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'The Iron Orchard' to premiere in February



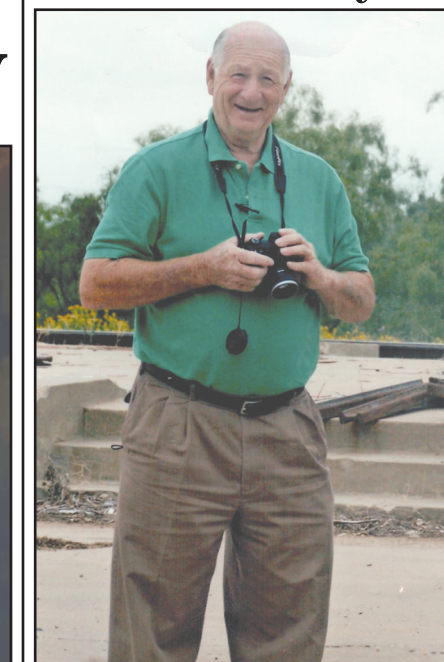
Lane Garrsion and Ali Cobrin star in "The Iron Orchard," set for a Feb. 22 theatrical release in the Dallas/Fort Worth and Midland/Odessa areas. Portions of the film were shot in Big Spring, notably at the Hotel Settles.

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer
 This February, Big Spring comes to the Silver Screen... again...as a primary setting in the award-winning movie, "The Iron Orchard." Although the film has been in circulation through much of 2018 at film festivals – winning the Audience Award at the Austin Film Festival, the Best of Fest at the Lone

Star Film Festival, the Special Jury Award at the Dallas International Film Festival, Best Narrative Feature at the Mystic Film Festival, and Best Feature Film at the Rome Prisma International Film Awards, and nominated for several others – the movie's theatrical release will be February 22. "In the spirit of 'The Last Picture Show' and 'Giant,' I'm excited to bring a piece

of mythic Texas to the big screen," said filmmaker Ty Roberts. "With the support of audiences who appreciate a slice of Texas infused Americana, I hope our grassroots theatrical release will make a successful road trip across America. I'm proud to finally bring this beloved and vital novel about love and life in the oilfields to audiences. See **MOVIE**, Page 3A

Legendary local broadcaster, Colorado City mayor, dies at 82



Jim Baum, Colorado City's longest-serving mayor, and well-known radio personality both in Colorado City and Big Spring, shown here, died Dec. 16 at the age of 82.

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

The funeral for longtime Colorado City mayor and radio personality Jim Baum, a former Big Spring resident, was held Saturday morning at First Methodist Church in Colorado City. Baum died Sunday, Dec. 16, at the age of 82.

Jim Baum and just loved him. He was clever, he was funny, and he really made a name for himself here. Even though the relationship between the two men was often competitive, it was always one of respect, said Smith. "We competed. Jim and I competed. When I came back after graduate school, I came back to KBST, and by that time, Jim had gone to KBYG. They offered him a little bit of the ownership, and he worked there. And then he had the chance to buy the Colorado City radio station, so he bought it, and he finally got it paid for. We'd both get up early, and we'd both go to the radio station, or I'd go to my studio, and every once in a while, he'd call me or I'd call him, and we had some wonderful early morning conversations," Smith said. "When we were competing against each other, it was extremely honorable. We both liked each other and

Big Spring's Tumbleweed Smith, a friend and colleague of Baum, reminisced on the life of his old chum. "He's my best broadcast buddy," Smith said. "When I left to go to graduate school in '64, I was working at KBST as news director, and Jim came and took my place. He became extremely popular here, my goodness. Everybody knew

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Soar with Silver Wings



State Sen. Kel Seliger converses with other guests at the silent auction tables during a previous year's Silver Wings Ball at the Hotel Settles. The annual event raises funds for the Hangar 25 Air Museum here in Big Spring. The Silver Wings Ball is scheduled this year on Jan. 26, and will again be held at the Hotel Settles. For more information call the Hangar 25 Air Museum at 432-264-1999.

By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer
 Are you ready soar into a night of music and laughter, and indulge in a five course meal? Then you're in luck, because it's time for the Hangar 25 Air Museum's annual Silver Wings Ball at the Settles Hotel come Jan. 26. This annual donation ball is held once a year in order to raise money for the Hangar 25 Air Museum. "Since the museum is a non-profit organization, we use this ball as an opportunity to raise funds to support the museum for a whole year," said Amber Stokes, Museum Administrator. "This year will be the 21st Annual Silver Wings Ball." Stokes stated that the Silver Wings Ball is a really good time for the guests, while supporting a great cause. "This year, you can expect more of the same as last year," said Stokes. "A cash bar, live music, a five-course meal provided by the Hotel Settles, a live and silent auction, which in previous auctions has been known to include

City offices to close

Special to the Herald
City Offices
 The City of Big Spring will close all offices at 3 p.m. on Friday, December 21, 2018, to begin the Christmas holidays. All offices will remain

closed on Monday, December 24, and Tuesday, December 25. The Landfill will open Wednesday, December 26, 2018, at 8 a.m.
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Federal shutdown begins after lawmakers fail to reach deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — A partial federal shutdown took hold early Saturday after Democrats refused to meet President Donald Trump's demands for \$5 billion to start erecting his cherished Mexican border wall, a chaotic postscript for Republicans in the waning days of their two-year reign controlling government. Vice President Mike Pence, Trump son-in-law and senior adviser Jared Kushner and White House budget chief Mick Mulvaney left the Capitol late Friday after hours of bargaining with congressional leaders produced no apparent compromise. "We don't have a deal. We're still talking," Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby, R-Ala., told

reporters. Late Friday, Mulvaney sent agency heads a memorandum telling them to "execute plans for an orderly shutdown." He wrote that administration officials were "hopeful that this lapse in appropriations will be of short duration" — an expectation that was widely shared. With negotiations expected to continue, the House and Senate both scheduled rare Saturday sessions. House members were told they'd get 24 hours' notice before a vote. The gridlock blocks money for nine of 15 Cabinet-level departments and dozens of agencies, including the departments of Homeland Security, Transportation, Interior, Agriculture, State and Justice.

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Obituaries

Gary "Dodo" Phillips



Gary "Dodo" Phillips, 71, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2018, at First Baptist Church with Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church and Mike Moates, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Gary was born Oct. 1, 1947, in Lampasas, Texas to Mildred Joyce Reagor Phillips and Billy Lewis Phillips. He married Karan Miller on Oct. 5, 1968, in Big Spring.

Gary is survived by his wife, Karan of Big Spring; one son, Jason Phillips and his wife Lauri of Forsan; one daughter, Brittney Smith and her husband

Morris of San Angelo; two granddaughters, Kendall Phillips and Reagan Phillips, both of Forsan; one grandson, Jady Phillips of San Angelo; mother, Joyce Davidson of Big Spring; three sisters, Nancy Ward of Colorado City, Cindy Graves and her husband Glenn of Big Spring, and Vicki Scott of Andrews; one brother, Rusty Phillips and his wife Mona of Big Spring; sister-in-law, Evie Batchelor of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

Gary was preceded in death by his father, Billy Lewis Phillips; step-father, Ray Davidson; one brother, Terry Phillips and two nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the Gary "Dodo" Phillips Athletic Memorial Scholarship Fund at Forsan.

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

Adriane Denise "GiJo" Creekmore



Adriane Denise "GiJo" Creekmore, died Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Adriane was born March 2, 1964, in Big Spring and lived here all her life. She was a graduate of Coahoma High School and graduated from Howard County Junior College as a Registered Nurse. After graduation she worked at the Big Spring State Hospital.

Adriane is survived by two sons; Michael Shane Martinez of Kerrville and Aaron Kyle Martinez and his wife Megan, all of Big Spring, one daughter, Devyn Elyse Jackman of Big Spring, her mother: Beverly "Gigi" Averitt of Big Spring, her father, Earl King and his wife Dee Dee of Coahoma, three brothers, Robert Brewer and his wife Kim of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Rocky King and his wife Jennifer of Sequin and Luke King and his wife Sandy of Longview, one sister, Tracy Sousa of Pensacola, Florida; seven grandchildren.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DARIUS REED**, 39, of 1901 S Monticello St., was arrested on a warrant of theft of service in between \$100 to \$750.

- **HUMBERTO BARRETO JR.**, 19, of 708 Ohio St., was arrested on a warrant of burglary of building.

- **CHANCE MICHAEL EDWARDS**, 21, of 5509 Longshore

Dr., was arrested on warrants of two counts of failed to maintain financial responsibility, driving while license invalid.

- **ARTURO ZAVALA BARRIGA**, 41, of 1008 S Nolan, was arrested on a charge of display/possess altered operator/drivers license.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80, and in the 500 block of Westover Rd.

- **THEFT OF FIREARM** was

reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported on 3rd and Scurry, and in the 1700 block of E FM 700.

- **RUNAWAY** was reported in the 1200 block of Mulberry Ave.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3300 block of Bryant Rd.

- **FOLLOW UP REPORT** was reported on Stallings Ranch.

Take Note

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home.

We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

- 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 in 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 will meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 pm. at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 Scurry, 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.

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- 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.

THURSDAY

- 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.



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Parkview claims gingerbread honors



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Parkplace Retirement Living took home the big prize in the Heritage Museum of Big Spring's 2018 Gingerbread House Contest. The retirement home's gingerbread house, shown here, received the most votes from visitors to the museum and was awarded the People's Choice award Thursday.

"Ever single entry was amazing, the votes were extremely close," said Museum Director Tammy Schreengost. "This is just something for the community to get together to enjoy, and bring the Christmas season out in them." The last day to check out Parkview's Gingerbread house, along with the other entries, will be Saturday, Dec. 22 by 4 p.m.

MOVIE

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'The Iron Orchard' is not only a love letter to West Texas, but a cautionary tale about ambition and enterprise which feels as pertinent today as it was in post-World War II America."

The Feb. 22 opening date is limited to locations in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and the Midland/Odessa area. It's unknown thus far whether Big Spring is on the list. New York, Los Angeles, and "...additional markets across the state of Texas..." March 1, and then continue to roll out across the United States through March and April.

Said producer Houston Hill: "Starting in Texas, where the oil business is built into the fabric of almost every community there, just makes the most sense for us. Our goal is to follow the successful model created by faith based films but instead of churches, we're focusing on the support from the other religion in Texas: petroleum companies."

Major portions of the film were filmed in and around Big Spring, notably at the re-

stored Hotel Settles.

Executive producer Greg McCabe added: "The Texas oil community has been waiting a long time for this iconic book to make its way to the big screen. I couldn't pass up an opportunity to work with a passionate filmmaker like Ty Roberts, who did an absolute superb job of capturing on film the heartache and the exhilaration of our industry."

"The Iron Orchard" is the story of Jim McNeely (Lane Garrison), a young man thrust into the vibrant and brutal West Texas oilfields in 1939. In a state gushing with oil and filled with ambition, McNeely settles into a small-town community that is slowly overcoming the trauma of the Great Depression. The path before him is riddled with formidable obstacles - overbearing bosses who try to keep him down, powerful oilmen who are reluctant to invest in a fresh face, and women who see salvation in his charms - but he finds a glimmer of hope with his first loves: new wife Lee Montgomery (Ali Cobrin) and drilling for oil. With everything falling into place to ascend to the top of the oil chain, Mc-

Neely stumbles upwards through his success and in turn jeopardizes his desperate longing to conquer this brave new world of influence and wealth.

Based on Tom Pendleton's 1966 salacious novel of the same name, "The Iron Orchard" harkens back to a time of unfulfilled dreams and tarnished spirits that would either break men unworthy of admiration or shower them with riches.

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BAUM

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respected each other. Our kids grew up together and are life-long friends today. I remember, we were both on a news story one time, and KBST didn't have a remote telephone at that time, but KBYG did. So I was sitting in Jim's car after talking to the policeman and everything, and Jim said, "Bob (Tumbleweed), you want to borrow my phone to call in your story?" That was a big deal. That kind of illustrates the closeness we had in our competition."

Baum's career led him into the realm of politics. Not only was he the longest-serving mayor of Colorado City, he ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 1978 against a field of a dozen candidates.

"He ran for Congress, and he went against (Charles) Stenholm," Smith said. "There were 12 people running,

and Jim came in third. Stenholm said that if he weren't running, he would have voted for Jim Baum. Jim has been mayor of Colorado City for, I think, 21 years. Longer than anyone else."

Before all that, baseball figured big in Baum's life as a player in the farm league for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"Jim was a professional ball player for a while," Smith said. "And he was a great collector of baseball cards. He had thousands of them. He was always proud of the fact he played baseball, but he wasn't too proud of the fact he didn't continue with it. But he was the best sportscaster I've ever heard, I think. He was wonderful at doing that. When he was playing pro-ball, he was the catcher, and he would call the plays, he would mouth the ballgame while he was catching a game. He really had a good time doing anything at all like broadcasting. Jim spent most of his life, really, in Colorado City

especially, at the radio station. I don't think he ever took a vacation. He was always there."

Born in Des Moines, Iowa, to James Leroy and Edith Maureen Van Buskirk Baum on Sept. 25, 1936, Baum graduated from high-school in 1954 in Abilene. He spent a couple of years in the National Guard after he had graduated, serving his country and doing his part.

He married his first wife, Margaret Stewart, on May 14, 1960. Together, they had four children and spent 30 years married, until her passing in 1990. After that, Jim met his second wife, Linda Sample, whom he married Feb. 14, 1992.

Baum is survived by his wife Linda Baum of Colorado City; his three sons, Jim S. Baum of Andrews, Bill Baum and wife Sharon of Lindale, and Doug Baum and wife Trish of Valley Mills; by his daughter Laura White and husband Craig Albuquerque, N.M.; and by eight grandchildren.

confessed to Houston detectives who traveled to a Los Angeles County jail to question him about the September disappearance of the two.

He was charged Tuesday in Houston with capital murder in the deaths of Dina Escobar and her brother, Rogelio Escobar, whose bodies

have not been found.

Authorities say Ramon Escobar was questioned at the time and shortly after fled to California, where they say he began a string of attacks on at least seven men, most of them homeless. Four died.

Online jail records don't indicate whether he has an attorney.

CLOSURES

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close on Monday, December 24, and Tuesday, December 25; there will be no sanitation on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, or on Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25. Sanitation Service will begin on Wednesday, December 26. Please be patient until all routes are serviced.

Golf Course

The Golf Course will be close the entire day on Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, 2018.

Emergency Services

Emergency Services (Police, Fire, and EMS) will continue normal operation throughout the holidays.

Emergency Utilities Services

Emergency Utilities Services will be on call and can be contacted at 264-2392.

Happy Holidays from The City of Big Spring and remember, "If you drink, please don't drive."

BALL

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signed sports memorabilia and donations from local businesses such as Elrod's Furniture."

The largest fundraiser for the Hangar 25, the Silver Wings Ball will be held at the Hotel Settles, and the dress is formal/Texas formal wear.

"We want the community to come hang out, and bring awareness to preserving the history of the Museum," said Stokes. "The Hangar is a big part of Big Spring's history and an important part of the community."

To purchase your tickets early, or for more information, contact Hangar 25 Air Museum at 432-264-1999.

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

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Felipe "Israel" O'Guin, 20, died Sunday. A memorial service will be at 6 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Nease Crosby, 59, died Wednesday. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, 2018, at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Lamesa.

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Police: California murder suspect admits to 2 Texas slayings

HOUSTON (AP) — Authorities say a 47-year-old man who's suspected in a string of deadly beatings of mostly homeless victims in the Los Angeles area has confessed to killing his aunt and uncle in Houston.

