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Chamber's annual toy drive is underway



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The photo above shows Chamber members and toy drive participants standing with some of the toys collected during a previous Chamber of Commerce Toy Drive. This year, residents of the community have until Wednesday, Dec. 12 to drop their contributions off to the Chamber. Monetary donations need to be turned in by Friday, November 30 at noon.

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

Shoppers out and about in the next few weeks are encouraged to snag an extra toy — or two or three — into their baskets to donate to the annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce toy drive. True Christmas spirit is the act of giving without a thought of receiving something

in return. The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has been doing just that with their annual toy drive, in which they try to collect as many toys as possible for other non-profit organizations who also help give back to

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Winner, winner, turkey dinner!



Courtesy photo

Senior Advertising Executive for the Big Spring Herald, Angela Lance, received a lucky, day-late birthday present as she was announced the grand prize winner for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's 12 Days Before Black Friday contest on Wednesday, Nov. 21. The event was put on by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and 14 local businesses. The photo above shows Lance (right) posing for a photo next to her massive haul of winnings from all of the participating businesses, along with Chamber Executive Director, Debbye ValVerde (left). ValVerde would like to encourage those shopping for the Holidays to buy local and support our small businesses. Congratulations, Angela!



Salvation Army Angel Tree Kick-off



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Salvation Army Commanders Capt. Josh McKain (far left) and Capt. Rachel McKain (far right) pose with Scenic Mountain Medical Center employees and volunteers Wednesday morning at the kickoff of the Salvation Army's annual Angel Tree program. In the program, members of the public may select a cardboard angel decoration from Christmas trees located at SMMC, Wal-Mart and the Heritage Museum of Big Spring. Each angel contains information about a local child or senior citizen in need of holiday cheer; those selecting angels shop for the individual listed on the card and then return the gifts to the Salvation Army by Dec. 17. The gifts will then be distributed before Christmas. Each family receiving gifts will also receive a food box with food for a holiday feast. For more information, call the Salvation Army at 432-267-8239.

Howard County Children's Advocacy Center off to a good start

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

The Howard County Children's Advocacy Center, a branch of the Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center, held its grand opening and open house on Nov. 7. In the two weeks since then, things are going well, said MRCCAC Executive Director Lori Perales. "They're going well. We had the ribbon cutting, we've been interviewing children there, and we have a new family advocate that started on Mon-

day," said Perales. "She's going to spend about 33 percent of her time there. A family advocate helps meet the needs of the family or the caregiver. A family advocate helps facilitate them through their process with law enforcement, if there's a case with criminal charges, they can accompany them to court, they can also provide resources the family might need...they can find people that can help them with housing, with food. And they help out with therapy,

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Salvation Army Giving Tuesday coming up after shopping weekend

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Thursday is Thanksgiving, and the holiday has accumulated a string of associated named days in the name of capitalism: "Black Friday," "Small Business Saturday," and "Cyber Monday." Now, the Salvation Army has added "Giving Tuesday" to the list to remind people that

there's more out there than shopping. "Giving Tuesday is just a way to combat consumerism for Black Friday, for Small Business Saturday and for Cyber Monday," said Big Spring's Salvation Army Commander, Capt. Josh McKain. "Giving Tuesday is just a day we encourage

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In this photo from Thanksgiving 2015, Salvation Army volunteers collect food donations as part of the kickoff of their Red Kettle Campaign for the holiday season.



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• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson Big Spring, Texas 432-213-1046, Call today for educational needs. In School, High School graduation, Tutoring, homeschool. We are qualified to help you with your child's education, kindergarten through twelfth grade. Come by or give us a call. Open enrollment.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The Howard County Democrats meet every Monday at 5:30 pm at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 C Scurry Street, directly behind Prosperity Bank.

• 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• The 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 culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

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

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

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

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

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

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvino at 432-263-3312.

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• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group.

The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. t 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

• GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Meetings are weekly Sept. 13 Dec. 20, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

FRIDAY

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

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center CEO Emma Krabill selects the first angel of the season from the Angel Tree at the hospital during the Salvation Army Angel Tree program kickoff Wednesday. Krabill selected an 11-year-old boy who loves science fiction. Trees will be available at SMMC, Wal-Mart, and the Heritage Museum of Big Spring.

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people to give back instead of the 'give me' type of thought in our consumerism world. That's Tuesday the 27th."

McKain explained that the Big Spring Salvation Army started Giving Tuesday locally last year.

"Last year we just tried to go with it. We didn't get a whole lot of donations on that day, but they happen all through the holiday season," said McKain.

So while you're out shopping for Christmas, McKain urges you to remember that the holiday is about more than just giving and

getting stuff.

"To just remember," he said. "For us it would be to remember the Salvation Army and the work we do, not just during Christmas, but throughout the year here in Howard County. Just to remind people to give, and, obviously for us, we'd say the Salvation Army, but on a personal note, to anybody's favorite charity or organization that does community work."

For more information about Salvation Army projects, call 432-267-8239.

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

The Stranger at the Table

A stranger appeared just as we were sitting down for Thanksgiving dinner. And he sat in the chair that we always leave empty to symbolize those, who due to death or distance, could not be with us this year. The stranger then began to talk—and even sometimes sing.

"Let us bow our heads. Dear Lord, we gather together to seek thy blessings, to remember and to reflect, to share sadness and joy. We draw inspiration from many people and places. From Jackie Robinson who endured bigotry with grit, grace, and excellence. From Lou Gehrig who faced death with dignity, saying he 'was the luckiest man on the face of the earth.' From soldiers who secured our freedom but never made it back home, who lie buried at Arlington, overseas, and elsewhere, white crosses row upon row and Stars of David to soften death with divine grace.

"Dear Lord, we grieve with those who have lost loved ones in California wildfires

as well as in shootings and other attacks in Pittsburgh, Parkland, Thousand Oaks, Annapolis, Sutherland Springs, Charleston, Las Vegas, Orlando, Sandy Hook, Boston, 9-11, and Oklahoma City. We also grieve with those who have lost loved ones from illness and age and suffered far more privately. A farmer's wife was so grieved over the death of her daughter and grand-daughter that she could barely write to her son-in-law—"I write a few words and then have to stop and give way to my feelings."

"The farmer himself said these deaths were 'the most trying circumstances that I have ever met with.' And yet he was able to put his grief in perspective by being thankful for his blessings. 'We live in a land of plenty. The all-wise Giver of every good thing bestows on his unworthy subjects the necessities and comforts of life—and yet how little do we appreciate the unbounded love and mercies, both spiritual and temporal, that He is constantly bestowing upon us. I blush at my ingratitude, especially when I am disposed to complain at my lot and consider it a hard one.'

"Dear Lord, our partisan political divide has become so viciously toxic, so infected with malice and vitriol, that my friends here at the table today may have forgotten these words that I will now sing as a reminder.

"O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea."

A period of silence followed as we pondered these words and reflected on our blessings, our family and friends and magnificent country which are gifts that overcome all the trials and tribulations of everyday life.

When we looked up, the chair was once again empty. We had been blessed. We are blessed. And we are thankful.

Story written and submitted by James F. Burns. Burns is a retired professor at the University of Florida.

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at the Big Spring Herald

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underprivileged families.

Each year, the Chamber has hosted a toy drive in hopes of helping out other organizations who give back and help others all year round and not just during the Holiday seasons. Those organizations include Cossacks Motorcycle Club, The Salvation Army, and CASA of West Texas just to name a few. Each one of these organizations extends helping hands all year long to those who need it most, and the Chamber simply wants to show their gratitude to all their hard work, and to help these non profits who never ask for anything in return.

"Help us help those who work hard for our community," said Debbye Valverde, the Executive Director Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. "We

really want these places to be able to provide a toy to every child who may not have one other wise."

The toy drive started on Thursday, Nov. 8, and will go on up until Wednesday, Dec. 12. Those who donate can drop off monetary or unwrapped toys at the Chamber of Commerce, located at 215 W. Third St. Toys for boys and girls from any age group up to 18 years will be accepted.

"We need any and all monetary donations in by Friday, November 30 at noon at the latest," said Valverde. "That way we can get the toys in and the other organizations will have time to distribute them."

There are a lot of children out there who may not get the same benefits as other children, and

Christmas is such an important time in the life a child. It's detrimental that the community comes together to help every child experience the love and generosity of true Christmas spirit.

"The toy drive has been a little slow, and we could really use everyone's help in trying to make sure every child has a Christmas," said Valverde. "Even though we have had some generous donations, we really could use more. Please everyone who can, let's make

this happen!"

There have been several business and individuals who have donated either money or toys to the Chamber's cause.

"We want to thank everyone who has donated, to all the businesses who have donated to every single stranger. It helps more than you know" said Valverde.

Contact Staff Writer Amber Mansfield at 432-263-7331 ext. 234, or by email at life@bigspringherald.com.

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with our therapists, and they can do therapy referrals."

Perales said the Howard County center has helped 18 children since its opening.

Lauren Blackketter, president of the MRC-CAC board, gave more details of the center's mission.

"Our center provides forensic interviews for children alleging sexual or physical abuse, witnesses to violent crimes, and children believed to be at high risk for abuse," said Blackketter. "In addition, we provide therapy for children and their non-offending family members. We currently provide CAC services at our office in Midland, at a satellite office in Andrews, and will be providing interviews for both Howard and Martin counties out of our Howard County satellite office."

According to their website, the MRC-CAC offers a 24-hour crisis hotline at 432-682-RAPE (7273); accompaniment to the Midland Memorial Hospital emergency room for survivors of recent sexual assault or abuse; educational programs; victims' advocacy; and a children's therapy dog program called Pawz for Kids; as well as the other services mentioned by Blackketter.

Anyone interested in the Howard County Children's Advocacy Center's services should call the MRC-CAC for more information at 432-682-7273.

