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Soar to the Silver Wings Ball



File photo

Those attending 2017's Silver Wings Ball enjoy a meal in the Hotel Settles banquet room. This year's Ball kicks off Jan. 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the Settles.

By AMBER MANSFIELD

Staff Writer

It's time to soar into a night of music, cocktails, and fun, at the Hangar 25 Air Museum's annual Silver Wings Ball this Jan. 27, 2018, at the Settles Hotel. This annual donation ball is held once a year in order to raise money for the Hangar 25 Air Museum. In the mid 1990s, Hangar 25 had laid dormant for years slowly deteriorating, until a small group of citizens took action to restore and preserve the facility, and

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convert it to a museum reflecting the heritage of the men and women who served our country

"Since the museum is a non profit organization, we use this ball as an opportunity to raise funds to support the museum for a whole year," said Bond Ryan, Silver Wings Ball Committee Chairman. "But this year is a special year for the Hangar, this will be the '20th Annual Silver Wings Ball.'" Ryan goes on to say that this year they will be having some special on goings at this year's ball to

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BSISD recognizes school board members Special to the Herald

January is School Board Recognition Month and Big Spring ISD is joining other districts across the state to thank these community volunteers for their commitment and contributions to our public schools. School board members serve countless hours working to make public education the best it can be

for every child. In a climate of change and challenge, they develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues that affect the entire community and the lives of individual students. They bear responsibility and oversight in Big Spring ISD for nearly 4000 students in grades PK-12 and more than 650 employees on 9 campuses.

Preparing today's students to be productive citizens and the leaders of tomorrow is a tremendous task. As elected officials, school board mem-

bers are the voice of their communities, serving first and foremost in the best interest of our schoolchildren.

We proudly salute these education advocates as they provide vision and leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding, and school facilities. Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those most familiar with the needs of our community's children and families. These dedicated individuals deserve recognition and thanks for their unfailing commitment to the continuing success of our students, now and in the future.

The men and women serving Big Spring ISD are President Tony Kennedy, Vice President Chad Wash, Secretary Fabian Serrano, Maria Padilla, Manny Chavira, Julie Harris, and Tom Olague.

Great leadership always begins with a willing heart, positive attitude, and a desire to make a difference. Please join us as we applaud these local leaders for helping our kids soar to success.

City, county announce MLK closures Special to the Herald

City of Big Spring and Howard County officials have issued press releases detailing their closure for Monday's Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

According to the city's release, all city offices, including the landfill and sanitation services, will be closed Monday in observance of the holiday. Emergency services including police, fire, and emergency medical services will continue normal operations. Emergency utility services will be on call at 264-2392 during the holiday. Normal operations will resume Tuesday.

Howard County's press release is similar. The county will close all offices Monday in observance of MLK Day. Administrative offices at the Sheriff's Department will close, but law enforcement services will continue to operate as normal.

Trout fishing in Big Spring TP&W stocks Comanche Trail Lake with fish



Courtesy photo

The City of Big Spring partnered with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department to stock Comanche Trail Lake with Rainbow Trout this past Friday. Over 4,000 catchable-size trout were released into the lake during this stocking and the one before it, on Dec 5, 2017. The goal of the TPWD's rainbow trout stocking program is to provide a unique winter fishing opportunity, and give support to educational fishing programs. Since 1966 the TPWD has stocked more than 8.2 million rainbow trout into numerous locations around the state.

SMMC holds job fair



HERALD photo/Erin Stephens

Scenic Mountain Medical Center hosted a job fair in the main lobby on Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The job fair was open to the public and the goal was to collect resumes of potential new SMMC staff, for the Behavioral Health Unit that will soon be opening inside the hospital.

SMMC Behavioral Health Unit Nursing Director Stacy Flores and other SMMC staff members conducted informal interviews and assisted guests with the process of filling out their applications.



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Obituaries

Alta Belle Wright Bristo



Funeral services for Alta Belle Wright Bristo, 75, of Monroe, Louisiana, will be held at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018, at Whites Ferry Road Church of Christ, West Monroe, La. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery, under the direction of Mulhearn Funeral Home, Sterlington Road, Monroe.

Mrs. Bristo passed from this life Wednesday morning Jan. 10, 2018, in Monroe while in the presence of her sons.

Mrs. Bristo was born in Clarksdale, Miss., on May 13, 1942. She is the Daughter of James Vardeman Wright and Ellen Samuels Wright. She was a 1960 graduate of University High in Oxford, Miss., and Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas, in 1975. She was a member of the marching band at the University of Mississippi, as well as the Big Purple band at Abilene Christian University.

Alta married Larry Eugene Bristo of Lamesa, Texas, on Jan. 28, 1962, in Mississippi. Alta spent her professional career as a home economics teacher in the state of Texas. Most of this career was at Forsan High School, in Forsan, Texas.

She was an active member of Whites Ferry Road Church of Christ in West Monroe, La. She

was also a volunteer for CASA and a substitute teacher at Ouachita Christian School in Monroe, La. Throughout her life, she was active in prison ministry and benevolent work for those in need. Her passion was helping mentor younger women through her nurturing spirit and financial support.

Alta is preceded in death by her husband, Larry. Her survivors include her three sons and their spouses, James Cullen Bristo of Dallas, Texas, Daniel Gene Bristo of Monroe, La., and Benjamin Judd Bristo of Clermont, Fla.; her grandchildren, Katie Nicole Bristo Franklin, Braden James Bristo, Jeremy Daniel Bristo, Anna Caroline Bristo, and Elizabeth Diane Bristo; her sisters, Mary Ellen Wright Murphy and Edna Earle Wright; and her brother, James Vardeman Wright.

Visitation will be 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, at Mulhearn Funeral Home, Monroe, La.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ouachita Christian School, Monroe, La.

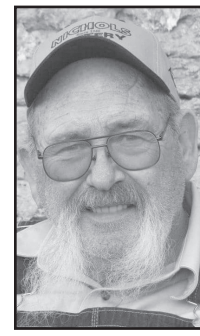
A special thanks goes to the staff of Avalon Place for their loving professional care.

Alta will be remembered through the legacy of service and surrender to the will of Christ that she instilled in her family and that will be seen for generations to come.

Online Registry/Condolences: www.mulhearn-funeralhome.com.

Paid Obituary

Jerry W. Morgan



Jerry W. Morgan, 73, passed away Jan. 11, 2018, at his home in Eula, Texas. He was born April 8, 1944, grew up in Forsan, Texas, and was the youngest of five children.

Jerry worked for the Big Spring Fire Department before starting his trucking career. He retired from the Abilene State School. He was a beloved dad, proud papa and will be deeply missed. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and riding his Harley.

He preceded in death by his parents, Roy Holcombe and Mattie (Alexander) Holcombe; and three brothers, Bob Morgan, John Morgan and Baby Morgan.

He is survived by his special companion of 16 years, his dog Ms. Mollie along with his children, Angie (Ritchie) Yarbar, Wally Morgan, Gina (Chris) Peterson, Michael (Kayla) Simpson, Brady (Krista) Lane and Renae (Stephen) Crippen; and one brother, Preston Morgan. Grandchildren, Chelsey and Seth Yarbar, Tate Peterson, Holden and Hayden Simpson, Tylynn and Catalina Lane, Kyler, Trey, Kellan and Quinn Crippen. A special thanks to his best friend, Merle Hill from the family.

Visitation will be Monday, Jan. 15 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 2 at Myers and Smith Funeral Home, 301 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

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

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **JOHN DANIEL RENTERIEA**, 39, of 4221 CR A 3500, was arrested on the charge of driving while license invalid or suspended.

• **JOHNNY RAY-MICHAEL RUEDA**, 31, of 4111 Muir, was arrested on the warrants of two counts of

driving while license invalid, and failure to signal.

• **ANDERS COLLAZO**, 28, of 3622 Cuatro Vientos, was arrested on the charge of driving while license suspended.

• **ADOLFO CANTU JR.**, 46, of 209 NE 6th, was arrested on possession of controlled substance in between one to four grams.

Take Note

• Cross stitch squares are now ready for the 2018 Howard County Fair quilt. Theme for this year's quilt is "The Love of Dogs." Anyone able to help by stitching a square may pick one up at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. For questions or for more information, please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

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

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

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

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

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10

a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People inter-

ested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

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

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

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

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

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

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

LaVera Ann Mitchell

LaVera Ann Mitchell, 86, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, in a Lewisville hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Hattie Mae Graham

Hattie Mae Graham, 89, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, at her residence in Rockwall, Texas. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Support Groups

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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celebrate 20 years of helping preserve the history of the Museum.
“We don’t want to give any details away, and just really want to incite people to come,” said Ryan. “It’s going to be a really good time for the guests, while supporting a great cause.” This year you will at the ball you can expect a cash bar, a five course meal provided by the Hotel Settles, a live and silent auction, which in previous auctions has been to include signed

sports memorable and donations from local business’ such as Elrods Furniture, and live music provided by “The Southwest Jazz Band.”
“The music is always wonderful and the dancing is always fun,” said Gay Smith, five year volunteer of the Hangar. “Everyone gathers together to just have a good time while showing support for a great cause.”
The largest fundraiser for the Hangar 25, the Silver Wings Ball will be held at the Hotel Settles, and the dress is formal/Texas formal wear. To start off this exciting year for the Silver Wings Ball, cocktail hour will begin

at 5 p.m., followed by a sit down dinner provided by the Settles, and followed by the auctions.
“The Settles is such a beautiful place to have the ball,” said Smith. “Every year those who comes have the best time, and we always hope to have a good turn out.” Tickets for this event are \$50 per person or reserve a table for \$500. There will be a game of chance going on during the ball, for a prize of a one night stay in the Hotel Settles’ suite with an adjoining room and a bottle of bubbly.
“There are tickets still available for those who want to come and join in

on the fun,” said Smith “And if there are any tickets still left by the Ball, then we will sell them at the door.”
“We want the community to come hang out, and bring awareness to preserving the history of the Museum,” said Bond. “The Hangar is a big part of Big Spring’s history and an important part of the community.”
To purchase your tickets early, or too find out more information, contact Hangar 25 Air Museum at 432-264-1999.

Leaders say Trump presidency is at odds with MLK’s legacy



AP photo

In this Jan. 16, 2017 file photo, President-elect Donald Trump shakes hands with Martin Luther King III, son of Martin Luther King Jr. at Trump Tower in New York. King III, met with Trump on the last King holiday, four days before Trump took office. He spoke to the then-president-elect about the importance of voting rights — only to see Trump establish a now-defunct commission to investigate voter fraud, which some saw as a move to intimidate minority voters. “I would like to believe that the president’s intentions are not to be divisive, but much of what he says seems or feels to be divisive,” King III told AP in an interview. “It would be wonderful to have a president who talked about bringing America together and exhibited that, who was involved in doing a social project ... that would show humility.”

By ERRIN HAINES WHACK

AP National Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The first Martin Luther King Jr. holiday of Donald Trump’s presidency is taking place amid a racial firestorm of Trump’s own making.

In the same week that he honored King by making a national park out of the ground where King was born and preached until his death, Trump denigrated practically the entire African diaspora, and left many Americans headed into the civil rights icon’s birthday convinced that the leader of their country is a racist.

For African-Americans particularly, this latest insult from Trump felt like whiplash. Barely a year ago, America’s first black president, Barack Obama, marked his final King Day in office with his usual community service; now, his successor is presiding over a racial backlash the country has hardly seen in more than a generation.

Trump has denied being racist, labeling himself the “least racist person there is” during his 2016 campaign. Some of his actions leading up to this year’s federal holiday honoring King’s birth seemed to be an attempt to live up to that.

He began last week by designating the historic site around King’s Atlanta birth home as a nation-

al park. By week’s end, Trump was signing a King holiday proclamation with the martyred activist’s nephew at his side.

But in between, the president sat in a White House meeting on immigration policy and denigrated much of the African diaspora as “shithole countries” while expressing a preference for immigrants from Norway, a majority white nation.

This is the type of thing, activists, religious leaders and scholars say, that puts Trump’s presidency in direct conflict with the legacy of King, who was assassinated April 4, 1968 while trying to make America a more inclusive society.

King’s daughter, the Rev. Bernice King, will be the keynote speaker at the commemorative service honoring her father at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. As is the custom for most presidents, Trump is not expected to participate, but she does hope he will observe the holiday.

“This is what I would like President Trump to do: Don’t let the King Holiday find you using your Twitter account in an inappropriate way,” Bernice King told The Associated Press in an interview. “If he can dare to do that, I would be proud on that day that our president honored Dr. King by not doing things that are offensive.”

Much of Trump’s first year as president has been

marked by racial controversy. Last February, Trump kicked off Black History Month by praising long-dead abolitionist Frederick Douglass in the present tense, as if Douglass were still alive. He referred to NFL players protesting systemic racism as “sons of bitches” and suggested they should be benched or fired for their refusal to stand during the national anthem.

During a speech to African leaders last fall, he referred to the non-existent country of “Nambia” when attempting to discuss Namibia. In June, he said Nigerian immigrants would “never go back to their huts” after coming to the U.S.

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Civil rights leaders said Friday the president’s comments are not new, but are the most recent and glaring proof of Trump’s racist views, and shocking to the point that congressional leaders and Americans can no longer ignore his bigotry.

“The Trump era ... is a direct assault on the legacy of Dr. King,” said the Rev. Raphael Warnock, pastor of Ebenezer, where King preached for the last eight years of his life. “The conversation about who we are as Americans has shifted and given in to a kind of xenophobia that makes it difficult to discuss issues that affect all Americans.”

During the civil rights movement, King directly confronted and exposed the ills of racism, and led a movement that pressured the American government to end legalized segregation. He spent the last year of his life condemning what he called the “triple evils” of racism, poverty and war.

Bernice King, who serves as chief executive officer of The King Center for Nonviolent Social Change, said the lesson of nonviolence is to focus on defeating injustice, not individuals. She said her father’s life and work should be applied to the current moment, where racism has again come out into the open.

“Trump’s election could be a blessing in disguise,” Bernice King said. “This is the opportunity for America to correct itself.”

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Gregorio Estrella Arenivaz, 75, died Wednesday. He will lie in state from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018, and Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Jerry Morgan, 73, died Friday. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Rickey Earl Hokes, Jr., 4 day old infant, son of Brianna Graham and Rickey Earl Hokes, Sr., died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help the family with funeral expenses.

Largest wildfire on record in California finally contained

VENTURA, Calif. (AP) — The largest wildfire on record in California was declared contained on Friday, days after mud on the coastal mountain slopes it scorched crashed down on homes during a storm, killing at least 18 people.

The Thomas fire was declared 100 percent surrounded after ravaging Ventura and Santa Barbara counties northwest of Los Angeles for more than a month. A cause has not yet been determined.

Some areas of Los Padres National Forest remain closed to the public until au-

thorities determine it is safe to enter.
The blaze began on Dec. 4 and fierce winds drove the flames through tinder-dry brush, chaparral and trees. The fire blackened 440 square miles (1,140.76 square kilometers) — an area nearly as large as Los Angeles.

Flames whipped through foothill communities and forest wilderness. More than 1,000 buildings, including many homes, were incinerated and thousands of people were forced to flee.

Evacuations were called for Montecito as flames topped ridges above the wealthy enclave that was hit by waves of mud on Tuesday.

Two people were killed in the fire. Cory Iverson, a 32-year-old state firefighter, died of burns and smoke inhalation while working in

steep country above Fillmore.
A preliminary state fire report said Iverson was laying hose line near a fire-break cut by bulldozers when he became surrounded by spot fires that exploded around him and cut off his retreat.

Four other members of his team managed to escape.
Some Montecito families had only recently returned home when another evacuation call went out on Monday.

Forecasters warned that the approaching storm could unleash flooding and mudslides because fire-scorched areas had lost vegetation that stabilizes soil.
Cascades of mud, boulders, trees and other debris inundated the community, destroying at least 100 homes.

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DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, You turn our pain and anxiety into warmth and gladness. Amen.

The new Big Spring

We're so proud of the way our spring looks now. It's great to see people enjoy-

ing it." — Debbie Wegman, Big Spring Visitors Center.

