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Arrington discusses shutdown, other issues

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer
 This past Tuesday, The U.S. Representative for Texas District 19, Jodey Arrington (R-Lubbock), stopped by the Herald office to discuss the recent government shutdown, issues important locally, and the recently passed tax reform bill, among other things. Arrington also commented on the upcoming election, in which he supports incumbent Ted Cruz in Texas' Senate race. Here are some questions Herald staff had for Arrington, and his responses:



Arrington

ARRINGTON: It's always eventful in Washington, but I'm glad that my colleagues in the Senate on the Democratic side of the aisle decided to relent from their position to negotiate DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, also known as the Dreamers Act) and to shut the government down until we did that. I think we have had ongoing discussion and we're negotiating a path forward for DACA and for border security, and there's no reason to hold up funding

the government and funding mainly mission-critical functions such as the military. So I'm glad they retreated from that position so that we can get back to trying to solve some of these problems. And there are legitimate problems to be solved.
HERALD: Where are we at now? You've got a bit of a reprieve, and then you go back in a week or two, is that right?
ARRINGTON: I'm working in the district this week, all of us are, which

is very important that we continue to cycle back through our communities and our district because there's a lot going on. We're right in the middle of a farm bill, that's why I'm talking to a lot of the ag community. Today I'll be speaking to some farmers here in Big Spring. There will be another bill that will be sort of a clean-up bill on tax reform, so if there are some nuances of things that aren't working or need to be fixed as a result of this major tax reform, I need to know that.
 And then, of course, the issues of DACA and the issues of funding the military and the issues of welfare reform and all of the things that we have on our agenda, I get to share my thoughts with the community and what sort of positions I've take to this point, and then I get a lot of feedback
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A bounty of blessings

Parkview residents take to the streets to fill up local Blessing Boxes



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 The residents of Parkview Nursing & Rehab Center, located on 3200 Parkway, went out Friday, Jan. 26 to fill up the blessing boxes that provide those in rough situations with a little blessing. The residents themselves donated to the box with food, diapers, and other assorted goods.



"The residents know they are fortunate to have three meals, a warm bed," said Parkview Activities Director Laurie Martinez. "They thought of this all on their very own, and just wanted to do this as a way to give back."

Extravaganza!

Chamber shindig, Man and Woman of the Year announcements, on tap for Tuesday

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer
 Ready to get together with other local residents, eat some great food, and celebrate the best Big Spring and Howard County have to offer?
 It all goes down Tuesday evening at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's "Chamber Extravaganza."

Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the event will kick off at 6:30 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. While tickets are no longer on sale for the event, Chamber Director Debby ValVerde reminded those who have purchased tickets to come out and enjoy the festivities.
 "Those who have tickets, don't forget to come out and join us

for the Chamber Extravaganza," ValVerde said. "Don't forget to bring your checkbook and your dollar bills, because we are going to have a silent auction."
 ValVerde said businesses who sponsor tables at the event have the opportunity to decorate those tables, and those attending the Extravaganza will be able to vote for the best table.
 "We're going to ask for everyone to vote for their favorite table with dollar bills," she said. So be sure to bring your dollar bills or even bigger bills if you want. We're going to have a traveling plaque that we're going to award the winner. This is the first time that we're doing this. We're going to award the winner of the best-decorated table a traveling plaque, and we hope to do it every year."
 The theme of this year's banquet is "Business Means Business," ValVerde said.
 Of course, the main event of the evening will be the announcement of the Man and Woman of the Year, kept a closely guarded secret until the night of the Extravaganza.
 "It'll be announced that night," ValVerde said.
 For more information contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 432-263-7641.
Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspring-herald.com.

Officials say 95 killed, 158 wounded in Afghan car bombing

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide bomber driving an ambulance killed at least 95 people and wounded 158 more in an attack claimed by the Taliban in the Afghan capital Kabul, authorities said. The bombing Saturday came just a week after Taliban militants killed 22 at an international hotel in the city.
 The attacker used the ambulance to get through a security checkpoint in central Kabul, telling police he was taking a patient to a nearby hospital, said Nasrat Rahimi, deputy spokesperson for the Interior Ministry. He then detonated his explosives

at a second checkpoint, Rahimi said. The Health Ministry said 95 were killed and 158 wounded.
 "The majority of the dead in the attack are civilians, but of course we have military casualties as well," Rahimi said. He said four suspects had been arrested and were being questioned but he didn't elaborate.
 Zabihullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman, claimed responsibility for the bombing, which sent thick, black smoke into the sky from the site near the government's former
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Obituaries

Ms. Joy "Peggy" Burdette Meyer

Ms. Joy "Peggy" Burdette Meyer, of Bentonville, Ark., formerly of Big Spring, Texas, passed away at The Bradford House, Bentonville, Ark., Jan. 25, 2018.

Joy was born to parents R. B. and Willie Alice Burdette on Oct. 28, 1934, in Menard, Texas. She grew up in Dublin, where she graduated high school in 1952. In 1952, Joy attended Texas Wesleyan College, School of Nursing, Ft. Worth, Texas, City County Hospital. While in Ft. Worth, Joy met her husband, Leonard W. "Bill" Meyer and they married on July 2, 1954, moved to northwest Iowa and farmed for 11 years. Joy was a caring nurse while in Iowa, later in Texas and New Mexico. She loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as traveling.

Joy is survived by daughter, Cheryl Wright and husband, Jimmy Wright of Bentonville, Ark.;

daughter, Deborah Baremore and husband, David Baremore of Snyder, Texas; son, Michael Meyer and wife, Tere Meyer of Oviedo, Fla.; and son, Bruce Meyer, of Lubbock, Texas; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She also is survived by her brother, Charles Burdette and wife, Vickie, of Emory, Texas, and her sister, Oleta Allen, and her husband, Bob, of Nicholasville, Ky. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband of 31 years.

The family wishes to express our gratitude to the staff and caregivers at the Bradford House as well as those involved in our mother's care from Circle of Life Hospice.

No service is planned; interment will be held at Dublin Memorial Park, Dublin, Texas, at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Circle of Life Hospice, 1201 NE Legacy Parkway, Bentonville, Ark. 72712.

Arrangements by Epting Funeral Home Bentonville.

Paid Obituary

Raul Guerra



Raul Guerra, 85, of Big Spring, died Friday, Jan. 26, 2018, at his residence.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Herb McPherson officiating.

Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends

from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Survivors include three daughters, Mary Jimenez and Sarah Guerra, both of Big Spring, and Barbara Martinez of Lamesa; two sons, Rudy Guerra and wife Nina of El Paso, and Raul Guerra Jr. and wife Mary Jo of Coahoma; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sons; and a great-grandson.

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

Take Note

- Are you interested in Duplicate Bridge? Big Spring Duplicate will offer lessons to both men and woman. The lesson will be offered at the Big Spring Country Club, and the lessons will start Jan. 31. There will be five lessons at \$25 a per person. Bridge is a wonderful, stimulating, and pleasant way to spend an afternoon or evening.

If you have any questions call 267-5615 or 263-2753.

- 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 informa-

tion 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 has changed its meeting time. The club now meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday and the fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings are still held at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. 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 interested in Native American cul-

ture 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.

If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

Sharon Ann Horton

Sharon Ann Horton, 72, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018, at her home. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Sharon was born Feb. 6, 1945, in Los Angeles, Calif.

She is survived by one son, John Roemer and wife Kristian of Big Spring; and three grandchildren, Brittney Hooper and husband Mitchell of Big Spring, and Shelby Roemer and Tori Roemer also of Big Spring; and one sister, Cathy; and numerous friends.

The family suggests memorials to American Heart Association.

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

Jack W. Lawhon

Jack W. Lawhon, 69, of Big Spring, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2018 at his home.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 29, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating. Burial with military honors will be at 2 p.m. at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene.

Jack was born July 18, 1948, in Dallas, Texas, to Jessie Hanabel Caswell Lawhon and William David Lawhon.

He is survived by three daughters, Barbara, Shannon and Susan; and one brother, Rodney Lawhon of Odessa and many nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother David; and two sisters, Susan and Elizabeth.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **BIJAN KHOSRAVI-FARD**, 33, was arrested on a warrant for felony escape while arrested or confined; and on another outstanding warrant.

- **ISAAC XAVIER MUNOZ**, 22, of 1715 E. Highway 350 was arrested on two warrants for indecency with a child/sexual contact.

- **MARISSA DENA ONTIVEROS**, 26, of 3606 Dixon St. was arrested on a warrant for turning right from the wrong lane.

- **ROMELIA ISABEL MCMARYION**, 39, of 1603 S. Main Street was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **STEVEN JAY CLAYTON**, 25, of 1700 West First Street was arrested on a warrant for no driver's license.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1200 block of West FM 700, the 1600 block of South Main Street, and the 5400 block of Wasson Road.

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1400 block of Stadium Avenue

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.

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from my constituents. So you can't overestimate the value of coming back and hearing from your constituents about what they think is going on and how they perceive things are working or not working, and sort of what their views are on how to solve any one of these problems.

HERALD: DACA seems to be the main stumbling block for the Democrats on this thing. What's your take on DACA?

ARRINGTON: You're right, they've sort of drawn a line in the sand on DACA. My position on DACA is, first, don't shut the government down and hurt American citizens on account of people who are here illegally.

I'm committed to dealing with DACA and the DACA recipients, and providing some legal status so they have certainty and they don't have to look over their shoulders in fear of being deported, because most of them were brought here by no fault of their own. I really believe that.

But in these negotiations, my first priority is the American people and their security, and that we enforce the laws of the land. So all of the border security measures, from physical barriers like the wall, to boots on the ground...more Border Patrol agents, to enforcing the law on sanctuary cities; everything that we need to finally once and for all stop illegal immigration, has to be part of the deal. We don't want to be back here because we have another president that comes in and decides that they would disregard the laws and become a law unto themselves.

So the reality is, we've got to deal with them. I think there's a way to do it and put the American people first and give legal status and certainty to DACA recipients.

And by the way, when we do that, I'm not talking about the DACA extended families. I'm talking about the DACA folks who came here as kids, those who are willing to work, or those who are going to school and preparing to work, and those who have not committed crimes. Anybody that's in that community that's not working and has violated our laws other than being here illegally, they won't stay here, is my opinion. That's my position on it.

HERALD: So would that include the

parents of the DACA kids?

ARRINGTON: Yeah. Yeah. They came into this country and violated our laws and sovereignty. I'm not trying to judge them and their motives for coming. Most of them have come here for work and a better quality of life. But either we uphold the laws of the land, or we don't. Or we change them.

There's certainly some things, for example, in agriculture, especially in the dairy industry, which we have a lot if in this district, believe it or not, that they have a shortage of labor. As long as we have a legal means to support that labor, I'm okay with it. But there are some gaps in seasonal labor and non-seasonal labor where we can fix it and give these employers a legal way to keep their operations going.

But we've got to start enforcing the law and we've got to push people to the legal channels to become a resident and citizen, so we can vet them and make sure, just like you would in your place of business or your home or your school, that you're getting the right kind of people to be citizens of this country.

HERALD: Just to kind of put a cap on this issue, just one more question: What's your prediction on how all this washes out?

ARRINGTON: I think we will be able to get enough Republicans who will provide the legal status and certainty for DACA recipients, and we will get the measures that the president and mostly Republicans are calling for with respect to border security. That's the deal. I think, in principle, most people are there.

I think where there's a rub is, how far out do you go from the DACA group? For example, the Senate Democrats, mainly, although there are some Republicans, who want to give, not citizenship, but residency - permanent residency - to the DACA parents and beyond, which brings the numbers from about 800,000 DACA folks to millions. Close to 9 million people altogether.

That's a non-starter for the majority. It's a big jump. So I think as long as we draw a tight circle around the DACA folks who came here mainly through no fault of their own, and we get border security, and it's real border security, then I think that we will get a deal.

I think that it's important that we have a deadline. I think Congress needs more deadlines because they don't seem to do well without them. I

think it's the responsible thing for us to do.

HERALD: You had mentioned that you are going through the district looking at the various issues that are important to citizens of the district. What are some of those issues, and what's going on there?

ARRINGTON: I think that the ag community is hopeful that we will fix the cotton problem and give safety-net status back to cotton where it was pulled out of the Title I safety net of the Farm Bill in 2014. So restoring that safety net status is something that they're hopeful about. We did get language passed out of the House that fixes it, and it's in the Senate. That was the last vote we took before we broke for the holidays.

It's in Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, and I think it has a good probability of passing the Senate, which means, A, we can fix it outside of the Farm Bill, which makes the Farm Bill easier to do, the rest of it; and, B, it would be budget-neutral. It would not expend any more taxpayer money; we'd just use existing money to fix it. And, C, you could apply it to this year's crop and not wait until 2019, because if you wait 'til the Farm Bill, you have to wait another year.

I think the feedback is that tax reform is real and it's meaningful, no matter how the national media and others would downplay it. It is going to help small, medium, and large businesses alike create more jobs, keep more jobs here, and expand opportunities for people in our communities. We're already seeing...I think 2.6 million Americans have seen their income go up, whether it was an end-of-the-year bonus on account of tax reform, or whether it was an actual increase in their wage. I think there's a lot of buzz and excitement and enthusiasm with the economic growth that we're seeing as a result of some of these things.

We're ag and energy; I spoke with an energy company this morning. The price of oil hit \$65 today, and I think we're seeing resurgence in that sector of our economy. That's so great for Big Spring, but it's also great for Denver City and Seminole and Graham and Albany. So much of our local economy is ag and energy. So if we can fix cotton and get a good Farm Bill, with the price of oil coming back, and if we can get the B-21, the new bomber, to Dyess Air Force Base, we'll be cooking with gas here in West Texas. No pun intended.

HERALD: You've got the election coming up this year. As I understand it there are currently no other Republican candidates, and you've got one Democratic challenger from Lubbock, Miguel Levario. What are your thoughts about the election?

ARRINGTON: It's been an honor to represent West Texas in my first year of my first term. I think we've hit the ground running and I think we've had a great first year. The Farm Bill is just underway. The deadline is not until the end of September this year. So a lot of work to be done on something that's critical to our economy. But a lot of groundwork has been laid for that. We've done some things that I think are significant in terms of getting the cotton fix voted out of the House and now in the Senate, and I'm hopeful that will pass. I think tax reform was a generational opportunity, and I think it's been a game-changer in terms of economic growth.

And just being a voice for rural America. I grew up in a small town in this district, and whether it's the Farm Bill or whether it's tax reform and we're focused on small businesses, whether it's infrastructure or it's community hospitals, I feel like we've been a strong voice for the communities I represent in District 19. I've tried to be very proactive in communicating to the people I represent so they know what position I'm taking on any given issue. They hear from me and know why I voted the way I voted.

But I ran to strengthen national security, to grow our economy, and to rein in the government. I think we've had too much government and it's distorted markets and it's burdened our people, and I think it's compromised our freedom. I also ran to restore the Constitutional rule of law and traditional American values. I think those things resonate with West Texans. We are generally a people who believe in a limited government, and we have a strong belief in God and family and the Constitution, and we treasure our liberty. I think the things that I'm doing and that this president is doing are advancing that agenda. As long as they believe that I am advancing that agenda and that I am delivering on what I promised, which I think I am, I believe the election will take care of itself.

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



AP photo

Wounded children are assisted at the site of a deadly suicide attack in the center of Kabul, Afghanistan, Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018. The Public Health Ministry says dozens have been killed and over 100 wounded in a suicide car bomb attack in the capital.

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Interior Ministry building. Also nearby are the European Union and Indian consulates.

The powerful explosion was felt throughout the capital and covered the blast area in smoke and dust. At the scene, dozens of vehicles were damaged or destroyed. Several shops, including some selling antiques and photography equipment, were also destroyed.

Windows at nearby Jamhuriat government hospital were shattered and its walls damaged. People ran out to help and ambulances arrived to transport dozens of wounded to area hospitals.

The International Committee of the Red Cross condemned the attack in a tweet, saying: "The use of an ambulance in today's attack in #Kabul is harrowing. This could amount to perfidy under IHL. Unacceptable and unjustifiable."

It was the second successful Taliban attack in a week on high security targets in the city.

Last Saturday, six Taliban militants attacked the Intercontinental Hotel, leaving 22 people dead, including 14 foreigners. Some 150 guests fled the gun battle and fire sparked by the assault by shimmying down bedsheets from the

upper floors. The U.S. State Department said multiple American citizens were killed and injured in the attack.

Afghan security forces have struggled to fight the Taliban since the U.S. and NATO formally ended their combat mission in 2014.

President Donald Trump has pursued a plan that involves sending thousands more U.S. troops to Afghanistan and envisions shifting away from a "time-based" approach to one that more explicitly links U.S. assistance to concrete results from the Afghan government. Trump's U.N. envoy, Nikki Haley, said after a recent visit to Afghanistan that Trump's policy was working and that peace talks between the government and the Taliban are closer than ever before.

On Dec. 28 a suicide bomber and other explosions at a Shiite cultural center in Kabul killed at least 41 people in an attack claimed by the Islamic State group that may have been aimed at a pro-Iran news outlet based in the building.

On Wednesday, IS militants stormed the offices of Save the Children in eastern Afghanistan killing four and triggering a standoff with police that lasted almost 10 hours. The Islamic State group was involved in at least 10 fatal attacks in Afghanistan last year.

A kangaroo named Paul is now the US' oldest tree kangaroo

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A kangaroo named Paul has become the oldest living tree kangaroo in the country.

Roger Williams Park Zoo in Providence says the Matschie's tree kangaroo turned 23 years, three months and four days old on Friday.

The zoo says it knows of no other male tree kangaroo to reach this age anywhere.

Paul has good genes. His mother lived to age 27 at the zoo in Miami.

To celebrate, Paul may get extra sweet potatoes, his favorite.

Paul retired two years ago so he's kept in a habitat that's closed to the public.

The zoo says Matschie's tree kangaroos are native to Papua New Guinea and live to about 8 years old in the wild or 14 years old in captivity.