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Pomposa Salinas Cervantes, 77, died Saturday. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

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Gov't questions unfair student loan practices



AP photo

This April 2, 2014, file photo, shows the headquarters of student loan debt collector Navient Corporation, in Wilmington, Del.

By KEN SWEET

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — One of the nation's largest student loan servicing companies may have driven tens of thousands of borrowers struggling with their debts into higher-cost repayment plans.

That's the finding of a Department of Education audit of practices at Navient Corp., the nation's third-largest student loan servicing company.

The conclusions of the 2017 audit, which until now have been kept from the public and were obtained by The Associated Press, appear to support federal and state lawsuits that accuse Navient of boosting its profits by steer-

ing some borrowers into the high-cost plans without discussing options that would have been less costly in the long run.

The education department has not shared the audit's findings with the plaintiffs in the lawsuits. In fact, even while knowing of its conclusions, the department repeatedly argued that state and other federal authorities do not have jurisdiction over Navient's business practices.

"The existence of this audit makes the Department of Education's position all the more disturbing," said Aaron Ament, president of the National Student Legal Defense Network, who worked for the Depart-

ment of Education under President Barack Obama.

The AP received a copy of the audit and other documents from the office of Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Massachusetts, who has been a vocal critic of Navient and has publicly supported the lawsuits against the company as well as questioning the policies of the Department of Education, currently run by President Trump's Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos. Warren is considered a potential presidential candidate in 2020.

Navient disputed the audit's conclusions in

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Tech giants plunge again, pushing market into red for year



AP photo

In this Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018, file photo Dudley Devine, right, works with fellow traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. On Tuesday, Nov. 20, stocks are opening sharply lower on Wall Street as a rout in major technology companies continued.

By MARLEY JAY

AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK — Stocks dropped again Tuesday as losses mounted for the world's largest technology companies. Retailers also fell, and energy companies plunged with oil prices as the market sank back into the red for the year.

Oil prices tumbled another 6.6 percent as Wall Street reacted to rising oil supplies and concerns that global economic growth will slow down, a worry that's intensified because of the trade tensions between the U.S. and China.

Technology companies were hit after the Trump administration proposed new national security regulations that could limit exports of high-tech products in fields such as quantum computing, machine learning and artificial intelligence.

Retailers also skidded. Target's profit disappointed investors as it spends more money to revamp its stores and

its website, while Ross Stores, TJX and Kohl's also fell on disappointing forecasts.

The S&P 500 index lost 48.84 points, or 1.8 percent, to 2,641.89. The Dow Jones Industrial Average sank 551.80 points, or 2.2 percent, to 24,465.64.

The tech-heavy Nasdaq composite lost 119.65 points, or 1.7 percent, to 6,908.82. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks shed 27.53 points, or 1.8 percent, to 1,469.01.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average has lost 3.7 percent in the last two days, and the S&P 500 is off 3.4 percent. The Nasdaq, heavily populated with technology stocks, is off 4.7 percent. The S&P 500 index has fallen 9.9 percent from the record high it set exactly two months ago.

Investors are measuring a number of headwinds and increasingly playing it safe. The global economy is showing signs of weakening, with the United States, China and Europe

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Ex-MSU president charged with lying to police about Nassar

By DAVID EGGERT

Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — Ex-Michigan State University President Lou Anna Simon was charged Tuesday with lying to police during an investigation of the handling of serial sexual abuser Larry Nassar — the third current or former campus official other than Nassar to face criminal charges in the scandal.

Simon, who stepped down under pressure in January, spoke with state police investigators on May 1. She is accused of making two false and misleading statements — that she was unaware of the nature of a sexual misconduct complaint that sparked the school's 2014 Title IX probe of Nassar, and that she only knew a sports medicine doctor, not Nassar himself, was under investigation at that time.

If convicted of two felony and two misdemeanor counts of lying to a peace officer, the 71-year-old Simon faces up to four years in prison. The Mason resident is scheduled to be arraigned on Monday in Eaton County near Lansing.

The Associated Press left a message seeking comment from Simon's attorney, Lee Silver. University spokeswoman Emily Guerrant said Simon — who remains on faculty despite resigning as president — is taking an immediate leave of absence, without pay "to focus on her legal situation."

Simon is the fifth person to be criminally charged in the wake of Nassar's convictions for molesting young female

athletes under the guise of treatment. Numerous other people have lost their jobs or have been sued.

In August, Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette charged former MSU gymnastics head coach Kathie Klages with lying to an investigator when she denied that witnesses told her years ago about being sexually assaulted by Nassar. In March, the ex-dean of the osteopathic medicine school, William Strampel, was charged with neglecting his duty to enforce examining-room restrictions imposed on Nassar after the 2014 Title IX

investigation.

That probe, initiated by a patient, resulted in the school clearing Nassar.

In Texas, former USA Gymnastics President Steve Penny was charged last month with tampering with evidence while a former sports medicine trainer, Debra Van Horn, was charged in June with "acting as a party" with Nassar in the sexual assault of a child.

Hundreds of girls and women have said Nassar molested them when he was a physician, including while he worked at Michigan State and Indianapolis-based USA Gymnastics, which trains U.S. Olympians. Nassar, 55, last year pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting nine victims and possessing child pornography, and his sentences equate to life in prison.



In this June 5, 2018 file photo, former Michigan State President Lou Anna Simon testifies before a Senate subcommittee in Washington.

AP photo

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its response to the Department of Education and has denied the allegations in the lawsuits. One point the company makes in its defense is that its contract with the education department doesn't require its customer service representatives to mention all options available to the borrower.

"This (audit), when viewed as a whole, as well as dozens of other audits and reviews, show that Navient overwhelmingly performs in accordance with program rules while consistently helping borrowers choose the right options for their circumstances," said Paul Hartwick, a company spokesman.

However, the five states suing Navient — Illinois, Pennsylvania, Washington, California and Mississippi — say the behavior breaks their laws regarding consumer protection. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau says in its own lawsuit the practices are unfair, deceptive and abusive and break federal consumer protection laws.

Of the five states that filed lawsuits against Navient, only Illinois and Pennsylvania were even aware of the audit, and they said they did not receive their copies from the Department of Education. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau declined to comment on whether it had a copy of the report.

The Department of Education

said withholding the report was intentional, repeating the argument it has made in court and in public that only it has jurisdiction over student loan servicing issues, through its Federal Student Aid division, or FSA, which oversees student loans.

"FSA performed the review as part of its own contract oversight, not for the benefit of other agencies," said Liz Hill, a Department of Education spokeswoman.

When student borrowers run into difficulties making payments, they can be offered forbearance, which allows them to delay payments for a set period of time. But under a forbearance plan, in most instances, the loan continues to accumulate interest and becomes a more expensive option in the long run.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau alleges in its lawsuit against Navient that between 2010 and 2015 Navient's behavior added nearly \$4 billion in interest to student borrowers' loans through the overuse of forbearance. It is a figure that Navient disputes.

A 2017 study by the Government Accountability Office estimates that a typical borrower of a \$30,000 student loan who places their loan into forbearance for three years — the maximum allowed for economic-hardship forbearance — would pay an additional \$6,742 in interest on that loan.

"This finding is both tragic and infuriating, and the findings appear to validate the allegations

that Navient boosted its profits by unfairly steering student borrowers into forbearance when that was often the worst financial option for them," Warren said in a letter to Navient last week.

As part of their inquiry, DoE auditors listened in on about 2,400 randomly selected calls to borrowers from 2014 to 2017 out of a batch of 219,000. On nearly one out of 10 of the calls examined, the Navient representative did not mention other options, including one type of plan that estimates the size of a monthly payment the borrower can afford based on their income. Auditors wrote that many customer service representatives failed to ask questions to determine if such a plan, known as an income-driven repayment plan, might be more beneficial to the borrower.

There is no public record of how many struggling borrowers serviced by Navient may have been impacted by these practices. In its most recent annual report, Navient says it services 6 million student loan borrowers, of which 12.7 percent are more than 30 days past due. That would be roughly 762,000 customers who are struggling in some fashion to pay their student loans.

If one out of every 10 of those customers were pushed into forbearance instead of an income-driven repayment plan, as the department's audit found, that would be 76,200 of Navient's borrowers.

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'We need hundreds': Fire victims' families urged to give DNA



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In this Nov. 15, 2018 file photo, investigators recover human remains at a home burned in the Camp Fire in Magalia, Calif.

By KATHLEEN RONAYNE

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Authorities are using a powerful tool in their effort to identify the scores of people killed by the wildfire that ripped through Northern California: rapid DNA testing that produces results in just two hours.

The system can analyze DNA from bone fragments or other remains, then match it to genetic material provided by relatives of the missing. But the technology depends on people coming forward to give a DNA sample via a cheek swab, and so far, there are not nearly as many volunteers as authorities had hoped for.

As of Tuesday, nearly two weeks after the inferno devastated the town of

Paradise and surrounding areas, the number of confirmed dead stood at 79, and the sheriff's list of those unaccounted for had about 700 names.

But only about 60 people had provided samples to pop-up labs at the Butte County Sheriff's office in Oroville and an old Sears building in Chico, where the Federal Emergency Management Agency set up a disaster relief center, said Annette Mattern, a spokeswoman for ANDE, the Longmont, Colorado, company that is donating the technology.

"We need hundreds," Mattern said. "We need a big enough sample for us to make a positive ID on these and to also give a better idea of how many losses there actually are."

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People in US, Canada warned to not eat romaine lettuce



NEW YORK (AP) — Health officials in the U.S. and Canada on Tuesday told people to avoid eating romaine lettuce because of a new E. coli outbreak.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said it was working with officials in Canada on the outbreak, which has sickened 32 people in 11 states in the U.S. and 18 people in the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

The strain identified is different than the one linked to romaine earlier this year, but it appears similar to one linked to leafy greens last year.

FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb says the agency didn't have enough information to request suppliers issue a recall, but he said supermarkets and restaurants should withdraw romaine products until the contamination can be identified.

No deaths have been reported, but 13 of the people who became sick in the U.S. were hospitalized. The last reported illness was on Oct. 31.

Tracing the source of contaminated lettuce can be difficult because it's often repackaged by middlemen, said Sarah Sorscher, deputy director of regulatory affairs at the Center for Science in the Public Interest. That can mean the entire industry becomes implicated in outbreaks, even if not all products are contaminated.

Washing lettuce won't ensure that contaminated lettuce is safe, Sorscher said.

Most E. coli bacteria are benign but some can cause illness, with symptoms including severe stomach cramps, diarrhea and vomiting. Most people recover within a week, but some illnesses can last longer and be more severe.

US judge stalls enforcement of Trump asylum restrictions

By NOMAAN MERCHANT

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A judge has ordered the U.S. government not to enforce a ban on asylum for people who cross the southern border illegally, another court setback for the Trump administration's efforts to impose new immigration restrictions without congressional approval.

U.S. District Judge Jon Tigar agreed Monday with legal groups that immediately sued after President Donald Trump issued a Nov. 9 proclamation saying anyone who crossed the southern border between official ports of entry would be ineligible for asylum. The administration argued that caravans of migrants approaching the southern border made the new restrictions immediately necessary.

"Whatever the scope of the President's authority, he may not rewrite the immigration laws to impose a condition that Congress has expressly forbidden," said Tigar, a nominee of former President Barack Obama.

Trump stopped family separations at the border earlier this year after a global outcry, but it was a federal judge who ruled the administration had to reunify the families. Another judge rejected the administration's request to try to detain migrant families in long-term facilities.

Monday's ruling remains in effect for one month, barring an appeal. In limiting asylum, Trump used the same powers he used to impose a travel ban — the third try was ultimately upheld by the Supreme Court.

A joint statement by Homeland Security and the Justice Department said the Supreme Court had already shown the president had the legal right to restrict asylum.



AP photo

U.S. and California state flags fly behind the border wall, seen from Tijuana, Mexico, Monday, Nov. 19, 2018.

"Our asylum system is broken, and it is being abused by tens of thousands of meritless claims every year," the departments said. "We look forward to continuing to defend the Executive Branch's legitimate and well-reasoned exercise of its authority to address the crisis at our southern border."

Trump on Tuesday criticized the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which would likely receive any appeal of Tigar's order and has already ruled against the administration in several immigration cases. Trump called the circuit a "disgrace" and its judges "very unfair."

Whether asylum seekers would try now to enter between official ports of entry was unclear. One immigrant waiting at the official border crossing vowed to stay in line regardless of the ruling.

"I've always taken the correct path, and I'm not going to do something illegal now," said Byron Torrez, 28, of Nicaragua.

Torrez said he fled Nicaragua after someone threw acid at him during a government protest. He said he did not travel with any of the caravans.

"I think it is good that the court did this because a lot of people cross illegally, not to break the law,

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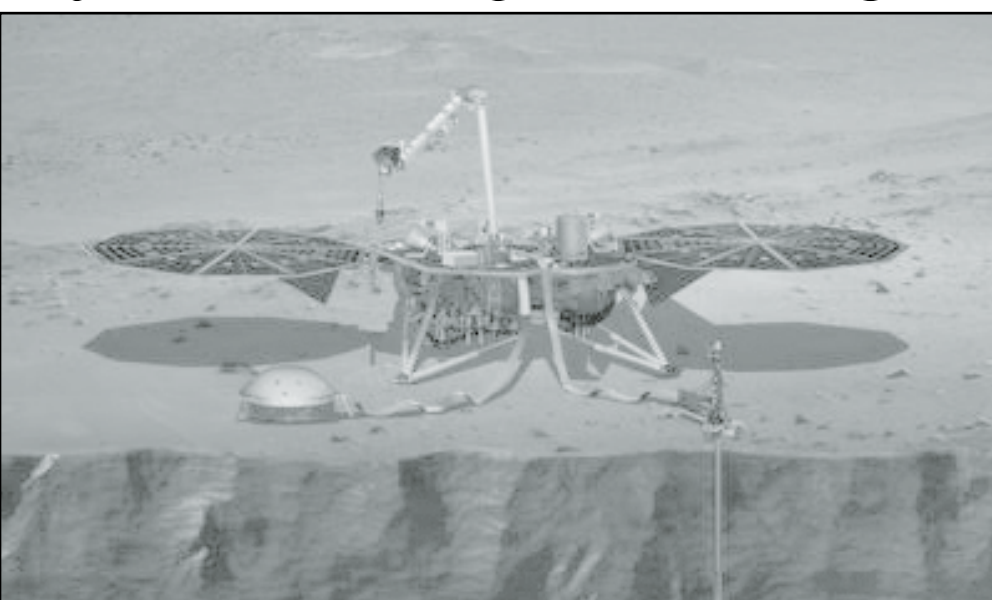
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Mars revisited: NASA spacecraft days away from risky landing



This illustration made available by NASA in 2018 shows the InSight lander drilling into the surface of Mars. InSight, short for Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations, Geodesy and Heat Transport, is scheduled to arrive at the planet on Monday, Nov. 26, 2018.

By **MARCIA DUNN**
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Mars is about to get its first U.S. visitor in years: a three-legged, one-armed geologist to dig deep and listen for quakes.

NASA's InSight makes its grand entrance through the rose-tinted Martian skies on Monday, after a six-month, 300 million-mile (480 million-kilometer) journey. It will be the first American spacecraft to land since the Curiosity rover in 2012 and the first dedicated to exploring underground.

NASA is going with a tried-and-true method to get this mechanical miner to the surface of the red planet. Engine firings will slow its final descent and the spacecraft will plop down on its rigid legs, mimicking the landings of earlier successful missions.

That's where old school ends on this \$1 billion U.S.-European effort.

Once flight controllers in California determine the coast is clear at the landing site — fairly flat and rock free — InSight's 6-foot (1.8-meter) arm

will remove the two main science experiments from the lander's deck and place them directly on the Martian surface.

No spacecraft has attempted anything like that before.

The firsts don't stop there.

One experiment will attempt to penetrate 16 feet (5 meters) into Mars, using a self-hammering nail with heat sensors to gauge the planet's internal temperature. That would shatter the out-of-this-world depth record of 8 feet (2 1/2 meters) drilled by the Apollo moonwalkers nearly a half-century ago for lunar heat measurements.

The astronauts also left behind instruments to measure moonquakes. InSight carries the first seismometers to monitor for marsquakes — if they exist. Yet another experiment will calculate Mars' wobble, providing clues about the planet's core.

It won't be looking for signs of life, past or present. No life detectors are on board.

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Trump says no new Saudi punishment for Khashoggi murder

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump said Tuesday the U.S. will not punish Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman at this time nor cut arms sales to Saudi Arabia for the killing of U.S.-based columnist Jamal Khashoggi.

Trump called the killing of Khashoggi inside the Saudi consulate in Istanbul a "horrible crime" that the U.S. does not condone, but said Saudi Arabia is a "great ally" and canceling billions in arms sales would only benefit China and Russia, which would be glad to step in and make the sales.

Trump's decision, announced in a statement released just before he left for the long Thanksgiving weekend in Florida, will disappoint and anger critics who have called for a much firmer rebuke to the kingdom and especially bin Salman.

U.S. intelligence officials have concluded that bin Salman, the kingdom's de facto leader, ordered the Oct. 2 killing, according to a U.S. official familiar with the assessment. Others familiar with the case caution that while it's likely that the crown prince had a role in the death there continue to be questions about the degree to which he was involved.

The U.S. earlier

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In this Dec. 15, 2014, file photo, Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi speaks during a press conference in Manama, Bahrain.

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Confusion and conflicting information, the inability of relatives to travel to Northern California and mistrust of the government may be contributing to the low number.

Tara Quinones hadn't heard anything from her uncle, David Marbury, for eight days before she drove north from the San Francisco Bay Area to give a sample Friday. A worker used a small tool to scrape her cheek, took three swabs of skin and asked her detailed questions about who she was looking for and their relationship.

The uncle's landlord confirmed his house burned down with his vehicle still in the garage, but Quinones had no idea if any remains were found. Marbury's name keeps going on and off the ever-changing list of the missing.

"I did it just to be proactive," Quinones said Monday. "This is the one way I could contribute to helping find my uncle."

Some of those who have given DNA came forward, like Quinones, after learning about the identification effort in their desperate search for a loved one, others after the sheriff's office called to say that remains that probably belonged to a family member had been found.

Mattern declined to say Tuesday how many victims ANDE's technology has helped identify. Sheriff Kory Honea's office did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The fire was 70 percent contained Tuesday. Rain in the forecast for Wednesday through Thanksgiving weekend could aid in fighting the fire but could also bring flash floods and complicate efforts to recover remains.

Once DNA is extracted from the remains, it is placed in a vial that goes into a black machine that looks like a bulky computer printer. It takes just two hours to process the material and get a DNA profile; traditional methods can take days or weeks. If a relative's DNA is already in the system, a match will pop up right away.

Mattern said it has been surprisingly easy to get DNA from remains, despite the devastating damage done by the flames.

"We went in with pretty measured expectations, we didn't know what we were walking into," she said. "We have a tremendous database now of the victims of the fire."

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but because they believe you have to get to the U.S. first before requesting asylum," he said.

The regulations were put in place in part to stop what the government says are loopholes that allow thousands of people to avoid deportation. DHS estimates around 70,000 people a year claim asylum after crossing illegally. But illegal crossings overall are well below historical highs from previous decades.

Tigar's ruling notes that federal law says someone may seek asylum if they have arrived in the United States, "whether or not at a designated port of arrival."