Houston police said in a statement Friday that Ramon Alberto Escobar

Opinion

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Harry carves manger scenes

Harry Seurkamp of Whitney enjoys his hobby of woodcarving.

"It's very satisfying and very stress-relieving," he says. "I do enter competition and go to various shows. Sometimes people come up and say they'd love to learn how to do this. They ask me about tools. If they look like they're interested, I loan them 3 basic tools, a safety glove to keep from cutting themselves, and a leather strap like the old barbers used to use to sharpen their straight razors. I then give them a little book I wrote on how to carve various things."

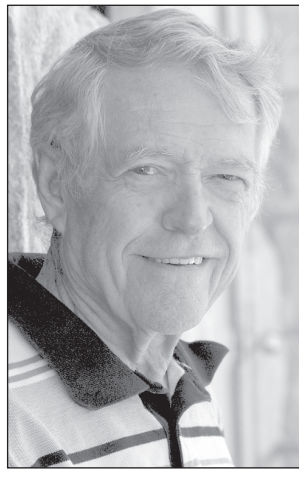
He lets the people keep the tools, glove and strap for 6 months.

"If they enjoy carving, I'll tell them where they can buy the tools. If they don't enjoy the carving or can't handle it, they give the tools back to me and they're not out any money."

Harry's house is in a planned community on the outskirts of

Whitney.

"The house is designed around my shop. I drew the plans and gave them to the architect and he pretty well followed them. It works great. I can enter the



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workshop from my office. I have air ducts and blowers to get the dust outside so it never gets in the house. I spend a lot of time in my workshop and have some wonderful equipment I've bought over the years. When I'm not carving I'm reading about carving. I have a large library of woodcarving books and magazines."

He is a member of the Texas Woodcarvers Guild that has a two-day show in Cleburne every April. There are also 5 days of teaching woodcarving to anyone who wants to learn. Most of them are older. He wishes more young people would find the hobby interesting but says most of them are electronic minded.

He carves manger scenes.

"I have 15 students that I teach in our community. We have a church here called White Bluff Chapel. We had a Christmas Eve service one evening and there was no manger scene. So the following Christmas Eve I presented the congregation with a manger scene with Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus and promised them that I would give them a piece every year to add to this. At his point we have two shepherds, a cow, a donkey, the 3 Kings, the 3 gifts and 3 large camels. The camels were challenging. I have one that's standing, one that's semi-reclining and one fully reclining. I gave each of my students the opportunity to carve a sheep, so they have a hand in this, too. There's probably about 52 pieces in there right now."

The manger scene is on a 6-foot table. He made a stable with Veltro so all he has to do to put it up is snap the pieces together.

Harry is a retired druggist who was at a crafts show and saw some woodcarvers.

"They looked so contented, just carving some really beautiful pieces that looked like they belonged in a museum or gallery. I stood there a long time admiring their work and asking questions."



Uncle Mort: Go Fund Me

I don't think he's avoiding thoughts about the true meaning of Christmas, but his mind seems to wander off into the tall weeds about gifts that might be coming his way," said Aunt Maude," who has been "hitched" to Uncle Mort for more than 80 years.

He prefers that others experience the true "joy of giving," and then tell him about it. Mort thinks their blessings might rub off on him.

Truth to tell, Maude is content to "let him be," not unlike letting "sleeping dogs lie." She has been "kitchen busy" for days, lining tables and counters with baked goods and candies. Thus, his absence has been helpful as she prepares for the throng of kinfolks who "come early and stay late."

What Maude doesn't know is that Mort is using his quiet time figuring out how he can divert some of the cash generated by one of the Internet's popular fund-raising programs called "Go Fund Me."

He heard down at the general store about the growing popularity of this program that allows potential donors to help meet emergency needs of individuals and ongoing charitable causes.

The "me" part of the name snared Mort's attention. "People are using 'Go Fund Me' to solicit money in their honor on birthdays, suggesting that in lieu of gifts, money should be sent

to their favorite charities and causes," Mort said.

Mort immediately started thinking about how "Go Fund Me" might line his own pockets, not only on his REAL birthday, but fake ones monthly throughout the year. At age 106, he thinks there'll be enough friends who'd cough up shekels regularly for his many causes, some of which he hasn't even thought of yet. He dreamed about how this somehow could become "Go Fund Mort" instead of "Go Fund Me."

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One of his neighbors in the thicket commented, "Mort's thinking is usually outside the box, and barely stays inside the warehouse. He has more ideas in a day than some people do in a lifetime. One day, some of 'em may turn out to be good!"

Another description that aptly fits my old uncle comes straight from "Bernie," the hit movie starring Jack Black and featuring top Hollywood screenwriters. In one scene, Jack (undertaker Bernie Tiede) asks a chainsaw sculptor how he creates his art. The answer: "I just wake up in the morning with an idea, and cut away everything that ain't that idea." Now that's Mort, to a "T."

My uncle is amazed at birthday appeals from people whose names he can't remember, spell or even recognize. Some he may

have met in passing, or shooed away from his door when they tried to sell him magazine subscriptions.

"There they are on 'Go Fund Me,' asking me to send money in their honor to favorite causes in lieu of birthday gifts," Mort said. "Most of these people I don't even send birthday cards, much less gifts."

Maybe that's what triggered his creative juices this time. He figures if lots of people read his "Go Fund Me" appeals, some of them will open their pocketbooks.

It's too early to tell if Mort's new project will "take wing." The hundreds of cockamamie ideas he typically trots out haven't. He admits that there is much yet to be refined.

I'm the first to go "thumbs down" on his thoughts about cash given in his honor won't fly. I mean some of his friends (?) won't see reason to send money to honor Mort on groundhog day, the beginning of dove season, the income tax deadline, or.... I'm just glad that his projects keep him ticking. Maude welcomes his preoccupations. They keep him out of the kitchen.

Thanks for reading my random thoughts this year! We'll try harder as year number 17 of syndication in some 200 newspapers starts come April. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

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DAILY PRAYER

A little prayer, Lord, can mend problems and resolve issues.
Amen.

Check it out at the Howard County Library

From all of us at the library, we wish everyone happy holidays. The library will be closed Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25, but we will reopen Wednesday, December 26. Children's programming, Baby Time and Storytime, will not be meeting for the next two weeks and will resume January 8 for Baby Time and January 9 for Storytime.

This week's reviews are all westerns.

In **"Thunderhead Range" (LP W BOW S)** by Sam Bowie, the townspeople of Climax had known Dale Thorne as a kid. A nice man, they said, but soft. When sadistic King Parson married Dale's widowed mother, he took control of the million-acre Thunderhead spread and drove his wife into an early grave.

Dale vowed vengeance and rode out. Three years later he returned, tough as rawhide and ready to match his skills as a gunfighter against Parson's army of outlaws. And so the ground was cleared for a brutal showdown.

Late one warm January afternoon, nine strangers rode into the town of Florence, Arizona in **"Nine Must Die" (LP W WEL L)** by Lee E. Wells. They had traveled many miles through dangerous Apache country, looking for a place to settle and start a new life. The choice of Florence was the worst mistake any of them had

ever made.

For there was one man who, as he watched them ride into town, had decided to kill each and every one of them. A most respected citizen of Florence, he was a man who for many years had been harboring a secret grudge which only the deaths of these nine would erase and this made him one of the most dangerous killers the West had ever known.

Saddle tramp Sam MacKinnon is in trouble in **"MacKinnon" (LP W BOG J)** by Jonny D. Boggs. Double-crossed by his partners after robbing a saloon and gambling hall, MacKinnon has been left behind in the mountains of southern New Mexico with busted ribs, a banged-up head, no gun, and no horse. Aging lawman Nelson Bookbinder and his Mescalero Apache scout, Nikita, are leading a small posse hot in pursuit of the bandits.

Miraculously, MacKinnon escapes the law, finds his horse and rifle, and, despite his injuries, sets out on the vengeance trail. Miles away in the desert furnace between Ruidoso and Roswell, nineteen-year-old Ka-

tie Callahan has trouble of her own. Her mother has died of tuberculosis, and her worthless stepfather has abandoned the family, leaving Katie with her younger sister and five-year-old half-brother, a busted wagon, a blind mule, little water and food, and her mother's body that needs to be buried. When the wounded MacKinnon rides into that camp, he's faced with a choice. Fate, however, has a few surprises in mind for the saddle tramp, the young woman, MacKinnon's partners, and even that aging New Mexico lawman.

Warner Grayson is in a marrying mood, but Laura Pico is not going to make it easy for him.

In **"Mexican Standoff" (LP W TIP G)** by Giles Tippet, Warner has just proposed to his feisty partner, Laura, when all hell breaks loose. The beautiful widow Pico shoots down his romantic style and a telegram from the huge Justa Williams ranch arrives with an offer that grabs Warner's attention: a trip to Mexico to check out some high-priced Arabian breeding stock. That should give Laura time to cool off and consider his proposal.



Sandra Verdin

What'sinaMeme?

By ANNA SCOTT

Definitions:

meme (meem) – a humorous image, video, piece of text, etc., that is copied (often with slight variations) and spread rapidly by Internet users

subscriber – on YouTube, a viewer that clicks a YouTube channel's "SUBSCRIBE" button, main way to show support for a YouTube channel and allows the subscribers to be notified of new videos from the channels they are subscribed to, free to the viewer and provides no monetary compensation to the channel

channel – on YouTube, serves as a YouTube user's homepage and platform for their video content they have uploaded to YouTube, can be owned and operated by a person or a business

diss track – a song intended to verbally attack someone else (short for disrespect track)

The Internet has its own rules and culture. Memes are a large part of that culture and spread across the Internet like a sniffle at a daycare facility. For the most part, memes are enjoyed by younger folks that have time to waste on the Internet. That's also part of the reason why they spread so quickly.

Welcome to "What's in a Meme?" This weekly article will try to help guide you through Internet culture and memes. The goal is to keep you updated on what your younger relatives or friends are talking about.

This week's focus is on a crazy chain of events happening on YouTube that is having an impact on the real world.

YouTube is a popular site online that started out as the hub for funny cat videos. Over the years, a new culture developed. YouTube wasn't just for cat videos. People were creating channels dedicated to just about every hobby and sharing their passion with their viewers. If the viewers like the content or the owner of the channel enough, they can click on the "Subscribe" button on their channel to show support and stay up to date with their posts. Like many other sites online, YouTube is free to use and you can post videos for the world to see. This has led to a global

community on YouTube (except North Korea, they're a little resistant to most things global).

For the last five years, one channel has held the title as being the most subscribed to channel on YouTube. That channel is run by a 29-year-old Swedish man that's engaged to an Italian woman and they both live in the UK where he produces comedy videos in English. If that's not enough, he also has received major backlash from the Washington Post. That channel is called PewDiePie. His reign as most subscribed to channel on the site is being threatened by India's largest music label and music video production channel: T-Series.

PewDiePie casually mentioned the upcoming channel in a video before kind of ignoring it. However, the rest of the YouTube community wouldn't stand for a new king and began bringing light to the issue. Thus, the "Subscribe to PewDiePie" meme was born.

One YouTuber by the name of MrBeast paid for advertisements on the radio, in bathrooms, and across all of the billboards in Greenville, North Carolina, encouraging people to subscribe to PewDiePie. Proof of this financial feat?

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DPS: pack safety on your holiday road trip

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is encouraging drivers to pack safety on their holiday road trips by staying sober and following traffic laws throughout the Christmas and New Year's holidays. In an effort to increase safety on Texas roadways, DPS Troopers will conduct traffic patrols throughout the holiday weekends — Dec. 23-26 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1 — looking for drunk drivers, speeders, seat belt violators and other dangerous drivers. Many local law enforcement agencies will also increase enforcement efforts over the holidays.

"The holidays are a wonderful time of year, and it's up to each and every Texan to be responsible behind the wheel so that everyone makes it home safely to their family during the holidays," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Along with other law enforcement partners across the state, DPS will be out in force to identify and remove dangerous drivers from Texas roadways this holiday season."

During the Christmas/New Year holiday enforcement effort last year, DPS Troopers issued more than 86,000 citations

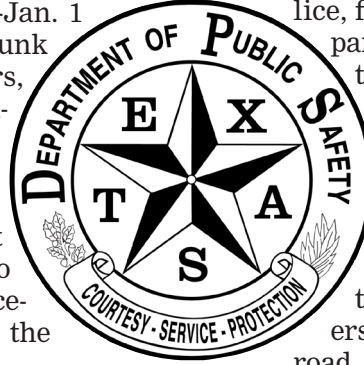
and warnings for a variety of violations, including speeding, no insurance and seat belt/child safety seat usage. DPS enforcement efforts also resulted in 400 DWI arrests, 359 fugitive arrests and 277 felony arrests.

DPS wants to remind all Texans it is everyone's responsibility to help protect those working on the side of the road this holiday season by following the law: Move over or slow down for police, fire, EMS, Texas Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated. Also, show the same courtesy to fellow drivers stopped along the road.

Winter weather threats may also be a factor during holiday travel. Texans can prepare their vehicles for winter by checking the battery, windshield wipers (including appropriate freeze resistant-fluid), tire pressure, tire tread and fluid levels, as well as taking time to lubricate door and trunk locks to prevent freezing. Additional tips to prepare for winter weather can be found on the DPS website.

DPS offers the following additional tips for safe travel during the holidays:

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TxDOT seeking public input on future of rail in Texas

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Transportation is seeking public input on an update to the Texas Rail Plan, which includes a list of current and future rail projects that the public will have the opportunity to learn about and submit comments. The plan also keeps inventory of all rail lines; analyzes rail service goals and contributions to the economy; catalogs and assesses potential infrastructure projects; and examines finance strategies for projects and services.

The public can review and provide input on the plan via the online meeting. There also is a survey and online form to submit public comments until Jan. 8, 2019. These options provide an opportunity for the public to comment on all rail-related issues in Texas, both freight and passenger, as well as existing and future projects and programs.

The rail system is a critical component of our thriving economy, safely connecting industries, ports and people. Per federal requirements, states must have a state rail plan that is updated every four years to establish policy, priorities and implementation strategies for freight and passenger rail in the state.

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New asylum policy could invite more illegal border crossings



AP photo

Migrants wait for a chance to request U.S. asylum, alongside the El Chaparral pedestrian border crossing in Tijuana, Mexico, Friday, Dec. 21, 2018.

By **MOISES CASTILLO** and **ELLIOT SPAGAT**

Associated Press
TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — The Trump administration's decision to make asylum seekers wait in Mexico while their cases wind through clogged U.S. courts was made with crucial details still unknown — a move that creates uncertainty along the border and possibly an incentive for people to cross illegally before the change take effect.

The change amounts to a major shift in immigration policy, forcing thousands of asylum seekers to stay in Mexico in dangerous border cities as they navigate the American immigration court system.

On Friday, little had changed at Mexico's busiest U.S. border cross-

ing, where Mauricio Gomez of Nicaragua joined about 150 others to learn if his name would be called to claim asylum.

"We are aware of the news, but nothing has happened so far," said Gomez, 41, who hoped to join a cousin in Nebraska. "We don't know when they are going to implement it."

Details were missing when the U.S. announced the policy Thursday in response to a large and growing number of Central American asylum seekers, many of them families, who are typically released in the United States while their cases are adjudicated, a process that can take years. The process at the border remains status quo until specific new procedures are put in place.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said that the next step was "more legal paperwork" with Mexico.