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Smoke on the mountain repeats in Eldorado

Way Off Broadway Players (WOBP) is the name of a theater group in Eldorado. In the late 1980's the WOBP performed the musical Smoke On The Mountain. It's the story of some church folks in South Carolina who decided to take their music and message on the road. Eldorado audiences loved it. People came from far and near to see it. It was the theater's first full musical production.

"We did 43 performances over a period of 4 or 5 years and had sold out houses," says Terry Weaver, who was actively involved in the show. "We had people sitting in the aisles and practically hanging from the rafters. It was so funny and people just wanted to laugh and have a good time. Audiences identify with it because it's sort of a caricature of small town church folks."



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The musical requires actors to play instruments. The theater has a fine set of actors, some who can sing, but few played instruments. So they had the elementary music teacher and a church pianist give them lessons. Terry learned to play several.

"I played the guitar, the mandolin, the dulcimer, the banjo, the harmonica, the accordion, the nose flute, the washboard, the spoons."

The rhythm section includes a cowbell, tub bass and a basket of beans. They rehearsed a long time before hitting the stage.

"We rehearsed on the music full year. We were all so new to it. In addition to having to learn how to play all those instruments, there were 25 songs that were new to us and we had to learn them. After 43 performances, we were sounding like pros."

The WOBP will once again stage Smoke On The Mountain.

"We're doing it the first two weekends in February and the last weekend in February. It was amazing when we all got back together again how little we had

forgotten. The songs just came back."

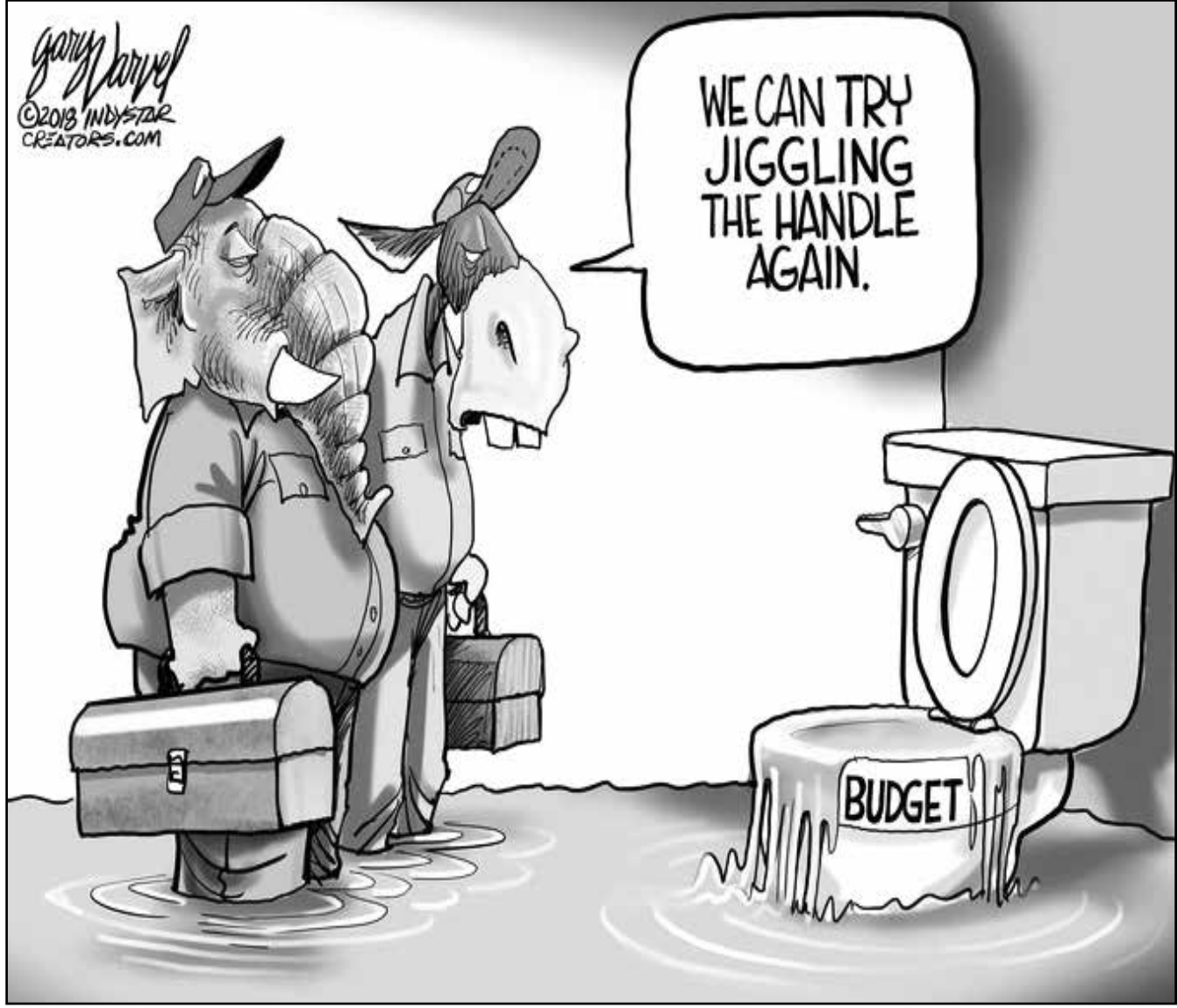
Audiences will see most of the original thirteen cast members.

"All are back except four. They are either incapacitated; dead, no longer living here or just didn't want to do it. We've been rehearsing since September.

Terry recommends making reservations to hear the southern gospel and bluegrass music, since the theater only seats 140.

The theater group in Eldorado has done some amazing productions, especially for a small town of about 1900 residents. It did an original Hee-Haw type show and a play that Terry wrote. Terry says they rarely do anything serious because people don't like it as much as they like funny stuff. However the theater did Steel Magnolias.

The theater itself is in an old movie theater that had an apartment for the projectionist. The building owner donated it with the stipulation that it be used to present plays. A usual season for the group is two plays a year.



Words fail in New Orleans...

Words failed us"—accompanied by a smiley face—provided a touch of grim humor on the front door of a bookstore when its owner declared Chapter XI bankruptcy.

Front-page headline writers for the New Orleans Times-Picayune reacted similarly following the Saints' shocking last-second loss to the Minnesota Vikings in the National Football League play-offs.

The words—printed in bold face—were huge, previously believed to be the font size held in reserve for The Second Coming.

In all caps, the three words were identical, gobbling up most of the space above the fold: EXPLETIVE. EXPLETIVE. EXPLETIVE. (The periods after each word seemed reason enough for readers to stomp their feet three times in a country where our President usually tells us EXACTLY how he feels, and calls expletives by name.)

It's why the game is played, joked Minnesota Viking fans, proving yet again that the elevation of the "highest of highs" can sometimes be followed by the same distance downward to the "lowest of lows." (A week later, Viking faithful felt the sting of such a "low" when the Philadelphia Eagles administered a 38-7 whipping, ending Minneapolis' dream to become the first NFL team to host a Super Bowl.)

New Orleans fans found their loss tough to swallow. They tried, though, with beverage bars buoyed by beer buyers in "beyond brisk" fashion. Suds were swallowed joyously, albeit diluted by tears.

Social media resounded with post-game goings on, some far from the field of play. In New Orleans, two men were "high fiving" in a beverage joint 10 seconds before game's end, when it appeared that the Saints were marching toward the National Football Conference championship and ultimately to Super Bowl LII. When the referee decreed that all was in order and signaled "touchdown" on the game's final play, the two guys heaved a 65-inch television over the balcony. (It wasn't mentioned whether there was a final scream from the TV, protesting, "THE FAULT IS NOT WITH YOUR SET.")...

It has been just a few months short of 50 years since NBC egged up its face with the decision to leave the New York Jets/Oakland Raiders football telecast to begin showing a movie, Heidi, at the scheduled time.

NBC caught "hail, Columbia" for its decision, and there hasn't been a repeat of such a bonehead error.

Now, with the New England Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles set to "duke it out" in the Super Bowl this year, most backers of Texas' teams—the Dallas Cowboys and the Houston Texans—have limited interest in the outcome. In fact, they might choose a movie—almost any movie—instead of watching the game....

'Tis the season to share, yet

again, my all-time favorite Super Bowl joke. I first heard it from a smiling Texas Congressman named Charlie Stenholm, who served back in the day when elected figures could return from D. C. smiling. (And, when constituents smiled back at 'em.)

He said the story quickly reached most—if not all—of the many "nooks and crannies" in the Capitol.

It was a long, long time ago, of course, when the Dallas Cowboys last played in the Super Bowl. If your memory stretches back that far, you may also remember Absorbine, Sr., and/or when the surgeon general was a surgeon lieutenant....

In one town, the youth minister extended a blanket invitation for all youngsters to attend his church's Super Bowl party. He decorated the assembly hall elaborately, piling mountains of food on tables. As a record number of youngsters gathered, however, he was afraid there'd be a shortage of food.

So, he scrawled a sign for the sandwich table: "Please take just two sandwiches," it read. "Remember, God is watching you."

A 12-year-old boy noticed the sign. He whipped out a sign of his own for the cookie table: "Take all the cookies you want," it suggested. "God is watching the sandwiches."

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DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank You for Your help and strength. Please bless us with Your love. Amen.

Flu widespread across US for third straight week



AP photo

In this Jan. 12, 2018, file photo, Ana Martinez, a medical assistant at the Sea Mar Community Health Center, gives a patient a flu shot in Seattle. Flu season continues to get worse, as this has become the most intense the country has seen since a pandemic strain hit nine years ago, U.S. health officials said on Friday, Jan. 26, 2018.

By **MIKE STOBBE**

AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK — Sick with the flu? You've got a lot of company.

The flu blanketed the U.S. again last week for the third straight week. Only Hawaii has been spared.

Last week, 1 in 15 doctor visits were for symptoms of the flu. That's the highest level since the swine flu pandemic in 2009. The government doesn't track every flu case but comes up with estimates; one measure is how many people seek medical care for fever, cough, aches and other flu symptoms.

Flu is widespread in every state except Hawaii, with 39 states reporting high traffic to doctors last week, up from 32.

At this rate, by the end of the season somewhere around 34 million Americans will have gotten sick from the flu, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Friday.

Some good news: Hospital stays and deaths from the flu among the elderly so far haven't been as high as in some other recent flu seasons. However, hospitalization rates for people 50 to 64 — baby boomers, mostly — has been unusually high, CDC officials said in the report, which covers the week ending Jan. 20.

A New York pediatrician said her office has been busy but the kids with the flu

haven't been quite as sick as in the past.

"For most of them, their symptoms are milder," said Dr. Tiffany Knipe.

This year's flu shot targets the strains that are making Americans sick, mostly the H3N2 flu virus. But exactly how well it is working won't be known until next month. It's the same main bug from last winter, when the flu season wasn't so bad. It's not clear why this season — with the same bug — is worse, some experts said.

"That's the kicker. This virus really doesn't look that different from what we saw last year," said Richard Webby, a flu researcher at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

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seasons, it's likely the flu season will start to wane soon, experts say. There are some places, like California, where the season already seems to be easing, CDC officials said.

"If I was a betting man, I'd put money on it going down," Webby said. "But I've lost money on bets before."

The season usually peaks in February, but this season started early and took off in December.

Flu is a contagious respiratory illness. It can cause a miserable but relatively mild illness in many people, but more a more severe illness in others. Young children and the elderly are at greatest risk from flu and its complications. In a bad season, there are as many as 56,000 deaths connected to the flu.

In the U.S., annual flu shots are recommended for everyone age 6 months or older.

Last season, about 47 percent of Americans got vaccinated, according to CDC figures.

Jennifer Manton didn't get a flu shot and got sick about two weeks ago, hit by high fever and body aches. She missed two days of work at a New York law firm, and felt bad for about 10 days.

"I had not had the flu since 1996," said the 48-year-old Manton. "It's been 22 years since I felt that badly."

Execution halted for man attorneys say can't remember crime

By **The Associated Press**

ATMORE, Ala. — Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall said Friday he was disappointed in the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to delay the execution of an inmate convicted of killing a police officer in 1985, saying "justice is again delayed" for the officer's family.

The U.S. Supreme Court halted the execution of 67-year-old Vernon Madison on Thursday to further review his attorneys' claims that strokes have left Madison mentally incompetent — to the point that he no longer remembers the killing — and that his sentence is unconstitutional.

"After prior rulings that Vernon Madison is competent to face execution for the murder of a Mobile police officer 32 years ago — a cold blooded crime for which there is no doubt he is guilty — it is disappointing that justice is again delayed for the victim's family," Marshall said.

Madison was sentenced to death for the 1985 killing of Mobile

police officer Julius Schulte. Schulte had responded to a call about a missing child made by Madison's then-girlfriend. Prosecutors have said Madison crept up and shot Schulte in the back of the head as he sat in his police car filling out paperwork.

Madison's attorneys argued that strokes and dementia have left Madison unable to remember killing Schulte or fully understand his scheduled execution.

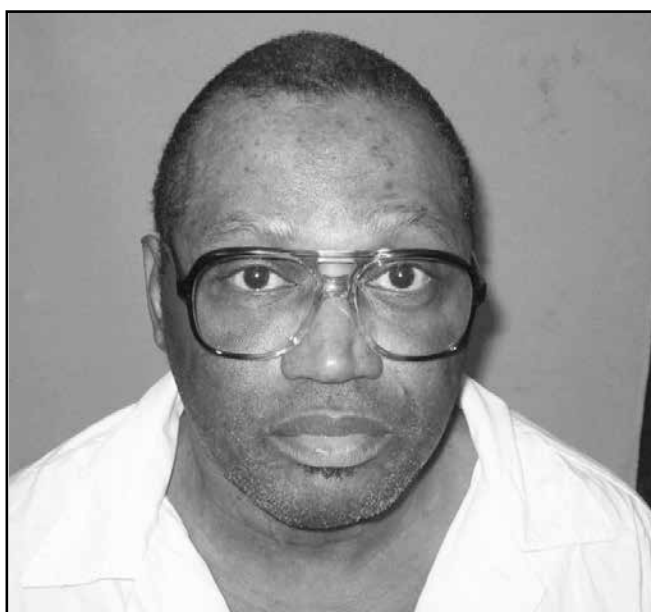
"We are thrilled that the court stopped this execution tonight. Killing a fragile man suffering from dementia is unnecessary and cruel," attorney Bryan Stevenson, of the Equal Justice Initiative, said Thursday after the stay was granted.

The Supreme Court has ruled that condemned inmates must have a "rational understanding" that they are about to be executed and why.

Appeals courts have been divided over Madison's case.

In 2016, the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of

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AP photo

This undated file photo shows a police mug shot of Vernon Madison (left), who is scheduled to be executed for the 1985 murder of Mobile police officer Julius Schulte on Thursday. Alabama is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to let it proceed with this week's scheduled execution of the 67-year-old inmate whose lawyers say can no longer remember his crime. The Alabama attorney general's office told justices that the state's high court last year ruled the execution could proceed and should do so again.

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Road crew uncovers tunnel near Mexico border in Texas



AP photo

This Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018, photo, provided by the U.S. Border Patrol shows a makeshift tunnel discovered during construction of a roadway near downtown El Paso, Texas, just north of the border with Mexico. Authorities are working to determine the origin and purpose of the tunnel.

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — The U.S. Border Patrol says a road construction crew has uncovered an abandoned tunnel in Texas, just north of the border with Mexico.

Agent Oscar Cervantes says the tunnel was discovered Thursday near downtown El Paso. It is about 25 yards (23 meters) long. Cervantes said Friday that there's no indication the tunnel goes into Mexico.

The Border Patrol said in a statement that the Texas Department of Transportation reached out after a cave-in during construction of a road. The mishap led to the discovery of the tunnel that originates north of the international border. Authorities don't know the purpose of the tunnel.

Border Patrol confined-space resource teams are examining the area to determine the extent of the tunnel, apparently reinforced with wooden beams.

Kentucky governor says shootings are a "cultural problem"

By **ROBERT RAY and BRUCE SCHREINER**

Associated Press

BENTON, Ky. — This was supposed to be Spirit Week at Marshall County High School.

Instead, homecoming events were canceled and the governor was in town lamenting the nation's moral decay as this rural community prepared for dual funerals to mourn the killings of a 15-year-old boy and girl. Tuesday's attack by a fellow classmate left 14 others with gunshot wounds, three of whom remain hospitalized. Hundreds more were scarred by what they saw.

Kentucky's Republican Gov. Matt Bevin called on Americans Friday to "wake up" and recognize that school shootings are a "cultural problem."

"We have become desensitized to death, we have become desensitized to killing, we have become desensitized to empathy for our fellow man and it's coming at an extraordinary price and we have got to look at the root causes of this," Bevin told The Associated Press.

"We can't celebrate death in video games, celebrate death in TV shows, celebrate death in movies, celebrate death in musical lyrics and remove any sense of morality and sense of higher authority and then expect that things like this are not going to happen," he added.

Bevin spoke at a community event in Benton where he was followed by the father of a slain student. He asked

for prayers for all the "sweet kids" who were killed, injured or traumatized.

"It's not only ours, it's about all of them," said Jasen Holt, whose daughter Bailey Nicole Holt, was the first to die.



AP photo

Jason Darnall of Marshall County makes a statement to the media regarding the suspected gunman in Tuesday's shooting at Marshall County High School at the Marshall County Judicial Facility in Benton, Ky., Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018.

"Just pray and take care of each and every one of them."

The high school reopened with an assembly in the gymnasium after Kentucky State Police finished processing evidence from "the commons," a gathering place inside the school where the suspect walked in and began shooting just before the morning bell.

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Appeals halted Madison's execution seven hours before he was scheduled for a lethal injection. The U.S. Supreme Court later opened the way for the execution to proceed.

The court, in an unsigned 2017 opinion, said testimony showed Madison "recognizes that he will be put to death as punishment for the murder he was found to have committed."

Madison's attorneys also have asked for a stay on the grounds that a judge sentenced him to death,

even though a jury recommended life imprisonment. Alabama lawmakers in 2017 changed the law to no longer allow a judge to override a jury's sentence recommendation in death penalty-eligible cases.