Big Spring resident Aubrey Weaver has a friend who wrote a song about Big Spring and wanted a photo of the city's namesake for the album cover. Aubrey took his friend to the spring and was disappointed in the way it looked. "I was struck by the fact that it was not attractive," says Aubrey. "It did not make a good first impression."

Aubrey, a student of architecture and design, went to the Convention and Visitors Bureau and told Debbie the spring needed some attention. He gave the CVB board a power point presentation. "I pointed out that we should hire the best landscape design firm we could find to make improvements."

Debbie took it to the city council. "Everybody seemed excited

about the prospects," says Debbie, who became project manager. The firm chosen to do the renovation was KDC Associates of Midland. Kelly Cook was the architect in charge. "From the beginning we felt a very strong sense of urgency to make sure it was done right," says Kelly. "A lot of spirits inhabit this place and we wanted to honor those."

The cost of making improvements to the spring was just under 2 million dollars, which came from hotel/motel taxes, grants and donations. The area around the spring now has an amphitheater, three overlooks, a pioneer dugout, a large stone and steel patio, and a series of steel monoliths depicting eight time periods. "On those monoliths we did artwork which replicates some of the elements of each period," says Kelly. A tall steel shaft on the amphitheater stage contains names of explorers and others who were historically significant in the development of the city.

A walking path is shaped like a turtle. Debbie says the turtles represented water and good fortune to the Native Americans. Spanish explorer Cabeza de Vaca first recorded the spring in 1533 and he found Indians living by the spring then. It was the larg-

est body of water in a one hundred mile area. Use of the spring dried it up, but it is flowing once again. Water streams through two ponds before reaching the big body of water. One of the smaller ponds used to be a good swimming hole. "There are three areas where there are waterfalls," says Debbie.

The grand opening of the spring took place last November. Dignitaries made speeches and a Comanche chief performed a blessing ceremony. "To me it's like an open air cathedral," says Aubrey. "I had a lot of fun going through this process," says Debbie. "It was a lot of work but it was very rewarding and to see the final outcome was just more than I could have ever imagined." Architect Kelly Cook says it wasn't just a design or construction project. "This one was special." The city council has approved phase two of the renovation, which includes a pavilion and parking area. Something old has become new. The spring is an oasis of calm.

They were married three months later and last year celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Festival of Lights a success

To the Editor:

This year's Festival was tremendous despite several hurdles to overcome. The uncertainty of our Historic Spring was a concern as to how we would work around it. Through it all we had a wonderful turnout. Changing the date to open on Dec. 3rd to the 25th was a good thing, however, it did not reach everyone as we had calls asking about Santa & time we closed on Dec. 31st.

We reached our 25,000 visitors goal plus! Total # was 27,664 from 41 states and 21 countries, Cuba, Mexico, Australia, Puerto Rico, Jordan, China, Turkey, England, France, India, Finland, Kenya, Germany, Spain, Belgium, Africa, India, S. Korea, Poland, Nepal, Nicaragua & Canada.

This event would not have happened without the help of our volunteers. Howard & Vicki Stewart took charge and what a fantastic job they did! Also, our steady volunteers Jim DePauw, Randy Robertson, Brandon Ensey along with workers from the Parks Dept. Then, there are the three FCI Trustees that are so beneficial to this event. It takes dedication to put this event together, check and recheck. Also, the Adopt-a-Spot volunteers did a tremendous job in getting their display up and ready for opening! The weather hampered the removal of all the lights & displays. They will finish up this week Friday the 12th.

Santa and Mrs. Clause were at Belaski Pavilion to greet the little ones with their request of gifts. They were there on Monday, December 18th thru 23rd missing the 22nd. They brought joy to the

children wanting to put in their request in before the 25th and they had 661 children visit them. Our Gift Shop is managed by Deanne Burnett and she works hard to display various gifts each year, also does a fantastic job is serving hot chocolate.

Then, we are so fortunate to have Haley Herrera at the helm recruiting the greeters. This is a big job! These are the volunteers that meet you at the Greeters Booth where we gather the number of people going through, giving them a brochure with information, asking for the number in the car and where they are from. This is where we can track our visitor's information. This information is passed on to Georgie Newsom & Pat. Georgie does a very important task of keeping track of everything. Thank to our greeters for your wonderful help!

Words are inadequate to thank everyone! I must again say thanks to Howard Stewart as he is the one that keeps the wheels going. This is not an easy job! He has wonderful help from his wife, Vicki as she lays out the plans for the various displays placement! That is "team work!"

Again, I must say "thanks" to everyone involved in this year's event. I was sidelined with hip surgery. The Festival went on and ran nicely without me! Vicki took my place and I'm forever grateful to her.

Thanks to everyone that played any part in this year's Festival! It takes TEAM WORK to make it happen.

Pat Simmons
Big Spring, TX

Extending a coaching trail

At their wedding 52 years ago in their hometown of Bangs, TX, Virginia

and Lowell Bishop repeated "old school" vows. When she murmured the "whither thou goest" commitment, however, she gave little thought to the "whither thou stoppest" milestone.

Now, she's not sure. Combined service for the career educators totaled 75 years (her, 38; him, 37) when they retired in 2001. Having taught in Gatesville, Monahans, Bangs and Abilene schools, they returned to Bangs, ostensibly for retirement. There, she began part-time work for Music in Motion, a Plano, TX, company, and he started raising cattle, which became a full-time job.

Lowell, a track star at Bangs High School and for the fabled J. H. (Cap) Shelton-track coach for 49 years at Howard Payne University—never lost his yearning to coach and teach. He mentioned it to their daughter, Dr. Amy Jacobs, superintendent at Coahoma ISD. Come summer, he was offered a position at little Marathon ISD, second smallest of Texas' 1,300 plus school districts. Emerging from 16 retire-

ment years, the Bishops headed to Marathon for the 2017-2018 school year.

She's a part-time elementary music teacher. His responsibilities, however, are considerably broader. He is athletic director and coach of all sports (junior and senior high schools) for both boys and girls. He also teaches elementary PE, as well as high school world geography and world history. He also drives the bus to out-of-town events.

It should be noted that Marathon, with some 70 students in Pre-K-12, has only 17 in high school. It once had larger enrollments, and the Mustangs twice won state in 6-Man football, but more than a decade has passed since they last played football.

There are barely enough students for basketball, and prior to this year, they played several seasons without a single win. With five boys out for basketball this fall, they won the one-day Valentine ISD Tournament, victorious in both games.

On the way home, a senior player, clutching the championship trophy, said, "I'm glad we got this trophy. Otherwise, kids at school Monday morning would never believe we won not one game, but two!" (This was the first time he and his teammates had won a tournament.)

Bishop is optimistic, but he knows the Mustangs have their work cut out for them in district

play against schools with at least five times their enrollment. He believes the Mustangs' heart and spirit will match any of their opponents, however.

"We have unbelievable community support," Bishop said. "Folks understand that our biggest challenge is to help students find themselves, and to become the best they can be in both sports and life." Citizens are proud of the Marathon Foundation that provides \$8,000 college scholarships for qualifying MHS graduates. Marathon also is home of the five-star Gage Hotel, the community's largest employer and an outstanding school supporter. It offers world-class accommodations at the gateway to Big Bend National Park.

They are planning homecoming in February. Right now, Virginia is trying to find words and music for the school's alma mater. She believes someone "out there" can help.

At a recent basketball game, there was a discussion about providing special seating for the elderly, since some of the fans are nearing 80.

"They could sit on the bench with the coach," she suggested.

What about the future? Just a "day at a time," the Bishops say. They have four children (three of whom are educators) and 14 grandchildren, with number 15 on the way.



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DR. DON NEWBURY

Trump's immigration remarks lambasted from left and right



AP photo

In this Jan. 9, 2017, photo, Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., left., listens as President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting with lawmakers on immigration policy in the Cabinet Room of the White House in Washington. Bargainers seeking a bipartisan immigration accord planned talks as soon as Wednesday as President Donald Trump and leading lawmakers sought to parlay an extraordinary White House meeting into momentum for resolving a politically blistering issue.

By JILL COLVIN and ALAN FRAM

Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Friday denied using certain "language" during a private meeting with lawmakers as fury spread over his comments about immigrants. But neither he nor the White House disputed the most controversial of his remarks: using the word "shithole" to describe Africa nations and saying he would prefer immigrants from countries like Norway instead.

Trump's comments came during an Oval Office meeting where he questioned why the U.S. would accept more immigrants from Haiti and "shithole countries" in Africa as he rejected a bipartisan immigration deal, according to one participant and people briefed on the extraordinary Oval Office conversation.

"The language used by me at the DACA meeting was tough, but this was not the language used," Trump insisted in a series of Friday morning tweets. "What was really tough was the outlandish proposal made - a big setback for DACA."

But Sen. Dick Durbin, the only Democrat in the room, disputed the president's account.

"He said these hate-filled things and he said them repeatedly," Durbin said.

Durbin added, "When the question was asked about Haitians ... he said, 'Haitians? Do we need more Haitians?'"

Trump took particular issue with the characterization of his comments on Haiti. The Washington Post reported that, during the meeting, Trump said immigrants from Haiti should be left out of

any new agreement approved by Congress.

"Never said anything derogatory about Haitians other than Haiti is, obviously, a very poor and troubled country. Never said 'take them out.' Made up by Dems," Trump wrote. "I have a wonderful relationship with Haitians. Probably should record future meetings - unfortunately, no trust!"

Republican Sens. David Perdue of Georgia and Tom Cotton of Arkansas, who attended the meeting, said in a statement that they "do not recall the president saying these comments specifically." What Trump did do, they said, was "call out the imbalance in our current immigration system, which does not protect American workers and our national interest."

But Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina), whom Durbin said had voiced objection to Trump's comments during the meeting, issued a statement that did not dispute the remarks. "Following comments by the President, I said my piece directly to him yesterday. The President and all those attending the meeting know what I said and how I feel," he said, adding: "I've always believed that America is an idea, not defined by its people but by its ideals."

Trump's contemptuous blanket description of African countries startled lawmakers in the meeting and immediately revived charges that the president is racist.

Florida GOP Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen said Trump's comments were "completely unacceptable," telling WPLG-TV in Miami that "if that's not

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X=723459.79, Y=260739.56. Datum: NAD 27
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Latitude 032.151175, Longitude -101.373584. Datum: NAD 27
687' FWL, 575' FNL of 500-acre lease
687' FWL, 575' FNL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

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California mudslides kill a couple of 50 years, 4 children

By CHRISTOPHER WEBER and BRIAN MELLEY

Associated Press
MONTECITO, Calif. (AP) — The oldest victim swept away in a California mudslide was Jim Mitchell, who had celebrated his 89th birthday the day before. He died with his wife of more than 50 years, Alice.

The youngest, 3-year-old Kailly Benitez, was one of four children killed.

As their names and those of 14 other victims were released Thursday, crews kept digging through the muck and rubble looking for more people.

"At this moment, we are still looking for live victims," Santa Barbara fire Capt. Gary Pitney said. But he confessed: "The likelihood is increasing that we'll be finding bodies, not survivors. You have to start accepting the reality of that."

The Mitchells were in love with their home in the seaside enclave of Montecito where they moved in 1995, according to their daughter. They also loved their dog, Gigi, who is missing.

The other children killed were 6-year-old Peerawat Suthithepn, 10-year-old Jonathan Benitez and 12-year-old Sawyer Corey. None of the adult dead shared their last names.

All of the dead were killed by "multiple traumatic injuries due to flash flood with mudslides," authorities said.

Five people were missing as of early Friday, down from as many as 43 a day earlier, said Amber Anderson, a spokeswoman for Santa Barbara County.

Sheriff Bill Brown gave the larger number Thursday but cautioned that

many or most of those people may simply have been unreachable to the family and friends who reported they couldn't find them.

"We were able to find people," Anderson said, but added that the number could continue to fluctuate greatly. She said some missing-person reports are quickly cleared but others take time to resolve.

Pitney said many rescues were still happening Wednesday and Thursday, but most if not all were of people who were safe but just wanted to get out of the area.

Among the searchers were more than a dozen firefighters

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racism, I don't know how you can define it."

"The words used by the president, as related to me directly following the meeting by those in attendance, were not 'tough,' they were abhorrent and repulsive," tweeted Arizona Sen. Jeff Flake.

"I think it was stupid and irresponsible and childish," said Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho. "He's president of the United States. That's not how a president behaves."

House Speaker Paul Ryan said the vulgar language was "very unfortunate, unhelpful."

Trump did not respond to shouted questions about his comments as he signed a proclamation Friday honoring Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which is Monday. He called King a "great American hero."

His comments on Thursday also threatened to further imperil immigration talks aimed at extending protections for hundreds of thousands of young immigrants, many of whom were brought to the country as children and are now here illegally.

Trump last year ended the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which provided protection from deportation and the ability to work legally in the country.

He gave Congress until March to come up with a legislative fix.

"I suspect the Democrats are sitting there going, 'Why would we want to compromise with him on anything,'" said Simpson, a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee.

Echoed Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Maine: "These comments are highly inappropriate and out of bounds and could hurt efforts for a bipartisan immigration agreement."

Trump's comments came as two senators presented details of a bipartisan compromise that would protect DACA immigrants — and also strengthen border protections, as Trump has insisted, providing \$1.6 billion for a first installment on his long-sought border wall.

The lawmakers had hoped Trump would back their accord, an agreement among six senators evenly split among Republicans and Democrats, ending a monthlong, bitter dispute over protecting the "dreamers."

But Trump rejected the deal, plunging the issue back into uncertainty just eight days before a deadline that threatens a government shutdown.

Trump took particular issue with the idea, explained by Durbin of Illinois, the Senate's No. 2 Democrat, that as part of the deal people who fled to the U.S. after disasters hit their homes in places such as El Salvador, Guatemala and Haiti, would be allowed to stay.

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who climbed through rubble in the backyard of a mansion that had been torn apart. Some rescuers used poles to probe the muck for bodies, while others waded chest-deep in the mire. Two black Labrador retrievers swam around a debris-filled swimming pool, trying to pick up any scent.

Crews marked places where bodies were found, often far away from a home, and used that information to guess where other victims might have ended up as the surging mud carried or buried them.

The mudslide, touched off by heavy rain, took many homeowners by surprise early Tuesday, despite warnings issued days in advance that mudslides were possible because recent wildfires had stripped hillsides of vegetation that normally holds soil in place.

The disaster was already unfolding when Santa Barbara County officials sent out their first cellphone alert at 3:50 a.m. County emergency manager Jeff Gater said officials decided not to send one sooner out of concern it might not be taken seriously.

As the rainwater made its way downhill with gathering force, it pried boulders from the ground and picked up trees and other debris that flattened homes, cars and carried at least one body a mile away.

From an aerial view, the community that is home for celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey and Jeff Bridges looked like two vastly different places.

Trashed areas were awash in a sea of mud, with only the tallest trees standing and some homes buried up to their roofs. Next to some of the devastated areas sat large estates untouched by the torrent, their lawns still green and the landscaping lush.

After a better look at the damage, officials lowered the number of destroyed homes from 100 to 64 and raised the number of damaged ones from 300 to 446.

Searchers had checked most of the debris zone for victims and some were doubling back to leave no stone unturned Thursday when a crew ended up in the backyard of Bill Asher, who lost his palatial home and a similar one he was restoring next door.

Asher returned with a pickax and five friends and trudged through the debris to salvage any possession he could find.

He was still shaken by his harrowing experience Tuesday with his pregnant wife and two young children as the violent gusher arrived with a deafening rumble.

"I looked out my front window and saw my car fly by," he said. "I screamed at my family and water started coming into the house. Windows went flying, doors went flying."

The family rode out the storm unharmed on kitchen counters as the debris smashed through the walls and water swirled around them.

Asher's return to the scene, where murky water was knee-deep, turned up at least one gem: his wife's engagement ring, the only keepsake she wanted him to find.