"Individuals are entitled to asylum if they cross between ports of entry," said Baher Azmy, a lawyer for the Center for Constitutional Rights, which sued the government alongside the American Civil Liberties Union. "It couldn't be clearer."

Around 3,000 people from the first of the caravans have arrived in Tijuana, Mexico, across the border from San Diego, California. U.S. Customs and Border Protection said Monday that it closed off northbound traffic for several hours at the San Ysidro crossing to install movable, wire-topped barriers after reports that some migrants were planning to rush through the lanes — but none did.

As of Monday, DHS said it had referred 107 people to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services — people who had sought asylum between official crossings since Trump's order went into effect. Officials didn't say whether those people's cases were still progressing through other, more difficult av-

enues left to them after the proclamation.

Administration officials said the asylum law changes were meant to funnel migrants through official border crossings for speedy rulings instead of having them try to evade such crossings on the nearly 2,000-mile (3,200-kilometer) border.

But many border crossings such as San Ysidro already have extensive wait times. People are often forced to wait in shelters or outdoor camps on the Mexican side, sometimes for weeks.

ACLU lawyer Lee Gelernt said that some people seeking asylum cross between official ports because "they're in real danger," either in their countries of origin or in Mexico.

"We don't condone people entering between ports of entry, but Congress has made the decision that if they do, they still need to be allowed to apply for asylum," he said.

The U.S. military has deployed 5,800 active-duty troops to the U.S.-Mexico border. Another 2,100 National Guard troops have also been deployed since April as part of a separate mission.

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The spacecraft is like a self-sufficient robot, said lead scientist Bruce Banerdt of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

"It's got its own brain. It's got an arm that can manipulate things around. It can listen with its seismometer. It can feel things with the pressure sensors and the temperature sensors. It pulls its own power out of the sun," he said.

By scoping out the insides of Mars, scientists could learn how our neighbor — and other rocky worlds, including the Earth and moon — formed and transformed over billions of years. Mars is much less geologically active than Earth, and so its interior is closer to being in its original state — a tantalizing time capsule.

InSight stands to "revolutionize the way we think about the inside of the planet," said NASA's science mission chief, Thomas Zurbuchen.

But first, the 800-pound (360-kilogram) vehicle needs to get safely to the Martian surface. This time, there won't be a ball bouncing down with the spacecraft tucked inside, like there were for the Spirit and Opportunity rovers in 2004. And there won't be a sky crane to lower the lander like there was for the six-wheeled Curiosity during its dramatic "seven minutes of terror."

"That was crazy," acknowledged InSight's project manager, Tom Hoffman. But he noted, "Any time you're trying to land on Mars, it's crazy, frankly. I don't think there's a sane way to do it."

No matter how it's done, getting to Mars and landing there is hard — and unforgiving.

Earth's success rate at Mars is a mere 40 percent. That includes planetary flybys dating back to the early 1960s, as well as orbiters and landers.

While it's had its share of flops, the U.S. has by far the best track record. No one else has managed to land and operate a spacecraft on Mars. Two years ago, a European lander came in so fast, its descent system askew, that it carved out a crater on impact.

This time, NASA is borrowing a page from the 1976 twin Vikings and the 2008 Phoenix, which also were stationary and three-legged.

"But you never know what Mars is going to do," Hoffman said. "Just because we've done it before doesn't mean we're not nervous and excited about doing it again."

Wind gusts could send the spacecraft into a dangerous tumble during descent, or the parachute could get tangled. A dust storm like the one that enveloped Mars this past summer could hamper InSight's ability to generate solar power. A leg could buckle. The arm could jam.

The tensest time for flight controllers in Pasadena, California: the six minutes from the time the spacecraft hits Mars' atmosphere and touchdown. They'll have jars of peanuts on hand — a good-luck tradition dating back to 1964's successful Ranger 7 moon mission.

InSight will enter Mars' atmosphere at a supersonic 12,300 mph (19,800 kph), relying on its white nylon parachute and a series of engine firings to slow down enough for a soft upright landing on Mars' Elysium Planitia, a sizable equatorial plain.

Hoffman hopes it's "like a Walmart parking lot in Kansas."

The flatter the better so the lander doesn't tip over, ending the mission, and so the robotic arm can set the science instruments down.

InSight — short for Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations, Geodesy and Heat Transport — will rest close to the ground, its top deck barely a yard, or meter, above the surface. Once its twin circular solar panels open, the lander will occupy the space of a large car.

If NASA gets lucky, a pair of briefcase-size satellites trailing InSight since their joint May liftoff could provide near-live updates during the lander's descent. There's an eight-minute lag in communications between Earth and Mars.

The experimental CubeSats, dubbed WALL-E and EVE from the 2008 animated movie, will zoom past Mars and remain in perpetual orbit around the sun, their technology demonstration complete.

If WALL-E and EVE are mute, landing news will come from NASA orbiters at Mars, just not as quickly.

The first pictures of the landing site should start flowing shortly after touchdown. It will be at least 10 weeks before the science instruments are deployed. Add another several weeks for the heat probe to bury into Mars.

The mission is designed to last one full Martian year, the equivalent of two Earth years.

With landing day so close to Thanksgiving, many of the flight controllers will be eating turkey at their desks on the holiday.

Hoffman expects his team will wait until Monday to give full and proper thanks.

Darkening clouds start to overhang global economic expansion



In this July, 5, 2018, file photo, a rubber tire gantry operator climb steps to his cab at the start of his work shift at the Port of Savannah in Savannah, Ga.

By JOSH BOAK and JOE McDONALD

AP Business Writers

WASHINGTON — After galloping along for the past two years, the global economy is showing signs of weakening, with the United States, China and Europe all facing the rising threat of a slowdown.

Few economists foresee an outright global recession within the next year. But the synchronized growth that powered most major economies since 2017 appears to be fading. The risks have been magnified by the trade war raging between the United States and China, the strife dividing Britain over an exit from the European Union and the Federal Reserve's continuing interest rate hikes.

It's all been enough to contribute to a broad retreat in global stock markets. Counting Tuesday's deep losses, U.S. stock indexes, once up around 10 percent for the year, have surrendered all their 2018 gains.

The Fed is expected next month to raise its key short-term rate for the fourth time this year. The central bank's rate hikes help control inflation. But they also make loans costlier for consumers and businesses. And for countries that borrowed in U.S. dollars, the Fed's hikes make debts harder to bear. Argentina, for one, has slid into recession as its cost of repaying its debt has surged.

"We can't continue to grow this fast for much longer without risking inflation," Adrian Cooper, chief executive of Oxford Economics, said of the still-solid U.S. economy. "That's ultimately what the Fed is try-

ing to achieve with its steady movement in interest rates. The skill is to do so in ways that don't create a big downturn."

The concerns have grown enough that Larry Kudlow, President Donald Trump's top economic adviser, on Tuesday dismissed the worries roiling the markets.

"Recession is so far in the distance I can't see it," Kudlow told a group of reporters outside the White House. "Keep the faith. It's a very strong economy."

The collective growth of the world's major economies in the past two years was broadly welcomed after a feeble recovery from the 2008 financial crises. Yet few economists saw accelerated growth as sustainable — or even desirable — over several years.

The concern is that a prolonged global expansion could ignite inflation or speculative investing that would inevitably send vulnerable economies into a downturn. Compounding the challenge, the world's economies are linked more than ever through trade, finance and investment — to the point that a rupture in one major nation tends to spread across the globe.

Oxford Economics predicts that the growth of the global economy, as measured by its gross domestic product, will slip from 3.1 percent this year to 2.8 in 2019. Such a slowdown is enough to crimp corporate profits and business investment, Cooper said. Still, most American and European workers probably

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sanctioned 17 Saudi officials suspected of being responsible for or complicit in the killing, but members of Congress have called for harsher actions.

Trump said Tuesday in his statement that the king of Saudi Arabia and the crown prince "vigorously deny" any knowledge of the planning or execution of the murder of Khashoggi.

"Our intelligence agencies continue to assess all information, but it could very well be that the crown prince had knowledge of this tragic event — maybe he did and maybe he didn't!" Trump said.

"That being said, we may never know all of the facts surrounding the murder of Mr. Jamal Khashoggi. In any case, our relationship is with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. They have been a great ally in our very important fight against Iran."

He said the United States intends to remain a steadfast partner of Saudi Arabia to ensure the interests of the United States. "America First!" he wrote.

Trump said he knows some members of Congress will disagree with his decision. He said he would listen to their ideas, but only if they are focused on U.S. national security.

Late last week, a bipartisan group of senators introduced legislation that calls for suspending weapons sales to Saudi Arabia; sanctions on people who block humanitarian access in Yemen or support the Houthi rebels, and mandatory sanctions on those responsible for Khashoggi's death.

France's top diplomat said Monday that his country was mulling sanctions against Saudi Arabia. And Germany on Monday announced that it has banned 18 Saudi nationals from entering Europe's border-free Schengen zone because of their suspected connections to the killing. German officials, who earlier banned new weapons exports to Riyadh, also said they were halting previously approved arms exports.

Some foreign policy experts have not only recommended tougher

punitive measures against Saudi Arabia, but have advocated for a complete reset on relations with Riyadh.

Emile Nakhleh, a former member of CIA's senior intelligence service, said that since the crown prince assumed power three years ago, he has turned his country into a "strongman autocracy" that can't be trusted.

"His ruthless power grab, repression of potential challengers within his family, and crackdown on all opposition to his policies and projects inside and outside of Saudi Arabia have put American-Saudi relations at risk," Nakhleh wrote in an op-ed article Monday in the online intelligence newsletter The Cipher Brief. "He feels empowered to crush his potential rivals within the ruling family by his close relationship to President Trump and Jared Kushner."