The Alabama attorney general's office, in opposing the stay, said the 2017 legislation was not retroactive and did not affect Madison and other inmates already on death row.

Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Neil Gorsuch were opposed to the stay, according to the order issued Thursday evening.

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A look at the fallout from sports doctor scandal



AP photo

In this Oct. 20, 2017, photo, Michigan State University President Lou Anna Simon listens during the dedication ceremony for the Gilbert Pavilion and Tom Izzo Hall of History inside Michigan State's Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing, Mich.

By The Associated Press

Numerous people have been fired or forced out of jobs in the wake of the widening scandal involving once-renowned gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar, who was ordered to serve decades in prison for molesting some of the sport's top athletes and others. The latest was Michigan State University athletic director Mark Hollis, who announced his retirement Friday. Nassar worked for both Michigan State and USA Gymnastics, the sport's national governing body.

As outside investigations continue, more people could lose jobs at the university and elsewhere. Here's a look at some of the individuals or organizations that have been ousted, opted to quit, taken leaves or had ties cut:

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Lou Anna Simon: The president and school alumna resigned hours after Nassar's sentencing Wednesday amid growing pressure from students, lawmakers and some members of the university's governing board. She acknowledged being "the focus of this anger" but has

denied any cover-up by the university. The school and several current or former employees are being sued by dozens of women.

Mark Hollis: The athletic director, also an MSU alumnus, called his departure a retirement, but he, too, had faced pressure to leave. He had been on the job for 10 years. He said he made the choice because of "the scope of everything," adding that he hopes it helps the "healing process."

Kathie Klages: The former gymnastics coach resigned last year after she was suspended for defending Nassar over the years. Klages is accused of downplaying complaints made by two teens in 1997.

Brooke Lemmen: The former school doctor resigned last year after learning the university was considering firing her because she didn't disclose that USA Gymnastics was investigating Nassar.

William Strampel: The former dean of MSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine, who has been named in lawsuits, announced in December that he was taking a leave of absence for medical reasons. University officials said

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#0751WB Beesly "C", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39394
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
6.40 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-570, Section 21, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
Total Depth: 10,400 feet
X=741169, Y=253845. Datum: NAD 27
283' FSL, 63' FEL of 567.11-acre lease
283' FSL, 963' FEL of the survey

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A-541, Section 3 Block 35, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,500 feet
X=703776, Y=201654, Datum: NAD 27
267' FNWL, 973' FNEL of 640.16-acre lease
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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
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A-165, Section 27, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8900 feet
Latitude 032.191893, Longitude -101.412324. Datum: NAD 27
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6.40 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-570, Section 21, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
Total Depth: 10,400 feet
X=741227, Y=253858. Datum: NAD 27
283' FSL, 903' FEL of 567.11-acre lease
283' FSL, 903' FEL of the survey

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
6.40 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-570, Section 21, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
Total Depth: 10,500 feet
X=741198, Y=253851. Datum: NAD 27
283' FSL, 933' FEL of 567.11-acre lease
283' FSL, 933' FEL of the survey

Scurry County

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#1H Comfortably Numb "26", drill horizontal, El: NA
Garden City, S. (Wolfcamp) Field, API #42-415-35320
12.30 miles east of Snyder

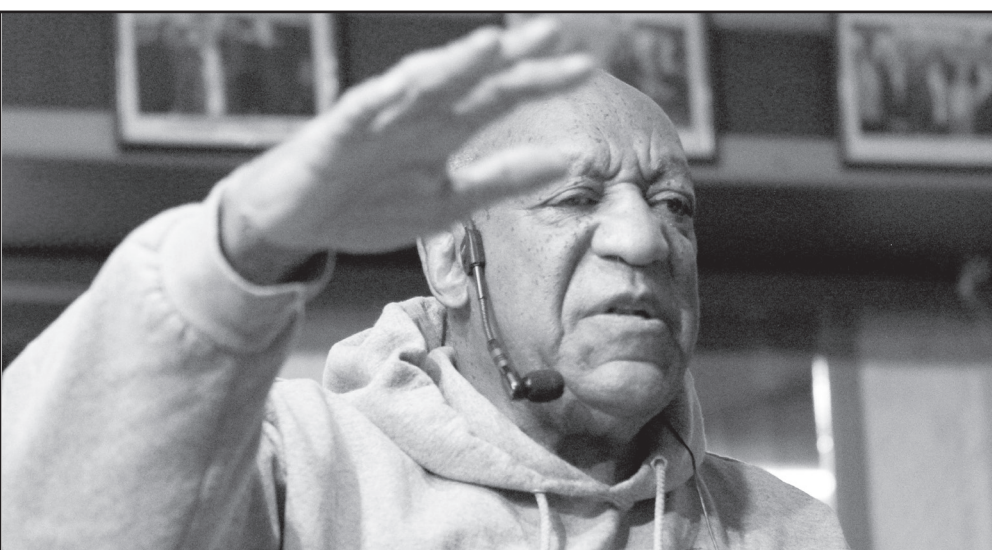
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then he would no longer be dean but remains a faculty member.

Sue Carter: The faculty's athletic representative resigned Wednesday in protest of how the university has handled the case, saying she "could no longer be part of an administration that was not in full grasp of the damage done to the girls and women and to the institution itself." She was the representative to the NCAA and Big Ten

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Cosby lawyers: Prosecution withheld, destroyed key evidence



AP photo

Bill Cosby performs comedy at the LaRose Jazz Club in Philadelphia on Monday, Jan. 22, 2018. It was his first public performance since his last tour ended amid protests in May 2015. Cosby has denied allegations from about 60 women that he drugged and molested them over five decades. He faces an April retrial in the only case to lead to criminal charges.

By MICHAEL R. SISAK

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Bill Cosby's lawyers have accused prosecutors of withholding and destroying evidence that they say could have helped the 80-year-old entertainer defend himself against charges he drugged and molested a woman at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004.

Cosby's lawyers said in court papers Thursday that prosecutors waited until last week to tell them about an interview last year with a former Tem-

ple University colleague who said Andrea Constand told her she wasn't sexually assaulted but could make up allegations to sue and get money.

The lawyers said they learned of the interview with Marguerite Jackson from a prosecutor during a Jan. 17 conference call. Detectives destroyed their notes from the interview, which was conducted before Cosby's first trial that ended in a hung jury in June, the lawyers said.

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FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT					
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE					
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS					
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017					
Data	10	50		Total	
Control	General	Debt Service	Other	Governmental	
Codes	Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds	
REVENUES:					
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 3,510,605	\$ 1,609,733	\$ 278,819	\$ 5,399,157
5800	State Program Revenues	3,913,919	12,282	23,017	3,949,218
5900	Federal Program Revenues	3,040	-	274,154	277,194
5020	Total Revenues	7,427,564	1,622,015	575,990	9,625,569
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011	Instruction	3,721,139	-	94,683	3,816,002
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	58,510	-	-	58,510
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	28,292	-	-	28,292
0023	School Leadership	446,418	-	-	446,418
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	157,186	-	-	157,186
0033	Health Services	46,982	-	-	46,982
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	321,164	-	-	321,164
0035	Food Services	-	-	471,268	471,268
0036	Extracurricular Activities	423,712	-	-	423,712
0041	General Administration	462,402	-	-	462,402
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	775,204	-	-	775,204
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	42,022	-	-	42,022
0053	Data Processing Services	278,057	-	-	278,057
0061	Community Services	-	-	20,675	20,675
Debt Service:					
0071	Principal on Long Term Debt	-	840,000	-	840,000
0072	Interest on Long Term Debt	-	851,550	-	851,550
0073	Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	190,756	-	190,756
Capital Outlay:					
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-	-	52,368	52,368
Intergovernmental:					
0091	Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	350,117	-	-	350,117
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	80,847	-	-	80,847
0095	Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed. Prg.	6,000	-	-	6,000
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	99,277	-	-	99,277
6030	Total Expenditures	7,297,329	1,882,306	639,174	9,818,809
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)	130,235	(260,291)	(63,184)	(193,240)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7901	Refunding Bonds Issued	-	8,995,000	-	8,995,000
7915	Transfers In	-	-	22,693	22,693
7916	Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	-	470,101	-	470,101
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(22,693)	-	-	(22,693)
8940	Payment to Bond Refunding Escrow Agent (Use)	-	(9,278,695)	-	(9,278,685)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(22,693)	186,406	22,693	186,406
SPECIAL ITEMS:					
7918	Chapter 313 PILOT Revenue	670,173	-	-	670,173
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	777,715	(73,885)	(40,491)	663,339
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	7,271,968	823,594	524,359	8,619,921
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 8,049,683	\$ 749,709	\$ 483,868	\$ 9,283,260

SCANDAL

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since 2014, appointed by Simon.

USA GYMNASTICS

Three top members of the board of directors resigned this month after calls from angry gymnasts who say the organization did nothing to protect them after they were abused by Nassar. Chairman Paul Parilla, vice chair Jay Binder and treasurer Bitsy Kelley announced they were stepping down. The board positions are volunteer and unpaid. In an open letter to Team USA on Wednesday, U.S. Olympic Committee CEO Scott Blackmun called for all current USA Gymnastics directors to resign and threatened decertification if changes aren't made.

Steve Penny: The former president and CEO resigned under pressure last March and was replaced by Kerry Perry, who took over in December.

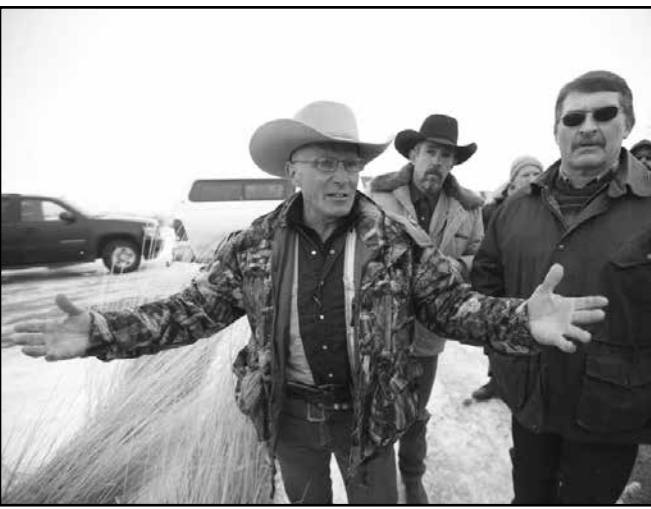
TWISTARS GYMNASTICS CLUB

John Geddert: The owner of the Michigan club was suspended by USA Gymnastics and announced his retirement. He was the U.S. women's coach at the 2012 Olympics. Nassar pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting three girls at Twistars, and still faces sentencing in that case. Geddert said he had "zero knowledge" of Nassar's crimes.

KAROLYI RANCH

USA Gymnastics said earlier this month that the ranch outside Huntsville, Texas, would no longer serve as the national training center where a number of gymnasts said Nassar abused them.

Family of rancher killed in Oregon standoff sues US, police



AP photo

In this Jan. 9, 2016 file photo, Robert "LaVoy" Finicum, left, a rancher from Arizona, talks to reporters at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge near Burns, Ore.

By STEVEN DUBOIS

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — The family of an Arizona rancher who was killed by police during the armed occupation of a national wildlife refuge in Oregon alleged in a U.S. lawsuit Friday that he was "deliberately executed by a preplanned government ambush."

The wrongful-death

lawsuit filed in Portland on the second anniversary of Robert "LaVoy" Finicum's death seeks at least \$5 million in damages for his widow and each of their 12 children. The United States is listed as a defendant, along with the FBI, Oregon State Police, Gov. Kate Brown and others.

FBI spokeswoman Beth Anne Steele said the agency does not comment on pending litigation. Representa-

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Total Depth: 7500 feet
Latitude 032.434347, Longitude -100.422381. Datum: NAD 27
345' FSL, 128' FWL of 283.25-acre lease
345' FSL, 2184' FEL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

#2 Bass, drill directional, El: NA, API #42-415-35372
Towle (Canyon) Field
4 miles northeast of Snyder
A-40, Section 79, Block 3, H&GN RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 7700 feet
Latitude 032.455558, Longitude -100.515583. Datum: NAD 83
449' FWL, 1011' FSL of 80-acre lease
449' FWL, 1011' FSL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

#1 Bass "99", drill, El: NA, API #42-415-35367
Bass (Ellenburger) Field
4 miles northeast of Snyder
A-49, Section 99, Block 3, H&GN RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8300 feet
Latitude 032.452937, Longitude -100.520673. Datum: NAD 83
467' FEL, 326' FNL of 100-acre lease
467' FEL 1643' FNL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

#255-2A SACROC Unit, drill, El: NA, API #42-415-35368
Kelly-Snyder Field
7.24 miles southwest of Snyder

A-2621, Section 212, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 7800 feet
X=910296, Y=401090. Datum: NAD 27
13,652' FWL, 12,172' FSL of 49,960-acre lease
1705' FWL, 1511' FSL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

#1 Dripping Springs, drill directional, API #42-415-35373
Wildcat Field, El: NA
14.93 miles northeast of Snyder
A-119, Section 217, Block 2, H&TC RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8300 feet
Latitude 032.502548, Longitude -100.421976. Datum: NAD 83
1676' FNL, 4961' FEL of 1,460-acre lease
1676' FNL, 2309' FEL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

#328-3A SACROC Unit, drill, El: NA, API #42-415-35369
Kelly-Snyder Field
8.80 miles southwest of Snyder

A-2933, Section 184, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 7800 feet
X=904147, Y=388241. Datum: NAD 27
1630' FWL, 4334' FSL of 49,960-acre lease
1630' FWL, 994' FNL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

#255-3A SACROC Unit, drill, El: NA, API #42-415-35370
Kelly-Snyder Field
7.61 miles west of Snyder

A-2621, Section 212, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 7800 feet
X=909047, Y=400794. Datum: NAD 27
15,066' FWL, 13,135' FSL of 49,960-acre lease
474' FWL, 1149' FSL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

tives for the governor and state police did not immediately return messages seeking comment.

Finicum served as a spokesman for the armed group led by Ammon and Ryan Bundy that occupied the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in 2016 to oppose federal control of land in the U.S. West and the

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stand backed off and said she could "say it happened and file charges, file a civil suit, get the money, go to school and open up a business," Jackson said.

According to Cosby's lawyers, Jackson told detectives in the interview last year that she and Constand had worked closely together, had been friends and had shared hotel rooms several times.

In their filing, Cosby's lawyers said Jackson's conversation with Constand happened in 2003 or 2004. She said in her statement that it was while they were on a road trip with Temple's women's basketball team. Constand was the team's operations director.

Cosby's lawyers faulted prosecutors for keeping those details to themselves and not speaking up when Constand testified she didn't know her or when the defense tried to persuade O'Neill to let Jackson testify.

Constand's lawyer, Dolores Troiani, has said Jackson is "not telling the truth."

Jackson told the Associated Press last June that she had spoken with the prosecution and with Cosby's legal team prior to Cosby's first trial. Jackson stood by her account and said she told Constand to contact authorities if she had been assaulted.

The AP does not typically identify people who say they are victims of sexual assault unless they grant permission, which Constand has done.

COSBY

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Now, Cosby's lawyers are asking a judge to throw out the case before prosecutors get a chance to retry him in April, saying their actions have deprived Cosby of "any meaningful right to a fair trial."

The Montgomery County District Attorney's Office said there were inaccuracies in the papers filed by Cosby's lawyers and that prosecutors would be responding in their own filing within 10 days.

One of Cosby's lawyers, Sam Silver, said Friday he was withdrawing from the case. He declined to discuss his departure.

Judge Steven O'Neill blocked Cosby's lawyers from calling Jackson to the witness stand at his first trial, ruling her testimony would be hearsay after Constand testified that she didn't know the woman. O'Neill also is handling Cosby's retrial.

Cosby's spokesman, Andrew Wyatt, later read a statement from Jackson to reporters on the courthouse steps. Jackson recalled Constand commenting to her about setting up a "high-profile person" after they saw a television news report about a celebrity who was accused of drugging and sexually assaulting women.

Jackson said Constand claimed something similar happened to her. When pressed, Jackson said, Con-

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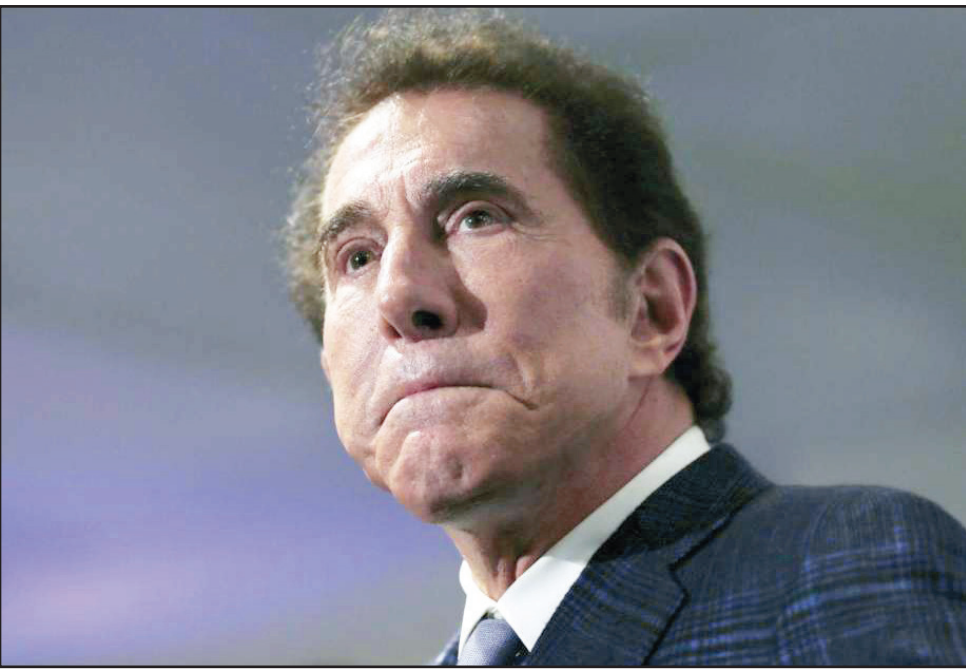
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Wynn shaken by sexual misconduct allegations against founder



AP photo

This March 15, 2016, file photo, shows casino mogul Steve Wynn at a news conference in Medford, Mass.