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39421
3 miles west of Luther
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Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.418707, Longitude -101.516781. Datum: NAD 27
843' FNL, 960' FWL of 889.66-acre lease
1780' FSL, 960' FWL of the survey

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7 miles southwest of Fairview
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Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.433452, Longitude -101.569566. Datum: NAD 27
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7 miles southeast of Fairview
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Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.433385, Longitude -101.569548. Datum: NAD 27
332' FSL, 20' FEL of 656.17-acre lease
332' FSL, 2714' FWL of the survey
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A-1242, Section 20, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
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Total Depth: 10,000 feet
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Total Depth: 8900 feet
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2050' FSL, 1980' FWL of 480-acre lease
2050' FSL, 1980' FWL of the survey

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*Has flu season, in full swing, reached its height?***By MIKE STOBBE**

AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Flu is now widespread in every state except Hawaii, but the good news is the season appears to already be peaking.

It's been a rough few weeks: Hospitals have set up tents to handle patient overflow. Doctors are putting in double and triple shifts. Ambulances have been sidelined while paramedics waited to drop off patients.

"This morning, I couldn't stand up. I was really weak," said Margaret Shafer, who went to a Seattle emergency room this week

after a bout with the flu was followed by pneumonia.

But an update out Friday from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows patient traffic for flu is no longer skyrocketing the way it was in December.

"It looks like it's starting to level out," said the CDC's Lynnette Brammer, who oversees flu tracking.

Still, flu is unpredictable. "I don't know where it will end up," she added.

Many flu seasons don't really get going until around Christmas, and don't crescendo until

February. That's how last year's flu season played out. This season got off to an early start and cases surged over the holidays.

Patients who went to the ER at Palomar Medical Center Escondido, north of San Diego, then had to wait as long as nine hours. The hospital this week took down a tent it used to handle the overflow but is still seeing a lot of patients with fevers, aches, chills and other flu symptoms.

"We're having to treat people in hallways, in chairs, wherever

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we have space," said Michelle Gunnett, the director of emergency services.

There's a tent in place at Kaweah Delta Medical Center in the Central California city of Visalia, where doctors this week have been pulling double and triple shifts to keep up.

"It's like a MASH unit," said Dr. Ed Hirsch, the hospital's chief medical officer.

In Chicago, paramedics have been forced to wait at ERs with patients for as long as two hours for an open spot. That means the ambulances can't be used for other calls, said Larry Langford, a spokesman for the city's fire department.

What had some people worried about this U.S. flu season was the bad season last year in Australia. That country was hit hard by a flu bug that's notorious for causing severe illness, and flu viruses spread around the world. Preliminary estimates suggested the vaccine barely worked there, and the U.S. was again facing the same H3N2 virus with the same flu shot.

That virus caused one of the worst U.S. flu seasons in recent years, 2014-15, when the vaccine was a poor match.

It was back last winter but the vaccine was a better fit.

Health officials say this year's shot targets the strains that are making Americans sick, primarily H3N2. How well it is working won't be known until next month but it's expected to be better than the 10 percent Australia reported.

The report out Friday shows flu and pneumonia deaths crept up last week to push flu to an epidemic level. Flu reaches that threshold most winters, even during seasons that are not considered particularly bad.

Hospitalizations of the elderly are climbing. So far they're not shooting up quite like they did in 2014-2015, but health officials are watching the numbers closely.

The CDC estimates there are tens of thousands of deaths each year from flu and pneumonia.

One suburban San Diego case shows how serious the flu can be. Jennifer Burrough and her family didn't get flu shots this year after hearing reports that suggested it might not work very well this season.

Her 12-year-old son came home with the bug around the holidays, then her two youngest kids got sick and she did, too. They all recovered quickly. But her 48-year-old Navy veteran husband, Shawn Burrough, landed in the hospital. There, he had trouble breathing and his kidneys started shutting down. He was medically sedated and put on a breathing machine.

"We didn't figure it would be like this," said Jennifer Burrough. "You don't expect to wake up with sniffles and two days later find yourself in a medically induced coma. It was rapid, just rapid."

OIL

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#4AH Allred Unit "A 08-05", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39424
1 mile northeast of Knott
A-326, Section 17, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.421321, Longitude -101.619047. Datum: NAD 27
248' FNL, 2423' FEL of 644.36-acre lease
248' FNL, 2423' FEL of the survey
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#2622LS Merlin "B", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39430
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
11.10 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-1213, Section 24, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,900 feet
X=723280, Y=272014. Datum: NAD 27
500' FSEL, 1631' FSWL of 1,140.8-acre lease
500' FSEL, 1631' FSWL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

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#2662WB Merlin "B", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39431
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
11.10 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-1213, Section 24, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,900 feet
X=723310, Y=272021. Datum: NAD 27
500' FSEL, 1661' FSWL of 1,140.8-acre lease
500' FSEL, 1661' FSWL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

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#4215H Guitar South "1-5-H", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39432
4.80 miles west of Big Spring
Johanna A-553, Section 4, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
Total Depth: 8089 feet
Latitude 032.242089, Longitude -101.555762. Datum: NAD 27
330' FEL, 445' FSL of 806-acre lease
330' FEL, 445' FSL of the survey

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#2644WA Merlin "C", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39433
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
11.10 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-1213, Section 24, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,900 feet
X=723368, Y=272033. Datum: NAD 27
500' FSEL, 1721' FSWL of 1,140.8-acre lease
500' FSEL, 1721' FSWL of the survey
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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
11.10 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-1213, Section 24, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,900 feet
X=723398, Y=272039. Datum: NAD 27
500' FSEL, 1751' FSWL of 1,140.8-acre lease
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Another round of winter weather moves into the South

By **ADRIAN SAINZ and BRUCE SCHREINER**

Associated Press
PARKERS CROSSROADS, Tenn. (AP) — James A. Jones saw enough cars stranded along the icy highway to know it was time to pull over as a winter storm blasted parts of Tennessee and Kentucky with sleet, freezing rain and snow Friday.

Jones counted 25 cars stuck by the road as he drove from Memphis to McMinnville, Tennessee, about 280 miles (450 kilometers) away. He decided not to risk it any longer and took a break in the West Tennessee town of Parkers Crossroads.

"It's rough riding," he said. "If you was in the wrecker business, you'd be making some money today."

The winter storm, which began with an icy mix before turning to snow, forced schools and businesses to close in Tennessee and Kentucky. Hardest hit were western sections of both states.

Ice coated broad swaths of the South, causing traffic snarls. Memphis police responded to more than 100 crashes. In Mississippi, a tractor-trailer overturned after crashing on icy Interstate 55, causing traffic delays.

In Tennessee, Kim Ruehl and Mercedes Volk waited out the storm at a fast-food restaurant in Parkers Crossroads with their 3-year-old daughter, Quinn, who snacked on a cheeseburger and milk.

They were heading from Asheville, North Carolina, to Fort Smith, Arkansas, to research a book.

They stayed overnight in Nashville and were hoping to drive west through the storm in their Mini Cooper. They pulled off Interstate 40 because of the dangerous driving conditions.

"The windshield wipers froze and the road just got real bad," Ruehl said.

They weren't expecting such bad conditions, but they left early from Nashville anyway.

"An hour into our drive, I was like, we should have stayed in Nashville," Volk said.

In Kentucky, truck stop employee Paige Harville said traffic was much lighter than usual early Friday along Interstate 24 at Paducah.

"There's not much of it," she said. "Like nothing."

In nearby Mayfield in western Kentucky, postal workers arrived at work to find their delivery vehicles iced over. They had to de-ice the trucks before they could unlock them. Letter carrier Corey Asher was ready

for treacherous conditions as he started his route.

"The snow covers up the sleet and ice, so where you think you might have solid footing you may not," he said. "So your steps have to be choppy today. You have to be real diligent about where you walk, and use hand rails."

Winter storm warnings were posted for the western halves of Tennessee and Kentucky as unseasonably warm weather in recent days gave way to winter conditions.

In western Kentucky, roads were covered with layers of ice. On top of that was about three tenths of an inch of sleet, said National Weather Service meteorologist Robin Smith.

"Don't go out unless you absolutely have to," Smith warned.

Winds up to 35 mph (56 kph) further complicated driving. By early afternoon, much of western Kentucky had 1-3 inches (3-8 centimeters) of snow. Parts of West Tennessee had 3-4 inches (8-10 centimeters).

Meanwhile, forecasters predicted 2-5 inches (5-12 centimeters) of snow in the Louisville and Lexington areas of Kentucky later Friday as temperatures dropped.

Many school districts in Kentucky and Tennessee called off classes Friday. Several colleges and universities in both states also canceled classes, including at Vanderbilt University, Murray State University and Western Kentucky University.

Some flights were canceled at the Memphis airport.

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam closed state offices Friday in West and Middle Tennessee due to the winter weather.

The winter storm prompted Kentucky House and Senate leaders to call off Friday's legislative session. Power outages in Kentucky appeared to be sporadic.

By midday Friday, the Kentucky Emergency Management agency reported slightly more than 900 outages statewide.

Meanwhile, tens of thousands of people got the day off in northern Alabama, because of the possibility of icy weather. School systems in the state's Tennessee Valley region shut down Friday as forecasters warned of the possibility of ice, sleet and snow that could coat roads. Several universities also closed, and some counties closed their offices for the day.

In Arkansas, schools closed in the eastern and southern parts of the state as the winter storm left an icy glaze.

OIL

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
11.10 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-1213, Section 24, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,900 feet
X=723457, Y=272051. Datum: NAD 27
500' FSEL, 1811' FSWL of 1,140.8-acre lease
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#1 Hydra SWD, drill horizontal, API #42-227-39437
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
7.70 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-305, Section 7, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 12,900 feet
X=738075, Y=261808. Datum: NAD 27
1933' FNWL, 2301' FNEL of 650-acre lease
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Sale Ranch (Fusselman) Field
24 miles southeast of Garden City
A-407, Section 33, Block 36, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 12,000 feet
Latitude 031.512960, Longitude -101.441407. Datum: NAD 83
475' FEL, 667' FNL of 40.1-acre lease
475' FEL, 1980' FSL of the survey
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#207HL Harris-Cook "70", drill horizontal, API #42-173-37807
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
16.10 miles southwest of Garden City
Section 20, Block 36, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8150 feet
X=1565967, Y=768902. Datum: NAD 27
1321' FWL, 1812' FNL of 805.84-acre lease
1364' FEL, 1812' FNL of the survey
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Section 20, Block 36, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8500 feet
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1304' FEL, 1817' FNL of 805.84-acre lease
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Without Harden again, Paul leads Rockets to rout of Suns

By BOB BAUM

AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — Houston didn't need James Harden to roll past the Phoenix Suns.

There were plenty of contributions from just about everyone else to make it a 112-95 Rocket romp on Friday night.

Chris Paul scored 25 points to lead six Houston players in double figures and the Rockets improved to 4-2 since losing Harden with a hamstring injury.

"We are just holding it down, holding it down until we get the whole crew back," Paul said. "Ain't nobody going to feel sorry for ourselves and we ain't going to feel sorry for ourselves. We are just going to go out there and keep competing."

Houston led by 18 in the second quarter, 22 at the end of the third and 27 in the fourth in its sixth consecutive victory over Phoenix.

Clint Capela scored 17 points and grabbed 16 rebounds for the Rockets, who dominated the boards 53-38. Ryan Anderson and Trevor Ariza added 18 points apiece and Eric Gordon 14.

Devin Booker scored 27 and T.J. Warren 21 for the Suns, who were coming off a home win over Oklahoma City four days earlier. Booker, playing more these days at point guard, had nine assists but nine of his team's 19 turnovers.

Houston had a 14-4 ad-



Houston Rockets guard Eric Gordon (10) slips past Phoenix Suns center Alex Len during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, in Phoenix.

vantage on the offensive boards.

"I think we're number one in the league in getting an offensive rebound and kicking it out for a 3, so that's

great," Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni said. "And obviously Chris had some mismatches and he started doing some short 15-foot game. He's awesome. Every-

body contributed here and there."

Phoenix got off to a fast start, scoring 10 straight points, capped

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Keuchel gets \$13.2M deal from Astros after title

HOUSTON (AP) — Astros starter Dallas Keuchel agreed to a \$13.2 million, one-year contract after helping lead Houston to its first World Series title, and designated hitter/catcher Evan Gattis got a \$6.7 million deal.

Pitchers Lance McCullers Jr. (\$2.45 million) and Brad Peacock (\$2.44 million) also agreed, when players and teams were set to swap proposed salaries in arbitration.

World Series MVP George Springer, reliever Ken Giles and pitcher Colin McHugh saw capped figures with Houston and remain headed to hearings.

Springer asked for a raise from \$4,075,000 to \$10.5 million and was offered \$8.5 million. Giles, who stumbled in the World Series, is eligible for arbitration for the first time and asked for a raise from \$555,100 to \$4.6 million. The Astros countered at \$4.2 million.

McHugh requested a raise from \$3.85 million to \$5 million and was offered \$4.55 million.

Keuchel, the 2015 AL Young Award winner, went 14-5 with a 2.90 ERA and 125 strikeouts in the regular season and was 2-2 with a 3.58 ERA in five postseason starts. He made \$9.2

million.

McCullers earned his first All-Star nod last season and was 7-4 with a 4.25 ERA in 22 regular season starts, earning \$548,000. He pitched four innings to get the save in Game 7 of the AL Championship Series against the Yankees and won Game 3 of the World Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Peacock was 13-2 with a 3.00 ERA and 161 strikeouts in 34 games with 21 starts last season. The right-hander recorded a save in Game 3 of the World Series and threw two scoreless innings in Game 7 to help Houston win the World Series. He made \$541,500.

Gattis hit .263 with 12 homers and 55 RBIs in 84 games last year, when he made \$5.2 million.

Springer hit .283 with 34 homers and 85 RBIs — all career highs. He batted .379 with three doubles, five homers and seven RBIs in the World Series to win the MVP trophy.

Giles was fourth in the AL with a career-best 34 saves in 2017. McHugh went 5-2 with a 3.55 ERA in 12 starts last season.

On Thursday, outfielder Jake Marisnick agreed to a \$1.9 million, one-year deal.



NBA Leaders

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Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Harden, HOU	35	334	319	1132	32.3
Antetokounmpo, MIL	39	410	275	1112	28.5
James, CLE	42	436	189	1140	27.1
Durant, GOL	35	333	166	920	26.3
Davis, NOR	35	335	218	912	26.1
Cousins, NOR	41	358	249	1058	25.8
Westbrook, OKC	42	390	213	1054	25.1
DeRozan, TOR	40	348	255	999	25.0
Lillard, POR	35	283	209	873	24.9
Booker, PHX	33	275	185	823	24.9
Oladipo, IND	37	326	157	904	24.4
Irving, BOS	42	370	162	1009	24.0
Beal, WAS	42	363	175	998	23.8
Porzingis, NYK	36	303	178	848	23.6
Embiid, PHL	30	243	191	704	23.5
Williams, LAC	40	293	219	923	23.1
Aldridge, SAN	41	358	187	925	22.6
Walker, CHA	38	279	178	830	21.8
McCullum, POR	41	337	113	885	21.6
Butler, MIN	42	306	239	900	21.4

FG Percentage

	FG	FGA	PCT
Capela, HOU	221	331	.668
Jordan, LAC	199	301	.661
Adams, OKC	211	333	.634
Kanter, NYK	227	377	.602
Henson, MIL	150	250	.600
Collins, ATL	155	265	.585
Gibson, MIN	218	379	.575
Davis, NOR	335	592	.566
Valanciunas, TOR	156	281	.555
Antetokounmpo, MIL	410	740	.554

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Fund-raiser website started for Texas guard with leukemia

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The University of Texas has announced a fund-raising website for Longhorns basketball player Andrew Jones as he undergoes treatment for leukemia.

The site's donation tracker showed more than \$32,000 pledged within the first few hours after it was launched.

Texas announced Wednesday the 20-year-old sophomore had started treatments for leukemia, but disclosed no more details on his condition or diagnosis.

Jones had returned to the Longhorns after considering a move to the NBA after his freshman season.

Texas says donations to the website will be given directly to the Jones family to help with medical and necessary family expenses as permitted within NCAA rules. It is the only donation website approved by the Jones family.