"So, we'll work on a technical agreement with them, but we have our teams working on that now," she told Fox News on Friday.

The U.S. characterized the policy as a unilateral move, but Mexico almost simultaneously said it would grant foreigners permission to stay in the country while their asylum claims

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Trump signs sweeping criminal justice bill



AP photo

President Donald Trump speaks during a signing ceremony for criminal justice reform legislation in the Oval Office of the White House, Friday, Dec. 21, 2018, in Washington.

WASHINGTON — With a government shutdown just hours away, President Donald Trump on Friday signed rare bipartisan legislation addressing concerns with the criminal justice system.

Trump called the bill "an incredible success for our country" and "beyond bipartisan" during an Oval Office signing ceremony.

Lawmakers and advocates also hailed it as a hugely influential package and thanked the president for supporting the issue.

The legislation will give judges more discretion when sentencing some drug offenders and will boost prisoner rehabilitation efforts, among other efforts.

It received the rare support of both Demo-

cratic and Republican lawmakers as well as conservative and liberal groups that rarely work together.

Playing a key role behind the scenes was Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser Jared Kushner, whose father spent time in federal prison when he was younger.

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There's a video titled "I Bought Every Billboard In My City For This" on his YouTube channel. MrBeast took to his YouTube channel again a few weeks after the billboard extravaganza and created a 12-hour long video repeating "PewDiePie" 100,000 times to "scare off T-Series." These two videos were crazy enough that everyone else decided to join in.

Small and large channels across YouTube were posting videos to remind people to "Subscribe to PewDiePie." The efforts were enough to keep PewDiePie above his competition for a whole month before T-Series began gaining ground again.

On December 2, 2018, T-Series closed the gap to 15,000 subscribers only for Twitter to explode in support of PewDiePie. YouTuber jacksepticeye in his Tweet used the "Roses are red" poem template to call on his followers to support PewDiePie. Other accounts that aren't related to YouTubers created similar tweets to spread the message. Subscribe to PewDiePie.

However crazy all of this might sound, it's not as far as what one Twitter user by the name @HackerGiraffe went. For a little preview and solid summary of his advertisement for PewDiePie, here's the title of the Register's online article: "Giraffe Hacks Printers Worldwide to Promote God-awful YouTuber." That's honestly one of my favorite things to happen in 2018. Other online sites like Wired and Forbes referred to the mass printer hacking as "PewDiePie Propaganda" in the title of their articles.

After all of this leg work, the difference between the two channels went from 15,000 subscribers to a hefty 500,000 subscribers in PewDiePie's favor. Don't worry, PewDiePie was also milking the "Subscribe to PewDiePie" trend and released not only a diss track but a whopping thirteen videos centered on the struggle he's having with T-Series gaining subscribers and potentially overthrowing him as king (as of Thursday, but there's probably fresh ones out by the time of print). His latest video is titled "DON'T Subscribe to Pewdiepie" and encourages his viewers to watch and potentially subscribe to a list of 28 smaller (less than one million subscribers) channels.

What has T-Series been doing about all of this? Nothing. They've just been posting music videos like normal. Good ol' T-Series. The president of T-Series did admit in an interview that they would take great pride in having an Indian channel the most subscribed to channel on YouTube, but they, as a company, have made no move to further or engage with this meme.

In the end, PewDiePie has directed the surge of attention from the meme to help raise money for "Child Rights and You," a nonprofit organization aimed at restoring children's rights with an emphasis on India. In one of his latest videos regarding T-Series, PewDiePie says, "I don't care if T-Series passes me, but this is all too fun. I don't remember the last time I had this much fun on YouTube."

"Subscribe to PewDiePie" is all about the fun and community. So get out there, and subscribe to PewDiePie!

Arrington supports spending measure with border wall funding

Special to the Herald

WASHINGTON — Today, Congressman Jodey Arrington (TX19) released the following statement after the House passed a short-term spending bill that included \$5.7 billion for border security and \$7.8 billion for disaster relief.

"We have a national security crisis in our country, and our Commander-in-Chief has asked for the necessary resources to defend our sovereign borders and protect our citizens and communities," said Arrington.

"I am proud to stand with him in his efforts to secure the border and stop illegal immigration by voting to give him the fund-

ing he requested for the border wall and other physical barriers.

"There is no country without borders; there is no freedom without security; and the first and most important job of the federal government is to keep the American people safe."

Congressman Jodey Arrington is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives serving the Nineteenth Congressional District of Texas. He serves as a member of the House Agriculture Committee, House Budget Committee, Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform, and Chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.



Congressman Jodey Arrington

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- Do not drink and drive. Make alternate travel plans if you are consuming alcohol.
- Slow down — especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.
- Eliminate distractions while driving, including the use of mobile devices. Texas law prohibits using a portable wireless device to read, write or send an electronic message unless the vehicle is stopped.
- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle — it's the law.
- Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

• Don't drive fatigued — allow plenty of time to reach your destination.

• If you see a road hazard or if you observe anything suspicious, report it to the nearest law enforcement agency.

• On multi-lane roadways, use the left lane for passing only. Not only is it courteous driving and avoids impeding traffic, Texas law requires slower

traffic to keep to the right and to only use the left lane for passing (when posted).

• Before your trip begins, make sure your vehicle is properly maintained and always double check to make sure all cargo is secure.

• Monitor weather and road conditions wherever you are traveling.

For road conditions/closings in Texas, visit <https://drivetexas.org>.

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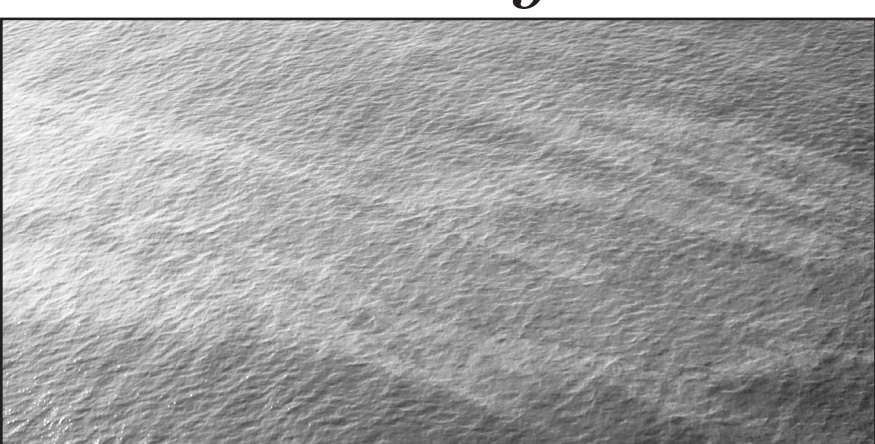
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Company sues to block order to contain 14-year-old oil leak



AP photo
This March 31, 2015, file photo shows an oil sheen drifting from the site of the former Taylor Energy oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico, off the coast of Louisiana.

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN

Associated Press
The company that has failed to end a 14-year-old oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico is suing to challenge a Coast Guard official's order to design and install a new containment system to capture and remove the crude before it forms slicks that often stretch for miles.

The federal lawsuit that Taylor Energy Co. filed Thursday in New Orleans asks the court to throw out Coast Guard Capt. Kristi Luttrell's Oct. 23 administrative order. The company faces daily civil penalties of up to \$40,000 if it fails to comply with the order.

Luttrell issued it one day after the Washington Post published a front-page story about the leak off Louisiana's coast. The story included a new estimate that approximately 10,500 to 29,400 gallons (39,747 to 111,291 liters) of oil is leaking daily from the site where a Taylor Energy-owned platform toppled during Hurricane Ivan in 2004.

That estimate, contained in a report that the federal government commissioned from a Florida State University researcher, is much higher than previous government estimates and dwarfs the company's own assessment of the leak's volume.

"The Coast Guard's actions were an abrupt departure from the well-verified scientific conclusions in the record and were taken in response to adverse publicity, rather than in response to any imminent and substantial threat to the public health or welfare," the suit says.

A Coast Guard public affairs official, Chief Petty Officer Lauren Jorgensen, released a statement saying, "The Coast Guard is aware of the complaint Taylor Energy Corporation filed today and will respond accordingly. Our immediate focus remains on swift containment of the ongoing oil discharge, and we are continuing on with our plans."

The New Orleans-based company's suit claims Luttrell has "repeatedly engaged in actions that are arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion and contrary to law."

"Indeed, Taylor Energy fears that her actions may cause an environmental catastrophe," it adds.

Taylor Energy has argued that performing more work out at the leak site could be dangerous and cause more environmental harm than good. The underwater mudslide that wrecked Taylor Energy's platform during Hurricane Ivan also buried a cluster of oil wells under mounds of treacherous sediment, preventing the company from employing traditional techniques to plug them.

Taylor Energy plugged nine wells, leaving 16 unplugged. Federal regulators believe oil and gas is leaking from at least one unplugged well. They have warned that the leak could last a century or longer if left unchecked.

The company has insisted there is no evidence any wells are still leaking. It claims residual oil is oozing from sediment on the seafloor. And, in a court filing several years ago, Taylor Energy said experts concluded in 2014 that the sheens contained an average volume of less than 4 gallons per day.

But a 2015 investigation by The Associated Press revealed evidence that the leak is worse than the company, or government, had publicly reported during their secretive response. Presented with AP's findings that year, the Coast Guard provided a new leak estimate that was about 20 times larger than the company's estimate.

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are considered in the U.S. and that they could seek work authorization. The two governments have been in discussions for months and the timing of the twin announcements suggested a high level of cooperation and coordination.

A Homeland Security official, speaking to reporters Thursday on condition of anonymity, said some details were expected in the coming days and that the policy would be rolled out in phases at different locations on the border. The U.S. said the policy will not apply to children traveling alone or to Mexican asylum seekers.

The mechanics may be complicated: Where

will immigration hearings be held and how will asylum seekers get there? How will they communicate with attorneys? How will they be returned to Mexico?

Details about implementation and "the circumstances in which people will be shuttled back and forth across the border are not at all clear," said Alan Bersin, a former Customs and Border Protection commissioner who helped negotiate repatriation agreements with Mexico as a senior Homeland Security official under President Barack Obama.

Government protocols are meant to establish uniform guidelines "rather than leave it up to the operators in the field to make it up as they go along," Bersin said.

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

By The Associated Press

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

THE CLAIM: "Three Muslim congresswomen just refused" to sign the oath of office to uphold the U.S. Constitution.

THE FACTS: The false social media post states that anyone who refuses to take an oath of office to uphold the U.S. Constitution should be disqualified from serving and claimed that "three Muslim congresswomen" had refused. There are not three Muslim congresswomen. In the November midterm elections, Rep.-elects Ilhan Omar, a Minnesota Democrat, and Rashida Tlaib, a Michigan Democrat, became the first Muslim women elected to Congress. Representatives for both Omar and Tlaib called claims that they were refusing to take the oath "categorically false." The swearing in ceremony for new members of Congress will be Jan. 3.

CLAIM: "NO CHRISTMAS TREES DEARBORN CANCELLED ALL XMAS PERMITS"

THE FACTS: Christmas merchandise is on sale in Dearborn, Michigan, despite a post circulating on social media that states such sales are no longer permitted. Mary Laundroche, Dearborn's director of public information, confirmed that the city has no restrictions on the sale of Christmas items. Dearborn, a Detroit suburb, is home to the largest mosque in North America and has one of the largest Arab-American populations. Dawud Walid, executive director of the Michigan Chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, said the false claims are an attempt to spread fear around Muslims. But Jackie Lovejoy, president of the Dearborn Area Chamber of Commerce, said Christmas cheer in the city remains undiminished: "We are dressed for the holidays."

THE CLAIM: "Snapchat filters are a facial recognition database created by the FBI."

THE FACTS: The claim circulating on social media points users to "patent US9396354" as proof of the statement. A Snapchat spokeswoman said the information is inaccurate. She said the patented technology referred

to in the post is not used in any Snapchat feature. Snapchat "lenses," which the post calls "filters," allow users on the mobile messaging app to alter faces in photos to manipulate the way they look. She said this feature relies on tracking technology, not facial recognition. Clare Garvie, senior associate at the Center on Privacy and Technology at Georgetown Law Center, confirmed that Snapchat uses feature detection. She noted that use of the process is not unique to Snapchat. For example, the international beauty chain Sephora uses a similar feature to show customers how makeup products would look on their face.

THE CLAIM: "13,506 Marines have applied for Whitehouse Duty(sic) since the inauguration of President Trump. In the previous eight years, no Marines volunteered for this duty, they had to be 'assigned.' Speaks volumes."

THE FACTS: Marines do not typically volunteer to be White House sentries; they are assigned, Maj. Brian Block, Marine Corps communications directorate, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "Most Marines who serve at the White House are assigned to that position based on the needs of the Marine Corps, after a lengthy and detailed screening process," he said, "not - except in rare cases - because they volunteered." He said the number of volunteers would be about a dozen, not tens of thousands.

THE CLAIM: "Burglar killed by falling Christmas tree after breaking into home in Huber Heights, OH," by "NBC NEWS 6."

THE FACTS: No such incident occurred in Huber Heights, a southwest Ohio suburb of about 38,000. There is no NBC News 6 station in that area. The false story said a 27-year-old man, who broke into a home in Huber Heights to steal presents, was killed when the Christmas tree fell and pierced his neck, pinning him under the tree. The Huber Heights Police Department referred The Associated Press to a statement on its Facebook page which said: "This is floating around social media, it did not occur."

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

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Forsan falls to Crane after a close first half 50-38



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Bufs' guard Kobe Richardson puts in 2 of his 18 points against Crane Friday night in Forsan in a tough 50-38 home loss.

By **JORDAN PARR**
Sports Editor

FORSAN – After playing really well in the first half and leading 26-24 heading into the half the Bufs couldn't hang on for the win with Crane surging early in the third quarter to take the lead. The Bufs struggled shooting the ball going just 12-28 from the field and a disappointing 3-24 from behind the arc. Bufs' guard Kobe Richardson led all scorers with 18 points and added 13 rebounds to get another big double-double for his team while Ryan Buske added 5 points and 5 boards as well in the loss. The Bufs played great defense but really got killed on the boards and will have to address their rebounding issues as they move forward.



Courtesy photo/Kara Freeman

Jonathon Gabehart scores over a Crane defender Friday night in a tough 50-38 home loss.

Baylor wins 57-47 after holding off big comeback by Oregon



AP photo

Baylor guard Makai Mason (10) shoots a three-point basket over Oregon guard Payton Pritchard (3) in the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Friday, Dec. 21, 2018, in Waco, Texas.

Associated Press

WACO, Texas — Baylor beat its second Pac-12 opponent in a week, helping erase the disappointment that came between those quality wins.

Makai Mason had 14 points with some key second-half baskets as the Bears beat Oregon 57-47 after holding off a big comeback by the Ducks on Friday — six nights after Baylor's impressive win at Arizona and three nights after losing at home on Stephen F. Austin's game-ending layup.

"Much different feeling after today's game than the last game," coach Scott Drew said. "Basketball and the parity nowadays, and just the different emotions you feel within a week with two great wins, a tough loss."

Oregon (8-4) trailed by as many as 16 points after halftime, but cut its deficit to 47-45 on Payton Pritchard's 3-pointer with 3:32 left. Mason, the first graduate transfer ever to play for Baylor, then hit a jumper and later added a layup and two free throws.

"He did some nice things," Ducks coach Dana Altman said of Mason. "He hit a couple of big 3s that they needed in a timely manner and then got to the rim and shot a layup."