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imprisonment of two ranchers.

Investigators determined that state troopers were justified in shooting Finicum three times in the back after he exited his vehicle at a police roadblock, put his hands in the air and then reached toward a handgun in his inner jacket pocket.

The investigation also found that an FBI agent at the scene failed to disclose that he fired two rounds that missed Finicum. The agent, W. Joseph Astarita, has pleaded not guilty to federal charges of making false statements and obstruction of justice. He is listed as a defendant in the lawsuit.

The complaint compares the shooting of a Finicum to the high-profile shooting of a North Korean defector in November 2017. It notes that the North Korean man survived and made it across the border to a friendlier government on the other side.

"The story was captivating, because in the American psyche, the idea of being shot in the back by your own government for trying to cross a border is unthinkable," the lawsuit said.

It claims Finicum was shot "assassination style" while trying to cross

from Harney County into Grant County for a meeting with a sheriff who was sympathetic to the ranchers' cause.

Dozens of people took over the remote refuge in southeastern Oregon from Jan. 2 to Feb. 11, 2016. They were allowed to come and go for several weeks as authorities tried to avoid bloodshed seen in past standoffs at Waco, Texas, and Ruby Ridge, Idaho.

But authorities moved in Jan. 26 when key standoff leaders left the refuge for a community meeting in neighboring Grant County, pulling over two vehicles and arresting the occupiers inside.

Finicum, 54, was driving one vehicle. Video taken by a passenger showed the occupants panicking after authorities stopped the truck.

With his window rolled down, Finicum shouted at officers: "Shoot me, just shoot me! Put the bullet through me."

Finicum then sped off, coming to a roadblock and plowing into a snowbank.

The complaint says more than a dozen current and former Arizona officials wrote a letter to Oregon's governor, asking her to conduct a more transparent investigation into what happened next.

"Defendant has refused," according to the lawsuit.

By DAMIAN J. TROISE

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wynn Resorts is denying multiple allegations of sexual harassment and assault by founder Steve Wynn detailed in a Wall Street Journal report that sent shares of the casino company tumbling more than 10 percent Friday.

The paper reported that a number of women say they were harassed or assaulted by the casino mogul and finance chair of the Republican National Committee.

One case led to a \$7.5 million settlement with a manicurist, the paper reported. The detailed report relies on interviews with dozens of people who corroborate a decades-long pattern of sexual misconduct with female employees.

The company says it is committed to operating with the "highest ethical standards and maintaining a safe and respectful culture." In a statement sent to The Associated Press, it called the allegations part of a smear campaign related to divorce proceedings from Wynn's ex-wife.

Wynn also denied the allegations personally.

Wynn, who is chairman and CEO of the company he founded, is a titan in Las Vegas and played a major role in the revitalization of the Las Vegas Strip in the 1990s. It was Wynn's company that built the Golden Nugget, The Bellagio and Mirage Resorts in the heart of the town.

A wave of sexual misconduct claims against prominent figures in entertainment, media and politics gained momentum last fall in the aftermath of articles detailing movie producer's Harvey Weinstein's decades of alleged rape and harassment. But Wynn is the first CEO and founder of a major publicly held company to come under scrutiny since the Weinstein allegations surfaced.

There appeared to be immediate business implications for the casino magnate. The Massachusetts Gaming Commission said Friday it is launching a review following the allegations published by the Journal. Spokeswoman Elaine Driscoll said the commission's investigations and enforcement bureau will conduct a regulatory review to determine the appropriate next steps, adding "the suitability and integrity of our gaming licensees is of

the utmost importance."

Wynn is building a roughly \$2.5 billion resort in the Boston suburb of Everett.

In a lengthy statement, Wynn and his company both attributed the allegations to a campaign led by Wynn's ex-wife, Elaine Wynn.

"The conduct of Elaine during the course of the pending lawsuits has been shocking and deeply disturbing to me personally and as the CEO of Wynn Resorts," Wynn said.

In its reporting, The Wall Street Journal stated that none of the alleged victims reached out to the publication. Instead, the newspaper said it sought out more than 150 people who had worked for Wynn, many of whom did not want to go on record for fear of losing their jobs.

The newspaper reported that Wynn's actions were well known enough that employees would sometimes enter fake appointments in the books to help other female workers avoid him. In some cases, female employees in the salon would hide in back rooms if they knew Wynn was on his way to the casino.

Wynn Resorts said there has never been a complaint made about Wynn to the company's independent hotline for reporting harassment.

The White House and the Republican National Committee did not respond to requests for comment Friday on Wynn's status as the RNC's finance chair.

Wynn has been a prolific Republican donor, contributing more than \$600,000 to GOP causes last year, according to the Federal Election Commission. Among his 2017 beneficiaries are Sen. Dean Heller of Nevada whose re-election campaign received almost \$19,000 from Wynn and his wife last year.

Heller, once a sharp critic of President Donald Trump, faces a difficult re-election fight this year in a state Democrat Hillary Clinton carried, but where Republican Danny Tarkanian is challenging him in the June primary. Heller campaign aides did not immediately return messages requesting comment on the contributions.

Since 2013, Wynn has contributed nearly \$2.4 million to GOP candidates and party organizations around the country, including 2017 special election winners as well as dozens of state Republican Party committees.

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Police say Canadian billionaire, wife apparently murdered

By **ROB GILLIES**

Associated Press

TORONTO — Police said Friday they believe Canadian drug-company billionaire businessman Barry Sherman and his wife were both murdered.

Det. Sgt. Susan Gomes said investigators came to the conclusion after six weeks of investigation, but said there are no suspects.

The founder of generic drugmaker Apotex and his wife, Honey, were found dead in their mansion on Dec. 15. Police said then the deaths were suspicious, but said there were no signs of forced entry and they were not looking for suspects.

Gomes said the two were found hanging by belts from a railing that surrounds their indoor pool and were in a semi-seated position on the pool deck.

"We have sufficient evidence to describe this as a double homicide investigation and that both Honey and Barry Sherman were in fact targeted," Gomes said.

She said they were last seen alive in the evening hours of Wednesday Dec. 13 and were not heard from again until their bodies were found late Friday morning.

Gomes said there are no signs of forced entry at access points of the home. She declined to discuss the evidence, possible motives or suspects.

"We haven't developed any suspects," Gomes said.

The day after the bodies were found, some prominent news media outlets quoted unidentified police officials as saying the deaths appeared to be a murder-suicide. That upset the couple's four adult

children, who then hired their own team of investigators and a pathologist, who conducted second autopsies on the Shermans.

The family said in a statement Friday that the new conclusion "was expressed by the family from the outset and is consistent with the findings of the independent autopsy and investigation."

"The family continues to support the Toronto Police Service in their efforts to seek justice for their parents and pursue those responsible for these unspeakable crimes," the statement added.

Police have released the home back to the family. Gomes noted their frustration with police.

"For them it's been difficult to balance their patience with their frustration with us and our investigation — not unlike any other family who have suffered such a sudden and profound loss," Gomes said. "They have been understanding, cooperative and hopeful that this investigation can give them some answers."

Toronto police investigators have scoured the 12,000-square-foot home, hauled away the couple's cars and even checked the sewers in one of Toronto's most exclusive neighborhoods for clues. Police have taken 125 witness statements and analyzed surveillance video in the neighborhood.

Sherman, 75, was known for litigiousness and aggressive businesses practices as



AP photo

In this Oct. 15, 2017 photo provided by the United Jewish Appeal via Canadian Press, Barry and Honey Sherman pose for a photo in Toronto, Canada. At the conclusion of a six week investigation, police said Friday, Jan. 26, 2018, they believe the Canadian billionaire businessman and his wife were both murdered.

he developed Apotex Inc., which has a global workforce of about 11,000.

In "Prescription Games," a 2001 book about the industry, he mused that a rival might want to kill him.

"The branded drug companies hate us. They have hired private investigators on us all the time," he said. "The thought once came to my mind, why didn't they just hire someone to knock me off? For a thousand bucks paid to the right person you can probably get someone killed. Perhaps I'm surprised that hasn't happened."

Canadian Business magazine recently estimated his

worth at 4.77 billion Canadian dollars (\$3.65 billion), making him the 15th richest person in the country.

As they became wealthy, the couple became known for philanthropy. They gave tens of millions to the United Jewish Appeal, donated to a geriatric hospital in Toronto and sent medicine to disaster zones. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau attended the funeral and Sherman is posthumously due to receive one of the country's highest civilian honors this year.

Friends and family say the couple had been making plans for the future. They had recently listed their home in

Toronto for 6.9 million Canadian dollars and they were building a new home in the city. Gomes said anybody who has had access to the home in recent months is important to them.

The chief executive of Apotex, meanwhile, announced Friday he is leaving the company. Dr. Jeremy Desai had been CEO of Apotex since 2014.

Apotex spokesman Jordan Berman said Friday he didn't know why Desai was leaving, but said he resigned to pursue other opportunities. Berman said Desai's departure was not related to the Toronto police press conference.

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Big Spring's Amber Martinez goes in for a layup during the Lady Steer's 72-42 road loss to Abilene Wylie on Friday, January 26, 2018.



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Big Spring's Jeremiah Cooley is fouled while splitting two defenders for a layup during the Steer's 80-45 loss to Abilene Wylie on Friday, January 26, 2018.

Forsan dominates Ozona

By STEVE BELVIN
Staff Writer

Lady Buffs

The league-leading Forsan Lady Buffaloes faced a formidable task: beat a team they had just barely beat earlier in the season. Only this time, missing your starting point guard. It was no problem for the Lady Buffs as they disposed of the Ozona Lady Lions 72-31 Friday night at home.

In their first district meeting, Forsan edged Ozona 39-32.

Although they still pulled out the win on Friday, playing without junior point guard Macey Evans appeared to be a challenge for Forsan. The Lady Buffs still handled it well, jumping on the Lady Lions from the start and never letting up. Macey Evans, who was injured in practice this week, is a key player for Forsan, running the offense and possessing a good three-point shot.

In her absence, her little sister Rylee Evans took up the slack. Rylee, a freshman, was the leader this night as she scored 20 points, dished out three assists and collected three steals.

Her coach Lloyd Vedder felt she rose to the challenge.

"I told Rylee at the start of the season she was a freshman, and now at this time of the season she is a sophomore." She did a great job," said Vedder. "Chasidy (Grantham) is playing with a strained groin. I thought I might have to be without two starters."

However Grantham came through with a blue-collar

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Bufs

Like a well-oiled machine, the Forsan Buffaloes keep rolling through district play. Friday night at home the Buffs grabbed their eighth district win by demolishing the Ozona Lady Lions 70-40. With the win, 25th state-ranked Forsan remains undefeated in district (8-0) and 21-3 overall.

It was a typical Forsan win which started by pressure defense that caused 22 Ozona turnovers, and resulted in good looks at the basket. Missing was the usual Forsan three-point barrage as Forsan only made four. What they lacked in three-point shooting, they made up for with their rebounding. Ozona's Jacob Schroeder, a 6'5 senior, couldn't contend with Forsan's rebounding by committee. Schroeder did get a game-

high 12 rebounds to go along with his 13 points, but Forsan countered with a barrage of rebounders to out-rebound Ozona 37-27.

Then there was the usual Forsan balanced scoring attack, which featured four players in double digits. Kobe Richarson and Zane Riffe led the attack with 14 points each. Garrett Evans and Bryce Hergert each scored 12 points. All 10 players on the Forsan roster contributed points to their score.

Forsan got strong production from reserve post players Jaedan Ceasar and Caden Williams. Williams scored a season-high eight points while grabbing five rebounds. Ceasar

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Wolves rout Bulldogs 87-43



Courtesy photo

Coahoma's Gage Hill (32) works around a Wolf defender during their game against Colorado City held Friday, Jan. 26, 2018.

Special to The Herald

The Coahoma varsity Bulldogs lost to the Colorado City Wolves 87-43 in boys high school basketball action Friday night in Colorado City.

Coahoma's Gage Hill struck first to put the first points on the board, but the Wolves went on a 6-point run.

Mason Moore cut their streak by burying a shot for three points to narrow the Bulldogs' deficit down to 1. Then the Wolves ran up the score by 10 points before Gage Clark dropped in a basket and converted a three-point play with the and-one to make the score 16-7. With 28 seconds left in the quarter Moore nailed his second three-pointer, but the 'Dogs headed into the second quarter down by 9 with the score at 21-10.

By halftime, the Wolves would add an-

other 21 points compared to Coahoma's 10. Gage Clark contributed 7 points for the Bulldogs early in the quarter with two goals and then a basket from the charity stripe.

After a successful jump shot by Zack Schneider, Hill nailed a free throw to set the score 34-20 with 1.47 left in the half.

The Wolves then made a 6-point run to pad their score at 42-20 before they hit the locker room for the break.

Returning for the second half, both teams would have their best quarter of the game, score wise. Coahoma tallied up 15 points in the third but Colorado City managed 24.

Joe Manning got the second half started for the 'Dogs with a field goal for 2. Bryson Cline added one more at the free throw line to help the Bulldogs manage Colorado City's

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night, scoring 10 points to go along with 10 rebounds and five blocked shots.

"I told my team, 'Adversity can make you stronger or it can make you crumble.' Without our starting point guard I knew they (Ozona) were going to get after us well. I was really pleased with our bench, they stepped it up tonight," Vedder said.

Indeed it did. Mikkahaela Willard, starting in the place of Macey Evans, contributed 10 points, four rebounds and two steals. Haley Patterson and Mikaela Arzate contributed with good outside shooting and several assists.

The much shorter Lady Lions had no answer for Forsan's height, getting out rebounded 31-17 and having Emily Garcia scorch them for 16 points on a 7 for 9 shooting performance.

Jenna Evans was a defensive force as she blocked four Ozona shots. Forsan had it going on all cylinders, shooting well from the foul line, particularly in the first half when they made 17-of-22 attempts.

The league leading Lady Buffs will be on the road Tuesday against Irion County at 6:30 p.m

FORSAN (20-5 season, 9-1 district)
Rylee Evans 3-12-20
Chasidy Grantham 4-2-10
Emily Garcia 7-2-16
Jenna Evans 1-3-5
Mikkahaela Willard 1-7-10
Haley Patterson 2-0-5
Mikaela Azarte 2-1-5
team total 20-27-72
OZONA (19-8 season, 4-5 district)
Gonzales 1-0-2
Zena Vargas 2-2-6
Sefan Cuevas 5-0-10
Zanath Cuevas 3-2-11
team total- 12-6-31
FORSAN 15 - 17 - 16 - 22 - 72
OZONA 05 - 08 - 08 - 10 - 31

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added three points and seven rebounds. The two controlled the inside for Forsan in the second half as coach Cory Richardson got to give all of players a lot of playing time.

"I thought tonight was one of the most unselfish games we've played" said Richardson. "We always pass the ball well, but tonight we made extra passes and it made us move more without the ball. We still scored 70 points and we didn't even score very much in the fourth quarter. I thought it was a good offensive game, and defensively we worked on some things and got better. We didn't hit threes tonight, I think we made three of four. Usually when we don't hit threes we struggle."

The first quarter started with Ehren Hillger feeding Riffe inside for two, and reserve guard Aaron Gutierrez nailing a three-pointer to end it. The game was well in hand with Forsan leading 26-7 after the first quarter. After that, the game was never in doubt.

Forsan will be on the road Tuesday against Irion County. Game time is 8 p.m.

FORSAN
Garrett Evans 5-1-12
Bryce Hergert 5-2-12
Kobe Richardson 6-1-14
Zane Riffe 6-2-14
Ehren Hillger 1-0-2
Jordan Enriquez 0-1-1
Aaron Gutierrez 1-0-3
Jaedan Ceasar 1-1-2
Caden Williams 3-2-8
Nate Vidal 0-1-1
team total 28-10-70
OZONA
Jacob Schroeder 5-3-13
Roman Esparza 4-3-11
Lozaro Rodriguez 1-1-3
Abraham Rodriguez 1-1-4
Josh Manhannah 2-1-5
Jacob Childress 1-0-3
team total 14-10-40
Scores by quarter
Forsan 26 - 11 - 27 - 16 - 70
Ozona 07 - 10 - 13 - 10 - 40
JV- Ozona 36, Forsan 34.

Lady Wolves come out on top of JV and Varsity Bulldogettes



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Kamri Kemper, 23, tries to outmaneuver a Colorado City Lady Wolf during the Bulldogettes versus the Colorado City Lady Wolves game held Friday, Jan. 26, 2018.

Special to the Herald

The varsity Bulldogettes lost to a tough Colorado City Lady Wolves team 67-21 Friday night in Colorado City.

The Lady Wolves came out strong in the first and stayed in control through all four quarters of play. In the first half, the Colorado City girls picked up 36 points, 28 of those in the first quarter alone. Although it was a brutal start for the 'Dogettes, the Lady Wolves were not successful in shutting out the Coahoma girls at the post. Caitlyn Corley and Makayla Overton took full advantage of fouls made by the Lady Wolves to put the first points on the board for their team. At the end of the quarter, the Lady Wolves held a comfortable 28-5 lead.

Cassie Grant ignited the Bulldogettes in the second quarter when she buried a shot from behind the arc. Although the Lady Wolves still outscored the Bulldogettes, the Coahoma team held Colorado City to only 8 points in the quarter.

Both teams went into the locker room with the score at 36-11 in favor of the Lady Wolves.

Colorado City returned for the

second half and collected another 31 points before the end of the game. In the fourth quarter, Coahoma's Makynlee Overton snatched a rebound and made a successful jump shot. She was later followed by teammate Abbie Lopez, who nailed a field goal with a minute and half left in the game. After Lopez's goal, the Lady Wolves made one last basket and then ran out the clock to seal the victory. The 67-21 win went to Colorado City.