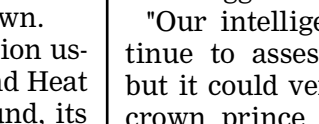
Kushner, the president's son-in-law, has worked with the crown prince on various issues, including on how to end the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians.

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wouldn't feel the pain, he said, in part because of a resilient job market and lower oil prices.

"2019 is still going to look pretty good — your job is going to be safe, and your wages are going to rise," Cooper predicted while adding that he thinks the slowdown will worsen in 2020.

In the meantime, though, stock markets have endured waves of jittery selling as investors have tried to factor in a slowdown that could depress the growth of company profits.

"Financial markets have become a little more volatile and anxious of late, worried about slowing global growth, trade tensions, Brexit woes and concerns that the U.S. may not be able to sustain its current cyclical sweet spot," said Josh Feinman, chief economist at Deutsche Asset Management.

Over the next two years, most forecasts suggest that U.S. growth, after cresting above 3 percent this year — its best performance since 2005 — will weaken. Fed Chair Jerome Powell acknowledged in a speech last week that the strong worldwide growth of 2017 is in retreat.

"You see signs of a gradual slowdown," Powell said. Goldman Sachs foresees annual U.S. growth slowing to 1.75 percent by the end of 2019. The predicted weakening stems, in part, from the front-loaded stimulus of the tax cuts Trump pushed through Congress. The boost from the tax overhaul is expected to wane by 2020.

One continuing threat for the U.S. economy is Trump's trade war with China. The president has imposed a 10 percent tax on \$200 billion of Chinese goods — a tariff that's set to escalate to 25 percent in 2019. He's also threatened to add tariffs on \$250 billion more in Chinese goods.

A prolonged trade crisis would depress the global exchange of goods and, therefore, economic growth. Trump is set to meet with President Xi Jinping at a Group of 20 international meeting in Argentina next week. But prospects for a breakthrough seem to have dimmed.

"Both countries appear to be far apart on the trade dispute and unwilling to back down at this point," said Scott Anderson, chief economist at the Bank of the West.

Similarly, political ruptures threaten to slow the pace of Europe's five-year expansion. Britain is struggling to finalize its exit from the European Union, and uncertainty surrounding Prime Minister Theresa May's government has roiled markets.

In Italy, tensions have flared over a government that wants to increase its borrowing in defiance of rules about deficits among the 19 countries that share the euro currency. Mounting debt could cause Italian interest rates to reach levels that would stifle growth and strain the eurozone.

Yet the biggest risk of all might be China, the world's second-largest economy after the United States and the leading engine of global growth for several decades. Its economy was already cooling before Trump raised tariffs in hopes of shrinking the U.S. trade gap with Beijing and protecting U.S. technology.

Among companies and economists, the question isn't whether Chinese growth will slow further; it's how much. In September, year-over-year economic growth reached a post-global crisis low of 6.5 percent. This followed a regulatory clamp-down on bank lending to curb surging debt. Forecasters expect the decline to deepen at least through mid-2019.

The ruling Communist Party wants slower, more self-sustaining growth driven more by consumer spending and less by trade and investment. But the slump has been sharper than expected. In response, Beijing has cut taxes, eased lending controls and pumped money into building projects.

October auto sales fell 13 percent from a year ago, putting vehicle sales in China — the industry's No. 1 market — on track to shrink this year for the first time in three decades. Housing sales and bank lending have dropped, and spending on factories and other manufacturing assets has decelerated.

"Further action" is needed to "put a floor beneath economic growth," Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital Economics said in a report.

Finding that floor could prove problematic if the trade war with the Trump administration diminishes the exports that propelled China's economy to manufacturing dominance. Analysts at UBS put the likelihood as high as 20 percent that China could suffer a much sharper slowdown because of the escalating tensions with the United States.

"In this environment, contagion in global markets could not be avoided," UBS analysts wrote.

Renault board meets after arrest of CEO Ghosn in Japan

By **MARIYAMAGUCHI** and **ELAINE GANLEY**

Associated Press

PARIS — Renault's board of directors was holding an emergency meeting Tuesday to consider its next moves after its CEO Carlos Ghosn was detained in Japan amid allegations he misused assets of partner Nissan Motor Co. and under-reported millions of dollars in income.

Japanese prosecutors were considering Tuesday whether to file formal charges against Ghosn, Nissan's chairman.

The arrest of Ghosn after a whistleblower disclosed the alleged misconduct stunned many in Japan and France, where for years he's been a superstar among industrialists, known as a relentless cost-cutter and innovator — but who appears to have spent lavishly on himself.

Japanese prosecutors said they were holding Ghosn, 64, for allegedly collaborating to falsify securities statements and underreport \$44.6 million in income from 2011 to 2015. A second Nissan executive, Greg Kelly, was also suspected of collaborating with him.

Ghosn runs Renault, Nissan and the Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi alliance that he helped turn into the world's biggest car-seller last year, and both France and Japan want to keep it intact.

In France, Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire said authorities have examined Ghosn's tax situation in France but have found no wrongdoing.

Still, Le Maire said Tuesday he wants Ghosn replaced while he faces accusations in Japan. But he and Japanese Economy Minister Hiroshige Seko said in a joint statement that the alliance is "one of the greatest symbols of Franco-Japanese industrial cooperation."

They expressed "their shared wish to maintain this winning cooperation."

Le Maire told broadcaster France-Info that Ghosn is not in a position to lead the Renault Group because of the accusations. He urged the board to name a temporary leadership instead. France holds 15 percent of Renault.

"It's extremely regrettable," Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told reporters. "We will watch developments closely."

There was no word from Ghosn himself. Prosecutors have refused to say where he was being held.

The prosecutors, who reportedly arrested Ghosn after questioning him upon his arrival by private jet at Tokyo's Haneda airport, have 48 hours from the time of Ghosn's arrest Monday to decide whether to press charges. They can hold a suspect for up to 20 more days per charge if they decide they need more time.



AP photo

In this Oct. 6, 2017, photo, Renault Group CEO Carlos Ghosn listens during a media conference at La Defense business district, outside Paris, France. The arrest of Nissan Motor Co.'s chairman Ghosn on charges he underreported his income and misused company funds caused the company's shares to tumble and shocked many in Japan who view him as something of a hero.

The scandal has thrown into question Ghosn's future as leader of the Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi alliance, which sold 10.6 million cars last year, more than any other manufacturer.

Nissan's board was due to meet Thursday to consider dismissing Ghosn and Kelly. Earlier this year, Ghosn signed a contract that would have run through 2022.

Ghosn officially still leads the Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi alliance as CEO and chairman.

Of French, Brazilian and Lebanese background, Ghosn also is a towering corporate figure in France, where Renault is one of the heavyweight industrial survivors. He has met repeatedly with the past four French presidents; no major economic event in France was held without Ghosn.

Ghosn's Lebanese heritage is a source of pride in Lebanon, and in Beirut the foreign minister, Gibran Bassil, issued a statement saying the Lebanese ambassador to Tokyo was told to look out for "the model of Lebanese success abroad."

He said the Lebanese Foreign Ministry would stand by Ghosn to ensure he gets a fair trial.

In Japan, where foreign executives are scarce and even the biggest corporate bigwigs tend to keep a low profile, Ghosn's status is more ambiguous.

He is admired for driving a turnaround at Nissan when it was near bankruptcy and for his foresight in pushing to bring electric and autonomous cars to the masses.

But in a 90-minute news conference late Monday night, Nissan CEO Hiroto Saikawa said Ghosn had too much power and the company was overdue for some change.

The scandal was a "negative outcome of the long regime of Mr. Ghosn," he said.

With few new developments, Japanese media were avidly detailing allegations against Ghosn.

Public broadcaster NHK said Ghosn was in charge of allocating pay among Nissan's top executives and is suspected of siphoning off some of that remuneration.

He also is suspected of underpaying his share of the rent and misusing company funds on his company-issued housing in Lebanon, Paris, Amsterdam and Rio de Janeiro, where his apartment is on the wealthy Copacabana beach strip.

Ghosn's compensation from Nissan, generous by Japanese standards, was only part of his overall income since he also was paid salaries by the automaker's alliance partners Renault SA and Mitsubishi Motor Corp.

Repeatedly questioned over how the company could have let financial misconduct persist for so long, Saikawa said systems inside Nissan limited transparency.

The allegations are a serious blow at a time when Nissan and Mitsubishi are still recovering from scandals over altered results of emissions and fuel economy tests on vehicles sold in Japan.

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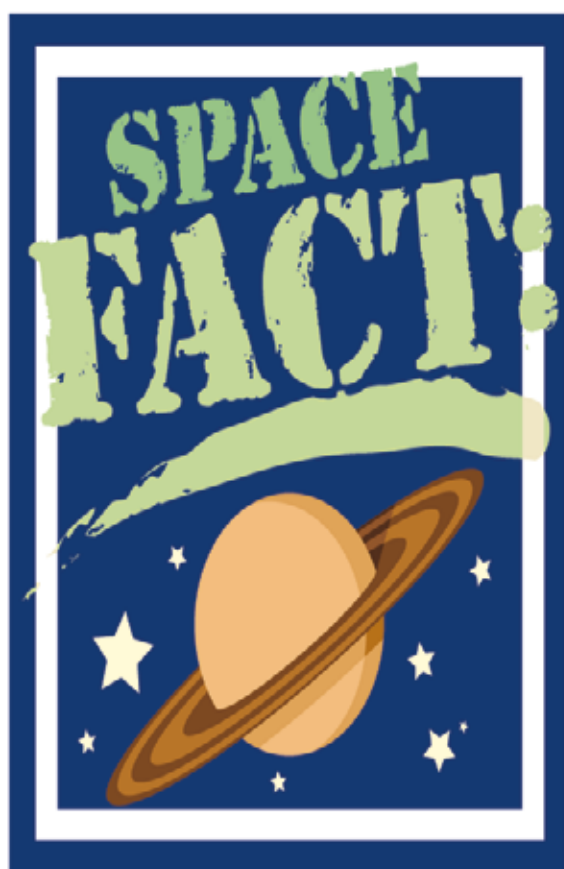
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How 'Bout Them Cowboys? New book examines America's Team

Associated Press

Gary Myers has covered Jerry Jones longer than any pro football writer, so it seemed logical and natural to write a book about the owner of the most valuable franchise in the world.