Pritchard finished with 14 points for the Ducks, whose season-best four-game winning streak ended. Will Richardson had 10 points.

Tristan Clark had 13 points and eight rebounds for Baylor (7-4). Mark Vital had 11 points and eight rebounds before leaving the game with 6 1/2 minutes left after he fell hard and was helped as he walked gingerly to the locker room.

"Mark's going to be fine. Mark's such a warrior, he wanted to go back in the game," Drew said. "That was a hard fall. Certain guys tend to stay down longer than others. He's one of those guys that if he stays down, he's hurt."

A jumper by Vital put the Bears up 37-21 with 15 minutes left. Oregon responded with a 13-2 run when Pritchard had two 3s and assisted on two other baskets.

Pritchard hit another 3 in a 7-0 spurt for the Ducks to get within 45-42 before the teams traded turnovers three times in a row.

Baylor jumped out to a 15-3 lead while Oregon missed 14 of its first 15 shots. The Ducks went more than 11 minutes between Pritchard's jumper in the first minute of the game to Kenny Wooten's putback dunk.

"We were stagnant, the ball wasn't moving," Altman said. "It didn't translate very well what we worked on in practice to the game scenario."

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Diallo leads Providence to big road win at Texas 71-65



AP photo

Texas forward Jaxson Hayes (10) shouts after scoring a basket while being fouled during an NCAA college basketball game against Providence on Friday, Dec. 21, 2018, in Austin, Texas.

By **JIM VERTUNO**

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Providence went all the way down to Texas to get a big win before heading back into the Big East.

Alpha Diallo scored 20 points and Isaiah Jackson scored 12 to send the Friars to a tough 71-65 victory over Texas on Friday night. The Friars earned some swagger they can take back home.

"There's no soft things in our program," Providence coach Ed Cooley said. "I don't like soft."

The Friars (10-3) were anything but soft in a game they never trailed. They outrebounded Texas, held the Longhorns to 38 percent shooting and closed the game out from the line when Diallo made four free throws over the final 22 seconds.

They also made the shots they needed to squelch the few times Texas mounted a rally.

The Longhorns (7-4) had closed within 51-50 before the Friars quickly stretched the lead back to eight, with the key basket coming on a 3-pointer from Makai Ashton-Langford that beat the shot clock.

"It was almost a game-saver," Cooley said. "When he made that shot, I thought we had a shot to win the

game."

Texas cut the Friars' lead to 64-62 on a tough layup from Elijah Mitrou-Long to beat the shot clock with 2 minutes left. But Texas' next two possessions saw the Longhorns miss open 3-pointers and they never threatened the lead again.

The Longhorns made a final bid when Matt Coleman III made a 3-pointer with 16 seconds left and nearly forced a Friars turnover. After a video review of the play, the ball stayed with Providence and Diallo made his final free throws.

Jaxson Hayes and Coleman each scored 13 points for the Longhorns.

BIG PICTURE
Providence: The Friars had to slug out a win in the game they were controlling throughout the first half when they led by as much as 13. Second-half fouls and struggles handling Texas' full-court pressure defense kept the Longhorns in the game. The Friars' own defense helped bail them out. The Friars forced Texas guards Coleman, Mitrou-Long and Courtney Ramey into nine turnovers.

Texas: The Longhorns had snapped a three-game losing skid when they found their shooting touch from long range.

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Column: Aikman shines, Thursday night NFL package a winner

By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

Thursday night football is here to stay, even if it's gone for the rest of 2018.

In past years, some — make that many — would have said "good riddance." That would be misguided this year.

First off, Fox's presentation generally was strong and on target. Indeed, Troy Aikman, who has been Fox's lead analyst for 17 years, might have had his best season.

Seemingly energized by having a true national game, in prime time with no competition, Aikman not only was spot-on with his analyses, he was more than willing to criticize play calling, performance and officiating.

Presenting your convictions and then sticking to them is a must for a top analyst, and Aikman came through for viewers the way he did as a three-time Super Bowl champion quarterback for Dallas.

"I think after 17 years of doing it somewhat the same way, this was an opportunity to kind of change up my schedule," says Aikman, who at first had some reservations about balancing his family and business responsibilities.

"I think that is fair to say 'energized.' It felt more like an event, being the only game, and in prime time. On Sunday afternoon, especially for the late game, it sure seems like that's when most people prefer to view football. But the prime time has a little bigger of a feel to it.

"We did not feel as restricted to the action on the field; we never feel completely restricted. It certainly freed me up and allowed me to have even more fun within the broadcast."

Fox also wound up with some very solid matchups with intriguing story lines. Yes, NBC had the season opener, a Thursday nighter hosted by the champion Eagles in a rematch of a January playoff game with the Falcons. That wound up 18-12, eerily similar to Philadelphia's previous win over Atlanta. It also, of course, didn't have two teams coming off short weeks.

Then, Fox prospered with three of the better games of the entire season, games that wouldn't have had the same cachet later in the schedule.

Cincinnati's 34-23 victory over Baltimore — look at where those two teams reside now! — was entertaining, with Andy Dalton torching the Ravens with four touchdown passes. It also had the added spice of the Bengals having knocked the Ravens out of playoff contention in the 2017



AP photo

Troy Aikman watches warm ups before an NFL divisional playoff football game between the Green Bay Packers and the Dallas Cowboys in Arlington, Texas. Thursday night football is here to stay, even if it's gone for the rest of 2018. In past years, some make that many would have said "good riddance." That would be misguided this year. First off, Fox's presentation generally was strong and on target.

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A week later — and this was Aikman at his best, even if Jets fans swear play-by-play voice Joe Buck was outwardly rooting for the hosts — the Browns finally got a win, with Baker Mayfield stamping himself as an emerging force in just the third game of his rookie year.

"There were so much expectations with Baker Mayfield in that city. The team had not won a lot of games, and the fans were expecting the team would start to win games, so there was this optimism around the city," Aikman recalls.

"Having been there for the pre-season and then we go back in the regular season, you could just feel this energy building and it was a fan base that just wanted to celebrate. And then Baker comes off the bench to lead them to that victory. It was huge and fun to be a part of."

Jets-Cleveland was followed by the Rams' 38-31 shootout victory against the Vikings, when Jared Goff and Kirk Cousins combined for eight TD throws and 887 yards through the air.

For those enamored of the videogame fireworks, well, that was nirvana.

There was plenty of offense all year, even with only three full days between games. Oddly, the only Thursday nighter with teams coming off a previous Thursday contest, Saints at Cowboys the week after Thanksgiving, had the fewest points, 13-10 for the Cowboys.

That also was a mesmerizing drama in which Dallas' defense stamped itself as capable of carrying a contender, shutting down Drew Brees and the ultra-prolific Saints. It also might have featured Aikman and Buck's best work.

"I have become comfortable with where I am at within my job, so to speak," Aikman says. "I always have been comfortable with my opinions and how I feel about the play on the field, and how it should be done and how teams should go about playing the game."

"There have been a lot of league issues and things happening as it relates to our game. I am not trying

to grandstand or get on a soap box; that's not my nature. I think I have to be honest in how I feel, and I feel strongly enough in my beliefs to feel I am speaking for the majority of the people viewing."

There was a string of nine Thursday nighters, including New Orleans' 31-17 victory over Atlanta on Thanksgiving night on NBC in which it took at least 27 points to win. The Steelers went for 52 against Carolina, Denver scored 45 vs. Arizona, and Houston got 42 on Miami.

So complaints about not enough rest between games mostly would come from defensive players — the same folks who have protested, often with validity, about how the rules are stacked against them.

Two teams never made it to the Thursday night spotlight, Tampa Bay and Buffalo. Nobody missed them.

Three others had Thursday outings, but on Thanksgiving afternoon, when Chicago visited Detroit and Washington was at Dallas.

The Eagles, Cowboys, Saints and Falcons all had two Thursday appearances. Aikman and Buck had 14 such games, including Redskins-Cowboys in the late-afternoon Thanksgiving spot. They doubled up Thursday/Sunday assignments seven times.

The longtime partnership Aikman and Buck share made the extra duties much easier to handle.

"Joe is unbelievable, such a ridiculous talent," Aikman says. "Joe is as gifted at his craft as anyone I played with. It's a real marvel how smooth he is and what he sees."

"It's like being married, when you've been around someone for so long you know their habits and patterns, and I know where Joe wants to go right from the start, how he wants to set the tone."

Overall, ratings for the 13-game Thursday night package on Fox, with its simulcast on NFL Network, were up 2 percent over the 2017 season split between CBS and NBC. The average was 14,304,000 viewers, with Chargers-Chiefs in the last of the midweek games shattering the competition at 17.4 million on Fox/NFLN. That also was a 29-28 outcome in which LA scored a TD and 2-point conversion to win at the very end.

NFL games on Thursday nights are a money maker, so much so that the World Series in October hasn't had a scheduled game that night since 2013. Of course, Fox now has the rights to both, and has no plans to create such a conflict.

Wait, how about the World Series leading into Thursday night football?



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Rangers trade Profar to A's in 3-team deal involving Rays

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas traded infielder Jurickson Profar to the Oakland Athletics on Friday in a three-team deal that included Tampa Bay and netted the Rangers four prospects.

Oakland also finalized a \$15 million, two-year contract with free agent right-hander Joakim Soria, giving the A's a reliable and versatile reliever.

The 34-year-old Soria, a two-time All-Star, went 3-4 with a 3.12 ERA in 66 appearances and 60 2/3 innings this year for the Chicago White Sox and Milwaukee Brewers.

He gets \$6.5 million next year and \$8.5 million in 2020, and he can earn \$500,000 annually in performance bonuses for games finished: \$250,000 each for 35 and 40. Soria would get a \$750,000 assignment bonus the first time he is traded during the contract.

Profar, who at 19 in 2012 homered in his first big league at-bat before shoulder issues forced him to miss two full seasons, hit .254 with 20 homers and 77 RBIs in 146 games while playing all four infield positions for Texas this year.

In Oakland, he will take over at second base for departing free agent Jed Lowrie. Profar had been expected to become the starting third baseman for the Rangers after Adrian Beltre retired last month.

The Rangers acquired right-hander Yoel Espinal and left-handers Kyle Bird and Brock Burke from Tampa Bay, and infielder Eli White from Oakland. Texas also got \$750,000 international signing bonus pool allocation from the A's.

Texas sent right-hander Rollie Lacy to Tampa



AP photo

Texas Rangers' Jurickson Profar watches his two-run home run against the San Diego Padres during the seventh inning of a baseball game in San Diego. Texas traded infielder Jurickson Profar to the Oakland Athletics on Friday, Dec. 21, 2018, in a three-team deal that included Tampa Bay and netted the Rangers four prospects.

Bay. The A's also sent right-handed pitcher Emilio Pagan and a 2019 competitive balance Round A pick to the Rays, a selection projected to be in the high 30s overall.

The Rangers had two more seasons of arbitration eligibility for Profar before he can become a free agent. General manager Jon Daniels said there

had been discussions about the possibility of an extension but that it became clear that wasn't going to happen.

Daniels said the A's had been consistent in their interest in Profar, and with Tampa Bay in the deal it enabled the Rangers to get the full value they felt was needed to consider trading away the player that signed with them as a 16-year-old in 2009.

The GM said all four players coming to the Rangers are at the upper levels of the minor leagues and knocking on the door of the big leagues.

"There is definitely an emotional piece to this one," Daniels said. "We have seen the ups and downs. Seen the really precocious talent and the big smile and the way he loves to play the game, to looking like he was going to be our second baseman and the shoulder issue that went on for a year longer than I think any of us would have liked it to."

Bird and Burke will be added to the 40-man roster for the Rangers. The 22-year-old Burke was selected the Rays' top minor league pitcher after combining to go 9-6 with a 3.08 ERA and 10.4 strikeouts per nine innings in his 25 games (22 starts) on at the High-A and Double-A levels.

The Rangers also signed four players to minor league contracts with invitations to major league spring training. They were lefty Miguel Del Pozo, infielder Nolan Fontana, and right-handed pitchers Ariel Hernandez and Phillips Valdez.

Fontana was the only of the four to play in the majors this year. He reached the big leagues each of the last two seasons with the Angels, appearing in 20 games in two stints with Los Angeles this year.

No. 22 Army going for 1st 11-win season in Armed Forces Bowl

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — During a 10-loss season three years ago, Army coach Jeff Monken saw something that made him believe the Black Knights were on the way to being a good team.

The freshmen from that team are now seniors going into their last game — Saturday against Houston (8-4) in the Armed Forces Bowl, when the No. 22 Black Knights will try to complete the program's first 11-win season.

"Didn't have a great start to their careers," Monken said. "But for them to experience 10 losses, seven of them being by a touchdown or less, and they would just continue to come back each week and battle and fight to the end. I saw a fight in that team that encouraged me."

Two weeks after beating Navy for the third year in a row, Army (10-2) is playing in a bowl for the third consecutive season. The cadets have their second 10-win season in a row, and an eight-game winning streak since an overtime loss at Oklahoma on Sept. 22.

Fullback Darnell Woolfolk described that as "such a big disappointment" and said it made them determined not to lose again.

"That definitely let us know that we could play with anyone," linebacker Cole Christiansen said.

Houston, without injured quarterback D'Eriq King and NFL draft-prepping defensive tackle Ed Oliver, has lost three of its four games since a 7-1 start.

"For us, it's just about finishing strong with one game," second-year Cougars coach Major Applewhite said.

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King was responsible for 302 points (50 total touchdowns, a 2-point conversion) in 11 games before season-ending knee surgery. The quarterback has another season left with the Cougars. Oliver had made it known long ago that his junior season would be his last. He missed four games because of a bruised right knee and is skipping the bowl game to focus on preparing for the NFL draft.

LOT OF OFFENSE

Houston ranks fourth nationally with 46 points a game, and sixth with 529 total yards per game. The Cougars opened the season with eight consecutive 40-point games, a school record. Only Houston and Oklahoma rank in the top 25 for both passing offense and rushing offense. Ten different Houston players have had TD catches, and eight different players have run for scores.

EXTRA POINTS

Army leads the nation in time of possession, at nearly 39 minutes a game. Houston is last among the 129 FBS teams at 25:04. ... The last two Armed Forces have been decided in the final seconds. Last year, Army got the go-ahead touchdown to beat San Diego State with 18 seconds left, then returned a fumble for a score as time expired for a 42-35 win. Two years ago, Louisiana Tech kicked a field goal on the last play to beat Navy 48-45. ... Army or Houston will become the first three-time winner of the Armed Forces Bowl, now in its 16th year. Army has won both of its previous appearances. Houston is 2-2 in the game. California is the only two-time winner.

FINAL EXAMS

Army players got a week off after the Navy game to prepare for final exams. Monken said the final day of exams at West Point was Friday, but the play-

ers took all their tests last weekend. Christiansen said he had five exams within about 36 hours. "Very intense," he said.

HOLDING ON

The Army offense has lost only eight fumbles in 1,710 plays over the

past two seasons. The Black Knights have only four lost fumbles this year, and two of those came in the season opener at Duke. Houston's defense has forced turnovers in 16 consecutive games — only two teams have longer active streaks.



AP photo

Army running back Darnell Woolfolk (33) carries as Oklahoma linebacker Curtis Bolton (18) defends during an NCAA college football game between Army and Oklahoma in Norman, Okla. Army will face Houston on Saturday, Dec. 22, in the Armed Forces Bowl in Fort Worth, Texas.