The Jones family fund-raiser website is: <https://hornraiser.utexas.edu/project/9014>



Profar, Diekman, Kela agree to deals with Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Relievers Jake Diekman and Keone Kela and infielder Jurickson Profar agreed one-year contracts with the Texas Rangers, who avoided arbitration with all of their eligible players.

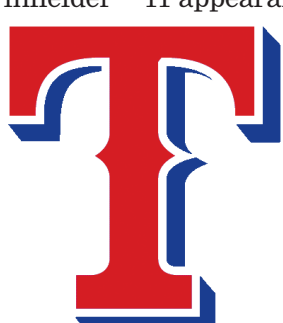
Diekman gets \$2,712,500 under Friday's agreement, a raise from \$2.55 million. Kela's salary is \$1.2 million, up from \$543,210, and Profar will make \$1.05 million, an increase from \$1,005,000.

A 30-year-old left-hander, Diekman is coming off a season shortened to the final month because of three surgeries to replace his colon to ease ulcerative colitis, a digestive condition he has dealt with much

of his life. Diekman was scoreless in 10 of 11 appearances after his season debut Sept. 1 and finished with a 2.53 ERA.

The 24-year-old Kela is a candidate to be the Texas closer. The right-hander led AL relievers by holding opponents to a .135 batting average. He missed about two months with two stints on the disabled list with right shoulder soreness.

Once considered the team's top prospect, the 24-year-old Profar appeared in 22 games last season after playing five positions in 2016. He was 19 when he made his major league debut and has a .229 average in 206 games.



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49ers linebacker Reuben Foster arrested on marijuana charge



AP Photo

In this Oct. 22, 2017 file photo, San Francisco 49ers linebacker Reuben Foster (56) stands on the sideline during the second half of an NFL football game against the Dallas Cowboys in Santa Clara, Calif.

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — San Francisco 49ers linebacker Reuben Foster has been arrested in Alabama and charged with second-degree possession of marijuana.

AL.com (<http://bit.ly/2moysWi>) says the Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office arrest database indicates Foster, who just finished his rookie season, was arrested Friday. Bond was set at \$2,500.

A statement from the 49ers Friday night said: "The San Francisco 49ers organization is aware of the matter involving Reuben Foster and we are currently gathering all relevant facts."

The former Alabama linebacker was a first-team All-American for the Crimson Tide in 2016 and won the Butkus Award. He was a first-round pick in last year's NFL draft.

Foster started all 10 games he played in this season and posted 72 tackles.

He was the NFL's Defensive Rookie of the Month in November.

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Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Drummond, DET	38	186	385	571	15.0
Jordan, LAC	41	180	429	609	14.9
Cousins, NOR	41	85	429	514	12.5
Howard, CHA	40	140	346	486	12.2
Towns, MIN	44	122	406	528	12.0
Capela, HOU	36	120	283	403	11.2
Embiid, PHL	30	63	262	325	10.8
Davis, NOR	35	85	275	360	10.3
Kanter, NYK	39	138	256	394	10.1
Jokic, DEN	35	90	263	353	10.1

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Westbrook, OKC	42	421	10.0
Harden, HOU	35	318	9.1
Wall, WAS	31	281	9.1
James, CLE	42	371	8.8
Green, GOL	37	280	7.6
Simmons, PHL	38	279	7.3
Teague, MIN	33	236	7.2
Ball, LAL	35	248	7.1
Lowry, TOR	38	265	7.0
Schroder, ATL	39	257	6.6

Eggert, Benecken win 30th luge World Cup



AP Photo

From left: Germany's second placed Tobias Wendl, and Tobias Arlt, German winners Toni Eggert and Sascha Benecken and Austria's third placed Peter Penz and Georg Fischler celebrate after the men's doubles at the Luge World Cup in Oberhof, Germany, Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018.



AP Photo

Houston Rockets guard James Harden, left, playfully fans his teammates on the bench during the first half of the team's NBA basketball game against the Phoenix Suns, Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, in Phoenix.

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by Dragan Bender's 3-pointer, to lead 21-10.

Then things turned sour for the home team.

The Rockets outscored the Suns 37-8 over the final 5:05 of the first quarter and first 6:47 of the second, when Anderson's two free throws put Houston on top 47-29 with 5:13 left in the first half. The Rockets led 57-44 at the break, despite Booker's 18 points.

Houston scored the first four points of the second half and Phoenix never got closer than 15 after that.

The Rockets went with a small lineup and spaced the floor, leading to open shots.

"Well, they space everybody out," Phoenix interim coach Jay Triano said. "They're going to shoot a lot and that makes it tough when you're out there on the 3-point line and you try to challenge shots and turning around to go chase rebounds. That can be difficult. I thought they were probably a little quicker to the ball."

TIP-INS

Rockets: At 30-11, the Rockets have their fourth-best record at a season's midpoint in franchise history. ... The Rockets have won in Phoenix nine straight times and

have beaten the Suns 13 of last 15 overall. ... Capela's career high in rebounds is 20. ... Houston won its 15th road game, third-most in NBA behind Boston (16) and Golden State (18).

Suns: Forwards Marquese Chriss and Josh Jackson missed the game, both with hip injuries. Isaiah Canaan was out with a left abductor strain. ... Chriss ended a streak of 124 consecutive games to begin his career. It was longest streak by a Sun since Kyle Macy played in the first 329 games of his pro career from 1980-84. ... Tyson Chandler grabbed 11 rebounds and needs 11 more to be the 40th player in NBA history with 10,000.

MEMORIES

The Suns, who haven't made the playoffs in six seasons, commemorated the 25th anniversary of their 1992-93 Western Conference champion team at halftime. Charles Barkley, Tom Chambers, Dan Majerle, Kevin Johnson, coach Paul Westphal, and then-CEO and general manager Jerry Colangelo were among the participants. That team lost to the Bulls and Michael Jordan in the NBA Finals. Barkley, of course, got the biggest cheers.

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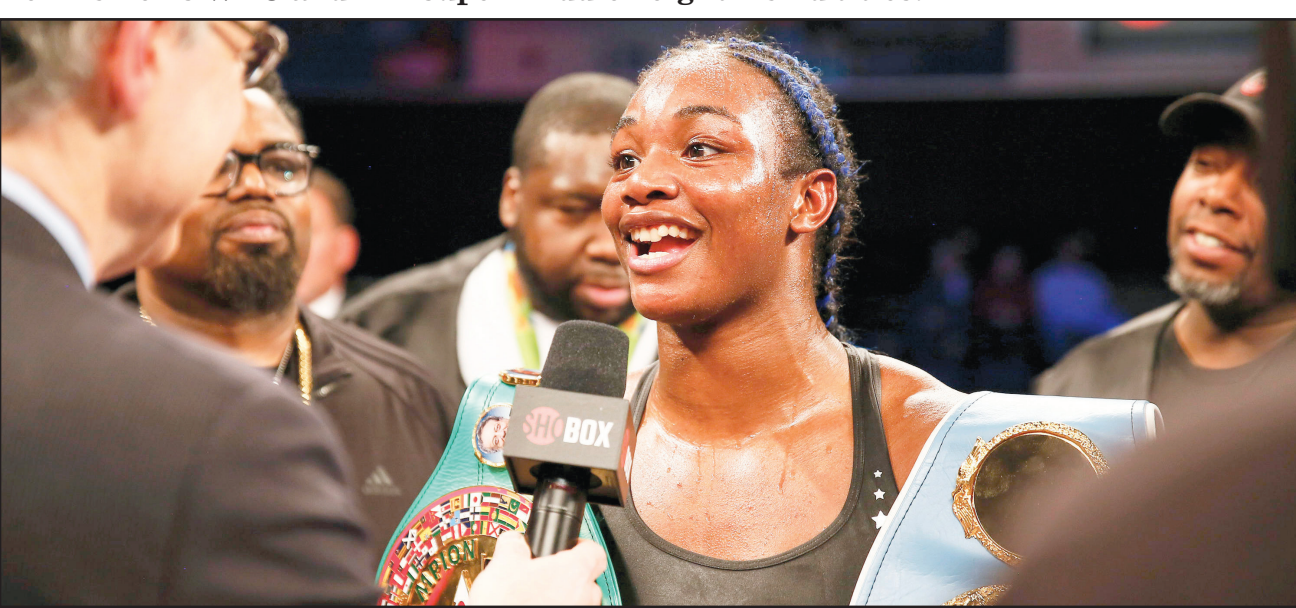
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Olympic boxing champion Claressa Shields defeats Tori Nelson



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Claressa Shields throws a right at Tori Nelson during a boxing bout Friday night, Jan. 12, 2018, in Verona, N.Y. Shields scored a unanimous 10-round decision to retain her women's WBC and IBF super middleweight world titles.



AP Photo

Claressa Shields is interviewed after he win over Tori Nelson during a boxing bout Friday night, Jan. 12, 2018, in Verona, N.Y. Shields scored a unanimous 10-round decision to retain her women's WBC and IBF super middleweight world titles.

VERONA, N.Y. (AP) — Two-time Olympic boxing champion Claressa Shields scored a unanimous 10-round decision over Tori Nelson on Friday night at Turning Stone Casino to retain her women's WBC and IBF super middleweight world titles.

Each of the three judges scored the fight 100-90 for Shields (5-0, 2 KOs), of Flint, Michigan, who was nearly 20 years younger than her opponent. The 41-year-old Nelson (17-1-3, 1 KO), who won a middleweight world title in 2011 but had only fought twice since June 2015, lost for the first time in her career.

Nelson, of Ashburn, Virginia, took the fight to Shields at the outset, but as the bout wore on the young champion proved to be the more skilled boxer, able to avoid Nelson's big hooks and using her jab to keep her foe at bay.

Nelson did land a sharp body shot in the seventh round as she put Shields on the ropes and landed several more punches, but the 22-year-old Shields, who likes to boast she's the greatest of all-time, managed to dodge most of the hard punches and landed a right hand that stunned Nelson and sent her backward.

In the final round, Nelson was swinging wildly looking for a knockout while Shields methodically landed punches to the head, missing a couple of big ones. The fight ended

with a strong left hand from the champion.

Shields pummeled Nikki Adler last August to win the two super middleweight titles. That lopsided fight, Adler's first loss in 17 bouts, was stopped in the fifth round. Shields' combinations left Adler defenseless in a matchup of previously unbeaten boxers.

WBO and WBC middleweight champion Christina Hammer (21-0, 9 KOs) watched that bout near the ring, scouting potential opponents. Shields said after her victory Friday night, which was televised live on Showtime, that she could easily go down in weight to face Hammer, who is from Kazakhstan and was there again to watch.

"I think she's pretty scared, to be honest. She's more worried about me than I am her," Shields said after her win. "I can't wait to fight her and show her that she isn't (better than me)."

Shields is the first woman to headline a fight card on premium cable, also doing so in March and again in August on Showtime. She's also the only American, male or female, to win a boxing gold medal since Andre Ward captured one at Athens in 2004. The only other U.S. boxer to win two Olympic gold medals is Oliver Kirk, who took the bantamweight and featherweight titles at the 1904 Olympics in St. Louis.

John Peterson has uncertain future and no worries

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

HONOLULU (AP) — John Peterson has never felt so carefree amid so much uncertainty.

It's not just the Waikiki Beach air, either. This peaceful feeling was in place long before he arrived on Oahu with his wife and infant son for this first PGA Tour event in seven months.

Peterson is using a golf bag from LSU, where he won the NCAA title in 2011. He has one brand for his shoes, another for his apparel. His cap is from Shady Oaks, the golf club in his hometown of Fort Worth, Texas.

That alone makes him stand out at the Sony Open for all the wrong reasons.

"I don't have a sponsor," Peterson said.

He might not have much of a future if his fortunes don't turn quickly.

Peterson is playing on a major medical extension for his recovery from hand surgery in 2016. He played only 15 tournaments last season until shutting it down in June. Under the extension, the 28-year-old Peterson has eight tournaments to make either \$375,165 or 274 FedEx Cup points to keep his full card.

One week can change everything in golf, and Peterson went into the weekend at the Sony Open just three shots out of the lead, playing in the final group on Saturday with 36-hole leader Brian Harman and two-time major champion Zach John-

son. This could be just what he needs. Or it could be a bust.

Either way, he's not too worried.

"I've never felt this relaxed on the golf course," Peterson said. "I told my wife, 'You know, I've had a few good years out here, and I don't want to do this forever. Now that I'm a dad, I hate the travel part of this. I'm not ever going to be the 'FaceTime' dad, ever. So if it doesn't work out these eight events, I'll probably be done. That's why I don't have a sponsor and all that. But if it works out, I'll keep going."

The backup plan is working real estate in Fort Worth.

"I've already kind of planned for both," he said. "So we'll see what happens. Right now, I'd like to keep playing golf. But if I don't, it's great. I've got a little farm. I've got a little boy. I'm in a good spot."

Peterson has always been a free spirit.

He was an NCAA champion at LSU but was left off the Walker Cup team that included Jordan Spieth, Patrick Cantlay, Harris English and Peter Uihlein. He never lacked for confidence or the words to express it.

Most famous was when Peterson, fresh off his national title, played a Nationwide Tour event in Ohio. He set the 54-hole tournament record until making a bogey on the final hole and losing to English, who also was still an amateur.

"I didn't win the tournament, but I beat all



AP Photo

John Peterson off the 10th tee box during the second round of the Sony Open golf tournament, Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, in Honolulu.

the pros," Peterson told Golf World magazine that day. "The top guys in college — the top 20 or 30 guys — can beat the top 20, 30 guys on the PGA Tour. ... They just don't have the opportunity."

That was a big year for college golf. English and Russell Henley (Georgia) won Nationwide Tour events while still in college. Cantlay (UCLA) finished in the top 25 in all four PGA Tour starts in the summer of 2011. That included being low amateur at the U.S. Open and setting a course record with a 60 in the Travelers Championship (since broken by

Jim Furyk's record 58 in 2016).

A year later, Peterson tied for fourth in the U.S. Open at Olympic Club and earned a spot in the Masters. He made it to the big leagues a year later, and then found it to be tougher than his words in college suggested.

And then he injured his hand.

"They shaved down the bone, and the tendon was rubbing against the bone," he said.

He played the entire season in 2015, had surgery in January 2016 and only lasted six months the following year. Now he has to make every tourna-

ment count if he wants to keep playing.

The pressure is on — except that it's really not.

"Man, it's just attitude," Peterson said. "If my attitude is good, I'm going to play good. I've never been in a better spot lifestyle-wise than I am right now, so that

probably has a lot to do with it. My wife's here. My boy's here. My in-laws are here. I've got eight events to make \$350,000. If I do, great. If I don't, who cares? I'm just out here free-wheeling it. We're just enjoying it. I've got 32 rounds, and we'll see what happens."

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Brignone dedicates win to Fanchini; Vonn 9th

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On the right, Italy's Federica Brignone reacts after completing an alpine ski, women's World Cup super-G, in Bad Kleinkirchheim, Austria, Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018.

By ERIC WILLEMSSEN

Associated Press

BAD KLEINKIRCHHEIM, Austria — After winning a women's World Cup super-G, Federica Brignone dedicated her victory to Italian teammate Elena Fanchini on Saturday.

The 32-year-old Fanchini had to end her season because of a tumor, forcing her out of her fourth Olympics in Pyeongchang next month.

"She is always with us, she is missing. For sure, we are all upset. This (win) was for her," said Brignone, adding she hoped her triumph "can help Elena to recover better."

In the penultimate super-G before the Olympics, Brignone timed 1 minute, 9.80 seconds on the Karnten-Franz Klammer course and denied then-leader Lara Gut her first win of the season, beating the Swiss former overall champion by 0.18. Cornelia Huetter of Austria was 0.46 behind in third.

Nadia Fanchini, Elena's younger sister, trailed Brignone by 0.98 in fifth for her best result of the season.

Lindsey Vonn finished 1.43 off the lead in ninth place, a day after the American standout was considering skipping the race to avoid the risk of getting injured on the partly weakened course. However, snow conditions vastly improved after a cold night.

"As soon as I saw the course at inspection this morning, I knew I was going to run," said Vonn, adding she was satisfied with the conditions after "the snow was sugar" in previous days.

