



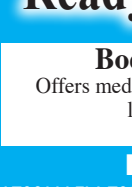
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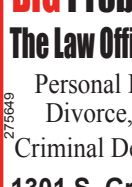
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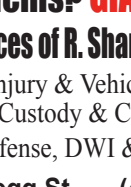
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# Government shutdown: What's closed, who's affected

By **RICHARD LARDNER**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of federal employees began their weekends gripped with doubt, uncertain of when they'll be able to return to work and how long they'll have to go without being paid after a bitter political dispute in Washington triggered a government shutdown.

Many government operations will continue — U.S. troops will stay at their posts and mail will get delivered. But almost half the 2 million civilian federal workers will be barred from doing their jobs if the shutdown extends into Monday.

The longer the shutdown continues, the more likely its impact will be felt. Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, said Republicans and Democrats share the blame.

"Political gamesmanship, an unwillingness to compromise, and a lack of resolve on both sides have led us to this point," McCain said in a statement Saturday.

How key parts of the federal government would be affected by a shutdown:

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Treasury Department's website shows that nearly 44 percent of the IRS' 80,565 employees will be exempt from being furloughed during a shutdown. That would mean nearly 45,500 IRS employees will be sent home just as the agency is preparing for the start of the tax filing season and ingesting the sweeping changes made by the new GOP tax law.

The Republican architects of the tax law have promised that millions

of working Americans will see higher paychecks next month, with less money withheld by employers in anticipation of lower income taxes. The IRS recently issued new withholding tables for employers.

But Marcus Owens, who for 10 years headed the IRS division dealing with charities and political organizations, said it's a "virtual certainty" that the larger paychecks will be delayed if there's a lengthy government shutdown.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Half of the more than 80,000 employees will be sent home. Key programs will continue to function because their funding has ongoing

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# Primaries, local elections coming up

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

Howard County voters should start limbering up their voting hands. Two elections are coming down the pike in the near future.

The first is the primary for November's state and national contest, in which party nominations for one of Texas' two U.S. Senate seats; the local U.S. House of Representatives seat; and the jobs of governor, lieutenant governor, state attorney general, and several other state government positions will all be up for grabs.

The second election coming up will be to choose local city, county, and school board elections, and that vote will be held May 5.

The primary will be March 6, with early voting starting Feb. 20.

"(Early voting) starts Feb. 20 and runs through March 2, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. here at the courthouse. And Feb. 27 and March 1 are our extended days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.," said Howard County Elections Administrator. "Early voting, like always, is done at the courthouse, for both parties. You'll just select the ballot when you get here. We'll need to know which way to load that ballot for them. Then all of the election polling places will be done county-wide."

Polling places on Primary Day, March 6, will be:

- Precincts 11, 12, 12A, 13, 14, 16, 103, 104, and 105: Ryan Hall, 605 N. Main (rear) in Big Spring.
- Precincts 24, 25, 26, 205, and 208: Spring Creek Fellowship, 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring.
- Precincts 32, 33, 34, 35, and 304: First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700 in Big Spring.
- Precincts 42, 45, 46, 404, and 405: Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring.
- Precincts 408 and 409: Sand Springs Fire Station, 8209 N. Service Rd. in Sand Springs.
- Precincts 207 and 207C: Coahoma Community Center, 306 Culp Ave. in

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# This year's fair is on the calendar

File photo

A young fair-goer keeps his eyes on the road at last year's Howard County Fair. This year, the fair organizers have selected Sept. 21 through Sept. 23 as the dates for the annual shindig.

The Howard County Fair is also known to host competitions like fine arts, oil painting, water color for non-professional and professional, baked goods, canned goods, agricultural produce, favorite snapshots of grandchildren competition, fair queen contest, Kountry Kids contest, and much more.

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

"We always want people to come and get a stick for the fair and show their support," said Markwell. "I am really excited to this year's theme."