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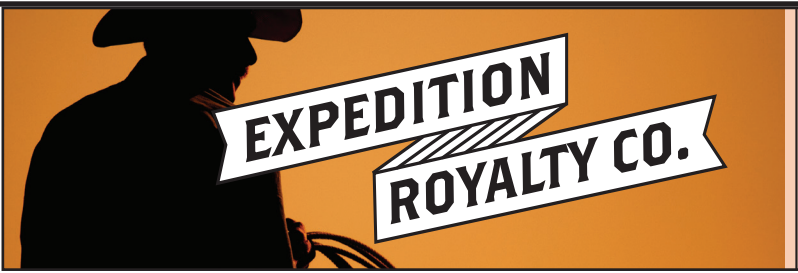
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19 GOALS FOR 2019

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It's that time of year again! As 2018 comes to a close and we're all reflecting on what we accomplished, it's time to start looking forward to a new year of goals and growth. Goals give you something to strive towards, encourage you to be your best self, and give you direction in everyday life.

Shown below are 19 goals to set in 2019 that are all focused on improvement and growth.

19 Goals To Set In 2019: 19 Ideas To Inspire You And Get Started

1. Take one self-development course.

It's always a goal of ours to grow as individuals. And part of that growth is to continue learning. Invest in yourself by taking a course that focuses specifically on personal growth.

2. Nurture a living thing.

If you don't have your own kids, you wouldn't know that there is something really special about being able to keep something alive. If you're not ready to commit to a pet (me either) then a plant should do it. Whether it's a plant or a pet, they will be relying on you to keep them flourishing.

3. Raise your credit score by 50 points.

Better credit means a better life. In turn, that puts you closer to achieving all of your goals.

4. Negotiate a raise.

In order to make more money, you have to ask for it. The truth is that the majority of your earnings growth takes place during your first decade of work. If you're beyond that, it's not too late for you. But it is time to start asking for what you're worth.

5. Open an investment account.

Over 70% of Americans said they wanted to learn more about investing. Investing isn't as hard as it seems, but is absolutely something you should be doing!

6. Do a no-spend challenge.

I like doing a no-spend challenge because it makes me more mindful of my purchases. A no-spend challenge cuts out all non-essential spending for a month. We live in a society that encourages us to spend on things we don't really want or need. It's about holding off on impulse and non-essential purchases to show yourself that you can live without it.

7. End one relationship that drains you.

We all have relationships in our lives that take more from us than what we have to give. I bet at least one specific person or commitment came to your mind just now. This is the year you need to

distance yourself from that person, place or commitment.

8. Aim for less daily screen time.

I will concede here that there are smarter uses for your phone like fitness apps and podcasts, but for me to be spending that much time on social media each week is unnecessary. And I bet a lot of us are doing the same thing. Hopefully by the end of 2019, I will have cut that time in half.

9. Give everything you own a true place in your home.

None of us are immune to building up clutter. A stack of mail here, a pile of returns there, a closet full of things you just don't know what to do with — before you know it, these things are taking over your space. When everything has a home, you'll always know where to find it.

10. Save 5% more money than you did last year.

Going over your budget, how did you do last year? We believe that you should always set financial goals for yourself, no matter how much money you make or how much debt you have. In comparison to last year's goals, how did you stack up to your savings goal? Whether you met that goal or not, take the number that you did save and add five percent. That's your realistic savings goal for this year.

Go over your budget and see how you can cut costs to reach your goal. It's probably not as hard as you think it will be!

11. Drink a minimum of 64 oz of water per day.

Buy a 32 oz water bottle and committed to emptying it at least 2x per day. Fill it up, bring it with you, sip on it, and you'll go through it like... well, water.

12. Read 24 books.

Mix up your genres to keep it interesting. Make at least one of them a book that intimidates you.

Pro tip: To get through two 300-page books per month, you only need to read 20 pages a day on average! That sounds totally doable to me.

13. Go somewhere you've never been before.

Traveling opens us up to new people and new experiences. In turn, these things give us a new perspective on life and can teach us valuable lessons we otherwise never would have learned.

It doesn't have to be to another country! Try going new places around you! Whether it's a small town a few hundred miles away, a new state, or just a new grocery store, there's so much to see and do. Bonus points if you keep a travel journal!

14. Go to all of your doctor's appointments.

Primary care, eye, dentist... making and keeping these appointments annually is essential for keeping track of our health over time.

In our younger years, we tend to put off going to these appointments because they're expensive, especially if we don't have insurance. Keep them if you can. This track record will be valuable as we get older. Not to mention, you'll be able to catch any potential health issues sooner.

15. Check your credit report.

When was the last time you checked your credit report? Does it surprise you to know that 79% of credit reports contain errors? Given that stat, there's a good chance yours might be one of them.

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16. Treat yourself to something just for you every single month.

Maybe for you it's something like a treat from your favorite local donut shop, hiking a new trail, hiring a cleaning service, going fishing, a new pair of shoes, a fancy candle or perfume, or upgrading to an Uber Black. Whatever makes you feel indulgent — treat yourself to it every month in 2019.

17. Donate regularly to a cause you care about.

Whether it's your money, time or skills, make this the year you begin to truly immerse yourself in a cause that is close to your heart.

This could be a cause that is close to a political issue. It might be related to a health issue or a place of worship even. If it's something that matters to you, the best thing you can do is support the cause in anyway that you can!

18. Do a 5k with a group of friends. Walk or Run :)

Get a group of friends together and sign up for a 5k! You'll get to spend time together and also stay in shape. Can't beat that!

19. Practice patience and kindness.

What the world needs now is patience and kindness. We could all be a little kinder to each other and a little kinder to ourselves. Practice daily affirmations, giving compliments without expecting anything in return, put your empathy skills to good use on a daily basis. We will all be better off for it.

— And there we have it — 19 goal ideas for goals to set in 2019! Which one of these resonates the most with you? Which will you be adding to your to-do list for the upcoming year?

Amber's Appetite



When it comes to iconic Southern dishes, chicken salad doesn't rank high on most people's lists. And yet, it's at the center of luncheon menus, baby showers, church potlucks, summertime picnics, and your own kitchen table whenever you need to throw together a quick lunch or snack. Chicken salad is so simple to make and so commonplace that it doesn't seem like a dish worth celebrating. But that's exactly what makes it great.

Chicken salad is any salad with chicken as a main ingredient. Other common ingredients may include mayonnaise, hard-boiled egg, celery, onion, pepper, pickles and a variety of mustards.

There is one particular chicken salad that takes home the gold medal, or should I say the "blue ribbon." Made with chicken breast tossed with grapes, walnuts, celery, onion, and creamy mayo, served on a croissant or all by its self, it is delicious either way! This baby can be found at Blue Ribbon Cafe.

Coming up this week:

Saturday, Dec. 22

• Come see Santa Claus at the Belaski Pavilion at the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights in Comanche Trail Park from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 23

• Come see Santa Claus at the Belaski Pavilion at the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights in Comanche Trail Park from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 24

• All City Offices will be closed for the holidays with the exception of Emergency Services personnel (Police, Fire, and EMS).

Tuesday, Dec. 25

• Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!
• All City Offices will be closed for the holidays with the exception of Emergency Services personnel (Police, Fire, and EMS).

Comanche Trail Festival

The Comanche Trail Festival of Lights boasts over a million lights on display at the Comanche Trail Park here in Big Spring. The last day to visit the Festival of Lights will be Dec. 25 at 10 p.m.



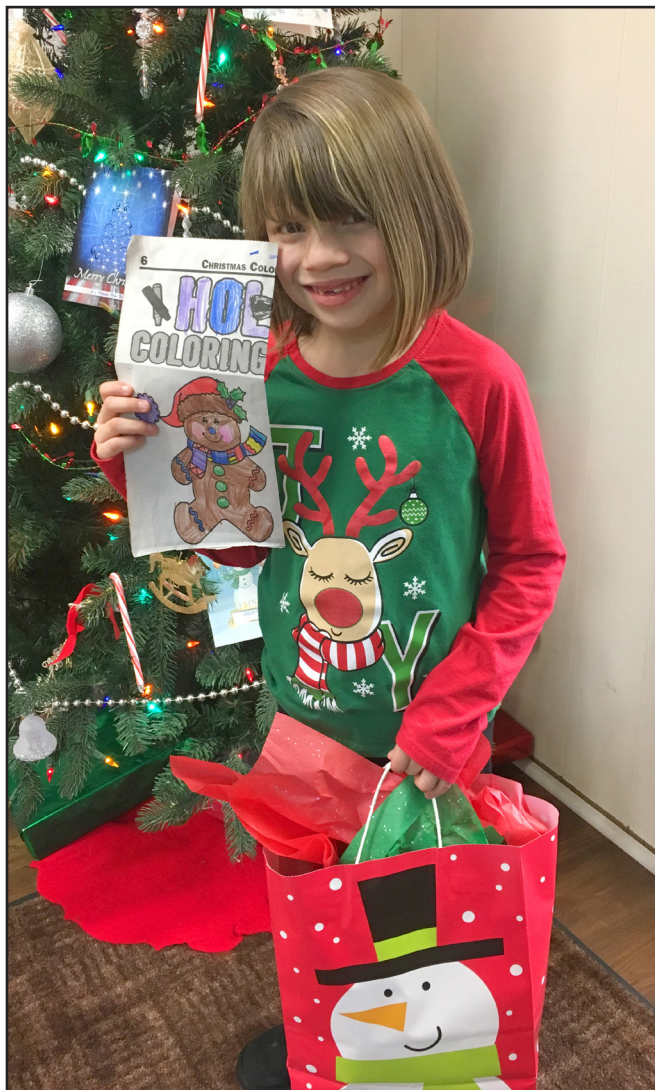
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Christmas Coloring Contest Winners



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The photos above show the winners of the 2018 Big Spring Herald Christmas Coloring Contest as they show off their prize and their colorful creations. From left to right are Emalyn Olivias, Brianna Gonzales and Israel Quintana. Congrats to these kiddos!

'Today' fares better than CBS after loss of male anchors

NEW YORK (AP) — A year after morning news shows at CBS and NBC abruptly lost male anchors Charlie Rose and Matt Lauer in sexual misconduct scandals, the "Today" show has done appreciably better weathering the storm.

Momentum at "CBS This Morning," the most buzzworthy morning show for a handful of years, stopped dead with Rose's firing. Last week CBS announced the exit of Ryan Kadro, the show's top executive who had worked there since its 2012 launch, leaving an uncertain future.

"Today" is hardly problem-free — remember Megyn Kelly? — but it has the steadiest audience of all three network morning shows. The elevation of Hoda Kotb into Lauer's role is widely perceived as a winner.

Rose lost his job in November 2017 following allegations of improper behavior with women who had worked with him. Lauer's downfall, also due to reports of inappropriate relationships with women, came less than two weeks later.

The NBC show currently averages 4 million viewers a morning, a 3 percent drop from 2017 before Lauer's exit, the Nielsen company said. CBS has lost 10 percent of its audience in the same period, to just under 3.2 million. ABC's "Good Morning America," the first-place broadcast with 4.1 million viewers, lost 5 percent of its audience.

The long history of "Today" likely helps it absorb hits. The show launched in 1952 and while it has had missteps — it has never recovered the dominance it enjoyed prior to the ham-fisted departure of Ann Curry a decade ago — "Today" viewers can be confident it will be around tomorrow.

"It just has the strongest DNA out of all the morning shows," said Shelley Ross, who produced rivals at ABC and CBS.

For much of the past half-century, CBS has been an after-thought in the mornings, a distant third-place broadcast that changed names, formats and personalities as often as an impatient designer changes paint. That's what made "CBS This Morning" so encouraging; with a newsy emphasis, it

gained a larger share of the audience in the morning and was now competitive in a lucrative marketplace. Rose, a skillful interviewer who moonlighted on both "60 Minutes" and his own PBS show, teamed with Gayle King and Norah O'Donnell. In retrospect, Rose seemed more important to the success and chemistry of his show at the time than Lauer did. Rose was replaced by former "Face the Nation" host John Dickerson and, in October, Bianna Golidryga was added as a fourth anchor.

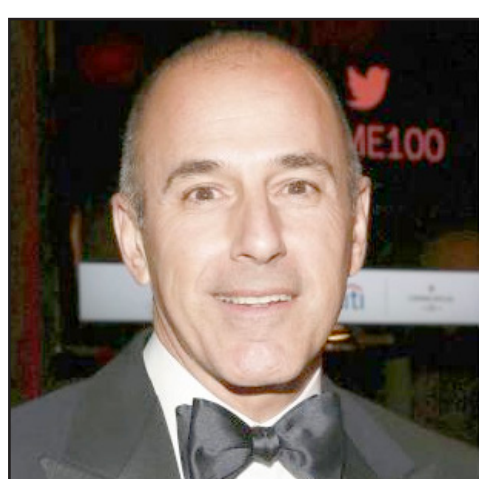
Lauer spent two decades as "Today" co-host, and in his heyday with Katie Couric was part of the most successful anchor team in morning show history. But his reputation took a significant hit with the Curry drama and he wasn't as popular at the end of his run.

"There was concern when Matt Lauer left that they would be hurt more than turned out to be the case," said Garth Tiedje, an analyst and senior vice president at Horizon Media.

In fact, Kotb earned the permanent job beside Savannah Guthrie after "Today" did unexpectedly well in the ratings when she was an emergency fill-in. Kotb's "Q" score, a statistical measure of her popularity, is strong among women — who make up the bulk of morning news show audiences — and more than doubles Lauer's last score among older women, according to Marketing Evaluations, Inc.

"Everybody loves Hoda," Ross said. "She's a magical part of the equation."

That doesn't mean everything is sunshine and flowers at "Today," which has to be concerned about an erosion of younger women viewers. In



AP photo

This combination photo shows Matt Lauer, former co-host of the "Today" show, left, and Charlie Rose, former co-host of "CBS This Morning."

the second week of December, its audience among 18-to-49-year-old viewers was down 23 percent compared to the same week in 2017, Nielsen said. It faces questions about its third hour following Kelly's departure, and the fourth after Kathie Lee Gifford said she was leaving the show. NBC declined to comment.

The "Today" show executive producer, Libby Leist, was appointed to her job in January.

For all morning shows, the fact that more people wake up with a hand-held computer on their nightstands in addition to a television remote is ultimately a bigger concern than anchors who have lost their jobs.

In the days following Kadro's departure, CBS dealt with damaging news stories suggesting that King was unhappy and considering leaving, and that networks were mulling a top-to-bottom renovation. The network declined comment on the reports or ratings, but said its newsy emphasis remains intact now and for the future.

The danger in responding to ratings weakness with big changes is that it could play into a narrative of CBS being less able than its rivals of being able to settle on one type of morning show for the long term.

"It's always hard to fight against the pull of history if it's a long trajectory," Tiedje said. "But I also think that shouldn't cloud the decisions that need to be made for the future."

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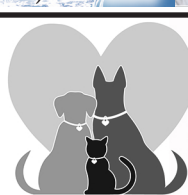
Monday: Holiday Break!

Tuesday: Merry Christmas!

Wednesday: Smoked Sausage, sauerkraut, baked beans, mixed fruit, Texas toast, milk.

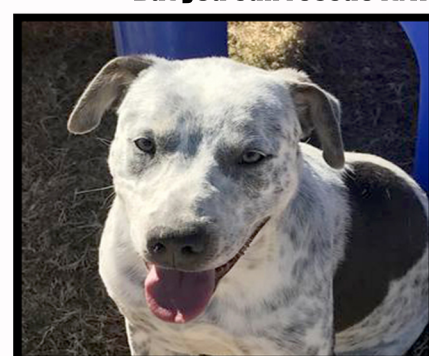
Thursday: Chili dog, onion cheese relish, corn with red and green peppers, baked chips, pudding, milk.