The JV Bulldogettes fell to Colorado City 55-14 on Friday.

By the first quarter, the Lady Wolves led 17-0. In the second, both Austyn Montgomery and Macee Grant put Coahoma on the score board for the first time with successful shots from the free throw line. However, the Bulldogettes ended the half down 28-3. Returning for the second half, Coahoma's Peyton Woods stepped up and earned 5 points in the quarter but the Lady Wolves added 8 to their tally. The Bulldogettes picked up steam in the fourth and added 7 more points thanks to Julia Cortez, Kenzie Canales, and Montgomery. The Lady Wolves scored 19 fourth quarter points for the 55-14 win.

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assault at the post.

With less than 5 minutes to go, Keegan Dodds hit a jumper followed right after by a goal from Cline to set the score 52-27 in favor of the Wolves.

By the end of the third, Moore and Hill would add another 6 shots from behind the arc. The 'Dog's headed into the fourth down 66-35.

Hungry for the win, the Wolves notched 10 more points in the last quarter before

Moore answered back for Coahoma with a shot for 2. He then added one more point at the three throw line to set the score at 76-38.

In the last 2 1/2 minutes of play, Brice Martin jumped in and hit two goals back-to-back. After a successful free throw by Schneider with a 1:07 left in the game, the Wolves would add two more points at the charity stripe before the buzzer sounded.

The Colorado boys team raked in more than 20 points per quarter during the game and claimed the win 87-43.

Earlier in the evening, the JV Bulldogs lost to the Colorado City Wolves 55-14.

Sixers beat Spurs 97-78, end 13-game skid in San Antonio

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The Philadelphia 76ers accomplished a series of rare feats against the Spurs.

They won in San Antonio, swept the season series against the five-time NBA champions and made the Spurs look bad while doing so.

Ben Simmons scored 21 points, Joel Embiid had 18 points and 14 rebounds, and Philadelphia held the Spurs to a season-low point total in a 97-78 victory Friday night, snapping a 13-game losing

streak in San Antonio.

The 76ers celebrated afterward, cheering in the locker room and singing along as music played loudly in the background as they dressed to leave the AT&T Center.

"We're happy, we won," Simmons said. "We're playing well. We're playing good team basketball."

They had reason to celebrate.

The 76ers became just the second Eastern Conference team in three years to sweep a season series from the Spurs, joining the Pacers, who completed the feat Sunday.

San Antonio had not lost at

home to Philadelphia since 2004, but the 76ers didn't have a healthy Embiid and Simmons before. The 76ers opened a double-digit lead they would never relinquish with 1:35 left in the first quarter, extending the lead to as many as 25 points.

"The old Sixers, the old Sixers," Simmons said when asked about the losing streak. "We've got to come in with a new mentality and we've got to leave the past and play the way we play."

Simmons added seven assists and five rebounds.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 18 points for San Antonio, which lost for just the fourth time at home this season.

The Spurs set season lows for total points and points in any half, and matched their season worst in the first quarter.

"If I was a San Antonio fan

tonight, I'd ask for my money back," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

San Antonio's only lead was 5-3 on Pau Gasol's dunk three minutes into the game.

Gasol finished with 11 points and Dejounte Murray

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D'Antoni to coach Team Stephen in NBA All-Star Game



AP photo
(on the right) Houston Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni questions a call during the second half of the team's NBA basketball game against the New Orleans Pelicans in New Orleans, Friday, Jan. 26, 2018. The Pelicans won 115-113.

NEW YORK (AP) — Houston coach Mike D'Antoni will lead Team Stephen in the NBA All-Star Game. D'Antoni and his staff earned coaching honors Friday when the Rockets clinched the best winning percentage in the Western Conference through games of Feb. 4 among eligible coaches. Golden State's Steve Kerr is ineligible because he coached in the game last year.

D'Antoni has led the Rockets to a 34-13 record, second in the league to Golden State's 39-10.

The 2017 NBA Coach of the Year will be coaching in the All-Star Game for the second time, having led the West to a rout in 2007 in Las Vegas when he coached the Phoenix Suns.

The NBA has gone to a new format this year in which captains LeBron James and Stephen Curry drafted teams. D'Antoni will coach Curry's team on Feb. 18 in Los Angeles, while the East coach will be in charge of Team LeBron. Toronto's Dwane Casey has the inside track there with Boston's Brad Stevens ineligible.

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had 10 points and nine rebounds.

The Sixers used their athleticism and length aggressively, applying full-court pressure early to disrupt the Spurs' offense and quickly rotating their defenders.

"Philadelphia was great. They were physical. Brett's got them really executing well and playing with confidence and they did it at both ends of the floor," Popovich said, referring to coach Brett Brown, his former assistant.

"Their defense got us out of everything and our defense wasn't great. Their speed got us. We didn't get back in transition. So, I thought they did a great job."

After matching a season low for points in the first quarter with 13, the Spurs had a season-worst 31 points in the half. San Antonio was 0 for 10 on 3s and shot 35 percent overall in the first 24 minutes.

"We played really well defensively," Embiid said. "We were physical, we got the stops we needed and on offense we took care of the ball."

The Spurs finished 3 for 24 on 3s and shot 40 percent overall. It was their worst 3-point outing since going 1 for 12 against Chicago on Oct. 21.

"They outcompeted us on both ends," Murray said. "They were running, getting what they want. They knew what we were doing on a lot of stuff. We just had a bad night."

TIP-INS

76ers: The 76ers' last victory in San Antonio was Jan. 3, 2004. Derrick Coleman had 20 points and 11 rebounds to lead Philadelphia to an 83-77 victory, which snapped the Spurs' 13-game winning streak and was also their fourth home loss at the time. ...

G Jerryd Bayless was a late scratch from the lineup with a sore left wrist. ... The starting lineup of Embiid, Simmons, Robert Covington, Dario Saric and Timothe Luwawu-Cabarrot is 3-1 collectively.

Spurs: Kawhi Leonard was not available to play as he continues to rehabilitate from right quadriceps tendinopathy, but was in uniform on the bench for the first time since returning to the injured list. ...

Aldridge grabbed his 7,000th career rebound, becoming the only player in the NBA with 16,000-plus points and 7,000-plus rebounds since he entered the league in 2006. ... The Spurs' previous low was 34 points in the first half against Orlando on Oct. 27. San Antonio matched its season low of 13 points in the first quarter that was set Dec. 30 at Detroit.

... Gasol became the 34th player in NBA history to play 40,000 career minutes.

PRAYERS FOR BOOGIE

Embiid was shocked to learn New Orleans center DeMarcus Cousins had suffered a left Achilles tendon injury during the fourth quarter against Houston on Friday.

"Oh my God," said Embiid, who has battled injuries throughout his career. "Injuries suck. I went through it my first two years and then my third year I got injured again. All I can say is I'm going to pray for him. I'm a firm believer in God and I pray a lot, so, he's definitely going to be in my prayers. I think right now he's the best big man in the league offensively. Hopefully he gets back on the court pretty soon."

SWAT TEAM

Patty Mills, who is generously listed at 6 feet, blocked 7-footer Embiid from behind in the third quarter, drawing loud gasps from the crowd. It was Mills' seventh block this season.

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HOUSTON (113)
Ariza 3-9 0-0 9, Anderson 0-3 0-0 0, Capela 4-6 0-2 8, Paul 11-19 12-12 38, Harden 5-16 12-14 23, Tucker 0-3 0-0 0, Mbah a Moute 2-5 1-1 5, Nene 1-2 1-2 3, Gordon 10-15 3-4 27. Totals 36-78 29-35 113.

NEW ORLEANS (115)
Moore 6-12 0-0 13, Davis 10-22 7-8 27, Cousins 6-12 3-5 15, Rondo 0-1 0-0 0, Holiday 8-12 4-6 21, Cunningham 2-4 0-0 5, Miller 6-11 2-2 20, Nelson 2-3 0-0 4, Clark 1-2 0-0 2, Liggins 3-3 0-0 8. Totals 44-82 16-21 115.

Houston	30	23	27
33-113			
New Orleans	29	37	24
25-115			

3-Point Goals_Houston 12-36 (Paul 4-5, Gordon 4-7, Ariza 3-8, Harden 1-9, Mbah a Moute 0-2, Anderson 0-2, Tucker 0-3), New Orleans 11-27 (Miller 6-10, Liggins 2-2, Cunningham 1-2, Moore 1-3, Holiday 1-4, Clark 0-1, Rondo 0-1, Nelson 0-1, Davis 0-1, Cousins 0-2). Fouled Out_Paul. Rebounds_Houston 35 (Capela 10), New Orleans 42 (Cousins 13). Assists_Houston 22 (Harden 11), New Orleans 36 (Cousins 11). Total Fouls_Houston 23, New Orleans 26. A_17,186 (16,867).

76ers-Spurs, Box

PHILADELPHIA (97)
Covington 2-7 2-2 7, Saric 6-13 1-2 15, Embiid 6-15 5-8 18, Simmons 10-11 1-2 21, Luwawu-Cabarrot 4-10 0-0 10, Booker 2-4 3-4 7, Johnson 1-1 0-0 2, Holmes 0-2 0-0 0, McConnell 2-7 0-0 5, Drew II 0-1 0-0 0, Young 0-1 0-0 0, J.Anderson 5-7 0-0 12. Totals 38-79 12-18 97.

SAN ANTONIO (78)
K.Anderson 2-5 0-0 4, Aldridge 7-12 4-4 18, Gasol 3-9 5-6 11, Murray 4-11 2-2 10, Green 1-7 3-4 5, Bertans 3-8 0-0 7, Hilliard 0-1 0-0 0, Lauvergne 4-5 0-0 8, Mills 2-5 1-2 5, Parker 1-3 0-0 2, Forbes 3-8 0-0 8, Paul 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 30-75 15-18 78.

Philadelphia	25	25	31	16-97
San Antonio	13	18	30	17-78
3-Point	Goals_Philadelphia	9-21		

(J.Anderson 2-2, Saric 2-4, Luwawu-Cabarrot 2-6, McConnell 1-1, Embiid 1-2, Covington 1-5, Young 0-1), San Antonio 3-24 (Forbes 2-5, Bertans 1-6, Aldridge 0-1, Gasol 0-1, Murray 0-1, Hilliard 0-1, Paul 0-1, Mills 0-3, Green 0-5). Fouled Out_None. Rebounds_Philadelphia 50 (Embiid 14), San Antonio 36 (Murray 9). Assists_Philadelphia 23 (Simmons 7), San Antonio 20 (Murray 5). Total Fouls_Philadelphia 20, San Antonio 14. A_18,418 (18,418).

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2 more high school athletes arrested on sex assault charges

FORNEY, Texas (AP) — Two more suburban Dallas high school soccer players have been arrested on sexual assault charges stemming from hazing allegations.

That brings to five the number of Forney High School soccer players charged in the case, four of them juveniles. The last two were arrested Friday at the school.

Their 18-year-old teammate, Jacob Fisher, has been charged as an adult. He was released on \$75,000 bond Friday after making his initial court appearance. Judge Dennis Jones ordered the juveniles to remain in detention pending further investigation and psychological evaluations. The next detention hearing will occur within 10 days.



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Eagles' 16th Annual Chili Cook-Off



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On Saturday, January 20, 2018 The Fraternal Order of Eagles had their 16th Annual Chili Cook-Off. Every year the organization hosts a chili cook-off in hopes of raising funds for The Eagles, so they can continue their mission of people helping people. The right photo shows a few of the competitors visting with each other and preparing their chili for the public and judges. On the left, Kelly and Terry Howell show their support.



HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield
Pictured on the left is competitor, Orrin Mansfield. The photo on the right shows people of the community who came to support the Eagles, and participate in the cook-off.



Courtesy Photos

Pictured above on the far left are the 1st place Chili Cook-Off winners, Tammy & Billy Luxton. Pictured in the middle is 2nd place winner, Berta Gonzales. On the far right are 3rd place winners, Rocky Grigg & Clark Roy.



Courtest Photo

Shown above are the participants of the 16th Annual Chili Cook-Off. This year there were 10 teams that competed for the first place title and bragging rights. The cook off takes places every year at the Eagles Lodge located 703 W 3rd.



Courtesy Photo

Displayed in the middle photo are the 2018 Chili Cook Off Judges, who volunteered their time to come down and help out the Eagles. Displayed from left to right are, Eddie Austin Vasquez, Tony Bingham, Jimmy McNutt, Becky Winters, Richard Perez.

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Welcome, baby Sebastian!

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Sebastian was born Dec. 28, 2017 at ORMC in Odessa, Texas. At birth, Sebastian weighed 5lbs. and 14 ounces. and was 20 inches long.

Sebastian was happily welcomed by older siblings Ro and Samuel Del Valle. Sebastian has two sets of very proud grandparents.

From his mother's side, Tommy and Sally Burt, and from the father's side, Arturo Del Valle and Nancy Duarte.

Sebastian lives happily in Big Spring, Texas with his new family.



Casey Affleck will not attend Academy Awards

By **LINDSEY BAHR**
AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In another apparent consequence of the #MeToo movement, last year's best actor Oscar winner Casey Affleck will not be presenting at or attending the 90th Academy Awards.

Affleck's publicist said Thursday that the actor would not be at the ceremony on March 4 where, traditionally, he would have been expected to present the award for best actress as the reigning best actor winner. A film academy spokesperson said they "appreciate the decision to keep the focus on the show and on the great work of this year."

The "Manchester by the Sea" actor faced sexual harassment allegations in 2010 in two public civil suits during the production of the mockumentary "I'm Still Here." The suits were settled for undisclosed sums and Affleck has said that the terms of the settlement prevented him from discussing the matter.

While the lawsuits were covered in the press at the time, the allegations gained additional attention in 2016 following the ruination of "Birth of a Nation" director and star Nate Parker's awards chances after past rape allegations surfaced against him.

Howard County lunch/breakfast menus

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Monday: Breakfast: Apple cinnamon muffin, fresh oranges, milk. Lunch: Pizza sticks with marinara, corn, fresh broccoli, mixed fruit, fresh celery sticks, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Graham crackers, strawberry banana yogurt, fresh apples slices, milk. Lunch: Hamburger, green beans, fresh red pepper strips, diced peaches, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Maple waffles, diced pears, milk. Lunch: Cheese quesadilla, sweet tater bites, fresh zucchini squash, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Thursday: Sausage breakfast sandwich, fresh bananas, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, Charro pinto beans, fresh celery sticks, fresh cantaloupe, applesauce, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Chicken biscuits, fresh apples, slices, milk. Lunch: Sandwich, fresh baby carrots, fresh apples, graham crackers, milk.

Elementary Schools

Monday: Breakfast: Cocoa puffs cereal, string cheese, fresh apples slices, grape juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or pizza sticks, with marinara, fresh grapes, mixed fruit, corn, fresh broccoli, garden salad

Tuesday: Breakfast: Maple waffles, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Hot dogs, or chicken nacho salad, strawberry craisins, diced peaches, buttered green beans, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Boneless chicken wings, dinner roll, or Philly sub sandwich, fresh apples, diced pears, sweet tater bites, fresh zucchini bites, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: French toast stick, fresh apple slices, cherry star juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, steak fingers, with roll, fresh oranges, rosy applesauce, refried beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Friday: Breakfast: Apple frudel, fresh banana, apple juice. Lunch: Ham and turkey sandwich, fresh apples, fresh baby

carrots, Doritos, goldfish crackers, sugar cookies.

Intermediate School

Monday: Breakfast: Lucky charms cereal, animal crackers, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or diced chicken chef salad with pretzel roll, or pizza sticks with marinara, fresh grapes, corn, fresh broccoli, mixed fruit, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast corndog, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Sloppy joe sandwich, or cheeseburger, or chicken nacho salad, fresh banana, diced peaches, buttered green beans, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or cheeseburger, or corn dogs, fresh apples, diced pears, sweet tater bites, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, strawberry banana yogurt, fresh bananas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, chicken carbonara pasta, turkey chef salad with roll, fresh oranges, applesauce, Charro pinto beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast sandwich, fresh grapes, apples juice. Lunch: Ham and cheese sandwich, pineapple tidbits, fresh apple, fresh baby carrots, potato chips, goldfish pretzels.


Junior High School

Monday: Breakfast: Lucky charms, string cheese, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or diced chicken chef salad with pretzel roll, or pizza sticks, with marinara, fresh grapes, corn, fresh broccoli, mixed fruit, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or roast turkey with roll, or chicken nacho salad, fresh bananas, diced peaches, buttered green beans, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.


Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh pears, oranges juice. Lunch: Cheese-

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Monday: Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, fresh bananas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or chicken carbonara pasta, or turkey chef salad with roll, fresh oranges, applesauce, Charro pinto beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon and sausage or cheesy toast and sausage. Lunch: Crispy chicken salad, or meat and cheese chalupa with rice, or enchiladas with rice, tiny tomato cup, cucumber slices, peaches, sherbet cup.

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

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage egg and cheese sandwich. Lunch: Chicken spaghetti with breakfast, or pizza, garden salad, carrots, apple slices.

Friday: Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy with scrambled eggs or pita pocket breakfast. Lunch: Fiesta salad, or chicken nuggets with mac and cheese, or BBQ on a bun, baked beans, potato salad, mandarin oranges.

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

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

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

Thursday: Breakfast: Blueberry sausage wrap, or cereal and

Lunch: Chicken fajita salad, or country fried steak or coahoma meatloaf, or oven roasted chicken with broccoli bites, baked beans, fresh fruit cup.

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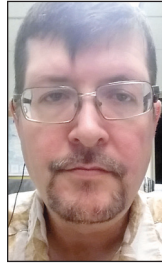
Roger's Reviews: Hostiles



By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

I hadn't seen a decent western in a while, so I went Thursday evening to see the new release starring Christian Bale, "Hostiles." I'm glad I did, though it wasn't quite the western shoot-'em-up I was looking for.



ROGER CLINE

The movie starts out with a pioneer family – father, mother, and three kids – working on their land when they're attacked by a group of Comanches. The father (Scott Shepherd) and children (Ava Cooper and Stella Cooper – the baby is always shown wrapped in blankets, so is probably not a real actor) are killed, while the mother (Rosamund Pike) survives by hiding in the forest.