"How 'Bout Them Cowboys?" (Grand Central Publishing) is an in-depth look at America's Team, still the most popular in the NFL even though it hasn't reached a Super Bowl in 23 years and isn't likely to this season.

Myers was with the Dallas Morning News when Jones bought the team in 1989 and cleaned house. Now a radio host at WFAN in New York, Myers remembers it well — and tells it entertainingly and informatively in his book.

"I was taken aback when he got weepy — real tears — when he started talking about how he put himself at risk financially to buy the Cowboys in 1989," Myers says. "He said he asked his doctor why recalling that period of his life made him so emotional and was told it was a traumatic experience for him. Even so, seeing this multi-billionaire in the tears caught me by surprise, to say the least."

There's a lot in Myers' book that could catch readers by surprise. Such as:

— Jones admits he's still bitter about the circumstances that led to his divorce with Jimmy Johnson, who coached the Cowboys to the 1992 and '93 NFL titles. And Myers reveals "Troy Aikman has still not forgiven Johnson for leaving him. A few years ago, they were having a beer together, when Aikman said to Johnson, 'We could have been Brady and Belichick.'"

— The Hall of Fame party Jones threw for himself in Canton, Ohio in 2017 cost \$8 million and included a two-hour concert by Justin Timberlake. One of the invited guests was



AP photo

NFL team owner Jerry Jones poses with a bust of himself during induction ceremonies at the Pro Football Hall of Fame, in Canton, Ohio. Gary Myers has covered Jerry Jones longer than any pro football writer, so it seemed logical and natural to write a book about the owner of the most valuable franchise in the world. "How 'Bout Them Cowboys?" (Grand Central Publishing) is an in-depth look at America's Team, still the most popular in the NFL even though it hasn't reached a Super Bowl in 23 years and isn't likely to this season.

Roger Goodell.

"I have a picture in my book of Jones having a drink with Goodell and Jon Bon Jovi at the party," Myers says. "Five days later, Goodell called Jones to tell him he was suspending Ezekiel Elliott for six games. Jones is convinced Goodell showed up at the party knowing he was going to suspend Elliott (who was also at the party), but did not want to ruin Jones' weekend.

Instead, he ruined his season."

Jones has said Goodell previously told him he would not suspend Elliott and to this day he feels betrayed. Goodell has emphatically said he did not tell Jones that.

There are dozens more such intriguing and often-unrevealed stories in "How 'Bout Them Cowboys?" Myers had five hours of one-on-one interviews with Jones and, he jokes, actu-

ally got in at least seven questions.

ALABAMA REUNION

Julio Jones, Amari Cooper and Calvin Ridley cover most of a decade's worth of leading receivers at Alabama. They'll be on the field as players together for the first time when Cooper and the Dallas Cowboys visit the Atlanta Falcons and the veteran/rookie duo of Jones and Ridley.

Jones is a two-time All-Pro, Cooper made the Pro Bowl his first two seasons, and Ridley leads all rookies with 500 yards receiving. Oh, and they each won a national championship at Alabama. In fact, Ridley won two.

"A lot to like about them," Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said. "Certainly they were trained very well at Alabama, probably really good players going there, developed to become great there, developed out of there. And they've definitely shown that at this level."

Cooper wasn't supposed to make this Alabama connection when the season started: Oakland wasn't on Atlanta's schedule. But the Cowboys traded next year's first-round draft pick for him in hopes of having a new No. 1 receiver after letting Dez Bryant go in a cost-cutting move during the offseason.

"I'm cool with both of those guys," Cooper said. "None of us played together, so none of us have been on the field together. So that'll be really cool to go out there and be on the same field."

CAM'S WINE

Panthers quarterback Cam Newton said if wasn't an NFL quarterback he'd want to be a sommelier. Newton has recently developed a love for wine — and cigars — although he said his recognition of most wines is "terrible."

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College Football Picks: Rivalry weekend brings big prizes

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

Cups, trophies, bowls and championships. Big games and The Game. Rivalry week always comes with high stakes and huge prizes, from bragging rights to College Football Playoff spots.

We have a brief guide to a three-day football feast, starting Thanksgiving night, and how it will impact each conference race:

American — No. 8 UCF is locked into the conference championship game as host on Dec. 1. The Knights play Black Friday against rival USF and their title game opponent will be determined earlier in the day when Houston plays at Memphis. The winner takes the West.

ACC — No. 2 Clemson vs. No. 24 Pitt in Charlotte, North Carolina, for the league championship. The Tigers have a rivalry game with South Carolina and College Football Playoff hopes to protect on Saturday.

Big 12 — No. 11 Texas goes to the conference championship game with a victory at Kansas. What could possibly go wrong? In the Black Friday Big 12 nightcap and main event, the winner of No. 6 Oklahoma at No. 12 West Virginia also clinches a spot in the title game. If Texas loses, it keeps an OU-WVU rematch at Jerry World in Texas in play. An OU loss also pretty



AP photo

Michigan linebacker Devin Bush follows the ball during the first half of an NCAA college football game against Michigan State, in East Lansing, Mich. No. 4 Michigan might be without defensive star Chase Winovich for Saturday's showdown with No. 10 Ohio State because of an apparent shoulder injury. If he can't play, the Wolverines have so much depth they may be able to overcome it. The Buckeyes, meanwhile, have struggled on defense for much of the year.

much kills the Big 12's playoff hopes.

Big Ten — No. 4 Michigan faces No. 10 Ohio State for a spot in the Big Ten championship game. No. 20 Northwestern awaits the winner.

Conference USA — UAB has already locked up the West and will have a say in who wins the East. Florida International and Middle Tennessee are tied going into Saturday. FIU needs only a victory at home against Marshall. If FIU loses and Middle Tennessee beats

UAB, MTSU wins the division. If both East leaders lose, it creates a three-way tie with Marshall, and Middle Tennessee wins the tiebreaker.

Mid-American Conference — Northern Illinois is the West champ and will face either Buffalo or Ohio. The Bulls can clinch by winning at Bowling Green. Ohio (which hosts Akron on Friday) wins a three-way tie with Buffalo and Miami.

Mountain West — The Mountain

West division will be determined by No. 14 Utah State at No. 21 Boise State. The winner faces Fresno State. The Mountain West still has hopes for a New Year's Six bowl if UCF stumbles.

Pac-12 — The Apple Cup winner between No. 15 Washington and No. 7 Washington State faces No. 18 Utah in the Pac-12 championship game. A Cougars loss also pretty much eliminates the Pac-12 from the playoff.

SEC — No. 1 Alabama and No. 5 Georgia are set for the conference title game, but playoff positioning is in play against Auburn and Georgia Tech, respectively, this weekend.

Sun Belt — Troy and Appalachian State play for the East Division title. Louisiana-Lafayette is in control of the West if it beats Louisiana-Monroe, but if ULL loses, either ULM or Arkansas State (at Texas State) will play in the first Sun Belt title game.

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No. 6 Oklahoma (minus 1½) at No. 12 West Virginia

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Criteria	Weight
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By Steve Becker

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West dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K J 10 6
♥ 8 5 3
♦ J 6
♣ Q 7 3

WEST
♠ Q 8 3
♥ K Q 7
♦ A K 7 4
♣ K J 6

EAST
♠ 9 5 2
♥ 6 4
♦ 9 8 5
♣ 10 9 8 5 4

SOUTH
♠ 7 4
♥ A J 10 9 2
♦ Q 10 3 2
♣ A 2

The bidding:
West North East South
1 NT Pass Pass 2♥
Pass 3♥ Pass 4♥
Dble

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Dear Mr. Becker: I have read your column for many years and must say I have learned a great deal from it. I'm not saying I always play well — I don't — but once in a while I manage to do something really good.

Take this deal where I held the South hand. I'm sure you won't agree with my bidding, but I am by nature an optimist and could not resist the challenge of trying to make four hearts despite West's opening

notrump bid. **West doubled, of course,** and teed off with the K-A and another diamond, at the same time leaning back confidently in his chair, certain of beating the contract with his two trump tricks.

I won the third diamond with the ten, making the key play of discarding a spade from dummy, and then finessed the ten of spades. After cashing the ace of clubs and A-K of spades, on which I discarded my club loser, I ruffed dummy's seven of clubs.

Next I trumped the queen of diamonds in dummy and ruffed the queen of clubs in my hand. By this time 10 tricks had been played, and I had lost two of them. I had only the A-J-10 of trumps remaining while West had the K-Q-7.

I'm sure you can see what was about to happen. I led the jack of trumps, and West won with the queen. I can't say exactly what happened next, though, because at that moment my wife woke me and said it was time to get up and go to work!