Friday: Fish sandwich, french fries, okra, applesauce, milk.



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ROGER'S REVIEW: AQUAMAN

Well, it's certainly no "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse," but this week's movie, Jason Momoa's solo excursion into the DC Extended Universe as Aquaman, reprising the role from 2017's "Justice League" with a full-blown origin story, isn't bad.

"Aquaman" starts with the meeting of Thomas Curry (Jengo Fett himself, Temuera Morrison), a Maine lighthouse keeper, and Atlanna (Nicole Kidman), a mysterious, strangely-dressed beautiful woman who washes up on his rocky shore. She tells him she is the princess of Atlantis, and the two fall in love and have a son, young Arthur (portrayed by twins Tainui and Tamor Kirkwood).

Unfortunately, Atlanna was running away from an arranged marriage to the not-so-nice Atlantean king, and his soldiers find her. She fights them off, but decides to return to Atlantis to forestall any further attacks for the baby's sake. She assigns her advisor Vulko (Willem Dafoe) to train Arthur in the ways of Atlantis (swimming, fighting, that kind of thing). We later learn that the king has had Atlanna put to death for defying him.

Flash forward to a year after the "Justice League" movie. A group of frogman divers attempt to pirate a nuclear sub, but a grown up Arthur Curry (Momoa), aka "The Aquaman," intervenes, beating up the pirates, rescuing the crew, and, after father-son pirate team Jesse and David Kane (Michael Beach and Yahya Abdul-Mateen II) try to kill him, refuses to rescue Jesse, who is trapped beneath a heavy missile as the sub sinks.

Meanwhile, in Atlantis, King Orm (Patrick Wilson) desperately wants to unite the undersea clans and attack the surface world. During negotiations with King Nereus of Xebel (Dolph Lundgren), another underwater tribe, Atlantis is brutally attacked by an oddly familiar looking nuclear submarine. Many people are killed before Orm heroically kills it with his trusty trident, slicing a big gash in its side. Nereus agrees to join the cause. Nereus' daughter, Princess Mera (Amber Heard), refuses to cooperate, and heads to the surface to find Arthur to convince him to depose Orm and take over as king of Atlantis.

Later, we witness Orm paying off David Kane for engineering the attack, and Kane offers to work for Orm for free for a chance to kill Aquaman.

Arthur and Mera return to Atlantis to meet with good old Vulko, to discover where to look for a magic trident that will give the wielder command over the sea. Orm's men find them and capture Arthur, and there's a duel between Orm and Arthur. Arthur is almost killed before Mara rescues him, and the pair take off to hunt down the trident.

I'll stop the narrative there. Not too many more actors to report, except for one beauty: There's a giant sea monster in this movie, and it's voiced by Julie Andrews. Nice.

Anyway, I'd say "Aquaman" is better than your average DC superhero live-action movie. It's big and flashy, and has way too much cheesy Star Wars prequel-esque CGI. Momoa's laconic, irreverent style and casual willingness to fight just about anything that shows up in this movie is definitely the most entertaining part of the film.

The story is pretty faithful to what I understand of the comic book story, with a few tweaks. A couple of people survive that I don't think are supposed to be alive at this point.

Otherwise, it's pretty straightforward fare. Not the best I've ever seen, but not bad. Seven and a half stars out of 10.

Aquaman

Director: James Wan

Writers: Screenplay by David Leslie Johnson-McGoldrick and Will Beall; Story by Geoff Johns, James Wan, and Will Beall; the character Aquaman created by Mort Weisinger and Paul Norris

Production companies: Warner Bros. Pictures, DC Films, the Safran Company, Cruel and Unusual Films, and Mad Ghost Productions.

PG-13; 2 hrs. 23 min.; Action|Adventure|Fantasy; Dec. 21, 2018



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

Katherine Johnson, at age 100, is telling her life story



AP photo
In this Feb. 26, 2017, file photo, Katherine Johnson, the inspiration for the film, "Hidden Figures," poses in the press room at the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles. Johnson's "Reaching for the Moon" is an autobiography for middle graders that will be published next fall, Atheneum Books for Young Readers announced Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018.

NEW YORK (AP) — Retired NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson, who turned 100 last summer, has waited long enough to tell her own story.

Johnson's "Reaching for the Moon" is an autobiography for middle graders that will be published next fall, Atheneum Books for Young Readers announced Thursday. Johnson was one of the pioneering black women featured in the book and film

"Hidden Figures," in which she was played by Taraji P. Henson.

Johnson and such colleagues as Dorothy Vaughan were vital in helping NASA successfully launch flights into space, and eventually to the moon, in the 1960s.

Johnson said in a statement that she wanted young people to believe they could do anything, no matter their race or gender. "I knew who I was and what I was capable of," she said.

Audrey Geisel, widow of Dr. Seuss, dead at 97

NEW YORK (AP) — Audrey Geisel, the widow of children's author Dr. Seuss and longtime overseer of his literary estate, has died.

Random House Children's Books announced that she died Wednesday at age 97. She died "peacefully" at her home in La Jolla, California.

Dr. Seuss, whose real name was Theodor Geisel, died in 1991 and two years later Audrey Geisel founded Dr. Seuss Enterprises. Numerous publishing projects followed, along with the Broadway show "Seussical." She also served as executive producer for some film adaptations of his work, most recently "The Grinch," which came out last month.

She was a Chicago native whose parents broke up when she was little and who as an adult would be in the middle of two broken marriages. She and Theodor Geisel, who was 17 years older, were both married to others when they began an affair in the 1960s. Theodor Geisel's first wife, Helen, killed herself and Audrey Geisel sent away the two daughters she had with her first husband af-

ter she and the author married in 1968.

"They wouldn't have been happy with Ted, and Ted wouldn't have been happy with them. He's the man who said of children, 'You have 'em and I'll entertain 'em,'" she told The New York Times in 2000. "Ted's a hard man to break down, but this is who he was. He lived his whole life without children and he was very happy without children. I've never been very maternal. There were too many other things I wanted to do. My life with him was what I wanted my life to be."

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Stock indexes sink again, adding to days of huge losses



This photo shows the exterior of the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday evening, Dec. 20, 2018. Stocks went into another slide Thursday in what is shaping up as the worst December on Wall Street since the depths of the Great Depression, with prices dragged down by rising fears of a recession somewhere on the horizon. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 464 points, bringing its losses to more than 1,700 since last Friday.

By **MARLEY JAY**

AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks are falling again Friday as big losses for technology and internet companies and retailers add to the market's woes this month.

Former market favorites like Amazon and Facebook took some of the biggest losses as investors remained nervous about the health of the global economy and the prospect of a lengthy partial shutdown of the federal government.

Markets have suffered wide losses over the last week. The major U.S. indexes have fallen more than 11 percent in December, and without a substantial gain over the final days of trading, they are headed for their single worst month since October 2008, when the market was being battered by the effects of the global financial crisis that led to the Great Recession.

Investors around the world have grown increasingly pessimistic about the global economy's prospects over the next few years. It's widely expected to slow down, but traders are concerned the cooling might be worse than they previously believed and that the U.S. could eventually tip into a recession.

After a sharp early gain, the S&P 500 index retreated 24 points, or 1 percent, to 2,443 at 12:30 p.m. Eastern time. The S&P 500, which is widely used by funds that track the U.S. market, has fallen 16.6 percent from its high in September.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average sank 142 points, or 0.6 percent, to 22,176. The Nasdaq skidded 142 points, or 2.2 percent, to 6,385. The tech-heavy index is on pace to finish 20 percent off its record high from August. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks lost 24 points, or 1.9 percent, to 1,301.

Amazon fell 5.2 percent to \$1,385 and Facebook gave up 5.5 percent to \$126.11. Apple lost 2.4 percent to \$153.02.

The market's plunge comes even as the Federal Reserve projects that the U.S. economy will grow 3 percent this year, the fastest since 2005, and about 2.3 percent next year, and two years of further increases after that. But as interest rates rise and regions the U.S. does a lot of business with, like Europe and China, also slow down, those estimates might be harder to reach.

Trade tensions between the U.S. and China, the two largest economies in the world, are not the only reason for the expected slowdown in economic growth and corporate profits, but they are adding even more uncertainty to a picture that already looks cloudy.

Stocks surged briefly in

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US consumer spending rises solid 0.4 percent in November



In this Dec. 22, 2017, file photo, people shop at the Pentagon City Mall in Arlington, Va. Americans lifted their spending 0.4 percent in November from the previous month, a moderate gain that should sustain steady economic growth. Personal incomes rose 0.2 percent, down from 0.5 percent in the previous month, the Commerce Department said Friday.

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**

AP Economics Writer

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Consumer spending jumped by the most in 13 months in October, and November's solid gain on top of that points to healthy

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US economy grew at 3.4 percent rate in third quarter

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy expanded at a solid 3.4 percent annual rate in the third quarter, slightly slower than the previous estimate as consumer spending and exports were revised lower. The economy is expected to slow further in the current quarter.

The Commerce Department said Friday that growth in the gross domestic product, the economy's total output of goods and services, was revised down from an earlier estimate of 3.5 percent. The still-strong performance followed a sizzling 4.2 percent advance in the second quarter and a moderate 2.2 percent increase in the first quarter.

Economists believe that economic growth is slowing in the fourth quarter to around 2.5 percent. For the full year, GDP growth is projected to top 3 percent — the best showing since 2005.

President Donald Trump has often cited the upturn in economic growth as evidence that his economic program, which includes a \$1.5 trillion tax cut passed last year, has lifted the economy to a stronger growth path.

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US durable goods orders up 0.8 pct., led by defense spending



AP photo
This May 21, 2018, file photo shows a row of washing machines for sale at Lowe's Home Improvement store in East Rutherford, N.J. Orders to U.S. factories for long-lasting goods rose at a modest pace last month, but the gain was driven entirely by demand for military aircraft. Excluding transportation equipment, orders fell. The Commerce Department said Friday, Dec. 21, 2018, that durable goods orders rose 0.8 percent in November, following a sharp fall of 4.3 percent the previous month when orders for commercial and military aircraft plunged.

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The Commerce Department said Friday that durable goods orders rose 0.8 percent in November, following a sharp fall of 4.3 percent the previous month when orders for commercial and military aircraft plunged. Orders in November, excluding transportation, dropped 0.3 percent. A category that reflects business spending plans declined 0.6 percent, the third drop in four months.
The figures suggest that U.S. factory output, while mostly solid for now, may slow in the coming months. The Trump administration's trade battles have caused many U.S. trading partners to impose tariffs on American goods. Exports of U.S. manufactured products fell sharply in the July-September quarter.
A weakening global economy is also weighing on exports. China's economic growth is slowing and Germany, Europe's economic engine, saw its economy shrink in the third quarter.

U.S. business investment in capital goods such as industrial machinery, computers and cars has stumbled in the second half of the year after rising at a healthy clip in the first six months of 2018. That slowdown will weigh on growth in the final three months of the year.
The economy expanded at a healthy 3.4 percent annual rate in the third quarter, according to a separate report from the Commerce Department Friday. But most economists forecast a mild slowdown in the fourth quarter to a roughly 2.5 percent to 3 percent pace.
The Trump administration has said that its corporate tax cuts, which cut business taxes from 35 percent to 21 percent, will lead to a sustained burst of business spending on long-lasting equipment that will fuel robust economic growth. Yet the drop in business investment since the summer suggests otherwise.
One potential future drag on investment spending is the recent sharp drop in oil prices, which have fallen below \$50 a barrel. That typically causes drilling companies to cut back on their purchases of steel pipe, machinery and other drilling equipment.

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However, analysts believe that the boost from the tax cut and increased government spending Congress approved last February will begin to fade in 2019. They are forecasting growth will slow to around 2.7 percent in 2019. Some analysts believe that by 2020, GDP growth may be barely above 1 percent or could slip into a recession that year.
The Trump administration insists that the impact from the tax cuts, deregulation and tougher enforcement of trade agreements will keep the economy expanding at a sustained rate of 3 percent in coming years.
The GDP report on Friday was the government's third and final look at the July-September quarter.
Driving Friday's downward revision was an even bigger decline in exports of a category that includes industrial machinery, as well as slower consumer spending on non-durable goods such as gasoline and other energy products.
Consumer spending, which accounts for 70 percent of economic activity, still grew at a solid annual rate of 3.5 percent.
The Federal Reserve on Wednesday boosted its key policy rate for a fourth time this year but lowered its outlook for rate hikes next year from three down to two. The projection of fewer future rate hikes failed to calm Wall Street investors, who sent stocks sharply lower. They had been hoping for the Fed to declare a pause in its rate hike campaign.

SPENDING

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spending in the final three months of the year. Economists closely watch consumer spending because it accounts for about two-thirds of economic activity.
Business spending is showing signs of slowing, leaving more of the burden on consumers to power the economy. A gauge of business investment in large equipment such as machinery and computers fell in November for the third time in four months, according to a separate report Friday.
A measure of inflation tied to consumer purchases slipped, rising 1.8 percent from a year ago, down from last month's 2 percent annual gain.
That could add to recent pressure on the Federal Reserve to pause its interest rate hikes, since the Fed usually takes such steps to forestall rising inflation. Yet with gas prices falling, inflation is likely to continue to decline in coming months.
Excluding the volatile food and energy categories, inflation rose 1.9 percent in November from a year earlier. That's slightly faster than the previous month's 1.8 percent but below the Fed's 2 percent target.
The Fed raised its benchmark interest rate Wednesday for the fourth time this year but signaled its rate hikes will likely slow soon. Fed policymakers now expect two hikes in 2019, down from a previous estimate of three.
The pickup in spending is eroding Americans' savings, suggesting that consumers could pull back in the coming months. The savings rate fell to 6 percent in November, the lowest since March 2013.
The economy expanded at a strong 3.4 percent annual rate in the July-September quarter, down slightly from a previous estimate, the government said in a separate report Friday. Consumer spending rose at a healthy 3.5 percent pace in the third quarter.

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morning trading John Williams, the president of the New York branch of the Federal Reserve, said in an interview with CNBC that the Fed is aware the U.S. economy might weaken more significantly next year.
The Fed raised interest rates earlier this week and signaled that it expects to raise them two more times next year. Investors aren't sure how much that will impair the economy, and the stock market tumbled as they worried the Fed just wasn't concerned about that possibility.
"What I think the Fed is trying to do is soften the rhetoric a little bit by saying 'we're going to be monitoring the economy and we acknowledge that things have eased a bit,'" said Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist for CFRA.
Defense contractors fell after President Donald Trump said he's withdrawing U.S. soldiers from Syria in an unexpected move. Me-

dia reports say the administration might also pull large numbers of soldiers out of Afghanistan. Lockheed Martin fell 1.5 percent to \$261.23 and Raytheon shed 2.3 percent to \$154.29.
Athletic gear maker Nike jumped 6.2 percent to \$71.71 after a better-than-expected third-quarter report. That helped shoe retailer Foot Locker, which gained 2.9 percent to \$49.33.
The market's big losses this month are an outlier because December is generally the strongest time of the year for U.S. stocks. Traders often talk about a "Santa rally" that adds to the year's gains as positions are closed out and people adjust their portfolios in anticipation of the year to come. Barring huge gains, this will be the worst December for the U.S. market since the 1930s.
Germany's DAX rose 0.2 percent and the FTSE 100 in Britain added 0.1 percent. France's CAC 40 was little changed. The Hang Seng index in Hong Kong rose 0.5 percent while South Korea's Kospi inched up 0.1 percent. The Japanese Nik-

kei declined 1.1 percent.
All of those indexes have taken steep losses this year. The DAX, Hang Seng and Kospi have all plunged at least 20 percent since early January and the Nikkei is down 17 percent since early October.
Oil prices have declined 40 percent from recent highs amid concerns over a glut in the market and the slowing economy. Benchmark U.S. crude dipped 0.1 percent to \$45.86 a barrel in New York. The international standard, Brent crude, declined 1 percent to \$53.83 a barrel in London.
Bond prices were little changed. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note stayed at 2.79 percent.
The U.S. dollar also ticked higher after two days of sharp losses brought on by fears about the economy and slower increases in interest rates. The dollar rose 111.28 yen from 111.11 yen. The euro fell back to \$1.1391 from \$1.1469 and the British pound skipped to \$1.2648 from \$1.2671.