Cut to New Mexico, where Army Capt. Joseph Blocker (Bale) oversees the capture of an Apache family, bringing them to the stockade at Fort Berringer. Through these interactions and some discussion at the fort, we learn that Capt. Blocker has a deep-seated hatred of Native Americans, and has no problem with doing his job, either exterminating them or rounding them up.

The fort's commander, Col. Abraham Biggs (Stephen Lang) has orders from the president (Benjamin Harrison, for the record) to get Cheyenne war chief Yellow Hawk (Wes Studi) and his family transferred from Fort Berringer back to their tribal land in Montana. Yellow Hawk is dying of cancer.

Col. Biggs figures Blocker is just the man to lead the expedition, because he knows the language and has been there before. Blocker doesn't want anything to do with the endeavor, but Biggs coerces him by threatening his pension. Eventually Blocker saddles up, and we meet the rest of his crew.

There's Master Sgt. Thomas Metz (Rory Cochrane), who's just tired of all the killing; Lt. Rudy Kidder (Jesse Plemons), a West-point-trained, though green, officer; Cpl. Henry Woodson (Jonathan Majors), a solid, dependable Buffalo soldier; and Pvt. Philippe DeJardin (Timothée Chalamet), a young, inexperienced Cajun soldier.

Among the Indians being escorted north are Yellow Hawk; his son Black Hawk (Adam Beach); Black Hawk's wife Elk Woman (Q'orianka Kilcher); Little Bear (Xavier Horsechief); Black Hawk and Elk Woman's young son; and Living Woman (Tanaya Beatty). I was unclear on Living Woman's relationship to the others; she may have been a sister of either Black Hawk or Elk Woman.

The group starts out, and once they are out of sight of the fort, Blocker calls a halt. Pulling out two knives, he orders Yellow Hawk down from his horse and tries to make him take a knife. Yellow Hawk refuses, so Blocker has the Native men clapped into chains, and also orders a soldier to undo the braids in the women's hair.

They continue on, and soon run across a burned farmhouse. Yep, it's the family spread from the beginning of the movie. Investigating, Blocker and his men discover the mom inside the burned home singing a lullaby to her dead children.

I'll go ahead and stop the narrative at that point. Suffice it to say that the woman – we learn her name is Rosalie Quaid – is deranged with grief and suicidal, but travels along with the expedition.

There are a lot of interesting things to unpack with a movie like "Hostiles," and I'm telling you now, I'm not going to be able to do them justice in this short review; but here are some impressions.

First, "Hostiles" is very slow, intentionally so. There are plenty of gunfights and tense moments, but there's also a lot of brooding, slow scenes of the

expedition traveling through beautiful or ominous western landscapes; whether Southwestern mesas and buttes and canyons; or tall piney woods, hills, and mountains, this movie has some stunning photography. The slowness also gives the audience ample time to ponder the movie's themes of hatred, loss, and world-weariness, mitigated by friendship and respect.

Second, there's a lot of hate in this movie. The opening scene shows Comanche warriors riding toward the farmhouse and the farmer simply opens up on them with his rifle. I'm not saying it wasn't the right thing to do, but I questioned whether seeing what they wanted first might have been prudent. Maybe he had dealings with them before and knew they were up to no good. The next scene reverses things. A group of American soldiers are beating, roping, and dragging an Apache man as they capture him and his family. Later we meet a Sgt. Charles Wills, a man accused of murdering some Indians. Blocker is additionally tasked with transporting Wills north for hanging, and we are forced to question the similarities and differences between Blocker's typical job duties and Wills' crime.

"Hostiles" is a powerful movie with some great acting and beautiful cinematography. I don't know that I'd want to see it again, but I'm glad I saw it once. Eight stars out of 10.

Hostiles
Director: Scott Cooper
Writer: Screenplay by Scott Cooper, story by Donald E. Stewart
Production companies: Waypoint Entertainment, Le Grisbi Productions, Bloom Media
R; 2 hrs. 14 min.; Adventure/Drama/Western; Jan. 26, 2018

Roger saw this movie at Big Spring's own Cinemark Cinema 4, located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. For more information visit www.cinemark.com and enter the ZIP code 79720.

Military desertion is issue in border agent's murder case



AP photo

In this Friday, Oct. 9, 2015 file photo, supporters from a number of humanitarian groups gather at a vigil for border shooting victim José Antonio Elena Rodríguez.

By **TERRY TANG**

Associated Press

PHOENIX — A Border Patrol agent's past arrest for military desertion, which he didn't disclose when applying for a job with the agency, is relevant at his murder trial in the cross-border shooting of a Mexican teen, federal prosecutors argued in court documents asking a judge to allow the evidence.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for Arizona filed the motion Thursday after defense attorneys sought to exclude the military and job performance records of defendant Lonnie Swartz.

Swartz has pleaded not guilty to one charge of second-degree murder in the 2012 death of 16-year-old Jose Antonio Elena Rodriguez.

Swartz is accused of firing through a border fence from Nogales, Arizona, into Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, in 2012 and killing 16-year-old Jose Antonio Elena Rodriguez.

He is being tried in federal court in Tucson.

The records say Swartz enlisted in the military in 1995 at age 19 and went AWOL two months later. He was arrested in Las Vegas in October 1997 and discharged in lieu of trial by court-martial four months later.

Prosecutors say Swartz omitted his desertion and arrest when applying to work for the Border Patrol. Instead, he stated that he served in the Army for one month before quitting.

"The jury should be apprised of those statements in evaluating his credibility on the witness stand," the prosecutors' request states. "The fact that these statements were made when he applied ... make them particularly germane to this case which involves his conduct as a Border Patrol agent."

Defense attorney Sean Chapman has said Swartz's military history has no bearing on whether he fired his weapon with criminal intent in the death of Rodriguez.

Chapman cited the same reasoning while calling for 230 pages of internal, personnel records to be excluded as possible evidence. The Border Patrol records include field observation reports, performance evaluations and results of proficiency tests.

Chapman did not immediately return a call seeking comment Friday.

Prosecutors accused the defense of being too broad with its requests.

Parton stepping aside as parade grand marshal after 32 years



AP Photo

In this Friday May 11, 2012 file photo, Dolly Parton gears up the parade crowd as she prepares to ride an eagle float in the 27th Annual Dolly's Homecoming Parade in Pigeon Forge Tenn.

PIGEON FORGE, Tenn. (AP) — Dolly Parton says her Tennessee amusement park "has hogged the spotlight long enough" and she's stepping aside as grand marshal of the Pigeon Forge spring parade after 32 years.

A news release from Dollywood and the Pigeon Forge Department of Tourism says the grand marshal this year will be baseball Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr.

Ripken is chairman and co-founder of Ripken Baseball. The Ripken Experience Pigeon Forge, a \$22.5 million youth baseball facility, opened in 2016.

Parton, who grew up in the area, started a fund after deadly wildfires tore through the area in 2016. The Dollywood Foundation says its My People Fund helped 900 families with roughly \$9 million in the first six months after the fires.

The May 4 parade will be called the Music in the Mountains Spring Parade.

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US Treasury official urges regulation of crypto currencies

By ELAINE KURTENBACH

AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — A senior U.S. Treasury official touring Asia has urged banks and financial regulators in the region and elsewhere to do more to tighten oversight of booming trading in bitcoin and other crypto currencies.

Sigal Mandelker, the Treasury undersecretary for terrorism and financial intelligence, said Friday that more needs to be done to prevent money laundering and other criminal activities using such transactions.

Speaking to reporters in Tokyo after visiting China, Hong Kong and South Korea, she lauded recent moves to keep closer tabs on such dealings.

"We feel very strongly that we need to have this kind of regulation all over the world," Mandelker said. She noted that Japan and Australia are already regulating crypto currency trading.

"The EU, I understand, is moving very quickly in that direction and we think it's very important that similar regulations are happening in a number of other countries."

Mandelker said she expects the issue to be discussed at meetings of the Group of 20 industrial economies. She recently told Congress that money laundering related to crypto currencies was "an area of high focus" for the Treasury Department.

The U.S. started regulating such transactions in 2013 and considers traders and administrators of cryptocurrencies as "money transmitters" who are required to have strong anti-money laundering and other controls to prevent their use for illegal purposes, she said. It has imposed fines for violations of those regulations.

Financial regulators in Asia have struggled to keep up with a regional boom in crypto currency investing.

Japan, the world's largest market for bitcoin trading, is the only major advanced economy with a licensing system for digital currency intermediaries such as exchanges and payment providers. It moved to impose order on the gray zone for such dealings after a major trading platform, Mt. Gox, filed for bankruptcy protection, after masses of Bitcoin went missing, worth millions of dollars at that time.

South Korea, which is also among the biggest bitcoin markets, has been looking for ways to regulate trading. In December its financial regulator ruled out using bitcoin for derivative products such as futures.

The government said it was focusing on curbing tax evasion, money laundering and other criminal activities through crypto trading, requiring banks to identify who the investors are and where their money comes from and ending use of anonymous accounts for such dealings.

While interest in the president's remarks has been keen, the moment was shadowed by a report in The New York Times that he had ordered the firing of special counsel Robert Mueller last June, but backed off after White House lawyer Don McGahn threatened to resign.

Asked about the report as he entered the conference center, Trump said: "Fake news, folks. Fake news. Typical New York Times fake stories."

Trump sought earlier Friday to ease tensions with a key African leader, meeting with Rwandan President Paul Kagame and calling him a "friend" in the aftermath of his controversial comments about African countries.

The meeting came after Trump drew widespread condemnation for allegedly referring to African nations as "shithole countries" in discussing immigration, according to those at the meeting. The president has denied using that language. Others present say he did.

And a day after Trump sought to make nice with British Prime Minister Theresa May, he said in a new interview that he "would certainly apologize" for retweeting anti-Muslim videos from a far-right British group.

Trump told British journalist Piers Morgan that "I know nothing about" the Britain First group and "would certainly apologize, if you'd like me to do that." A clip of the interview was released Friday, with the full interview scheduled to air Sunday on ITV.

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| Marilyn R. Jenner, 1502 Runnels St., rood and reroof, Val: \$4,000, Fee: \$30 | Communities Silverleaf, 704 Bucknell Ave., res-sprinkler, Val: \$2,000, Fee: \$14.25 |
| Bobby Barber, 310 E 9th St., res re-roof, Val: \$2,000, Fee: \$25 | Krissi Dell Hart, 616 Colgate Ave, res re-roof, Val: \$8,900, Fee: \$55 |
| Steven Rios, 2104 Alabama St., res re-roof, Val: \$5,000, Fee: \$35 | Reginald E Hyer, 304 Washington Blvd., res re-roof, Val: \$33,000, Fee: \$175 |
| Melinda Hernandez, 403 E 1st St., res elec. Val: \$1,00, Fee: \$25 | Llyod T Claxton, 2400 E FM 700, res re-roof, Val: \$7,900, Fee: \$50 |
| Communities Silver Leaf, 722 Bicknell, single family housing, Val: \$272,200, Fee: \$1,129 | Deltoro Cruz, 2204 Warren St., res plumb, Val: \$1,200, Fee: \$32 |
| Jesus Rodriguez-Martinez, 1307 Utah, structure other than, Val: \$1,700, Fee: \$25 | Jhonny Flores, 1602 W 3rd., structure other than, Val: \$6,000, Fee: \$40 |
| Virginia Deleon, 801 Lorilla St., res elec., Val: \$25, Fee: \$25 | Don Jones, 1902 E 11th Place., res re-roof, Val: \$5,800, Fee: \$40 |
| Lloyd Claxton, 2400 E FM 700, res re-roof, Val: \$7,800, Fee: \$50 | Diana Bailey, 1105 E 2nd St., res elec., Val: \$25, Fee: \$25 |
| Angel Rodriguez, 901 E 6th St., structure other than, Val: \$1,800, Fee: \$25 | Keith Herrley, 1702 S Gregg St., com ele, alt. Addtn, Val: \$50,814, Fee: \$310 |

Public Records

- Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:**
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| Jasmine Ahrnkeil, 1301 Princeton, Big Spring | Nelba DeLosRios Diaz, 10600 Mc-Millian Dr., Austin | St., Stanton, Texas |
| Sherri Monique Aldridge, 1507 E. Sixth St., Big Spring | Krista A. Dickson, 6917 Todd, Sachse | Perry Gholar, 1510 Nolan, Big Spring |
| Anthony Anderson, 3401 Camellia Dr. #707, Temple | Jimmy Dodson, 405 31st St., Snyder | Elizabeth Gomez, 509 Raleigh St., Plainview |
| Steve Antoine, 1425 E. Sixth St. #19, Big Spring | Ben Doherty, 5019 McKinney St. No. 105, Dallas | Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring |
| Corina Avila, 1800 Winston St., Big Spring | Angela Doty, 1401 E. Rundberg, Austin | James E. Gonzalez, 604 Neff St., Sweetwater |
| Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring | Clayton W Durbin, 6508 Centerpoint, Big Spring | Jeremy Goodman, 3471 Green Meadow #24, San Angelo |
| Letitia Baucham, 1202 Stanford, Big Spring | Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder | Kay Grant, 4405 N. Garfield #1005, Midland |
| Linda Beck, 1713 Worley Rd., Banner Elk, N.C. | Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E. Parker, Midland | Whitney Marquez Gray, 2934 Old Anson Rd. \$1224, Abilene |
| Joshua Bell, 1962 Tuscola, Snyder | Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 1221 E. 17th St., Big Spring | Isaiah Green, 4801 State St., Abilene |
| Elda Melina Bernal, 1311 Mobile, Big Spring | Joanna Esparza, 501 S. Tackitt, Seymour | James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler St. #502, Atlanta |
| Tammy D. Bishop, 1410 Tucson Rd., Big Spring | W. Carol Evans, 809 E. 33rd, Plainview | John Grima, 914 E. Sixth St., Big Spring |
| John Bochnicka, 538 Westover Rd. #260 | Chris M. Fagan, 3508 W. Eighth St., Amarillo | Thomas E. Gross, 4100 S. Highway 87 #37, Big Spring |
| Chad Wayne Brown, 3901 Ave. O, P.O. Box 391, Snyder | Kristen Falcon, 2606 Fairchild Dr., Big Spring | Lynn Guerrero, 203 W. Ave #3, Clayton, N.M. |
| Douglas "Doug" Lee Brown, 205 W. 14th St. P.O. Box 275, Monahans | Lez Faulkner, 1102 South Water, Burnet | Christina Nichole Gutierrez, 2809 25th St., Snyder |
| James Bullard, 202 Fourth St., Palestine | Jose Enrique Faz, 509 N. Goliad, Big Spring | Melissa Gutierrez, 3310 SF Austin, No. 58, Brownwood |
| Melinda Burns, 2218 Carlton Way, San Angelo | Mumduh Felemban, 9338 Perrin Beitel Apt. 701, San Antonio | Sandra Ann Gutierrez, 1501 N. Fourth Place, 1312 S. Ave. L, Lamesa |
| Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake | Alexander Fernandez, 404 Cypress, Colorado City | Mike Haddix, 401 Humble St. Apt. E, Midland |
| Jason Canales, 612 Drake Road Big Spring | Juana Fierro, 406 N.W. 5th St., Big Spring | Alfred Hamilton Jr., 1110 1/2 Aylesford, Big Spring |
| Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17th St., Big Spring | Tracy D. Flores, 2401 Russell Ave., Abilene | Dylan Hammons, 4401 E. 11th Place, Big Spring |
| Gloria Cerna, PO Box 55, Lamesa | Ellen French, P.O. Box 942, Poteau, Okla. | William J. Harman, HC 76, Box 147K-1, Big Spring |
| Pedro Chavarria, 1408 E. Sixth St., Big Spring | Sharlamarr Frink, 3723 Monclair, Odessa | Nicholas D. Hasenbalg, 207 W. Williams St. #9, Breckenridge |
| Matilda Cortez, 302 N. St. Teresa, Stanton | Johnnie Fuller, 3801 23rd St., Snyder | Ann Hashem, 120 Airbase Rd. 15-5, Big Spring |
| Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble | Molly Mier Galan, 1201 Mulberry Ave., Big Spring | Christine Henderson, 420 N. El Paso |
| Roy E. DeBlanc, 1066 Cutrer Rd., Osyka, Miss. | Juan E. Garcia, 3355 River Road North Keizer, Ok | Juanita Hernandez, 1502 Bluebird, Big Spring |
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Texas adds 13 rigs as US rig count rises to 947

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. rose by 11 this week to 947.

That exceeds the 712 rigs that were active this time a year ago.

Houston oilfield services company Baker Hughes reported Friday that 759 rigs drilled for oil this week and 188 for gas.

Among major oil- and gas-producing states, Texas added 13 rigs, West Virginia increased by four, and New Mexico increased by three.

Oklahoma lost four rigs, Louisiana lost three rigs, and Ohio and Utah each lost a single rig.

Alaska, California, Colorado, North Dakota, Pennsylvania and Wyoming were unchanged.

The U.S. rig count peaked at 4,530 in 1981. It bottomed out in May of 2016 at 404.

Gordon Ramsay opening steakhouse in Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Gordon Ramsay will open a steakhouse this summer at Harrah's casino in Atlantic City.

It is set to open Memorial Day weekend and will be the second Atlantic City restaurant for the celebrity chef, who opened a pub at Caesars casino in 2015.

He is the star of Fox's "Hell's Kitchen," "The F Word with Gordon Ramsay," "24 Hours to Hell & Back," and "MasterChef."

The first Gordon Ramsay Steak opened in 2012 at Paris on the Las Vegas strip.

The Gordon Ramsay Group operates a total of 33 restaurants globally.

Tech and health care stocks jump as US indexes rise

By **MARLEY JAY**
 AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks are rising Friday morning as technology and health care companies make more gains. Chipmaker Intel and drugmaker AbbVie are jumping after they did far better than analysts expected in the fourth quarter. Bond prices fell, sending yields higher.