This was very frustrating, because I didn't complete the end-play. Nevertheless, I'm still proud of having discarded a spade rather than a club from dummy at trick three, even though I did it only in my sleep. **Cordially yours,** Constant Reader.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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SUDOKU

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		2	6					
	6							
	3			4				6
		4	7	5				
		9		2				7
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Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

ANSWER:

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Full Moon, Sun Change

Get in step! The cosmic marching band strikes up in exuberant solidarity with the passage of the sun from Scorpio to Sagittarius, and the full moon beats out like the big bass drum of Purdue. On this sort of day, everyone wins just by being there, sometimes in the game, sometime in the crowd. Wherever feels comfortable, just join!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Enjoyment and gratitude go hand in hand. Seeing someone truly enjoy a thing can be far more meaningful and satisfying than taking part in the formalities around saying "thank you."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have mantras whether you know it or not. Distract yourself from repeating unhelpful thoughts by consciously feeding yourself something better. This seeds an all-around joyful -- and infectious! -- attitude.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have heard the call of a certain dream, but you're just not sure how to answer it. One way to give credence to your dreams is to share them. The smallest passing mention between loved ones can start something rolling.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Before you attempt to make anyone happy (including yourself) note that our appetites often have nothing

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



to do with what's really good for us. Happiness is wanting what you already have.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Trying new things puts you in a fun mood. It doesn't even matter how well they turn out. All the fun is in the way your senses wake up when you're doing something for the first time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll get several assists today from those around you, people behind the scenes, even those at a distance or in other realms. It's like you're a universal favorite and everyone wants to make things a little easier for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Serving tradition will be just as satisfying as breaking it, so no matter which way you go, you can't go wrong. Why not try to do a little of both? Also the more inclusive you are, the better you'll feel.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you talk to an elder, you're

talking to all the ages that person has been, and you can connect with any of them just by aiming your conversation well. The older generation will light the path to treasures of the soul.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Take a deep breath in and know that you don't have to be anyone other than who you are. You are accepted and loved no matter how hard you do or don't try. So just relax and enjoy yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When things are still uncertain, be certain anyway. You'll be the rock, the idea person who saves the day with a wink and a smile. You're not doing it to be a hero, it just turns out that way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're beyond capable and could conceivably do most, if not all, of today's work on your own. But why? Sharing the work is even more fun than sharing the play.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're not about to let formalities get in the way of forming bonds. Fussy extras are only fun if they don't distract from the main goal, which is to foster a sense of belonging between all who gather with you.

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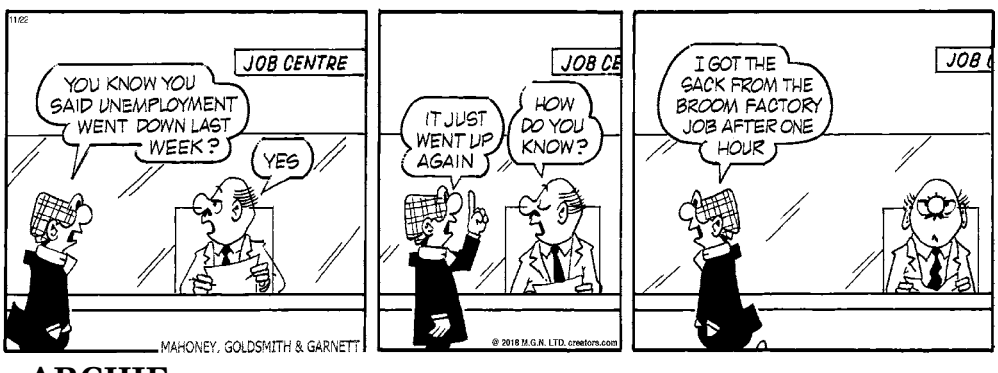
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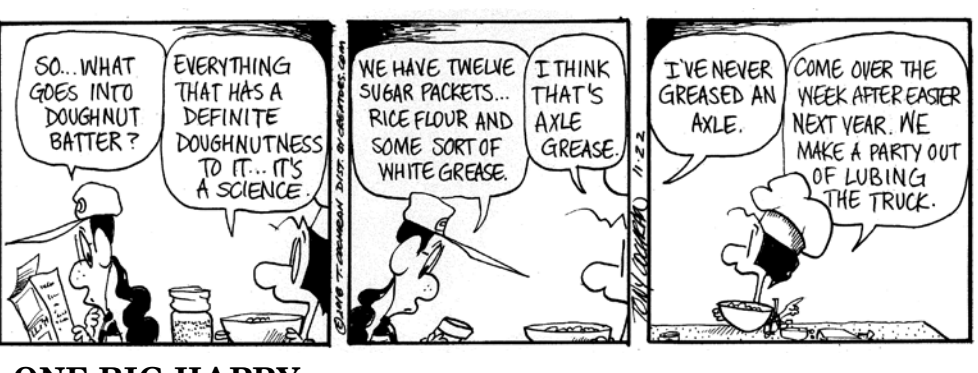
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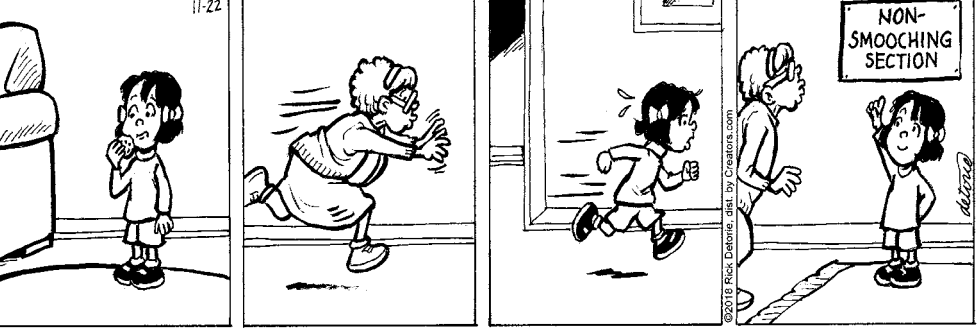
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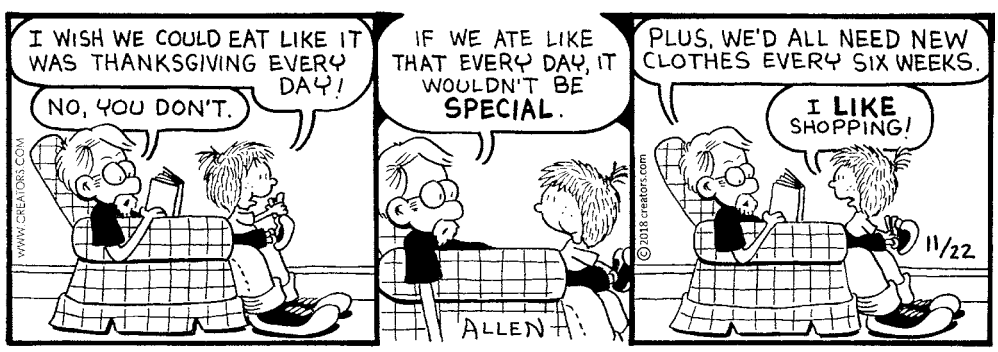
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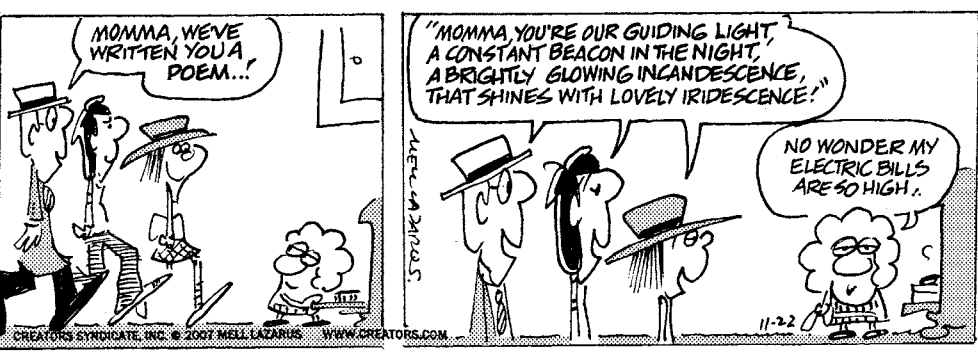
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Nov. 22, the 326th day of 2018. There are 39 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 22, 1963, John F. Kennedy, the 35th president of the United States, was assassinated while riding in a motorcade in Dallas, Texas. Gov. John B. Connally, in the same car as Kennedy, was seriously wounded; a suspect, Lee Harvey Oswald, was arrested; Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as president. In 1906, the "S-O-S" distress signal was adopted at the International Radio Telegraphic Convention in Berlin. In 1914, the First Battle of Ypres (EE'-pruh) during World War I ended with an Allied victory against Germany. In 1935, a flying boat, the China Clipper, took off from Alameda, California, carrying more than 100,000 pieces of mail on the first trans-Pacific airmail flight. In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Chinese leader Chiang Kai-shek (chang ky-shehk) met in Cairo to discuss measures for defeating Japan. Lyricist Lorenz Hart died in New York at age 48. In 1954, the Humane Society of the United States was incorporated as the National Humane Society. In 1955, comic Shemp Howard of "Three Stooges" fame died in Hollywood at age 60. In 1965, the musical "Man of La Mancha" opened on Broadway. In 1967, the U.N. Security Council approved Resolution 242, which called for Israel to withdraw from territories it had captured the previous June, and implicitly called on adversaries to recognize Israel's right to exist. In 1975, Juan Carlos was proclaimed King of Spain. In 1977, regular passenger service between New York and Europe on the supersonic Concorde began on a trial basis. In 1990, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, having failed to win re-election of the Conservative Party leadership on the first ballot, announced she would resign. In 1995, acting swiftly to

boost the Balkan peace accord, the U-N Security Council suspended economic sanctions against Serbia and eased the arms embargo against the states of the former Yugoslavia. Ten years ago: In the weekly Democratic radio address, President-elect Barack Obama promoted an economic plan he said would provide 2.5 million jobs, although his spokesman later clarified that the plan would "save and create" that many jobs. President George W. Bush snared fresh international support on the economy and North Korea at a Pacific Rim economic summit in Peru. Five years ago: On the 50th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the city of Dallas paused to honor the fallen leader. One year ago: A former confidant of ousted leader Robert Mugabe, Emmerson Mnangagwa, returned to Zimbabwe to become the next president a day after Mugabe resigned; he promised a "new, unfolding democracy." North Korea said the U.S. decision to list the country as a state sponsor of terrorism was a "serious provocation" that justified its development of nuclear weapons. Former sports doctor Larry Nassar, accused of molesting at least 125 girls and young women while working for USA Gymnastics and Michigan State University, pleaded guilty to multiple charges of sexual assault. Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb general whose forces carried out the worst massacre in Europe since World War II, was convicted of genocide and other crimes by the United Nations' Yugoslav war crimes tribunal and sentenced to life behind bars. Today's Birthdays: Actor Michael Callan is 83. Actor Allen Garfield is 79. Animator and movie director Terry Gilliam is 78. Actor Tom Conti is 77. Singer Jesse Colin Young is 77. Astronaut Guion Bluford is 76. International Tennis Hall of Famer Billie Jean King is 75.