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- Leza Faulkner, 1102 South Water, Burnet
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- Mumduh Felemban, 9338 Perrin Beitel Apt. 701, San Antonio
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Proposals

The Forsan Independent School District is now accepting proposals for the following:

RFP # 19-001 – Ready Built Homes

Documents may be obtained from Jason Mims, Business Manager, Forsan ISD, 411 W 6th St., Forsan, TX 79733, (432) 457-2223 x 223. Bids will be accepted through 2:00 PM CST on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 in the Superintendent's Office, Forsan JH/HS, 411 W 6th St., Forsan, TX 79733, at which time they will be read into record. Proposers are instructed that a formal opening will not occur. The District will negotiate with qualified proposers concerning documents submitted. The final determination of proposal award will be made at a future board meeting.

All questions should be directed to Jason Mims, Business Manager, Forsan ISD, 411 W 6th St., Forsan, TX 79733, (432) 457-2223 x 223., e-mail jmims@forsan.esc18.net
Forsan Independent School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Public Notice

City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals

The City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals will hold a meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. 4th Street Big Spring, Texas to consider the following:

April Martinez, Lt 24 Bk 26, College Park, Located at 3226 Drexel, is requesting a variance for the following under the title of (SF-2) Single Family Dwelling; A variance out of Article 4, Section 4-1, Appendix (C) and Article 4 Section 4-6 Appendix (A) and (E) of the City of Big Spring Zoning Ordinance to encroach a total of four (4') feet into the maximum twenty five foot (25') front yard setback as regulated by the City of

Public Notice
Big Spring Zoning Ordinance for a front yard carport.
Donnie Jones, Lt 3 Bk 5, Highland Park, Located at 1104 Wood St., is requesting a variance for the following under the title of (NS) Neighborhood Service; A variance out of Article 4, Section 4-1, Appendix (C) and Article 4 Section 4-6 Appendix (A) and (E) of the City of Big Spring Zoning Ordinance to encroach a total of Five (5') feet into the side yard setback to extend the main structure, as regulated by the City of Big Spring Zoning Ordinance for a front yard carport.
Douglas Lykken, Lt 23 Bk

Public Notice
12, North Parkhill Addition, Located at 126 Pennsylvania, is requesting a variance for the following under the title of (SF-2) Single Family Dwelling; A variance out of Article 4, Section 4-1, Appendix (C) and Article 4 Section 4-6 Appendix (A) and (E) of the City of Big Spring Zoning Ordinance to encroach a total of Five (5') feet into the maximum twenty five foot (25') front yard setback as regulated by the City of Big Spring Zoning Ordinance for a front yard carport.
Cliff Talbot, Lt 9 & the S11' of Lt 10 Bk 20, McDowell Heights Addition, Located at

Public Notice
1606 S Gregg St., is requesting a variance for the following under the title of (R) Retail; A variance out of Article 9, Section 9-5, Appendix (C) of the City of Big Spring Zoning Ordinance to encroach a total of Eight (8') feet into the maximum fifteen foot (15') front setback as regulated by the City of Big Spring Zoning Ordinance for a 4 X 8 Pylon sign.
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Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed proposals on the following date/time for the purchase of the items/services listed below:
Date/Time: Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 2:00 p.m., for the following:
1. RFP # 19-018 Golf Course Irrigation Improvements
Proposals are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 307

Legals
East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Proposal information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All proposals must be marked with the date of the proposals and a general description of the proposal item(s).
The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any or all formalities.
#10024 Dec. 16 & 23, 2018

Capricorn Cosmic Pride

With many getting together with family and friends in these Capricorn-sun moments leading up to the Christmas holiday, it will be pretty tempting to go on about whatever might impress the company. Whereas pride is attached to achievement and status, its ego-less cousin, dignity, can live inside us regardless of our successes or failures.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The unconventional wisdom is that unconventional wisdom doesn't exist. If a thing works, it works for many other people, too. All you have to do is dig around a bit to see who else is using it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Come up with a name for the feeling you're having -- something all yours, to encompass both the sweeping scope and the minute specificity of the emotion. It will help you move through or use the feeling to good effect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are different definitions for the word pride, some focusing on a feeling of self-respect and worthiness and others focusing on a feeling of superiority and conceit. Pride is a precarious matter. Go cautiously in its expression.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A return to mercurialness will have to do with letting go of a few things, especially things that won't matter in a week or even tomorrow. Clinging tightly to things that will inevitably pass can only lead to misery.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Go on and make your rules, and then try to follow them. One day is enough at first. Establish habits. Paradoxically, the more disciplined you are the freer you'll be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Every day, you tolerate people who have different values, styles and preferences. Usually, it's not a problem, but it still takes self-control to live and let live, which is why it could be very relaxing to just stay home today.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS restrict yourself needlessly. The biggest obstacle to your happiness is the simple fact that you're not allowing it. So give yourself permission.



LI-BRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). To be correct and to have the approval of those who recognize this can be a very stable sort of feeling, but it's even more stabilizing to know that whether or not you're correct and accepted, you're just fine.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The attempt to achieve security is silly, really -- considering we live in the timespan of a blink on a spinning sphere hurtling through a vast universe. Yet you probably feel you need a little certainty today, and you'll get it, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In the past, you were punished for joy out of bounds. Now you

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Questions open options and keep you in loops of thought, but thinking doesn't always bring more clarity. Today it's better to go another route: Stop asking and start accepting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It takes a strong person to acknowledge human vulnerabilities. A weaker person puffs up to compensate for limitations shared by most others on the planet. How unnecessary.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Some relationships are so transactional it doesn't matter who is on the other end; it could be a robot or a unicorn and make no difference. But there are intangible things your loved one does that can't be duplicated by anyone.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 23). You're good to others, and it comes back around. Passion will be tempered by companionship, loyalty, understanding and support. More points of interest include an exclusive arrangement you feel fortunate to take advantage of, a different mode of travel than you're used to and special clearance of some kind. Leo and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 33, 1, 17 and 20.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The glow of the Venus and Neptune trine (not to mention the quick Mercury and Jupiter conjunction) that presided over last week's winter solstice celebration brings a halo of hope for the Christmas and Kwanzaa celebrations of the week. We're probably going to need

it. Mercury and Neptune form a square that could impair our judgment and communication a touch. Why not view this cosmic marker as the yellow sign cautioning us to check ourselves? Do the diagnostic hook-up that will check levels of privilege, attitude, balance and whatever particular weakness one might be prone to. Essentially, this is about managing expectations. When in doubt, place those low. It will increase satisfaction and delight, as reasonable things can be suddenly taken for the miraculous blessings they really are. After all, for most of mankind's history, shelter and food were not givens, especially in dropped temperatures. So try not to let the lights, bells, hubbub and excess obscure the fact that for all our complaining, this is still one of the safest and most exciting times to be alive. Start with that and share the love.

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♣ 4

EAST
♠ —
♥ K Q J 8 7 4 3
♦ 3 2
♣ K Q J 10

SOUTH
♠ Q 10 8 6 2
♥ 6 5 2
♦ A
♣ 9 7 3 2

The bidding:
West North East South
4♦ Dble 4♥ 4♠

Opening lead — king of diamonds.
There are plays that may look absurd and yet make sense because they provide the only solution to a difficult problem. For an extreme example, consider this deal where West leads a diamond against four spades.
It seems impossible to make the contract, and, in fact, it looks as though declarer must lose two hearts and three clubs and go down two. But bridge can be a strange game at times, and if South handles the play perfectly, he makes four spades.
He wins the diamond with the

ace, leads the ten of spades, which wins, and continues with the queen. Let's say West covers with the king (his play doesn't really matter). Declarer takes the ace, cashes the ace of clubs and returns the four of spades to his own deuce and West's seven!
West plays the Q-10 of diamonds, but instead of trumping either one, South discards two hearts from dummy and two clubs from his hand, leaving this position:
North
♠ J 9
♥ A
♣ 8 6 5

West
♦ 9 8 7 6 5 4

East
♥ K Q J
♣ K Q J

South
♠ 8 6
♥ 6 5 2
♣ 9

When West plays another diamond, South ruffs in dummy, discarding his last club, but East is stuck for a discard. If he discards a heart, declarer cashes the ace of hearts, ruffs a club, ruffs a heart and claims the rest. If East discards a club instead, South ruffs a club, plays a heart to the ace and ruffs another club to score the rest.
As we said, bridge can sometimes be a very strange game.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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SUDOKU

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Level: Beginner

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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ANSWER:

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Holiday Sweet Tooth

Dear Annie: I have an addictive personality, and this time of year is really tough for me. Starting with Halloween, I can't stop eating sweets. Usually, the residual candy lasts for weeks, and even if I remove it from my house, it's all over the office or clients' offices. Then, moving into Thanksgiving and desserts, I can't help myself. Once December starts, all the holiday gifts start arriving, and many are sugar-based. Come New Year's, I've been on a two-month junk food binge. I am active

and exercise regularly. The balance of my diet is healthy. And generally between January and October, I'm able to control my intake of sweets. I believe I'm healthy, and I do get annual physicals, so nothing indicates any health concerns from my annual junk food binges. But I'd like to figure out a way to get better control of my impulses during this time of year. Any advice?
-- Seasonal Sugar Addict

Dear Sugar: There's always tomorrow to start a diet when that fresh apple pie comes out of the oven. Whether it's with candy or baked treats, the key is to enjoy

in moderation. Sugar can be addictive, and as with all addictions, there are plenty of professionals and support groups to help. A nutritionist could help you understand your body and plot a healthy eating regimen with you. Focus on addressing your sugar intake day by day. Keep an active record of your daily food consumption, and make yourself accountable for every sweet you consume. Try not to completely deprive yourself, and learn to appreciate the moment on the lips.

Dear Annie: This thought has been bothering me for some time. My

longtime good friend "Alice" slurps her soup and some other foods. She is a lady who has always otherwise had great table manners. She is a highly educated and elegant person. She is not at all aware that she is slurping. I know that she would be devastated if she knew it. So my question is: As one of her best friends, do I tell her or not? -- Somewhere on This Planet

Dear Somewhere on This Planet: I wouldn't recommend this if you two weren't good friends or if she didn't care so much about table manners, but given both of those facts, I think you could gently

point out the slurping to her. If our best friends don't tell us when we've got egg on our faces, who will?

Dear Annie: Just a comment on an answer you gave to "Why?!" -- who wrote to you concerning her retired husband, who insists on using the "wrong" plastic bags for leftovers. Why not suggest that they discontinue use of those bags altogether and utilize reusable containers, such as Pyrex or Tupperware? That could help cut down on the amount of plastic waste heading into the ocean. -- Lori W.

Dear Lori: Excellent point. Over 267 species have been harmed by plastic pollution in the ocean, and about 100,000 marine animals are killed by plastic bags every year. We should all be taking every opportunity we can to avoid contributing to this massive problem. Thanks for writing.

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 - 7 Gene ___
 - 10 Plays hard
 - 14 City that's a near-rhyme to 15 Across
 - 15 "I beat people up" sayer (1977)
 - 16 Certain combo key
 - 17 Southwestern bungalow
 - 18 Creator of the first radio network
 - 19 Entitled successor
 - 20 One extremely well-fixed
 - 23 Daydream
 - 25 *Daughters of ___* (feminist novel)
 - 26 Display disappointment
 - 27 Color of autumn leaves
 - 28 About 15 ml.
 - 32 ___ white
 - 34 Strength of character
 - 36 Multitude
 - 37 "Me no ___" (punny pan of *I Am a Camera*)
 - 40 Be rootless
 - 41 Testing group, for short
 - 43 "Je refuse!"
 - 44 As recently as
 - 45 National Caramel Mo.
 - 46 Sports group that's a UN Permanent Observer
 - 49 It's in charge in the RSA
 - 51 Interrogative endorsement
 - 57 Canada's Freshmart chain
 - 58 Exclamatory endorsement

- 59 Pillow fight sound
 - 60 Get off the ground
 - 62 Colorado Plateau formation
 - 63 Adjectival ending
 - 64 Under canvas
 - 65 See 42 Down
 - 66 Small projection
 - 67 Blanks out
- DOWN**
- 1 FDA category requiring Drug Facts labeling
 - 2 Rock climber's challenges
 - 3 Wrangles with
 - 4 Shaw's "Will ye-oo py me f' them?" speaker
 - 5 Withdraw oneself
 - 6 Marine standard
 - 7 Skywalker Ranch's county

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- 8 Coming-of-age novel pioneer
- 9 They typically sit near conductors at concerts
- 10 Electronic screener
- 11 App development step
- 12 Northeastern National Heritage Corridor
- 13 Snapper's selection
- 21 Medieval boss or subordinate
- 22 Calls for
- 24 Word from the Latin for "unfriendly"
- 28 Propel or perplex
- 29 Miami tourist, often
- 30 Luther Burbank's California home
- 31 Shipped free, for short
- 33 Beverage made from berries
- 35 Full-time player
- 38 Clothes line
- 39 Expound upon in writing
- 42 With 65 Across, Xbox part
- 47 At all
- 48 Solar surrounder
- 50 Bee nectar source
- 52 NBC show in its 67th year
- 53 Passive personality
- 54 Literary sister of Olga
- 55 Eminent odist
- 56 The E in the NYSE's EL
- 58 Setting for Shakespeare's Globe theatre
- 61 Book reviewers, briefly

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Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Brad Aaron Kinard
Grantee: Randy Lynn Kinard
Property: A certain 18.11 acre tract of land out of section 23, block 33 t-1-n, T and P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 20, 2018

Grantor: James Lynn Glass and Helen Sisco Glass, James Wesley Glass, dealing with his sole and separate property owning occupying and claiming other property as his homestead, Jamie GlassWalker, Elizabeth Glass Staggs
Grantee: JLG Salt Water Disposal, LLC
Property: Surface only of five acres out of section two, block 33, T-2-S, T and P Railroad Co. Survey
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Grantor: Stallings Creighton Properties LP
Grantee: Oracio Lopez, Jr. and Tara Lynn Lopez
Property: Begin at the southeast corner of said tract, whence the southeast corner of said section 31
Date: Oct. 20, 2018

Grantor: Shirlee Mae Carlile
Grantee: Scott Carlile
Property: All the certain tract or parcel of land out of and part of tract number seven in section 40, in block 32m T-1-N, T and P Ry. Co. Survey.
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Grantor: Thomas Sinsel, not joined by spouse for the reason that the property conveyed herein is sole and separate property and does not constitute any part of any homestead.
Grantee: Steven Herl
Property: All those certain tracts and parcels of land out of and part of the southwest portion of the northwest quarter, of section 30, in block 33, township 3, north T and P Railroad Co. Survey.
Date: Oct. 23, 2018