"For me that is a dangerous situation because I don't have any stability then on my knee," Vonn said. "If it's bumpy it's not a problem. As long as the surface is holding and solid, it's fine."

Vonn badly injured her right knee skiing in soft snow at the 2013 world championships in Austria, and ultimately missed the Sochi Olympics the following year.

Wearing bib No. 2, Vonn briefly led Saturday's race but knew she was not in contention for her 79th career victory.

"On the bottom I wasn't as aggressive I should have been. I was a little bit too conservative," she said. "It's kind of funny because I skied the harder sections better and then the easier sections worse."

Vonn didn't match Brignone's skiing, who found the right line to master some tricky turns in the course.

"It's really bumpy, and then it's going really straight in some parts," Brignone said.

It was the Italian's seventh career win, and second of the season after triumphing in a giant slalom in Lienz, Austria, last month.

Brignone became the fifth different winner of five super-G races this season.

Still aiming for her first win after coming back from knee surgery, Gut used a strong run to take an early lead in the race.

Brignone trailed by 0.08 at the last split time but made up two-tenths on the Swiss to grab the win.

"To me it's important to show in races what I can do," Gut said. "I was determined to start January well and I have done that."

Hungarian skier Edit Miklos crashed when her skis crossed shortly before finishing, and was brought to hospital with "a possibly severe knee injury," according to her coach Stefan Abplanalp.

A year ago, Miklos was airlifted off the hill with a right-knee injury after crashing in a downhill training run at another Austrian resort, Zauchensee.

The race was rescheduled from Sunday after organizers swapped it with the downhill. The mandatory downhill training run will be held Sunday morning, two hours before the race.



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“I Have a Dream” Martin Luther King Jr.

“I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation.

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope in the flames of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity.

But one hundred years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. So we have come here today to dramatize a shameful condition.

In a sense we have come to our nation’s capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked “insufficient funds.” But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. So we have come to cash this check — a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice. We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quick sands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God’s children.

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment. This sweltering summer of the Negro’s legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. Nineteen sixty-three is not an end, but a beginning. Those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual. There will be no business as usual in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow

our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to a distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny. They have come to realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone.

As we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, “When will you be satisfied?” We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality. We can never be satisfied, as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities. We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro’s basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as our children are stripped of their selfhood and robbed of their dignity by signs stating “For Whites Only”. We cannot be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful of those who have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow jail cells. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive.

Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to South Carolina, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed. Let us not wallow in the valley of despair.

I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: “We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.”

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification; one day right there in Alabama, little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.



Courtesy photo

Martin Luther King, Jr., gives his “I Have a Dream” speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial. The widely quoted speech is among the most famous in U.S.

I have a dream today. I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith that I go back to the South with. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God’s children will be able to sing with a new meaning, “My country, ‘tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim’s pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring.”

And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!

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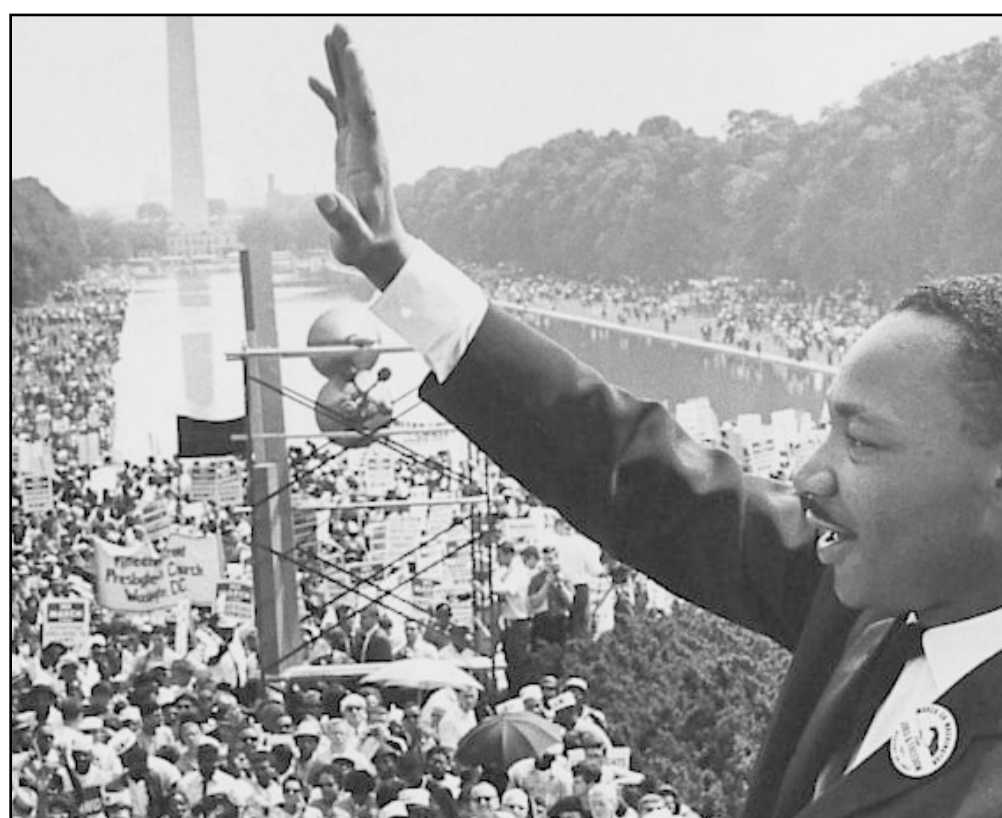
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Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when this happens, when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God’s children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, “Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!”

- Martin Luther King Jr.



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Left photo shows King in Wasington D.C standing tall in of a crowd of thousands. The right photot shows civil rights leaders Martin Luther King Jr., A. Philip Randolph and Roy Wilkins standing in front Lincoln Memorial.

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California's Montecito has drawn celebrities since Chaplin

By ANDREW DALTON

Associated Press

Montecito, the California coastal enclave devastated by this week's deadly mudslides, is known as Oprah's hometown. But it was Charlie Chaplin, the biggest star of another era, who helped make it a haven for celebrities.

At the height of his fame in 1928, Chaplin led a small group of investors who built the Montecito Inn, which he called "the cream of the coast," a posh getaway two blocks from the Pacific Ocean that became a local landmark. In its lobby is a life-sized statue of Chaplin.

Since early Tuesday, like much of the rest of Montecito, the statue has been knee-deep in mud.

The deadly mudslides that ravaged the town came a month after a massive wildfire drove many residents from their homes and blackened the nearby mountains. With no vegetation left to absorb the rain, the slides came quickly amid a torrential downpour.

At least 17 people died and about 500 homes were damaged or destroyed. The stark images of streets filled with boulders, downed trees, wrecked cars and obliterated houses generated international attention and sympathy to the community of 9,000 people that in normal times values its privacy.

Tennis legend Jimmy Connors was among those who were stranded and had to be airlifted from the area by the Coast Guard.

"Montecito — fires burn — rain comes — mudslides and devastation — evacuated today by helicopter — thoughts and prayers for all!!!" Connors tweeted.

Oprah Winfrey, fresh off a Golden Globes speech that inspired calls for her to run for president, post-

ed Instagram photos of the shin-deep mud in her yard and video of rescue helicopters flying overhead.

She is a star among stars in the town that is teeming with them. Ellen DeGeneres, Al Gore, Drew Barrymore, Patrick Stewart and Rob Lowe either live or own part-time homes there.

"I have a very pleasant existence in Montecito," Dick Wolf, creator of the "Law & Order" television empire, told The Associated Press in 2014.

Nearly a century ago, Chaplin made his first visit and fell in love with the area and its Mediterranean climate, ocean views and canyon serenity.

Just to the north are hot springs that had been treasured for centuries by the native Chumash Indians, Spanish settlers, and starting in 1855, a handful of wealthy Americans who thought they had healing power.

To the south is the Pacific Ocean and to the west is Santa Barbara and its city amenities.

About 90 miles (145 kilometers) southeast is Los Angeles, where Chaplin, his fellow Montecito Inn investor Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle and other silent-film stars worked. These are the same features that make the area so appealing for modern celebrities. While it has grown, it also has resisted growth — shunning excessive development, billboards and fast food outlets. Its downtown is a small collection of bistros and boutiques.

In 1942, Chaplin, age 53, married 18-year-old Oona O'Neill in a Montecito wedding that both dazzled and scandalized the country.

Since then, Kim Kardashian West, Melissa Etheridge and Jessica Simpson are among the many who



AP photo

In this Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, file photo, debris and mud cover the entrance of the Montecito Inn after heavy rain brought flash flooding and mudslides to the area in Montecito, California.

have had Montecito weddings.

The town has resisted annexation by Santa Barbara, instead remaining unincorporated. Its population is mostly older and overwhelmingly white. And it's wealthy — the median home price among current listings is more than \$4 million.

While most homeowners have fire insurance, very few typically have flood insurance, Santa Barbara County Supervisor Das Williams said. Officials urged them to get it as the storm bore down, though only a handful did. Jeff Bridges, among the town's famous residents, said his house took a hit.

"Our home has been severely damaged, but we are safe, and so thankful for that and for the first responders who are working tirelessly to save people," Bridges tweeted Thursday. "We are heartbroken over the loss of lives in our community. Your prayers and best wishes are most appreciated."

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

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

Intermediate School

Monday: Holiday

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

Wednesday: Breakfast: Strawberry jamwich, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or chicken carbonara pasta, or ham and turkey Cobb salad with flatbread, diced pears, fresh roasted squash, fresh celery sticks.

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

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

garden salad.

Junior High School

Monday: Holiday

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

Wednesday: Breakfast: Grape jamwich, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or chili mac, or ham and turkey Cobb salad with roll, fresh apples, diced pears, orange glazed carrots, fresh celery sticks.

Thursday:

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

Friday: Breakfast: Chocolate muffin, fresh grapes, apple juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or pizza salad, or Cajun chili fries bowl with roll, pineapple tidbits, fresh buttered broccoli, fresh red pepper strips, fresh cantaloupe, garden salad.

High School

Monday: Holiday

Tuesday: Breakfast: Mini rolls, or egg muffin, or waffles, fresh blueberries, Trix cereal, animal crackers, fresh oranges, mixed fruit. Lunch: **Wednesday:** Breakfast: Toast taco, or sausage muffin melt, or waffles, fresh blueberries, Froot Loops cereal, fresh pears, applesauce. Lunch: **Thursday:** Breakfast: Kolaches, or egg, bacon muffin melt, or waffles, fresh blueberries, apple jacks cereal, animal crackers, fresh bananas, raisins. Lunch: **Friday:** Breakfast: Breakfast corn dog, chocolate muffins, or waffles, fresh blueberries, frosted flakes cereal, string cheese, fresh grapes, diced peaches. Lunch:

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

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick with syrup. Lunch: Chicken salad and croissant, or mini corn dog wit tater tots or overn roasted chicken with broccoli bites, baked beans, fresh fruit cup.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito and hash browns. Lunch: Santa Fe salad, or nacho grande with beans, and salsa, or taco soup with corn bread, tiny tomato cup, cucumber slices, peaches, sherbet cup.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast parfait, or biscuits with scrambles eggs and bacon. Lunch: Caribbean

salad, or chicken sandwich with fries, or extreme burrito with salsa and corn, fresh veggie cup, mandarin oranges.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches and yogurt. Lunch: Crispy chicken salad, or Asian bowl with egg roll, or Salisbury steak with biscuit, gravy, roasted potatoes, garden salad, fruity jell-o-cups.

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

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Monday: Breakfast: Mini chicken biscuits, or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Steak fingers or fish sticks, cheesy potato ay gratin, savory green beans, baby carrots, roll, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage cheese, or breakfast sandwich or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, peach cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: chicken sandwich, or steak and cheese tornadoes, spicy fries, ranch style beans, salsa, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Monte Cristo sandwich or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets with mac and cheese or chili cheese tots, seasoned corn, baby carrots, corn bread, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, strawberry cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Cheese or pepperoni pizza or cheesy beef lasagna with garlic bread sticks, Italian vegetables, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: French toast 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.

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

milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Taquito or cereal bar and yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Lasagna, garden salad, Tuscan veggies, garlic break sticks, pears, fruit variety, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Lunch: Taco, Spanish rice, fresh veggie cup, Charro beans, lettuce and tomato, apple pineapple d'lite, fruit variety, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal bar, yogurt, fruit juice, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken parmesan, garden salad, savory green beans, bread sticks, chilled pineapple, fruit variety, milk.

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

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday: Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce and tomato, tomato soup, baked chips, rice krispy treat, milk.

Tuesday: Pork stew with mixed vegetables, steamed rice, chocolate cake, cornbread, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken enchiladas, refried beans, chips and salsa, tapioca pudding, milk.

Thursday: Hamburger steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, oranges, bread, milk.

Friday: Battered fish, tater sauce, hush puppies, oven potatoes, sliced pears, milk.



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Big Spring Club News

Big Spring Art Association

The Big Spring Art Association had its annual Christmas Party. Sandee and Ben Lockhart graciously opened their home to us.

We had a lively fun filled party which consisted of eating delicious food and gift exchanging, Chinese style.

Also, some of our members wore decorated sweaters or shirts. Mrs. Lockhart judged these. Royal Futrelle's sweater was chosen. Mr. Futrelle's sweater was hand decorated! We had a blast!

Our New Year starts with local artist Kay Smith. In 1993, oil painter, Kay Smith began watercolor with her first Ken Hosmer workshop.

With this ever changing medium, she found her niche! Largely self taught, she keeps abreast of changing trends in color, design and subject matter by taking or giving watercolor or mixed media workshops.

She maintains studios in New Mexico and in Texas. Her award winning work is included in Color Mixing: The 12 Hue Method by Christopher Willard, Rockport Publishers; Splash 7 (2002) and Splash 14 (2013) North Light Books, to name a few.

Tuesday, January 16th is our next meeting. We meet at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

We always have a great time...so, if your are interested in art of any kind, come join us! Follow us on Facebook!

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful held their monthly meeting January 8, 2018. President Eric Escamilla called the meeting to order. Eric led the group in the pledge and Jim DePauw gave the invocation.

A special thanks was given to Willia Ledford for her great work as president of Keep Big Spring Beautiful in 2017. Jim DePauw gave the treasurer's report. Keep Big Spring Beautiful was able to secure a grant from Oncor. This grant will be used in phase two of the Spring Project.

The Chamber Banquet will be held January 30th. Motions were made by members Willia Ledford and Debbie Wegman to sponsor a table. Volunteers will be needed to decorate the table. Everyone is urged to attend. Keep Big Spring Beautiful will soon be working on the Governor's Community Achievement Award (GCAA). This award has been around over thirty years. Keep Texas Beautiful has partnered with TxDot to award communities for their efforts to keep their communities beautiful. Prizes are awarded and are used for landscaping along local right of ways. Some of the criteria used are leadership, education, beautification, litter prevention, waste management and public awareness. Big Spring has always scored high on this award. Eric Escamilla made the motion to adjourn. The next meeting will be February 1, 2018. Meetings are held at Howard College. We meet in the Cactus Room at noon. Visitors are always welcome.

Who's who in Howard County: Ida Hambrick



What is your name? Ida M. Hambrick
Where do you work, and what do you do? WTVA Healthcare in Big Spring and 28 year Air Force Retiree.
Where were you born? Memphis, Tennessee
What city do you live in? Big Spring, Texas
Who is in your family? Two brothers, oldest lives in Detroit, Michigan, and the youngest lives in Atlanta, Georgia.
What hobbies/organizations/clubs do you enjoy? Fitness, healthy eating, personal religious practices, a member of Mt. Bethel Baptist, and Breast Cancer Awareness.
What is your favorite book (and who's the author)? The latest book just read was, "Man's Search for Meaning," by Viktor E. Frankl
What is your favorite television show? Bold and Beautiful
What is your favorite movie? Hidden Figures directed and written by Theodore Melfi.
What type of music do you enjoy? Gospel, easy listening, and jazz.
Where would you visit if you could go anywhere? Belize in Central America and Prague, Czech Republic

NOT REAL NEWS: A look at what didn't happen this week

By Associated Press

A roundup of some of the most popular, but completely untrue, headlines of the week. None of these stories are legit, even though they were shared widely on social media. The Associated Press checked these out; here are the real facts:

NOT REAL: Black Alabama Running Back Loses Scholarship Over SICK Anti-Trump Outburst

THE FACTS: Multiple sites published a report first circulated by conservative site Last Line of Defense that Bo Scarbrough lost his Alabama scholarship after yelling an obscenity about the president while walking to the field at the College Football Playoff title game. A spokesman told the AP the university has not changed Scarbrough's scholarship. Scarbrough denied cursing Trump, and video of the incident was inconclusive.

