robert Townsend starred in a comedic parody of superheroes in "Meteor Man" — but their movies did

not bring out the enthusiasm that the Black Panther is seeing.

"What is significant now, however, is that this age of convergence of film franchises with social media, a black superhero movie with an al-

most all-black cast conveys power, that we have arrived. It's evolution," said Christopher Chambers, a Georgetown University media studies professor.