KEEPING SCORE: The Standard & Poor's 500 index climbed 15 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,854 as of 11:45 a.m. The Dow Jones industrial average added 91 points, or 0.4 percent, to 26,484. The Nasdaq composite rose 46 points, or 0.6 percent, to 7,457. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks was little changed at 1,601.

The S&P 500 is on track to rise for the fourth week in a row, marking its eighth weekly gain out of the last nine. It is also on track for its largest monthly increase since October 2015. It has been more than a year and a half since the index went through a decline of 5 percent. That's the longest streak in its history, although investors say they are starting to see signs of

increased volatility.

U.S. GROWTH: In its first of three estimates, the Commerce Department said the U.S. economy grew 2.6 percent in the fourth quarter. That's a solid result, but after 3 percent growth in the two quarters before it and reports of strong holiday sales in recent weeks, investors were hoping for more. The economy grew 2.3 percent in 2017, better than the year before but about the same as its overall average since the end of the Great Recession. Experts think growth will speed up this year, partly because of the tax cut package signed into law in December.

CHIPS AHOY: Intel jumped after it posted strong results for the fourth quarter and forecast \$65 billion in revenue this year, more than analysts expected. The company said its data center business did well at the end of 2017 and recently-discovered flaws in many of its processors aren't affecting its sales, a possibility that had worried investors. Intel said new processors that address those flaws will be on the market later this year. The stock added \$4.20, or 9.3 percent, to \$49.50. Other chip-

makers also traded higher after struggling over the last few days.

Cloud computing company VMware jumped \$14.52, or 10.6 percent, to \$152.15 after The Wall Street Journal reported that Dell is interested in taking full control of the company.

HEALTHY GAINS: Drugmaker AbbVie posted a better-than-expected profit and greater sales. Its revenue from Humira, an inflammatory disease treatment that is the world's biggest-selling drug by revenue, climbed 14 percent. AbbVie also raised its profit forecast for 2018. The stock jumped \$9.78, or 9 percent, to \$118.08. Biogen rose \$11.95, or 3.4 percent, to \$365.69 and Gilead Sciences picked up \$2.93, or 3.6 percent, to \$84.12.

Pfizer rose on reports it's getting closer to a deal to sell its consumer health care business, a possibility Pfizer raised in October. A variety of companies have been reported as possible buyers, but Pfizer said it won't announce a decision on whether it will sell the business or not until some time this year. It stock gained \$1.23, or 3.3 percent, to \$38.46.

RECORDS

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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 Amarillo 9001 Indiana Apt D, Lubbock
 Stephanie Ford Johnson, P.O. Box 483, Coahoma
 David Kelley, P.O. Bobx 724, Salado
 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
 Cynthea 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 number A, Lubbock
 Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa
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 Barbara A. Marshall, P.O. Box 1065, Deming, New Mexico
 Martha McDonald Martin, 600 Driver Rd, Big Spring
 James Martinez, P.O. Box 269, Ft. Davis
 Ruann R. Martinez, 1005 N.W. 2nd St., Big Spring
 Victoria Josephine Martinez, 323 S. Main St., Loraine
 Karen McCalister, 5925 Raton Ln. number 154, Ft. Worth
 O'Neal McClain, 911 17th St., Snyder
 Diana McCool, 504 Donley, Big Spring
 Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover No. 236, Big Spring
 Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring
 Ethel Laverne McVae, 4202 Parkway Rd. Big Spring
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 Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover number 236, Big Spring
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 Jacquelin Dannon Ramey, 1404 E 6th St.,
 Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring
 Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring
 George Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Rd. #14, Big Spring
 Juan Romero, 2504 March Circle, Big Spring
 Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road, Big Spring
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 Lillie Shoup, 1301 Colby

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 Derrick Dewayne Smith, 1207 Mulberry
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 Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd.
 Big Spring
 Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring
 Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses

Jeremy Ryan Pinder, 26, and Mercedes Lena Clark, 27, both of Big Spring.
 Alejandro Miguel Tijerina, 21, and Jammie Rose Armstead, 21, both of Big Spring.
 Sammy Torres Jr., 35, and Brigitte Rachel Seymour, 33, both of Big Spring.
 Matthew O. Rodriguez, 29, and Belinda Gonzalez, 22, both of Big Spring.

County Court Judgments

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

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

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

Defendant: Tracy Hudgins
 Offense: Theft of property in between \$750 to \$2,500
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$317 in court cost, 20 days in jail
 Date: Dec. 6, 2017

Defendant: Patrick Rios
 Offense: Fail to ID, fugitive give false information
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 in court cost, 20 day sin jail
 Date: Dec. 6, 2017

Defendant: Johnny Juarez
 Offense: possession of marijuana less than two ounces
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$327 in court cost, 11 days in jail
 Date: Oct. 25, 2017

Defendant: Anselmo Rangel
 Offense: Possession of marijuana less than two ounces
 Sentence: 12 months probation
 Date: Sept. 12, 2017

Defendant: Miranda Johnson

Offense: Theft of property in between \$750 to \$2,500.
 Sentence: 12 months probation
 Date: Sept. 12, 2017

Defendant: Treycee Fairman
 Offense: Theft of property in between \$750 to \$2,500
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$342 court cost, 45 days in jail
 Date: Sept. 25, 2017

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: ASRO Management, LLP
 Grantee: Karen Edwards
 Property: Lot 28, block 4, highland park addition to the city of Big Spring
 Date: Dec. 28, 2017

Grantor: Stephen Allen Summers and Cynthia Lynn Tidd
 Grantee: Stephen Allen Summers and Cynthia Lynn Tidd
 Property: Being part of lots four and five, block one, highland south addition to the city of Big Spring.
 Date: Dec. 29, 2017

Grantor: King is Coming, LLC
 Grantee: Dillpkumar K. Patel, Jaimin D. Patel, Roshni M. Patel
 Property: Being a 5.0 acre tract, more or less, out of the NE/4 of section 5, block 33, T-1-S, T and P. Railroad Co. Survey.
 Date: Dec. 29, 2017

Grantor: Susan Cape Wooldridge and Amy Cape Christian, heirs of Margaret Louise Cape, deceased
 Grantee: Erica Rios
 Property: Lot number 21, in block number two, of Edgemere Subdivision, in section nu,ber four, blk number 32, Tsp. One, South, T and P. Ry. Company Survey
 Date: Dec. 29, 2017

Grantor: Tammy Green
 Grantee: Carl Reynolds
 Property: Being al of lot number 14, in block number three, Wasson Place an addition to the city of Big Spring
 Date: Dec. 29, 2017

Grantor: Sam Milton Richards

Grantee: Joseph Thompson and Vanessa Thompson
 Property: Being a tract or parcel of land out of the Northwest Quarter of section 34, block 32, T-1-N, T and P Ry. Co. Survey.
 Date: Jan. 2, 2018

Grantor: Terry Christian Ellis
 Grantee: Jess Elmer Ellis Jr., and Terry Christian Ellis
 Property: Section 34, block 31, T-2-N, T and P Railroad Co. Survey, abstract number 598, containing 640 acres of land, more or less
 Date: Jan. 2, 2018

Grantor: Series BA 1, A Texas Series of B and A Barton Investments, LLC.
 Grantee: Dean Camden and Amanda Camden
 Property: Being all of lot number four, in block number one, Hilldale addition subdivision of portion of tract 8 Kennebee Heights, a subdivision of out of a part of section 12, block 33, T-1-S, T and P Railroad Company Survey.
 Date: Jan. 2, 2018

Warranty Deeds with Vendors' Liens

Grantor: Lee Harris Management, LLC
 Grantee: William B. Yvon Jr., and Sherrie Koepke
 Property: Being all of lot number four, in block number two, Mountain Park Addition to the city of Big Spring.
 Date: Dec. 29, 2017

Grantor: Polly Speaker, not joined by spouse for the reason that the property conveyed herein is sole and separate property and does not constitute any part of any homestead.
 Grantee: Danny R. Davis Sr.
 Property: Being all of lot number five and six, in block number one, Suburban Heights Addition to the city of Big Spring
 Date: Dec. 29, 2017

Grantor: Jaime Nuno and Gracie Nuno
 Grantee: Daniel Robert White
 Property: Lot number 19, in block number two, in Monticello Addition to the City of Big Spring.
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♦ Q 10 5 2
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The sad part of the affair was that nothing could have stopped declarer from making nine tricks if he had played correctly. All he had to do to assure the contract was to play the ace of hearts from dummy at trick one, resisting the temptation to let the lead run to his hand. By doing so, he would have preserved the Q-J of hearts, one of which would provide him with an entry to his clubs later on.
After taking the heart ace, declarer plays clubs until the ace is dislodged. Regardless of which defender wins the club, no return can prevent declarer from scoring four clubs, two diamonds, two hearts and a spade for a total of nine tricks.
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Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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		3	2			7	6
1	9			5	2		
			1				
8	5			9	2		
		8					9
5			7	3			
3				8	1		5

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9	1	8	7	4	6	7	2	3
6	5	4	8	2	9	3	7	1
2	8	4	7	1	3	6	9	5
9	6	7	3	5	2	8	1	4
8	5	7	6	9	2	3	4	1
2	4	1	3	7	9	5	8	6
6	2	4	1	3	7	9	5	8
1	9	3	4	8	5	6	2	7
3	6	9	2	7	1	5	4	8
8	7	1	5	6	4	2	9	3
6	3	9	2	7	1	5	4	8
7	8	1	5	6	4	2	9	3
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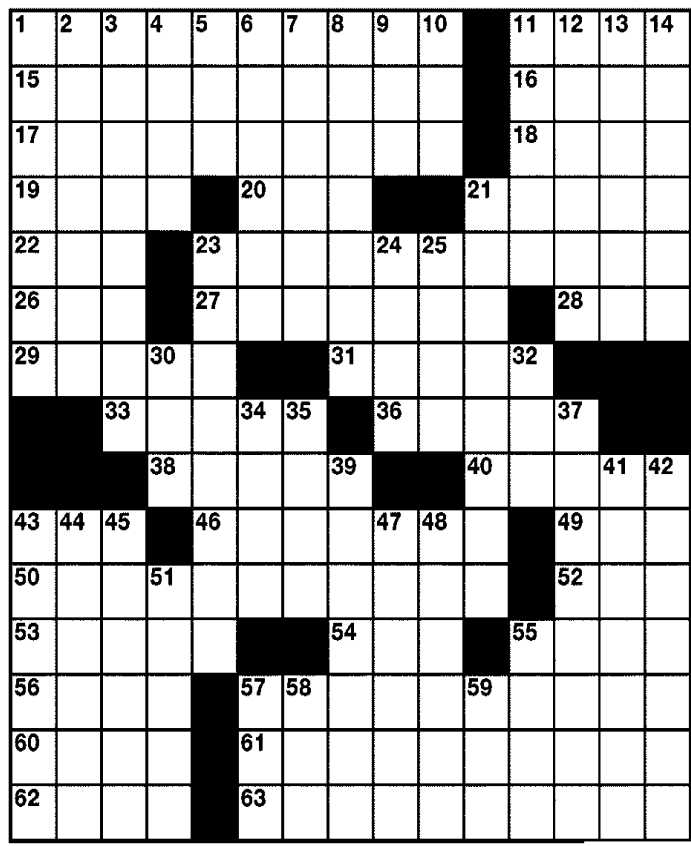
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Opposite of "mutual"
 - 11 Arcade grabber
 - 15 Military command
 - 16 Metaphor for discombobulation
 - 17 Razor Vacs, for example
 - 18 Starter on a table
 - 19 Airport arrival of 1946
 - 20 Fast Russian fighter
 - 21 Resourced
 - 22 Occasion for Asian fireworks
 - 23 Early-fall sports news topic
 - 26 Project completion datum
 - 27 Parallel parks, perhaps
 - 28 One will get you about 110 JPY
 - 29 Jammed
 - 31 Dorm eponym, quite possibly
 - 33 Not exactly upper-crust 55 Across?
 - 36 Dimension
 - 38 Solemn starter
 - 40 Ferric oxide product
 - 43 Spot for vaccination, say: Abbr.
 - 46 Reasons
 - 49 Hydrocarbon conclusion
 - 50 Choice words
 - 52 SCOTUS topics
 - 53 Soothe
 - 54 Flying fox, for one
 - 55 Ingestions
 - 56 *Constellatio bestia*
 - 57 Certain pollution reading
 - 60 Smallest figure in a Parthenon frieze
- DOWN**
- 1 Current again
 - 2 Lack of seasoning
 - 3 Fly in the ointment
 - 4 They're attached to dorsal vertebrae
 - 5 "... above our poor power to ___ or detract": Gettysburg Address
 - 6 Flooded (with)
 - 7 NBA slam-dunking great
 - 8 Showed all who's czar
 - 9 Dactylogy syst.
 - 10 Deputies, for short
 - 11 Ersatz step stool
 - 12 Supporting Actor Oscar winner two years before Gooding
 - 13 Builders of Mexico City's Templo Mayor
 - 14 Addressed a growing concern
 - 21 Complimentary
 - 23 Checked out
 - 24 Not before
 - 25 *Caravela histórica*
 - 30 Former Spanair owner
 - 32 Pastimes, for short
 - 34 Aptly named mountain bike brand
 - 35 Line on a diner menu list
 - 37 Elizabeth Barrett called it "a sensation"
 - 39 Tops on the floor
 - 41 Solicit
 - 42 Flips, e.g.
 - 43 Brought discontent to
 - 44 Pulp-and-water mix used to make paper
 - 45 Carroll name variant
 - 47 Action film staples
 - 48 It might be a dive
 - 51 Bring discontent to
 - 55 Its motto is "Prepared. Responsive. Committed."
 - 57 Word on a Cable Car Museum area map
 - 58 Metal in Montana's motto
 - 59 Place to keep a zither



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Word Eruptions With Mercury and Uranus

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



Uranus and Mercury's being in a stressed position suggests it won't be easy to control the flow of words. To keep from saying something that's going to hurt or offend, focus on the positive parts of every person and interaction. Live in the light. And if you accidentally let some darkness spill, everyone will grow from it, so don't worry too much.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Find a soft place in your heart for someone whose operating system is wired differently (oh, so differently) than yours. From this compassionate place, you'll bridge the communication gap.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've a formidable competitor. Good. This will keep you on your game. Know your assets, and work them hard. Opportunity is everywhere you look, once you adjust your vision.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Get out there and spread your smile, shake hands, say hi. You'll love what happens. Either you're a networking genius or you're just luckier than you've been in a long time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's your empathy. Those you meet

are inclined to open up to you in unexpected ways. Some of the information you learn, well, you'll wish you didn't know, but that's just part of your gift. You can handle it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). To begin with the end in mind is usually the best way to attack your endeavors, and today is no different. Just know that the plan will change as you go, and stay flexible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're not sure whether you're driving the goal or the goal is driving you, but it doesn't matter. What's important is the drive itself. You have an edge because you try for goals before others even realize they are desirable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Obviously, you exist, but it's time to remind everyone, especially yourself. Take up as much space as possible. Walk the parameters of your territory. Gesture broadly. Make waves in the air. Be the force.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Stick to your original plan. It's not ideal for all, but switching things will be too inconvenient and confusing at this point. Next time, you can start fresh with the new information you've gathered.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Optimism is your natural inclination. Even when circumstances seem to be going in a disappointing direction, you choose hope. You think better and better happens.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Intuitive forces will guide you only if you acknowledge their existence. Otherwise, they'll go quiet. You don't have to heed all the signals, and indeed you should not. But give a sign that you're noticing them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're not trying to get ahead, to win, to conquer; no, you're just trying to survive in this game you're playing. These higher levels are more challenging, and it takes greater skill to keep up, but you're developing it. Believe.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Don't want to do the hard stuff? Do the easy stuff then. Or do one tiny corner of the hard stuff. See, you shouldn't have to suffer or stress yourself out. Take this slowly.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 28). That sharp wit, your sense of humor, the really specific things you surround yourself with -- it's all working to create this bubble of you-ness that helps you be very effective, winning and charismatic. You'll still have your doubts, but they cause you to learn more and take risks, too. In April, the swelling fruit will come down. Leo and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 45, 16, 40, 48 and 10.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Davis says it's hard turning people down for pre-Grammy gala



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In this Feb. 13, 2011, file photo, singer Whitney Houston performs at the pre-Grammy gala & salute to industry icons with Clive Davis honoring David Geffen in Beverly Hills, Calif. Davis' gala, held a day before the 2018 Grammy Awards, launched the careers of Whitney Houston and Alicia Keys, and have featured all-stars like Aretha Franklin, Carole King, Smokey Robinson and Carly Simon. He first held the gala 42 years ago.

By **MESEIN FEKADU**
AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Clive Davis' pre-Grammy gala is so white-hot you can't purchase tickets, and he said it has been hard letting some long-time attendees know they won't be invited back.

Davis' Saturday night event, held a day before the 2018 Grammy Awards, launched the careers of Whit-

ney Houston and Alicia Keys, and have featured all-stars like Aretha Franklin, Carole King, Smokey Robinson and Carly Simon. He first held the gala 42 years ago.

Davis said "there's no such thing as a ticket ... You can't buy a ticket for \$50,000."

"You're invited to attend, so it's painful because people used to be going 25, 30 years ago. I have to make room for Tim Cook of Apple and Dan-

iel Ek of Spotify," he said in an interview at the Sheraton Times Square, where this year's gala will take place. "You want the new people as well, new

(song)writers, new producers. It's very painful because it comes a point where you say this is not a lifetime pass."

Past attendees at the event include Johnny Depp, Quincy Jones, Sting, Joni Mitchell, Diddy, Sylvester Stallone, Jane Fonda, Herbie Hancock, Carly Simon, Michael Keaton, Jamie Foxx, Chris Rock, Barry Manilow and more.

The music executive was tight-lipped, per usual, about who would perform this year. Jay-Z, who is the top contender at the Grammys with eight nominations, will receive the Grammy Salute To Industry Icons Award at the gala.

Davis said the event will also pay tribute to New York City, where the Grammys have returned for its 60th anniversary after 15 years in Los Angeles.