NOT REAL: Trump Tower fire was a 'deep state' assassination attempt on the president

THE FACTS: The president was at the White House, not at his New York home and business offices, when a fire sent smoke billowing from Trump Tower's roof on Monday. Yet several conspiracy sites falsely reported "the president has yet to be accounted for" and reported suspicions the blaze was set deliberately. The fire was a small electrical blaze in the tower's heating and air conditioning system, New York fire officials told the AP, and was quickly put out. President Trump's son Eric later tweeted thanks to the fire department for putting it out quickly.

NOT REAL: Late Night Raid On Michigan Mosque Nets 11 ISIS Terrorists and More Than 40 Vests

THE FACTS: FBI spokesman Timothy Wile said there's no truth to the report that went viral when first published on conservative site ReaganWas-

Right of a raid on a mosque in Dearborn, Michigan. The report said suicide vests were found and quoted an official from the Department of Refugee Affairs — which is not the name of a federal agency — as saying a terror attack was imminent. A photo of police cars that accompanied the story appears to have been first published in a story about an unrelated arrest in Guyana three years ago.

NOT REAL: Now all Americans will be microchipped on the will of police

THE FACTS: A story shared by several sites including True Activist falsely described the details of a bill that provides federal funding to programs designed to track patients with dementia or autism who wander. The bill known as Kevin and Avonte's law, passed by the House of Representatives in 2016, would allow funds to go to agencies who wanted tracking devices, but has no order to implant microchips in anyone.

NOT REAL: HOLLYWOOD CELEBS: WE WILL GO ON 'TOTAL STRIKE' IF TRUMP DOES NOT RESIGN

THE FACTS: Satire sites have been publishing this false story for several months, riffing off a protest when celebrities including Rosie O'Donnell, Debra Messing and Edward Asner signed a full-page ad by the organization Refuse Fascism protesting Donald Trump's presidency. They did not threaten a strike in the entertainment industry if Trump does not resign, as the story claimed, quoting a spokesman for the unknown group, "Refuse Racism."

This is part of The Associated Press' ongoing effort to fact-check misinformation that is shared widely online, including work with Facebook to identify and reduce the circulation of false stories on the platform.

Doreen Tracey, an original Disney Mouseketeer, dies at 74

By MARK KENNEDY

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Doreen Tracey, a former child star who played one of the original cute-as-a-button Mouseketeers on "The Mickey Mouse Club" in the 1950s, has died, according to Disney publicist Howard Green. She was 74.

Tracey died from pneumonia Wednesday at a hospital in Thousand Oaks, California, following a two-year battle with cancer.

Tracey maintained ties to Disney and show business throughout her life, appearing in the film "Westward Ho the Wagons!" and touring with the Mouseketeers. She later served as a publicist to musician Frank Zappa and worked at Warner Bros.

It was the pig-tailed Tracey and her talented co-stars — including Annette Funicello — who appeared on television in black hats with ears following the anthem "M-I-C, K-E-Y, M-O-U-S-E ..." on ABC's "The Mickey Mouse Club." Millions of kids raced home from school to watch in wonder as the bouncy Mouseketeers announced themselves at the top of the show.

"The Mickey Mouse Club" was the brainchild of Walt Disney during the flowering of his company's fortunes in the mid-1950s. To help finance the Disneyland park, he agreed to supply ABC with TV shows. One was designed for children in the pre-dinner hour.

The hour-long show proved a sensation with its Oct. 3, 1955, debut. It flourished for two seasons, then was reduced to a half-hour for two more. Tracey stayed for its four-year run.

The black-and-white series was syndicated in 1962-65. The 1990s version of "The Mickey Mouse Club" launched the careers of singers Justin Timberlake, Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera, and actors Keri Russell and Ryan Gosling.

Born in London on April 3, 1943, to parents who worked in vaudeville, Tracey arrived in the United States when she was 4 and learned to sing and dance. She nabbed a spot on "The Mickey Mouse Club" when she was 12.

Lorraine Santoli, a former executive at Disney



Disney

This undated photo released by Disney, shows Disney Mouseketeer Doreen Tracey. Tracey, a former child star who played one of the original cute-as-a-button Mouseketeers on "The Mickey Mouse Club" in the 1950s, died from pneumonia on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018, at a hospital in Thousand Oaks, Calif., following a two-year battle with cancer, according to Disney publicist Howard Green.

who wrote "The Official Mickey Mouse Club Book," said Tracey remained close to her Disney roots, maintaining long-time friendships with her fellow Mouseketeers.

Tracey strained her relationship with Disney by posing for a men's magazine in 1976 with nothing on except her mouse ears and later wearing nothing but an open trench coat in front of Disney Studios. Still, she often appeared at Mickey Mouse Club reunion shows at Disneyland and at Disney conventions, last celebrating the show's 60th anniversary in 2015.

Tracey is survived by her son, Bradley, and two grandchildren, Gavin, 9, and Autumn, 12.

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Lawmakers to Justice Department: Keep online gambling legal



AP photo
In this Nov. 21, 2013, photo, Joseph Brennen tries to log on to a gambling site while at a highway rest stop in Egg Harbor Township N.J., on the first night of New Jersey's Internet gambling test. On Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018, New Jersey lawmakers from both political parties urged the U.S. Justice Department to keep internet gambling legal, responding to a request from two U.S. senators to reverse a 2011 ruling that internet gambling does not violate federal law.

By WAYNE PARRY
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Federal lawmakers from both parties in New Jersey are asking the U.S. Justice Department to keep internet gambling legal.

In a letter Thursday to Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, the lawmakers urged the department not to rescind its 2011 legal opinion that internet gambling is permissible under federal law.

Internet gambling is a thriving industry in New Jersey, helping Atlantic City's seven casinos recover from a three-year period in which five of the city's 12 casinos closed. The additional money brought in online often makes the difference between an up month and a down month for Atlantic City casinos.

The letter was signed by New Jersey's two Democratic Senators, Bob Menendez and Cory Booker, along with Republican Reps. Frank LoBiondo, Leonard Lance, and Tom MacArthur, and Democrats Josh Gottheimer, Albio Sires, Bonnie Watson Coleman, Bill

Pascrell Jr. and Donald Payne Jr.

It was a response to a letter in November from Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California asking the Justice Department to change course and have Congress determine whether to permit online gambling.

That unlikely pairing voiced concern about a rapid, unchecked spread of gambling — something that has not happened. Only four states — New Jersey, Nevada, Delaware and Pennsylvania — have legalized internet gambling, and New Jersey's regulatory standards are consid-

ered the strictest in the nation.

Graham and Feinstein repeated their warning of several years ago that the Justice Department opinion permitting internet gambling "could usher in the most fundamental change in gambling in our lifetimes by turning

every smart phone, tablet and personal computer in our country into a casino available 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

But the New Jersey lawmakers said their state has proven online

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Permits

- Walmart, 201 Marcy, comm. Alt. Add, Val: \$43,387, Fee: \$280
- Susie Combs, 1514 Vines Ave., res. gas, Val: \$500, Fee: \$32
- Steven P. Hamm, 1308 Lexington Ave., res. gas, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$32
- Renee Kyoko Thomas, 507 E. 17th St., res. elec., Val: \$25, Fee: \$25
- Vonnie Lee Hopper, 1701 Goliad St., res. re-roof, Val: \$4,800, Fee: \$35
- Moises Torres, 1312 Virginia Ave., res. re-roof, Val: \$500, Fee: \$25
- Bahola Brito Deleon, 612 Linda Ln., res. re-roof, Val: \$5,600, Fee: \$40
- Billy S. Schaffner, 2501 Central Dr., res. sewer tap, Val: \$265, Fee: \$265
- Rosalinda Marquez, 1300 Kindle Rd., patio cover, Val: \$300, Fee: \$25
- Army Salvation, 811 W 5th St., com. Plumb, Val: \$15,000, Fee: \$32
- Manuel Villa, 503 San Jacinto St., res. elec., Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$25
- Dynamic Outdoor Media, 406 E FM 700 B, com. Elec., Val: \$100, Fee: \$25
- Estanislao Solis, demo-single family home, Val: \$50, Fee: \$50
- Jorge Andreas Salais Bello, 1209 Mobile St., fence and carport, Val: \$700, Fee: \$25
- Ez Pawn, 1010 S Gregg St., sign, type a,b,c,d,e, Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$25
- Commercial Electric, 3408 E 11th pl ext, com. Elec., Val: \$1,200, Fee: \$25
- Big Spring Herald, 701 Scurry St., com. Hvac, Val: \$7,300, Fee: \$45
- The Legacy, 125 E 3rd St., com. Elec., Val: \$25, Fee: \$25
- Clay Harris, 1111 N. Gregg St., com. Elec., Val: \$60, Fee: \$25
- Juanita Aguilar, 1101 E 12th St., com. Elec., Val: \$200, Fee: \$32
- White Oak Development, 2500 Joshua Dr., signs types a,b,c,d,e, Val: \$11,000, Fee: \$65
- Hermelinda Jacquez, 610 Abrams St., res. re-roof, Val: \$2,000, Fee: \$25
- Sugar's Bar, 3430 E Interstate 20, com. Elec., Val: \$25, Fee: \$25
- Quad A Inc., 3221 Cornell Ave., res. hvac, Val: \$4,800, Fee: \$45
- Thomas Stewart, 300 NE 8th St., front porch, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$25
- Maple Properties, Llc., 1106 Birdwell Ln., res. elec., Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$25
- Stan Parker, 400 E 10th St., res. elec., Val: \$1,300, Fee: \$25
- Home Real Estate, 2011 S. Gregg St., non res., Val: \$80,000, Fee: \$300
- Big Spring Trucking, 905 W 4th St., structure other than, Val: \$600, Fee: \$25
- Texas Quality Buildings, 1111 N. Gregg St., store and customer, Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$25
- Donald Koerber, 500 Mcewen St., structure other than, Val: \$1,600, Fee: \$25
- Gregory Harmon Birrell, 902 Highland Dr., res. re-roof, Val: \$19,400, Fee: \$110

Thank you, Big Spring Country Club!



Courtesy photo
Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Director Debbye ValVerde, left presents a banner to staff members of the Big Spring Country Club thanking them for investing in the Big Spring and Howard County community. Big Spring Country Club is located at 2401 Driver Road.

Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

- Jasmine Ahrnkeil, 1301 Princeton, Big Spring
- Sherri Monique Aldridge, 1507 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
- 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
- Douglas "Doug" Lee Brown, 205 W. 14th St. P.O. Box 275, Monahans
- 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
- Nelba DeLosRios Diaz, 10600 McMillian Dr., Austin
- Krista A. Dickson, 6917 Todd, Sachse
- Jimmy Dodson, 405 31st St., Snyder
- Ben Doherty, 5019 McKinney St. No. 105, Dallas
- Angela Doty, 1401 E. Rundberg, Austin
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- Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
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- Kristen Falcon, 2606 Fairchild Dr., Big Spring
- Lez Faulkner, 1102 South Water, Burnet
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- Mumduh Felemban, 9338 Perrin Beitel Apt. 701, San Antonio
- Alexander Fernandez, 404 Cypress, Colorado City
- Juana Fierro, 406 N.W. 5th St., Big Spring
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- Ellen French, P.O. Box 942, Poteau, Okla.
- Sharlamarr Frink, 3723 Monclair,

- Odessa
- Johnnie Fuller, 3801 23rd St., Snyder
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- Rosa M. George, 509 W. Second St., Stanton, Texas
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- Elizabeth Gomez, 509 Raleigh St., Plainview
- Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring
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- Kay Grant, 4405 N. Garfield #1005, Midland
- Whitney Marquez Gray, 2934 Old Anson Rd. \$1224, Abilene
- Isaiah Green, 4801 State St., Abilene
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- William J. Harman, HC 76, Box 147K-1, Big Spring
- Nicholas D. Hasenbalg, 207 W. Williams St. #9, Breckenridge
- Ann Hashem, 120 Airbase Rd. 15-5, Big Spring
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- 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
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- Joni D. Kelly, 3050 Co. Rd 139, Colorado
- Renola S. Kelly, 4503 LA Salle Circle, Colorado City
- Paige Morgan Kenas, 1003-2 Lake County Rd 175, Colorado City
- Cynthia Lee Kent, Moved to Newport News, Virginia
- Keith James Kochmick, 1003 Stadium, Big Spring
- Cyndi Michelle Lambert, 2600 Crestline, Apt. C7, Big Spring
- 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

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Gains for retailers push S&P 500 higher; rates rise



AP photo
In this Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016, file photo, a trader works at the New York Stock Exchange. Stocks are opening higher on Wall Street, Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, led by gains in banks and retailers. Banks were benefiting from higher bond yields. Facebook dropped after saying it would make significant changes to user feeds that will result in fewer posts from brands.

By **STAN CHOE**

AP Business Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Rising retailers pushed U.S. stock indexes further into record territory on Friday, and the Standard & Poor's 500 was on pace to close out its seventh week of gains in the last eight.

Interest rates also climbed after a key component of inflation accelerated last month. The yield on the two-year Treasury reached its highest level since 2008, when the financial crisis was peaking.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 was up 13 points, or 0.5 percent, at 2,780 as of 12:45 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 177, or 0.7 percent, to 25,751, and the Nasdaq composite gained 37, or 0.5 percent, to 7,249.

RETAILERS RINGING IT UP: Kohl's jumped to one of the biggest gains in the S&P 500 and was up \$2.25, or 4.6 percent to \$51.26. Nordstrom, Target and Dollar Tree all climbed more than 2.5 percent.

A government report confirmed that the holiday shopping season was a strong one, with retail sales rising 0.4 percent last month following a 0.9 percent surge in November. The numbers fit with what individual retailers have said recently, and several have raised their profit forecasts as a result.

The strong job market has led to higher optimism among shoppers, and they're opening their wallets up further as a result.

YIELDS: Treasury yields jumped after a key measure of inflation rose more last month than economists expected.

Overall inflation slowed in December, but that was mostly due to gasoline and other items that are prone to quick changes in price. "Core" inflation, which looks at the steadier components of the Consumer Price Index, accelerated more than expected last month.

That pushed the yield on the two-year Treasury to 1.99 percent from 1.98 percent late Thursday. It crossed above 2 percent earlier

in the day.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.56 percent from 2.54 percent.

RATE EFFECT: Investors have been preparing for a gradual rise in rates, which dropped to record lows following the Great Recession and helped propel the market on its record run. The worry is that a surprise spike in inflation would force central banks to move more quickly on rates and upset markets that have been remarkably calm.

Stocks that pay big dividends also get hurt when bonds are paying higher interest rates, because they can lure away investors seeking income.

Real-estate stocks, which are big dividend payers, fell 0.9 percent for the worst performance among the 11 sectors that make up the S&P 500. Utilities were also weaker.

RALLY ROLLS ON: Friday's gains are the latest step forward for a market that's been locked into a strong, smooth ride upward. Sandy Villere, a partner and portfolio manager at Villere & Co., said he's optimistic stocks can rise even further because the economy is strengthening and Washington's move to cut tax rates last month will help boost corporate profits, among other reasons.

But some caution is starting to creep in as prices have climbed. Villere said he's holding more cash than prior years as the types of stocks he prefers get more difficult to find: companies with strong growth but low prices relative to their earnings and

growth.

"We're not fully invested at this point, but we haven't switched to pure defense yet either," Villere said. "Things are good enough to keep things going solidly, at least for the first half of 2018. We try not to be greedy about it."