Grantor: Steven Herl
Grantee: Martin Nichols Farm, Inc.
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Grantor: Lewis E. Collins and Virginia Collins
Grantee: Michael Shane Forrest
Property: Being all of lot number two, in block number five-A, of a re plat of block number four and five, amended Piner Heights Addition,
Date: Oct. 23, 2018

Grantor: James Edwin McBurnett and Kami Lynn McBurnett
Grantee: NuCompass Mobility Services, inc., A Delaware Corporation
Property: Being all of lot number 15, in block number one, University Gardens
Date: Oct. 23, 2018

Grantor: Beall Land LLC
Grantee: J. Hopper Homes Inc
Property: Lot six, block b stone creek subdivision.
Date: Oct. 23, 2018

Grantor: Andrew S Lasater and Natasha Lasater and James D Lasater
Grantee: Amy Bledsoe
Property: Being lot number 21, save and except the south 4' in block number six, kentwood
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Grantor: Wendell Walker, acting as agent and attorney-in-fact for Faye Walker
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Property: Being all of Lot number 11, in block number eight, North Belvue Addition
Date: Oct. 19, 2018

Grantor: Jeremy Blount and Devoun Blount
Grantee: Cecilia A Doport and Johnny A Doport Jr.,
Property: being all of lot number 12, in block number 17, Kentwood Addition.
Date: Oct. 20, 2018

Grantor: William Dale Coates and Daphne Van Glenn
Grantee: William R. Atkins
Property: Being a 5.824 acre

tract of land, tract 16, more or less, out of th NE/4 of section six, block 31, T-1-S, T and P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 20, 2018

Grantor: Live Well Financial Inc.
Grantee: Kasey D. Osborne
Property: Lot eight, block 19, Saunders addition
Date: Oct. 23, 2018

Grantor: Joe G.Fowler and Cynthia D Fowler aka Cynthia Fowler
Grantee: Misti D.Fontana
Property: E/2 of lots 6 and 7 and the east 8 feet of the W/2 of lots 6 and 7, and the North 44.6 feet of the East 68 feet of lot 8, block 20, Saunders Addition, Coahoma
Date: Oct. 23, 2018

Grantor: Thomas Irwin and Courtney Irwin
Grantee: Geert Craenin and Joey Jana Craenin
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AP photo
 In this Feb. 15, 2015 file photo, actress and director Penny Marshall attends the SNL 40th Anniversary Special in New York. Marshall died of complications from diabetes on Monday, Dec. 17, 2018, at her Hollywood Hills home. She was 75. See story on Page 2.

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'Laverne & Shirley' star, 'Big' director Penny Marshall dies

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

NEW YORK — Penny Marshall, who indelibly starred in the top-rated sitcom "Laverne & Shirley" before becoming the trailblazing director of smash-hit big-screen comedies such as "Big" and "A League of Their Own," has died. She was 75.

Michelle Bega, a spokeswoman for the Marshall family, said Tuesday that Marshall died in her Los Angeles home on Monday night due to complications from diabetes. Marshall earlier fought lung cancer, which went into remission in 2013.

"Our family is heartbroken," the Marshall family said in a statement.

In "Laverne & Shirley," among television's biggest hits for much of its eight-season run between 1976-1983, the nasal-voiced, Bronx-born Marshall starred as Laverne DeFazio alongside Cindy Williams as a pair of blue-collar roommates toiling on the assembly line of a Milwaukee brewery. A spinoff of "Happy Days," the series was the rare network hit about working-class characters, and its self-empowering opening song ("Give us any chance, we'll take it/ Read us any rule, we'll break it") foreshadowed Marshall's own path as a pioneering female filmmaker in the male-dominated movie business.

"Almost everyone had a theory about why 'Laverne & Shirley' took off," Marshall wrote in her 2012 memoir "My Mother Was Nuts." "I thought it was simply because Laverne and Shirley were poor and there were no poor people on TV, but there were plenty of them sitting at home and watching TV."

Marshall directed several episodes of "Laverne & Shirley," which her older brother, the late filmmaker-producer Garry Marshall, created. Those episodes helped launch Marshall as a filmmaker. When Whoopi Goldberg clashed with director Howard Zieff, she brought in Marshall to direct "Jumpin' Jack Flash," the 1986 comedy starring Goldberg.

"Jumpin' Jack Flash" did fair business, but Marshall's next film, "Big," was a major success, making her the first woman to direct a film that grossed more than \$100 million. The 1988 comedy, starring Tom Hanks,

is about a 12-year-old boy who wakes up in the body of a 30-year-old New York City man. The film, which earned Hanks an Oscar nomination, grossed \$151 million worldwide, or about \$320 million accounting for inflation.

The honor meant only so much to the typically self-deprecating Marshall. "They didn't give ME the money," Marshall later joked to The New Yorker.

Marshall reteamed with Hanks for "A League of Their Own," the 1992 comedy about the women's professional baseball league begun during World War II, starring Geena Davis, Madonna and Rosie O'Donnell. That, too, crossed \$100 million, making \$107.5 million domestically.

More than any other films, "A League of Their Own" and "Big" ensured Marshall's stamp on the late '80s, early '90s. The piano dance scene in FAO Schwartz in "Big" became iconic. Hanks' reprimand from "A League of Their Own" — "There's no crying in baseball!" — remains quoted on baseball diamonds everywhere.

On Tuesday, Marshall's passing was felt across film, television and comedy. "Big" producer James L. Brooks praised her for making "films which celebrated humans" and for her helping hand to young comedians and writers. "To many of us lost ones she was, at the time, the world's greatest den mother."

"She had a heart of gold. Tough as nails," recalled Danny DeVito, who starred in Marshall's 1994 comedy "Renaissance Man." "She could play round ball with the best of them."

Marshall's early success in a field where few women rose so high made her an inspiration to other aspiring female filmmakers. Ava DuVernay, whose "A Wrinkle in Time" was the first \$100 million-budgeted film directed by a woman of color, said Tuesday: "Thank you, Penny Marshall. For the trails you blazed. The laughs you gave. The hearts you warmed."

In between "Big" and "A League of Their Own," Marshall made the Oliver Sacks adaptation "Awakenings," with Robin Williams and Robert De Niro. The medical drama, while not as successful at the box office, became only the second film directed by a woman nominated for best picture.

Carole Penny Marshall was born Oct. 15, 1943, in the Bronx. Her mother, Marjorie Marshall, was a dance teacher, and her father, Anthony, made industrial films. Their marriage was strained. Her mother's caustic wit — a major source of material and of pain in Marshall's memoir — was formative. (One remembered line: "You were a miscarriage, but you were stubborn and held on.")

"Those words are implanted in your soul, unfortunately. It's just the way it was," Marshall once recalled. "You had to learn at a certain age what sarcasm is, you know? When she says it about somebody else, you laughed, but when it was you, you didn't laugh so much."

During college at the University of New Mexico, Marshall met Michael Henry, whom she married briefly

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for two years and with whom she had a daughter, Tracy. Marshall would later wed the director Rob Reiner, a marriage that lasted from 1971 to 1981. Tracy, who took the name Reiner, became an actress; one of her first roles was a brief appearance in her mother's "Jumpin' Jack Flash." Marshall is also survived by her older sister, Ronny, and three grandchildren.

Marshall's brother Garry, already established as a writer, coaxed her to move out to Los Angeles in 1967. She studied acting while supporting herself as a secretary — a role she would later play on "Happy Days." Her first commercial was for Head & Shoulders opposite a then-unknown Farrah Fawcett.

"I just cannot bring myself to accept that the homely person on the screen is me," Marshall told TV Guide in 1976. "I grew up believing an actress is supposed to be beautiful. After I saw myself in a 'Love American Style' segment, I cried for three days. I've had braces put on my teeth twice, but they did no good."

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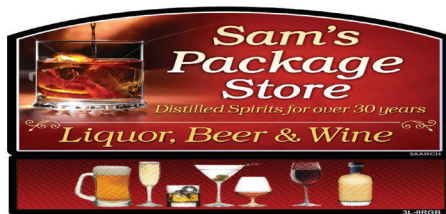
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"I loved discovering new flavors, new flavor combinations," she explains. "I never liked measuring when I'm cooking. Only when I'm baking, it's known that you have to follow a recipe otherwise it won't work sometimes. So when I'm cooking something that doesn't require that, I just go at it. And I don't care, I just like mixing stuff together."

Interestingly though, the self-taught chef freely admits she wasn't always adept in the kitchen. She began the channel (www.youtube.com/lacoquettefood) in 2013 after moving from Spain to Los Angeles. There, she and her husband Alvaro Hernandez, an aspiring filmmaker, were taking extension courses at UCLA when they discovered she had a flair for explaining things on camera. The trouble, however, was at that point she wasn't much of a cook.

"I was bad," Sierra recalls with a hearty laugh. "You can actually talk to my friends and my husband, they can attest to that. Like they would eat my burnt cookies just out of pity."

But recognizing that they may have the nucleus of a web series, they honed their techniques - she in the kitchen and he behind the camera. Eventually her videos took off and Sierra was leaving behind her previous career in marketing to make cooking videos full time, thus enabling her to stay home with her young daughter.

"I love being my own boss. I love being an entrepreneur," she says, "It's really good to ... be able to work from home but then you also have to be very well-organized with your time. And sometimes it's really hard to divide, 'OK, let's set this time for personal time and let's not talk about work.' Luckily we actually hired a full-time employee now. She films and edits most of the recipe videos for 'La Coquette.'"

Sierra's other passion is travel and she and Hernandez like to make short food documentaries wherever they go, telling the stories of cities, towns and villages through the local cuisine.

"Sort of like ... Anthony Bourdain," she says. "In that way, we were really inspired by him and we have some episodes on that, telling really the story of the mom-and-pop shops, not just the typical places that people go to. We really make an effort to know what the locals eat and what really is their everyday type of food because we believe that it tells a lot about not only the people but of the place."



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1:00 p.m. **F** College Basketball Texas A&M-Corpus Christi at Oklahoma State. From Gallagher-Iba Arena in Stillwater, Okla.
3:00 p.m. **F** Women's College Basketball Abilene Christian at Texas Tech. From United Supermarkets Arena in Lubbock, Texas.

BOWLING
Sunday
3:30 p.m. **F** PBA Bowling The PBA Clash. Showcasing eight of the PBA's premier stars in a unique end-of-season "eliminator" event. (Same-day Tape)

FOOTBALL
Sunday
12:00 p.m. **F** NFL Football Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Dallas Cowboys. The Cowboys play their final home game of the 2018 regular season when they host the Buccaneers. Dallas has won six of the last seven meetings with Tampa Bay. Ezekiel Elliott (DAL) rushed for 159 yards in a 26-20 victory over Tampa Bay in 2016. **66**
7:00 p.m. **F** NFL Football Houston Texans at Philadelphia Eagles. The Texans seek a win over the Eagles for the first time in franchise history when they visit. Philadelphia has taken all four previous meetings with Houston, winning by at least 10 points in each contest. The Eagles are 4-3 at home in 2018. **66**
12:00 p.m. **F** NFL Football Minnesota Vikings at Detroit Lions. The Vikings and Lions clash in a vital NFC North contest. Danielle Hunter's 32-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown helped seal a 24-9 Minnesota victory over Detroit in Week 9. The Vikes sacked quarterback Matthew Stafford (DET) 10 times in the win. **66**
3:25 p.m. **F** NFL Football Pittsburgh Steelers at New Orleans Saints. Explosive offenses clash as the Saints host the Steelers. Pittsburgh seeks its first victory in New Orleans since a 9-6 result in 1990. The Saints have won two straight against the Steelers, with Drew Brees (NO) throwing seven TD passes in the wins. **66**
7:20 p.m. **F** NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at Seattle Seahawks. Former divisional rivals cross swords as the Chiefs head to the Pacific Northwest to play the Seahawks. Since Seattle left the AFC West after the 2001 season, Kansas City is 3-1 against the Seahawks. Seattle seeks its first win versus KC since 2002.
Monday
7:15 p.m. **F** NFL Football Denver Broncos at Oakland Raiders. Rivals meet as the Broncos battle the Raiders. In their Week 2 matchup, Denver kicker Brandon McManus booted a 36-yard field goal with six seconds left to hand Oakland a 20-19 defeat. The Raiders have won two straight at home against the Broncos.
Wednesday
12:30 p.m. **F** College Football SERVPRO First Responder Bowl — Boston College vs Boise State. The Eagles (7-5, 4-4 ACC) face the No. 25 Broncos (10-3, 7-1 MWC) in the First Responder Bowl. Boise State makes its 17th-straight bowl appearance, winning 10 of those 16 contests. During that stretch, however, it lost to Boston College in 2005. **66**
4:15 p.m. **F** College Football Quick Lane Bowl — Minnesota vs Georgia Tech. The Golden Gophers (6-6, 3-6 Big Ten) and the Yellow Jackets (7-5, 5-3 ACC) meet in the Quick Lane Bowl in Michigan. Both schools have emerged victorious from their last two bowl appearances. Georgia Tech owns a 25-19 all-time record in bowl games. **66**
8:00 p.m. **F** College Football Cheez-It Bowl — California vs TCU. California (7-5, 4-5 Pac-12) battles TCU (6-6, 4-5 Big 12) for the Cheez-It Bowl in Phoenix. The Horned Frogs continue a run of bowl appearances, with its 13th bowl game in the last 14 seasons. This is the first all-time meeting between the schools. **66**

Thursday
12:30 p.m. **F** College Football Walk-On's Independence Bowl — Temple vs Duke. The Owls (8-4, 7-1 AAC) take on the Blue Devils (7-5, 3-5 ACC) in the Independence Bowl. Temple is on a three-game winning streak, and is making its fourth-straight bowl appearance. Duke has won two bowl games in the previous three seasons. **66**
4:15 p.m. **F** College Football New Era Pinstripe Bowl — Miami vs Wisconsin. The Pinstripe Bowl at Yankee Stadium sees Miami (7-5, 4-4 ACC) clash with Wisconsin (7-5, 5-4 Big Ten). The Badgers defend a four-game bowl win streak, which includes a 34-24 victory over the Hurricanes in last season's Orange Bowl in Miami. **66**
8:00 p.m. **F** College Football Academy Sports & Outdoors Texas Bowl — Baylor vs Vanderbilt. Baylor (6-6, 4-5 Big 12) stays in-state to face Vanderbilt (6-6, 3-5 SEC) in the Texas Bowl. The Bears are 2-0 all-time against the Commodores, but this is their first meeting since 1954. Vanderbilt seeks its first win in a bowl since Jan. 4, 2014. **66**

Friday
12:30 p.m. **F** College Football Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl — Auburn vs Purdue. Auburn (7-5, 3-5 SEC) squares off with Purdue (6-6, 5-4 Big Ten) in the Music City Bowl in Nashville, Tennessee. This is the first time these historic programs will do battle on the gridiron. The Tigers are 1-4 in their last five bowl games. **66**
4:15 p.m. **F** College Football Camping World Bowl — Syracuse vs West Virginia. Two former Big East rivals meet as No. 16 West Virginia (8-3, 6-3 Big 12) plays No. 20 Syracuse (9-3, 6-2 ACC) in the Camping World Bowl. The Orange have won three-straight contests against the Mountaineers, but the last victory came in 2012. **66**
8:00 p.m. **F** College Football Valero Alamo Bowl — Iowa State vs Washington State.

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