"You're going to see Broadway given special attention too because the last few years have been so incredible for Broadway (with 'Hamilton' and 'Dear Evan Hansen,'" he said.

Rapper Logic, who had a huge hit last year with the suicide prevention attention

getter "1-800-273-8255," will perform at Davis' gala for the first time. He's also a first-time Grammy nominee, competing for song of the year and best music video.

"It's very surreal to see what's happened with the song," said Logic, sitting with Davis.

Along with the song's costars Alessia Cara and Khalid, Logic will perform the track a day later at the Grammys with a group of people who attempted suicide or lost loved ones selected by the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

"Just think about that for a minute, like this is the biggest night of my entire life. As an artist I only get to do this for the first time once, so I've been just really trying to do my best to really live in the moment and tell myself, 'Enjoy it, enjoy it. Don't focus too much on wanting to win or wanting to this, just really enjoy that that you're here and this song has done its job,'" Logic said.

The Grammys air live on CBS from Madison Square Garden at 7:30 p.m. ET on Sunday.

Janet Jackson surprises Missy Elliott with Essence honor

By **NEKESA MUMBI MOODY**
AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Missy Elliott knew she was being honored by Essence — but not who was giving her the accolade. So there was plenty of emotion when close friend Janet Jackson not only handed her her trophy but praised her talent.

Jackson was one of many stars who turned up to pay tribute to the singer, songwriter, rapper and producer.

"Some rhyme, some rap; some act, some choreograph; some write hit songs; some create whole new sounds. Some women are able to make her mark in some of these fields; but there's only one woman who has made her mark in all of these fields," Jackson told a packed crowd on Thursday night.

"Not only have you made your mark, but she's done so with boldness and courage."

Elliott — whose hits include "Work It" "Get Ur Freak On" and "One Minute Man" — began to cry during Jackson's tribute. The two shared a long embrace when Elliott went on stage for her "Visionary" award from Essence at the magazine's annual pre-Grammy event celebrating black women artists.

"That was a surprise," an overwhelmed and teary Elliott said.

"I've known Janet over a decade and this is not just ... someone I do music with. I can call Janet any time of night . and she will listen," she said. "The times that I may have felt like giving up, she's always gave me an encouraging word."

Elliott, who has created hits for artists ranging from Aaliyah to Jackson to Ciara, almost turned the evening into a church sermon as she thanked God and used her own

success story as testimony to never give up.

She noted that some in the industry didn't think she could be

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successful — at times because she was a woman and a producer, at others because she didn't look like what was seen as traditionally beautiful. She recounted that one time she was even replaced her with someone who they thought was.

"I want all of you women in here to know that you're beautiful," she said. "You gotta believe in yourself. Because there are going to be times that people tell you you can't do it or you don't look the part . but I am a walking testimony."

She also celebrated her heritage and thanked Essence, the media company dedicated to black women.

"I wouldn't wanna be any other color but black," she said to the cheers of the crowd. "I'm black and I'm proud. There's something about our DNA that can't be taught, it comes from a different place."

She added: "Essence magazine has over the decades shown me what strong power black women look like and I appreciate that."

Among the celebrities in attendance were Janelle Monae, T.I. and "Orange Is the New Black" actress Danielle Brooks who turned out in an Adidas blue track suit in honor of one of Elliott's many fashion looks over the years.

Performers Leikeli47 and two-time Grammy nominee Rapsody performed in tribute to Elliott.

The Essence event is just one of dozens being held around New York City ahead of Sunday's 60th annual Grammy awards, to be held at Madison Square Garden.

James Corden says Grammys will include 'Me Too' moment

By MESEIN FEKADU
AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Grammy Award host James Corden says Sunday's show will carve out some time to allow artists to express solidarity with the "Me Too" and Time's Up movements.

Corden, returning for his second stint as host, will do his own part to support victims of sexual misconduct — he'll wear a white rose.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Thursday, the late-night talk show host said he didn't know about the new initiative but supported it. The push was launched Wednesday when a group of music executives sent an email urging people to wear a white rose at the show.

"Of course. Yes," Corden said when asked if he would wear a white rose.

The Time's Up organization hopes to support women who raise sexual misconduct complaints and was formed by Hollywood celebrities and executives including Reese Witherspoon, Shonda Rhimes and America Ferrera. Most stars wore black and a Time's Up pin in support of the movement at the Golden Globes earlier this month. Corden said balancing the Grammys with fun music and serious issues like the "Me Too" move-

ment is all about timing.

He said the show will feature an emotional performance showing solidarity with the "Me Too" and Times Up. Though he didn't give too many details, he's most likely referring to Kesha, the pop singer who has been at war with her former mentor and producer Dr. Luke, who she claims raped and drugged her. Dr. Luke has denied the allegations.

Kesha returned to music last year without Dr. Luke and earned praise for her album, "Rainbow," which includes songs about her pain and overcoming hardships. She earned two Grammy nominations for the project.

"I think it's going to be a moving movement," Corden said.

Singers Halsey and Dua Lipa, as well as Grammy-nominated rapper Rapsody, were some of the first to say they would wear white roses Sunday.

Recording Academy CEO Neil Portnow didn't confirm he would wear a white rose when he was asked Thursday, but said he was also learning about the new movement, and added that he supports similar causes.

"This is a decision that I need to know a little more



AP photo

Producer Ken Ehrlich, from left, Grammys host James Corden, and president of The Recording Academy Neil Portnow participate in the 60th annual Grammy Awards red carpet roll out at Madison Square Garden on Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018, in New York. The 60th grammy Awards will be held on Sunday.

about," he said. "From what I heard about it, I think it's a wonderful expression that we as a society need to be working on and dealing with."

Executive producer Ken Ehrlich left much of the decision to the artists. "We're aware of it and we're certainly supportive of the movement, but the reality is

we're more concerned with allowing artists that we work with to express themselves and have artistic freedom," he said. "If, in fact, that's part of that, then that's something we support."

The 60th annual Grammy Awards will air live at 7:30 ET on CBS from Madison Square Garden in New York City.



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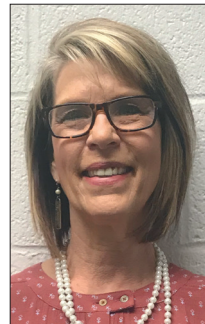
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what they have to offer. This program is geared to increase awareness of the importance of buying locally. Attendance in the past ranged from 50-75 people. There is no charge to attend and non-members are encouraged to participate.

The Health Fair - held in April of each year, is an exhibition of all areas of the medical industry. Attendance has been around 1,200 in the

past years. Free screenings, educational information, demos and the fair are open to all ages. The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce hosts quarterly community breakfasts and luncheons each year.

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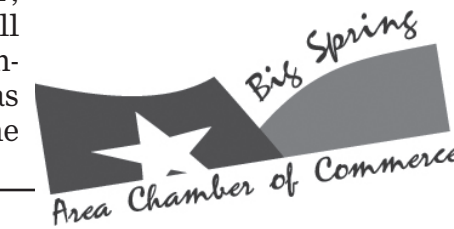
cultural industry bringing surrounding farmers and ranchers together for networking opportunities.

The Ag Appreciation Luncheon is held in conjunction with the naming of the Ag Business and Ag Producer of the Year.

The Annual Banquet - a community driven evening event to introduce the incoming officers of the Chamber to the community and

present the goals for the upcoming year. During this event a Man and Woman of the year is named to honor outstanding citizens for their contributions and hard work they have given to the community.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is continuously working to offer expanded support and education that will benefit businesses and individuals.



The Chamber's program of work

Governmental Development - Provide opportunities for members to become informed on legislative issues and pro actively support Big Spring and Howard County and the business community to/with the appropriate governmental entities. The Chamber will continue to sponsor local public forums. Members are informed when state and national leaders hold meetings on latest issues facing our community. The Chamber will continue to be involved with Ports to Plains, Downtown Main Street, and Howard County Day in Austin.

Membership Development - Strives to achieve positive growth of membership through retention, recruitment and communication while functioning as the goodwill arm of the organization. A membership directory will be published listing all members of the Chamber, categorized by business type, to be used as an informative and recruiting tool for the businesses of our community. Members are encouraged to participate in Chamber Member Mailer, Relocation Packets, and other incentives offered.

Community Affairs - Keyed to providing the community with programs, business information, and networking

through events throughout the year.

The Chamber continues to offer health awareness to citizens by sponsoring the Health Fair. The Chamber also recognizes the agricultural industry by providing support of the Ag Expo and Ag Appreciation Luncheon to offer education and appreciation to our farming community.

One of the most successful programs is Leadership Big Sprung and Jr. Leadership. Both programs continue to prosper and improve at providing the leaders of tomorrow with the knowledge and skills to insure the future of Big Spring.

Business Development - Strengthens, expands, and maintains all business sectors of the Chamber. Awareness to buy local and promote cooperation in the retail businesses in order to increase income will continue. Emphasis will be placed on supporting

services and industries as well, allowing focus to be placed on education and assistance for all existing businesses of the Chamber.

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With 300 plus businesses and group memberships, the Chamber is home to community leaders throughout the county that have one goal in mind, to improve the quality of life and business climate in the area.

While the Chamber's staff of executive director Debye ValVerde and executive assistant Nancy Davenport are seen throughout the week hosting ribbon cuttings for new businesses and presenting signs for new members, the amount of work they do behind the scenes with their Board of Directors is massive.

Annually, the Chamber hosts Pops in the Park, the Health Fair, a Christmas toy drive, and the Ag Appreciation Luncheon. Additionally, the Chamber hosts Business Before Hours and Business After Hours, both programs designed to bring local merchants together to network.

The Chamber banquet is one of the most highly anticipated events of the year, as members are recognized for their hard work and the Man and Woman of the Year are announced.

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Getting connected in 2018

It is with great joy and honor I begin to serve as the President for the 2018-2019 Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. The one word that keeps coming to my mind is CONNECT. I have been on this board and a part of this board for 10 years all because of one connection. Tim Walsh, prior manager of the Big Spring Walmart, was not only a connection but someone who catapulted me to a place that would help develop who I am today. The connections we make in our lives will position us to be great people and do great things. Connections can benefit you in life. For example, my best friend, who would become my sister-in-law, was my connection to my wife, Nichole. Gloria Pierce was our connection in selling our previous home and helped us in purchasing our beautiful brand new home. Dr. Keith Ledford and Nurse Amber Bailey from Scenic Mountain Medical Center were great connections to have while Nichole was pregnant with our beautiful daughter Chloe. We are thankful for the hands that helped us through this journey. Our Pastors Kevin and Michelle Knudson, from Life Church, have helped Nichole and I to connect to God as individuals and also as a married couple. We have learned how to keep God at the center of our marriage and home. There are many other connections that I have made in my 11 years here in Big Spring, and I am grateful for those connections. Above all I have to give honor to the most important person in my life who is a connection, Jesus Christ! Without Him I would not be connected to Father God. The scripture is clear in John, Chapter 14, verse 6. "Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." I commit this year as the President of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce to seek His direction for this board in making great things happen in Big Spring, TX and Howard County. I hope to connect with you at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Extravaganza. This will be an opportunity for us all to connect and network with one another, and to celebrate the good things that come out of this great city. Thank you for your support, and I look forward to connecting with you all in 2018 to make great things come out of the people in Big Spring and Howard County.



Manny Negron
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History of the Chamber of Commerce

The concept of various businesses joining together in a mutual effort to increase commerce had its beginnings in Europe hundreds of years ago.

Primarily as a defensive tactic, traders banded together for protection against common enemies and to establish policies to govern trade. This was eventually extended as a means to exert influence on governments and legislation.

The first organization of businesses was evidently in Marseilles, France, where the first use of the term, "Chamber of Commerce" has been documented.

This fledgling group was established by the city council in 1599 — more than four centuries ago. The idea caught on and spread to Germany and eventually throughout Europe.

The concept comes to America

The modern Chamber of Commerce is more of an American development.

The New York State Chamber is the oldest Chamber of Commerce in America, formed in 1768 and chartered by King George III in 1770.

That makes it older than the Declaration of Independence, so Chambers of Commerce are not a new development.

Local chambers

The first local chamber was founded in Charleston, S.C., in 1773. This was followed by New Haven, Conn., and then to Philadelphia, Pa., in 1800.

The trend spread rapidly across the country soon after. By 1870 there were 40 local Chambers of Commerce in the United States. Today there are more than 5,000 Chambers of commerce.

The primary func-

tion of protecting commerce remains the same, but it is interesting to follow the changes and adaptations of the Chamber functions through the years as chambers have adjusted to the changing needs of society.

Today the role of Chambers of Commerce has expanded to address socioeconomic concerns and social needs, going far beyond its original intent several centuries ago.

The prosperity of individual businesses depends on the development of the community. The success of individual businesses serves to increase the prosperity of the community and the resulting prosperity bounces back to the benefit of the local business owner. It's a win-win deal.

National chamber

President William Howard Taft sent a letter to Congress in 1911 addressing the need for a "central organization "in order to "keep purely American interests in a closer touch with different phases of commercial affairs." A few months later the U. S. Chamber was born.



Your chamber

Historically and to this day the Chamber of Commerce remains the most trusted source of information on local businesses and services and the most dependable ally in commerce.

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By Ralph Higgins, a writer for the Green Business Chamber and contributor to ChamberMe.

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Taking pride in the community

As we go into 2018, I want to say thank you to all of the members for your investment in the chamber, and our community. Getting involved and being involved just shows

Our goal every year is to acquire more members, to help retain members and to promote Big Spring and Howard County as a whole. So much progress has gone on this past year and continues as

we see small businesses opening up around town; Phase I of the Spring Project is done, the grand opening was a success and now to move forward to Phase II - Kudos to Debbie Wegman, Hayley Herrera and their committee for the vision and drive. Industry is happening in Howard County, and with help of the EDC, rail projects have come in and are expanding in our industrial park, along with oil, and the northern phase of the reliever route just to name

a few. We as a community need to support these businesses and remember that those sales tax dollars stay right here in Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan. TRY LOCAL, BUY LOCAL!

A very special thank you goes to outgoing president, Andrea Barr, for all the support she gave the Chamber staff this past year. Thank you to my outgoing board members, Laura Kemper and Brent Strande. Your support and commitment was greatly appreciated.

To the board of directors who have agreed to continue to serve and support the Chamber, I thank you. This year is going to be a busy year for your Chamber. I am looking forward to working with our incoming president, Manny Negron, and our new board members Patricia Bennett with Blue-Eyed Buffalo, Christian Rojas-Fair with Kindred at Home, Raul Marquez with KBYG and Kristy Tyra with Oncor. Thank you for agreeing to come on board. It will be a learning but fun experience! Manny's word this year is

Involvement. Get Involved! I cannot say enough about my executive assistant, Nancy Dav-enport. Thank you Nancy! To the entire staff of the 215 W. 3rd building, Terry, Teresa, Odis and Meghan, we make a great team. We work hand in hand to make our community a better community. To my number one supporters; my husband Larry, who knows I have a passion for this job and my community, Thank you for your continued support. To my entire family and numerous friends for always being there for me, God has blessed me well. As I always say, "It's not what your Chamber can do for you. It is what you, your business and your involvement with the Chamber can do together to better your business and our community." Get involved in your community and take pride!

There have been lots of changes and I am so glad I have seen or played a part of what I feel has been nothing but good for our communities. To be a member of the Chamber is to be invested in your community. That doesn't mean you are going to be asked to attend a lot of meetings. Only the one's that interest you. Maybe you or one of your employees would like to be an Ambassador. We have three long time Ambassadors that have been with us for 27 years plus; Katie Grimes, Clarence Hartfield and Sherry Wegner. We could use more, so get involved! The Chamber always focuses on it's members. We try to come up with new, fun incentives and more ways to promote their business. We continue to ask to take action and get involved with your Chamber of Commerce, as well as other organizations in your community.



Debbye ValVerde, IOM Executive Director Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce

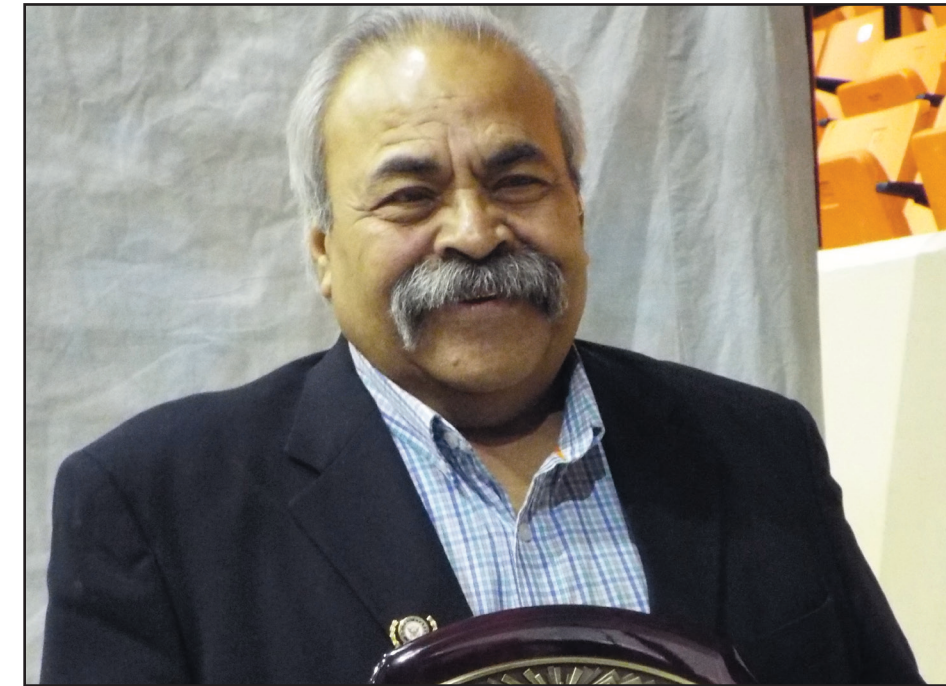
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Raul Marquez (left) and Vicki Stewart (right) were named the 2017 Man and Woman of the Year in front of a packed audience at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on February 7, 2017.

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