EARNINGS SEASON UNDERWAY: The floodgates are opening for companies to report their results for the last three months of 2017, and expectations are generally high. Analysts are forecasting S&P 500 companies will report earnings per share that are 10.7 percent higher than a year earlier, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence.

Financial companies are some of the earliest to report, and BlackRock jumped \$16.47, or 3.1 percent, to \$554.39 after it reported stronger earnings than analysts expected.

Besides healthy growth, investors are also waiting to hear how companies say they will use the boost in profits they'll get from the tax system's overhaul. "Are they going to put the money into the economy, or hoard it for themselves?" Villere asked.

DISLIKE: Facebook fell to one of the largest losses in the S&P 500 after the social-media giant said that it is revamping its system to show fewer posts from brands and fewer videos in favor of more posts from friends and family. The changes may result in people spending less time on Facebook, and less advertising revenue

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GAMBLING

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gambling can be done safely and responsibly.

"Placing a blanket prohibition for online gambling would be an antiquated approach to a 21st century issue, punishing states like New Jersey, which have invested in creating a safe and secure online gaming structure, while also permitting black market operators to put millions of Americans at risk," the letter from the New Jersey delegation read.

The Justice Department did not immediately respond to an inquiry into whether it is considering changing its 2011 opinion regarding internet gambling. In a 2016 interview during the presidential campaign, Donald Trump, the former Atlantic City casino owner, told The Associated Press he would not take a position regarding online gambling, saying he has many friends on both sides of the issue.

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District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC
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Type of Case: Contract/commercial/debt
Date: Jan. 4, 2018

Plaintiff: Alex Perez
Respondent: Blissard Enterprises, Inc.
Type of Case: Injury/damage-motor

vehicle
Date: Jan. 4, 2018
Plaintiff: CACH, LLC
Respondent: Wells Fargo Bank, Inc.
Type of Case: Civil case-other
Date: Jan. 5, 2018

County Court Judgments

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

Defendant: Matilda Irvin
Offense: Theft of property in between \$750 to \$2,500
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$317 in court cost, 20 days in jail
Date: Nov. 28, 2017

Defendant: John Roberts
Offense: Theft of property in between \$100 to \$750
Sentence: six months probation, \$312 in court cost
Date: Nov. 30, 2017

Defendant: Preston C. Walker
Offense: Theft of property in between \$20 to \$500
Sentence: 12 months probation, \$362 in court cost
Date: Nov. 29, 2017

Defendant: Tony L. Jetton
Offense: Criminal mischief in between \$100 to \$750
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$312 in court cost, 30 days in jail
Date: Dec. 14, 2017

Defendant: Gregory Carter
Offense: Possession of marijuana
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$327 in court cost, 30 days in jail
Date: Nov. 16, 2017

Defendant: Jessica Hernandez
Offense: DWLI with previous conviction and without financial responsibility
Sentence: 12 months probation, \$250 fine, and 180 day sin jail
Date: Dec. 19, 2017

Defendant: Tony L. Jetton
Offense: Burglary of vehicle
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$282 in court cost, 30 days in jail
Date: Dec. 14, 2017

Defendant: Mitchell McCormack
Offense: Evading arrest detention
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that Diamondback E&P LLC (RRC P-5 # 217012) is filing with the Texas Railroad Commission the following P-17 Application for the Exception to Statewide Rules (SWR) 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle oil and casinghead gas production from leases: Target H 3905WA (DP #820900), Target J 3906WB (DP #820896), Target I 3907WB (DP #820892), Target F 3901WA (DP #812592), Target G 3901WB (DP #812590), Target B 3905WB (RRC Lease #47900), Target D 3904WB (RRC Lease #47951), Target E 3902WB (DP #822235), Target K 3906WA (DP #827023), Target L 3908WB (DP #827016), Target M 3907WA (DP #827018), Target O 3902WA (DP #829244), Target P 3903WB (DP #829245), Target Q 3903WA (DP #829246), Target R 3904WA (DP #829247). All wells are in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field in Glasscock County, Texas. This application is for common separation, common storage and casinghead gas metering by allocation by well test. Production will be allocated by W-10 Tests. Any royalty or working interest owners or offset operators who have not received written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the date of last publication.

#9647 December 24, 31, 2017 January 7, 14, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

Key Energy Services Son of Big Bad SWD No. 1 Howard County, Texas

Key Energy Services, LLC, 1301 McKinney St., Houston, TX. 77010.

Is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres and Clearfork formations Son of Big Bad Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed injection well is located 5 miles Northeast of Knott in the Parallel-Wolfe (Fusselman) Field, in Howard County. Legal description, Sec. 9, Blk 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey. A-322. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3430 to 6059 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY:

Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rule of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspects of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

#9669 January 14, 2018

ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

Property owners have certain rights that may reduce their property tax burden.

HOMEOWNERS

Persons who own their residence on January 1, 2018, may claim their home as a residential homestead. The filing of this document is only necessary if the homeowner has changed homesteads since January 1, 2017, or has become eligible for additional exemptions.

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al exemptions since last year. Homeowners may also defer the portion of the tax on their residence homestead if the value of the home was raised more than 5% above the previous year. Although the tax collection is deferred, interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of 8% per annum and the deferred tax remains a lien on the property. To apply for the deferral, the owner should contact the appraisal district which appraised the property in question and complete an application.

DISABLED PERSONS

Persons who are disabled under Social Security law are entitled to additional exemptions on their residential homestead. Disabled applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a determination letter from Social Security.

PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE

Persons who are over 65 years of age or disabled persons may file for additional exemptions and a ceiling on school taxes for their residential homestead if they become 65 during 2018. Over-65 persons should apply for this exemption at the appraisal district office in their area. Over-65 persons are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead if they wish. The taxes continue to accrue during the deferral along with an interest rate of 8% annually, but no attempt will be made to force payment during the deferral. Details and an application may be obtained from any appraisal district or the State Comptroller.

DISABLED VETERANS

Persons who have been declared disabled by the Veteran's Administration are eligible for additional exemptions on property they own. The declaration letter from VA is mailed annually, but the appraisal district only needs a copy in the first year of eligibility or if the percentage of disability changes.

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EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

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BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNERS

State law now requires the filing of a rendition declaring what types of business personal property that a person or company owns. Failure to file the rendition will result in a 10% penalty. If a fraudulent rendition is filed, a 50% penalty is mandated. A rendition can be obtained from the appraisal district office where the property is located. A 30 day filing extension is available by written request.

DEALER'S MOTOR VEHICLE INVENTORY DECLARATION

State law requires the filing of a Declaration of a Dealer's Motor Vehicle Inventory with the appraisal district office and county tax assessor-collector's office. Form 50-244 and all supporting documentation must be filed no later than Feb. 1st. A dealer who fails to file a Declaration will be imposed a penalty. Information regarding penalties can be obtained from the appraisal office or the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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Public Notice

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

H20 Midstream Permian LLC
3151 Briarpark Ste 825
Houston, TX 77042

is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a commercial permit to inject fluid into a formation which is not productive of oil or gas. The Applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Ellenburger, Fusselman formations, Ward 18 SWD well 1. The proposed injection wells is located 5 miles North West of Big Springs, in the Sprayberry (Trend Area) field in Howard County Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 10400 to 13000 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY:
Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

#9668 January 14, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Cheryl Beeson, Deceased, were issued on December 29, 2017, in Cause No. P-14741, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Orville Lee Rau.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Robert D. Miller Attorney At Law 608 Scurry Big Spring, TX 79720**

DATED the 11th day of January, 2018.

Robert D. Miller
Attorney for Orville Lee Rau
State Bar No.: 14108500
608 Scurry
Big Spring, TX 79720
Telephone: (432) 267-7449
Facsimile: (432) 267-1043

#9670 January 14, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lummie L. Gould, Deceased, were issued on January 9, 2018, in Cause No. P-14743, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Michael S. Becker.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Robert D. Miller Attorney At Law 608 Scurry Big Spring, TX 79720**

DATED the 11th day of January, 2018.

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#9671 January 14, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Joint Primary Election held on March 6, 2018 will be

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tested on Friday, January 19, 2018 at 3:00 PM, Elections Office - 1st floor County Courthouse to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Se da aviso por escrito que el equipo de tabulacion automatica que se usara Joint Primary Election el 6 de marzo de 2018 sera probado el jueves 19 de enero a las 3:00 PM Oficina de Elecciones - que contara exactamente los votos emitidos para todas las oficinas y para todas las medidas.

Jodi Duck
Signature of Official Firma del/dela Oficial

#9672 January 14, 2018

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CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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Date/Time: Thursday, January 18, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., for the following:

RFP # 18-015 Lease/ Purchase Financing Services

Proposals are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Proposal information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All proposals must be marked with the date of the proposals and a general description of the proposal item(s).

The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any or all formalities.

#9652 January 3, 7, 14, 2018

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The bidding tells the tale

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠K 7 3
♥J 4
♦J 5 4 2
♣10 8 7 6

WEST
♠A Q J 9 6 4
♥K 10 3
♦K 9 7
♣5

EAST
♠5 2
♥9 8 6 5 2
♦10 8 3
♣J 9 3

SOUTH
♠10 8
♥A Q 7
♦A Q 6
♣A K Q 4 2

The bidding:
East Pass 2 NT 3 ♠ 3 NT
South 2 NT 3 ♠ 3 NT
West 3 ♠ 3 NT
North 3 NT
Opening lead — queen of spades.
If you look at all four hands, it seems South can't make three notrump. After West leads a spade, declarer has only eight top tricks; if he tries for a ninth by taking a finesse in either red suit, West wins and cashes his remaining spades to defeat the contract.

But South made three notrump, and, what's more, there was nothing the defenders could do about it. The key to the winning line of play was West's three-spade bid, which came back to haunt him later on.
Declarer started by ducking the spade queen, then took the jack con-

tinuation with the king. The A-K-Q of clubs were cashed, West discarding a heart and a diamond, and a fourth club was led to dummy's ten, on which West discarded a spade.

South had eight sure tricks at this point; had he tried either the heart or diamond finesse, he would have gone down one after West won and cashed three more spades. However, acting on the assumption that West had both red kings for his three-spade bid, declarer next led a diamond to the ace, producing this position:

	North	
	♦ 7	
	♥ J 4	
	♦ J 5 4	
West		East
♠ A 9 6		♥ 9 8 6 5
♦ K 10		♦ 10 8
♥ K		
	South	
	♥ A Q 7	
	♦ Q 6	
	♣ 4	

When the club four was cashed, West had no satisfactory reply. Since a discard in either red suit would immediately prove fatal, he elected to let go of a spade.

South thereupon exited with a low diamond, and West was a goner. After taking the king and cashing two spades, he had to concede the last two tricks to declarer's ace of hearts and queen of diamonds.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



Preamble to First New Moon

Tuesday's new moon is different from the others that will happen in 2018 and worthy of some forethought. It's not just because it's the first new moon of the year; it's also because the energy of Capricorn is so powerfully organized, ambitious and practical that it would be a shame to waste. Today, brainstorm about what you'll create in 2018.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People don't "have" time or "find" time; we all get the same amount per day. People (SET ITAL) prioritize (END ITAL) events in time, and our lives represent these priorities. Except lately, it doesn't feel as if yours does, so reprioritize.

TAURUS (April 20-

May 20). If you assume you know the answer, it will ruin you for asking new and interesting questions. Ignorance leads to wonder, which leads to finding the new gleaming facets of the situation that go missed when one assumes familiarity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It might be argued that one person cannot provide for all of the needs of another, however amazing that one person may be. Anyway, diversifying your time among friends will help you appreciate those nearest to you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People say "we should get together sometime" when they are interested in each other but can't quite figure out how to continue or when they have no intention of seeing each other ever again.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Maybe it's too much for you to take it on faith, but it really is getting better, so relax! Focus on one way in which it's improving. Relax more. Focus on another improvement. This is how to get there in comfort.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You deserve the best support you can get. Fickle and judgmental support isn't support at all. Bottom line, if they aren't rooting for you, then they aren't on your team. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Friends and family have influence over your roles in life. They see you a certain way,

Continued efforts are the mark of class, i.e., valuing the right things in life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will only discuss others in the way you would want yourself discussed. By following this one rule, you will avoid trouble and create a more charming presence all at once.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will attract helpful people. You don't even have to look for them. What you're up to is so interesting that it will draw the curiosity of people who absolutely won't be able to resist helping you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The ones who have experienced acute loss will go to great lengths to avoid it going forward. This is why they may take too much, consume too much and need too much. Give them time to heal. When they do, they'll need less.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 14). The way you recognize, understand and handle feelings (yours and others') is the strength you will ride to the top ranks of the arena you most want to rule. You'll wind up in unexpected and awesome places in the name of love and friendship. Moves and sales come with a mental shift about ownership. Libra and Sagit-

tarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 7, 20, 25 and 18.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: This week's cosmic excitement centers around the first new moon of the year. The Capricorn new moon is unique in its powerful practicality. It's like the personal assistant who can help you make your wildest dreams come true by making a few phone calls. It's the reality show makeover that skips through the demolition process to wind up neatly at the glorious "after" shots as though all the work were magically accomplished in the span of a commercial break. Of course, work is always work, and magic is largely illusion, but also falling into that "illusion" category is memory -- history, any kind of story, really. Why not yours? You won't even remember the work; this week will be such a blur. Much will happen at the intersection of will, strength and a smart plan.

The second transit of interest is the grand entrance Venus makes in Aquarius. You thought you loved your devices before? It's a passionate affair in the weeks to come, as Aquarius will show you how technology can rock your world and improve your life in ways you never would have thought possible. Just be sure to look up every once in a while.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Happy birthday to Jason Bateman, whose Hollywood stock is rising by the hour these days. The producer and star of the highly acclaimed "Ozark" series will appear next month in the comedy "Game Night," about a group of friends who meet regularly for game night and find themselves trying to solve a murder mystery. Having one's sun, Venus and Pluto in Capricorn is the mark of a mogul.