Steven) is 68. Rock musician Tina Weymouth (The Heads; Talking Heads; The Tom Tom Club) is 68. Retired MLB All-Star Greg Luzinski is 68. Actress Lin Tucci is 67. Rock musician Lawrence Gowan is 62. Actor Richard Kind is 62. Actress Jamie Lee Curtis is 60. Alt-country singer Jason Ringenberg (Jason & the Scorchers) is 60. Actress Mariel Hemingway is 57. Actor Winsor Harmon is 55. Actor-turned-producer Brian Robbins is 55. Actor Stephen Geoffreys is 54. Rock musician Charlie Colin is 52. Actor Nicholas Rowe is 52. Actor Michael K. Williams is 52. Actor Mark Ruffalo is 51. International Tennis Hall of Famer Boris Becker is 51. Actress Sidse (SIH'-sa) Babbett Knudsen is 50. Country musician Chris Fryar (Zac Brown Band) is 48. Actor Josh Cooke is 39. Actor-singer Tyler Hilton is 35. Actress Scarlett Johansson is 34. Actor Jamie Campbell Bower is 30. Singer Candice Glover (TV: "American Idol") is 29. Actor Alden Ehrenreich is 29. Actor Dacre Montgomery is 24. Actress Mackenzie Lintz is 22.

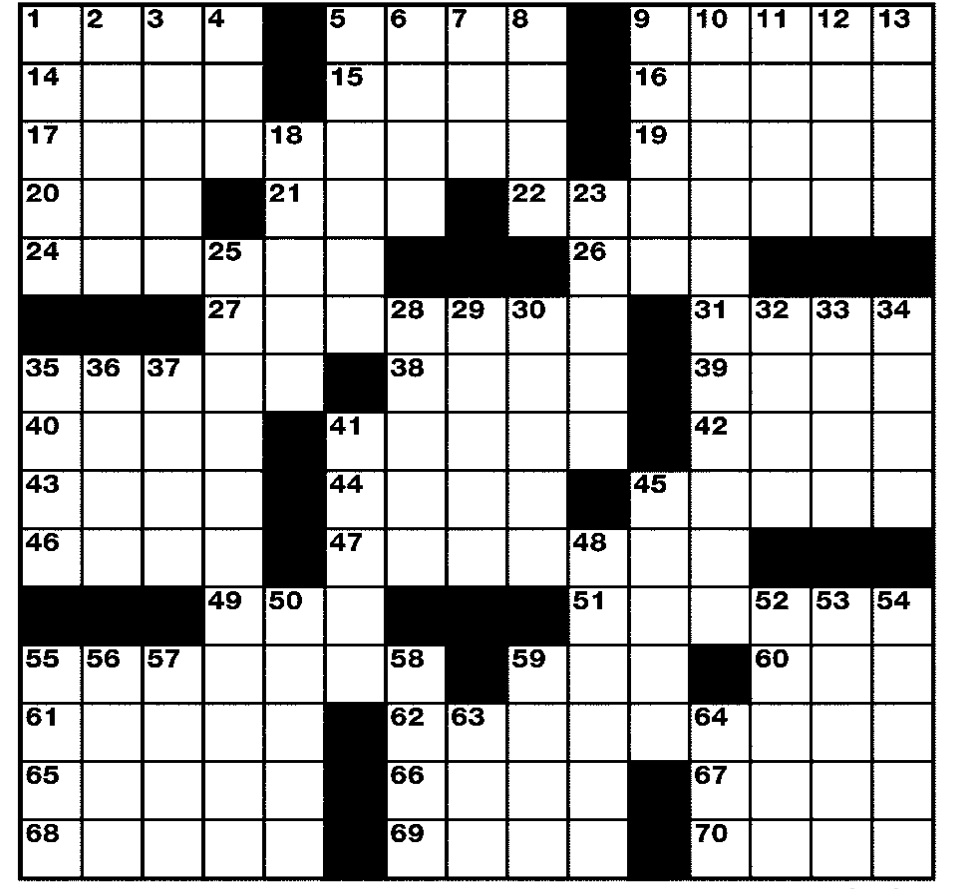
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USC has not looked primed to play spoiler ... NOTRE DAME 27-14.
No. 4 Michigan (minus 4) at No. 10 Ohio State
Buckeyes have won 13 of 14 in this series, including all three against Jim Harbaugh. If not now, Wolverines, when? ... MICHIGAN 28-20.
Georgia Tech (plus 17) at No. 5 Georgia
An upset would throw a wrinkle into the playoff race ... GEORGIA 42-17.
No. 8 LSU (plus 2½) at Texas A&M
Would be a huge ending to Jimbo Fisher's first season as Aggies coach ... TEXAS A&M 27-24.
No. 13 Florida (minus 5½) at Florida State
Seminoles need a victory to extend

their record bowl streak to 37 years ... FLORIDA 30-21.
No. 14 Utah State (plus 2½) at No. 21 Boise State
One of the last games to kick off on Saturday. Rest up. It's a good one. ... UTAH STATE 31-28.
Maryland (plus 13½) at No. 15 Penn State
Nittany Lions could still slip into New Year's Six bowl if they get to 9-3 ... PENN STATE 28-13.
No. 17 Kentucky (minus 17) at Louisville
No reason to think the Cardinals will suddenly be inspired at the end of a woeful season ... KENTUCKY 28-7.
BYU (plus 13) at No. 18 Utah
Utes have won seven straight in the Holy War ... UTAH 24-14.
No. 19 Syracuse (plus 7) at Boston College
Orange QB Eric Dungey is uncertain to play, which has been an unfortunate but frequent occurrence

throughout the senior's career ... BOSTON COLLEGE 28-24.
Illinois (plus 17½) at No. 20 Northwestern
Wildcats have won three straight and five of six against the Illini ... NORTHWESTERN 27-13.
No. 24 Pittsburgh (plus 5½) at Miami
What better way to close this oddball ACC Coastal season than with the division champ losing ... MIAMI 28-24.
Kansas State (plus 13½) at No. 25 Iowa State
Cyclones can't get into Big 12 title game but could still impact a tie-breaker if they win and Texas loses ... IOWA STATE 24-7.
TWITTER REQUESTS
Houston (plus 7) at Memphis, Friday — @jefe172
Cougars DT Ed Oliver is going to try to give it go, but Houston is still badly depleted by injuries ... MEMPHIS 35-21.
Nebraska (plus 10) at Iowa, Friday.

COWBOYS

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"I picked up a hobby that I really enjoy," said Newton. "I think I'm on sauvignon blanc right now, really light wine, and a good mild smoke."
Rudy Patino, who works as a food service provider for the Panthers, is a resident wine expert and Newton said he's learned some things from him about the hobby.

"I feel like if I had a gift of a hidden talent, outside of playing an instrument, I would want to be a sommelier," Newton said. "Those senses that you have ... For those who don't know it, it's being able to distinctively tell what type of wine it is, where it's from and everything about wine by just the taste, the look and pretty much the feel of the wine. It's just pretty cool to come across a person on a day-to-day basis that knows what they're talking about. It's just like playing football. It's an ongoing thing that you have to constantly keep taking your nose and taste buds through."

Newton said he if was to create his own wine he would call it "Boogie Down."

"As in boogie down your esophagus," Newton said with a smile.

BRITISH TRAINING

USA Football will lead the training of more than 1,000 football coaches across Britain in 2019. USA Football, a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee and the sport's national governing body, will drive education for British American Football Coaches Association members, spanning school-based to adult programs.

British coaches will receive USA Football in-person training and online course work. More than 10,000 U.S. school districts and youth programs combined enrolled in USA Football-developed coach education this season, including nine of the country's 10 largest school districts.

"Our sport's community is truly a global family," said BAFCA President Wayne Hill of Birmingham, England. "We love the game as much as Americans do, and teaming up with USA Football is a historic point for the sport here. Much like in the States, what's taught and played today is not your father's gridiron — it's done a lot smarter, but is just as much fun. This partnership enables us to deliver a smarter, safer game for our athletes through coach education."

Organized football is played on six continents spanning approximately 70 countries, a figure that has nearly doubled in the past 10 years.

GREEN EAGLES IN BIG EASY

The Philadelphia Eagles will be wearing their home green jerseys at New Orleans on Sunday. What's that all about?

A bet.
In March, coaches Doug Pederson of the Super

Bowl champion Eagles and Sean Payton of the Saints made the wager, which was revealed during the summer for the American Century Championship celebrity golf tournament at Lake Tahoe, Nevada. Pederson has a much better golf game than Payton and finished 32nd at the tournament, while Payton was 77th. Pederson had offered strokes or points in the Modified Stableford scoring format, but Payton turned them down.

Payton made a \$5,000 donation to Autism Challenge in Philadelphia as part of the bet.

"Well, it is our home jersey. It is our home color," Pederson says. "And so we are excited to wear that. We've done it a lot this year on the road, wearing our home greens on the road. So you know it's something that our guys enjoy."

When Pederson made that bet, did Payton say the Saints would go with their color rush, or a white jersey?

"He didn't say one way or the other," Pederson adds. "I would imagine it would be the whites, but he did not say."



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