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Newsday Crossword

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

- ACROSS 1 Starter like endo- 6 Word on the spider variety list 11 One of a stack of checkers 14 Less likely to be forgiving 15 Minimally 17 Paper-clipped collection 18 Targets 19 "We create music" sloganeer 21 Put in position 22 Schools or orders 25 Rat pack? 26 USMA grad in Omar Bradley's class 27 Item for pool lounging 30 PD beat 31 __ director 33 South American dollar spender 35 Chipped plastic 37 Latter-day invasion 40 Shoot out 44 It might appear after a while 45 Firm face-lift 47 Floor supporter 48 Convulsive breath-catchings 50 Knocked out 52 Jumps all over 55 Fidelity 56 The multinational "Seven Sisters," in the '60s 59 What's captured in a period piece 61 Made like some dimmer switches 62 Dragonlike, in a way 63 East side of Athens 64 G7 member 65 Quailed back
DOWN 1 NASA's six-person orbiter 2 Cry that might precede a spill 3 Do things 4 Make a start, perhaps 5 Couple of pointers? 6 It may mean "Feed me!" 7 "Therefore speak __ them in parables": Matthew 13 8 Listing in a "Fanciers" registry 9 It's northwest of Provo 10 Persistently petty person 11 One of the Leeward Antilles 12 Cousins of plovers 13 Rochester-based brewery 16 Hamilton or Benjamin 20 Move rhythmically 22 State with the highest % of land held by the Forest Service 23 Messy suit, say 24 Menacing medieval band 28 How loose wires often end up 29 __ candy 32 Express disapproval 34 Script sources 36 Throw cold water on 37 Accepts an ingestion invitation 38 Antonym of "raptures" 39 Chevy Cavalier successors 41 Pasta served with peanuts 42 Something to see through 43 Fuse 46 Word from the Latin for "harshness" 49 Org. supporting Operation Baghdad Pups 51 Step on a quality scale 53 Only commonly edible rock 54 Certain doorway 57 Essence of irrigation des plantes 58 __.org (site with a Missionary Travel page) 60 Virgin Australia hub

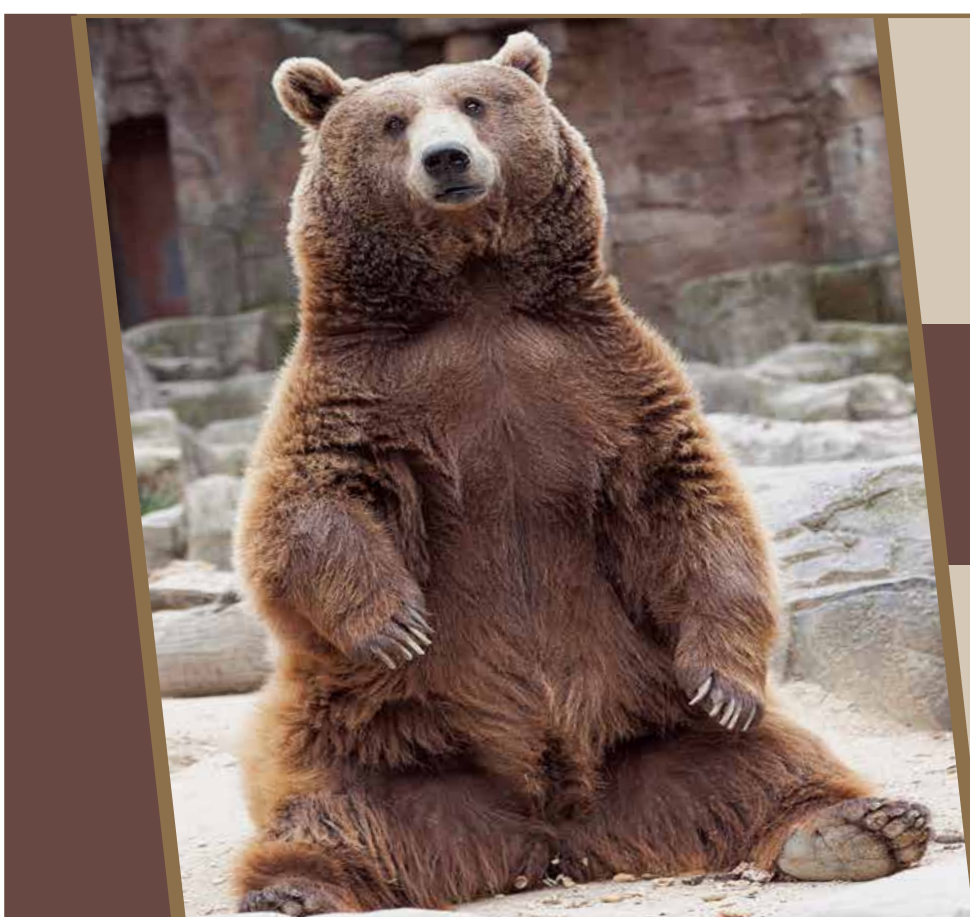
14x14 crossword grid with numbers 1-65 indicating starting points for clues.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). While winning someone over, you'll make the effort to please and entertain -- a kindness that shouldn't have to end once you earn favor.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like LUBED, SWAN, ECCO, ANODE, HOLE, NAAN, TEXTBOOK, EXAMPLE, ESC TOW, TWEEZE, NCAA, HUGS, ESTOY, TORME, PEON, HONE, EVE, RUES, WED, TAXEXEMPTIONS, TRI, NADA, SAM, WORE, MINI, MIDAS, OUTRE, TENT, TEST, SPARSE, JUG, SHE, TEXAS, ANNEXATION, ERIN, TABS, ZORRO, PSST, SPAT, EPEES. 1/13/18

SUDOKU puzzle grid with clues and solution. Fun By The Numbers. Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test! Level: Intermediate. Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



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Some utility rates could go down after US corporate tax cuts



AP photo

Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter speaks in Guthrie, Okla., Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018. Hunter has asked for a reduction in customer utility rates from the state's leading utility companies, after the corporate income tax rate went from 35 percent to 21 percent.

By **TIM TALLEY**

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Public utility regulators from Oklahoma to Massachusetts are considering lowering the rates that homeowners and businesses pay for electricity and natural gas after

a federal tax overhaul signed into law by President Donald Trump reduced the corporate income tax rate by 14 percent.

The tax overhaul that went into effect Jan. 1 lowers the highest corporate income tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent. Now, regulators and consumer groups such as AARP are demanding that the rates consumers pay be rolled back.

Utilities are allowed to incorporate federal income tax obligations into the rates they charge customers. Exactly when and where consumers might see savings remains to be seen as regulators look into the matter.

SAVINGS FOR UTILITIES IN THE MILLIONS

Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter estimates five public utilities operating in the state will save at least \$100 million a year.

In Montana, regulators estimate utilities will save tens of millions of dollars a year in taxes.

In Maryland, where three utilities asked that state's regulators reduce utility rates to reflect tax savings, Baltimore Gas & Electric estimated that it alone will pass \$82 million in tax savings on to customers.

Bob Anthony, a member of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, which regulates public utilities in the state, said consumers help pay a utility's federal taxes every time they pay their electricity or natural gas bill.

"It's not fair to over-collect for federal corporate income taxes," Anthony said.

Montana Public Service Commission Chairman Brad Johnson said the agency "wants to ensure that this money is not simply captured by shareholders, but instead is directed in a way that provides a long-term benefit to the consumer."

POTENTIAL CUSTOMER SAVINGS ON HOLD

But many regulators are allowing utilities to collect existing rates while they calculate changes in their tax liability.

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission, for example, voted to require utilities to track savings from the tax cut and report it to the commission within four months. The commission also instructed companies to create an account for the savings and refund those savings to customers later.

But regulators in other states have suggested the money could be used to help pay for capital projects and offset large, unusual expenses.

And some utilities are still seeking rate increases even with the tax savings.

Stan Whiteford, a spokesman for the Public Service of Oklahoma, an affiliate of American Electric Power that's seeking a rate increase of \$170 million, said the utility's earnings are "far below the level that we are authorized to earn by the commission." PSO favors "a more thoughtful and comprehensive approach" to dealing with the tax savings, he said.

"We look forward to the opportunity to provide the commission with information in context on all of our costs," Whiteford said.

FEDERAL REGULATORS ASKED TO STEP IN

Attorneys general, consumer advocates and regulators in more than a dozen states — including New York, California, Illinois, Texas and Virginia — have asked the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to get involved in the issue to ensure customers benefit from any windfalls utilities receive from the tax overhaul. A letter from the coalition calls for an investigation into the "justness and reasonableness" of utility rates following reduction of utilities' corporate tax rates.

AARP, which has supported a reduction of utility rates in Oklahoma and elsewhere, believes regulators "have an opportunity to save ratepayers a significant amount of money each month while still allowing utility companies the revenue necessary to provide reliable and affordable service to their customers," said AARP Oklahoma State Director Sean Voskuhl.

Wells Fargo 4Q results rise 17 pct; posts gain from tax bill



AP photo

This Friday, Aug. 11, 2017, file photo shows a sign at a Wells Fargo bank location in Philadelphia. On Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, Wells Fargo said its fourth-quarter earnings rose 17 percent from a year earlier, as the consumer banking giant benefited from the recently passed GOP tax bill, but incurred additional costs related to improper sales practices and other matters.

By **KEN SWEET**

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Wells Fargo says its fourth-quarter earnings rose 17 percent from a year ago, as the consumer banking giant benefited from the recently passed GOP tax bill, but incurred additional costs related to improper sales practices and other matters.

Wells Fargo said Friday that it earned \$6.15 billion in the quarter, or \$1.16 per share, versus \$5.27 billion, or 96 cents per share, in the same period a year ago. Analysts polled by FactSet had expected Wells Fargo to report a profit of \$1.23 a share.

The bank recorded a \$3.35 billion benefit in the quarter tied to the Trump tax bill. Wells Fargo had \$7 billion in deferred tax liabilities, basically taxes it may have owed in the future, and was able to write down some of those liabilities for

a gain. Wells Fargo now expects its effective annual tax rate to be 19 percent.

Wells is unique among the big banks in having deferred tax liabilities. One of its competitors, JPMorgan Chase, wrote down roughly \$2 billion in deferred tax assets in its fourth-quarter results, reported earlier Friday.

The bank also had \$3.3 billion in charges due to pending litigation against the company, which includes the continuing investigation into the bank's unethical sales practices and an investigation into the bank's mortgage business. Lastly the bank had an \$848 million gain from selling its insurance unit.

Wells continues to try to shake off the fallout from its 2016 sales practices scandal, and a subsequent scandal in mid-2017 where the bank sold car insurance policies to customers who didn't need it.

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for the company. Facebook dropped \$7.46, or 4 percent, to \$180.31.

CURRENCIES: The euro touched its highest level since 2014 against the dollar amid hopes for a new coalition government in Germany and signs that the European Central Bank is preparing to rein in its stimulus sooner than many had been predicting.

The euro jumped to \$1.2132 from \$1.2036 late Thursday. The British pound rose to \$1.3685 from \$1.3536, and the dollar rose to 111.26 Japanese yen from 111.09 yen.

MARKETS ABROAD: Japan's Nikkei 225 index lost 0.2 percent, South Korea's Kospi advanced 0.3 percent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng jumped 0.9 percent.

France's CAC 40 gained 0.5 percent, the FTSE 100 in London rose 0.2 percent and Germany's DAX climbed 0.3 percent.

COMMODITIES: Benchmark U.S. crude rose 30 cents to \$64.10 per barrel. Brent crude, the international standard, gained 31 cents to \$69.57 per barrel.

Gold rose \$9.00 to \$1,331.50 per ounce, silver added 13 cents to \$17.10 per ounce and copper dipped a penny to \$3.22 per pound.

RECORDS

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Defendant: Allen Ray Ward
Offense: Theft of property in between \$750 and \$2,500
Sentence: \$317 in court cost, ten days in jail
Date: Dec. 8, 2017

Defendant: Jeremy Graham
Offense: Theft of service in between \$750 and \$2,500
Sentence: \$100 fine, in \$317 in court cost, 40 days in jail
Date: Nov. 28, 2017

Defendant: John Wacker
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than two ounces
Sentence: \$250 fine, \$327 in court cost
Date: Oct. 31, 2017

Defendant: Crystal Mesler
Offense: possession of marijuana less than two ounces
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$377 in court cost, 45 days in jail
Date: Dec. 6, 2017

Defendant: Desmond DeLoach
Offense: Interfere with emergency request for assistance
Sentence: 12 months probation, \$267 in court cost
Date: Dec. 19, 2017

Defendant: George Cobb
Offense: possession of marijuana less than two ounces
Sentence: \$775 fine, \$279 in court cost
Date: Oct. 20, 2017

Defendant: Linda Cortes White
Offense: Obstruction of highway
Sentence: \$500 fine, \$267 in court cost
Date: Dec. 13, 2017

Defendant: Efrain Mier
Offense: Driving while intoxicated
Sentence: 12 months probation
Date: Dec. 9, 2017

Property: Lot one, block B, section one, Stone Creek subdivision
Date: Jan. 3, 2018

Grantor: Perry Gamble AKA Perry W. Gamble AKA Perry Wayne Gamble and Wanda Gamble
Grantee: Joshua Ross Rainey
Property: a 18.4 acre tract of the SW/4 of section 41, block 32, T-1-S, T and P Ry. Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 4, 2017

Grantor: Annette Hodnett
Grantee: Russell Hodnett
Property: Lot one, block ten, Kentwood Addition.
Date: Jan. 5, 2018

Grantor: Bent Wood Creek, LLC
Grantee: Clif Talbot and Elanie Talbot
Property: Being a 9.94 acre tract, more or less, out of the West one-half of the SE/4 of section 13 block 33, T-1-S T and P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 5, 2018

Warranty Deeds with Vendors' Liens

Grantor: Steven Eugene Demott and Casey M. Demott
Grantee: Peirson Patterson, LLP
Property: NE/4 of the SW/4 of the NE/4 of section number 19, in block number 32, T-1-S- T and P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 4, 2018

Grantor: Gloria M. Hinojosa AKA Gloria Hinojose
Grantee: Michael Knosky IV and Julie Jimenez
Property: Lot nine, block 20, Monticello Addition
Date: Jan. 4, 2018

Grantor: Linda K. Robertson, as trustee of Jerry A. Robertson and Linda K. Robertson
Grantee: Black, Mann and Graham, LLP
Property: Being a 0.43 acre tract out of the section 37, block 31, T-1-N, T and P Railroad Co. Survey
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Actresses, shows about women win big at Critics' Choice

By SANDY COHEN

AP Entertainment Writer

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — It was a good night for women at the Critics' Choice Awards, which honored women-centered stories like "Big Little Lies," "The Handmaid's Tale" and "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel." "Wonder Woman" was named best action movie and star Gal Gadot accepted a special award for challenging gender stereotypes.

Yet the industry's ongoing sexual misconduct crisis remained an element of the ceremony as James Franco won an acting award early in the evening, hours after a report detailed new misconduct allegations against "The Disaster Artist" star and director. Franco did not attend Thursday's presentation at the Barker Hangar in Santa Monica, California, and his award was presented during a pre-televcast section broadcast only online. Franco won a similar award at the Golden Globes earlier in the week, where most women dressed in black to protest sexual harassment. More women dressed in color on Thursday, but their determination to end gender discrimination remained just as fierce. "I want to share this award with all the women and men who stand for what's right, standing for those who can't stand or speak for themselves," Gadot said as she accepted the second annual #SeeHer award. "My promise to you is: I will never be silenced. We will continue to band together to make strides, uniting for equality." Guillermo del Toro's fantasy romance, "The Shape of Water," was the top film winner with four awards. Del Toro, who was also named best director, closed the show Thursday night by shouting that he's always believed in the equality of women.

"Let me tell you one thing, if you don't do that, you don't know what you're missing," he said.

"The Shape of Water," which led all nominees with 14 bids, also claimed the best picture prize, along with score and production design honors.

Olivia Munn hosted the dinner ceremony, which was broadcast live on the CW network. The actress, who has spoken publicly about her own experiences with sexual misconduct in the entertainment industry, led the audience in a toast. Joined by actress Niecy Nash, they raised a glass "to all the good guys in Hollywood," who held meetings in conference rooms rather than hotel rooms. "Congratulations for doing what you're supposed to do!" Nash said. "Big Little Lies" received four awards: best limited series, as well as acting honors for Nicole Kidman, Alexander Skarsgard and Laura Dern.



AP photo

Kidman thanked the entertainment community "who show up to make really fantastic films and TV and let us do what we love." "I love being an actor," said the 50-year-old Oscar winner. "Thank you for letting me do it all the way through to this age and beyond." Stories about women also won in

comedy categories. "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" was named best comedy series, and star Rachel Brosnahan won best actress in a comedy.

As she accepted her award, Brosnahan noted that even though women aren't wearing black like most did at the Golden Globe Awards earlier in the week, she said the fight to eradicate sexual harassment continues.

"Let's not lose focus," she said, urging viewers to support the Time's Up initiative. "Let's keep this going."

Presenter Chris Hemsworth noted that women have had a stellar year at the box office. "The three biggest movies of 2017 in North America were 'Star Wars: The Last Jedi,' 'Beauty and the Beast' and 'Wonder Woman,'" which all feature female protagonists, he said. "The biggest comedy was a female ensemble, 'Girls Trip,' and the biggest independent movie was written and directed by Greta Gerwig." Hemsworth presented the best ac-

ress award to an absent Frances McDormand for "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri." The film also won for acting ensemble and supporting actor for Sam Rockwell.

Double winners Thursday included "I, Tonya," "Darkest Hour," "Get Out" and "Coco." "I, Tonya" brought acting accolades for star Margot Robbie and supporting actress Allison Janney. "Darkest Hour" won awards for makeup and lead actor for Gary Oldman. "Get Out" was named best sci-fi or horror film, and writer-director Jordan Peele claimed original screenplay honors. "Coco" won animated feature and original song for "Remember Me."

Many Critics' Choice Awards winners also took home Golden Globes, including McDormand, Rockwell, Oldman, Brosnahan and the stars of "Big Little Lies." Hollywood's awards season continues through March 4, when the Academy Awards are presented.



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