The Howard County Fair is located at the Howard County Fair Barn at 2900 Old State Hwy 80. For more information go to website: hcfair.org or access the fair page on Facebook.

Contact Staff Writer Amber Mansfield at 432-263-7331 ext. 234, or by email at [life@bigspringherald.com](mailto:life@bigspringherald.com)



**By AMBER MANSFIELD**  
Staff Writer

Save the dates! The Howard County Fair has already posted this year's fair date for 2018. The 2018 Howard County Fair will be Friday, September 21 through Sunday, September 23. The fair times are Friday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday noon to 10 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Every year the Howard County fair barn hosts a fair that features a variety of activities, attractions, entertainment and eats for the residents of Howard County and surrounding areas.

The Howard County Fair in Big Spring always offers people with the opportunity to shop in the newly air-conditioned fair barn for items such as arts and crafts, decorations, furniture and clothing, just to name a few things of the the 80+ vendors who usually exhibit wares at the fair.

The Fair always offers delicious options to the public from food vendors, which has featured fair food that has become a symbol of inventive eating. Fish tacos, ribbon fries, funnel cakes and fried Oreos, as well as burgers, bratwurst, beer, brisket and BBQ have all been eaten at the Howard County Fair.

This year, the fair will have a carnival with a variety of rides for the public's entertainment. Other attractions known to be a part of the fair include lawn tractor pulls, dance and cheer shows, along with the beer garden.

# Annual Livestock Show comes to Howard College

By **ERIN STEPHENS**  
Staff Writer

The Howard County Junior Livestock Show is coming to a close, with Saturday being the last day for the show.

Jan 17 marked the first day of the four day event, with a lamb and goat show. A rabbit, steer, and heifer show took place on the 18th. On the 19th, a barrow show took place at 10 am. Sat Jan 20 was the final

See **SHOW**, Page 3A

# HC board to meet Monday

By **ERIN STEPHENS**  
Staff Writer

The HC Board of Trustees will meet on Monday to discuss items on their agenda for the month of January.

On the topic of the Lamesa ISD project. Consideration of a renovated space on the Lamesa High School campus for Howard college will not be considered as part of the bond proposal being discussed in Lamesa. Howard College is going to continue to seek private funding in the Lamesa area to renovate their existing location.

The Adult Education Literacy Program is expanding its

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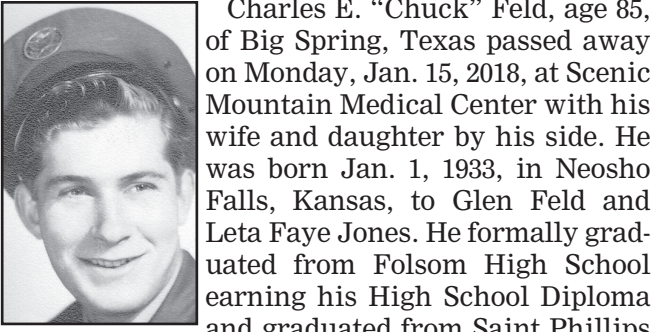


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# Obituaries

## Charles E. “Chuck” Feld



Charles E. “Chuck” Feld, age 85, of Big Spring, Texas passed away on Monday, Jan. 15, 2018, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center with his wife and daughter by his side. He was born Jan. 1, 1933, in Neosho Falls, Kansas, to Glen Feld and Leta Faye Jones. He formally graduated from Folsom High School earning his High School Diploma and graduated from Saint Phillips College in San Antonio, Texas earning his Associate Degree in Accounting.

Chuck was a veteran of the United States Air Force. He joined the United States Air Force on Jan. 5, 1950, at the age of 17. Shortly after he joined, he was assigned to serve in the Korean War and then later in the Vietnam War. During his military career, he also served in Japan, North Africa, Germany, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas and California. He handled and loaded nuclear weapons on B-36s and B-52s, earning many certificates designing devices that would cut the time in half of loading and unloading nuclear weapons on the B-52s. In addition to Active Duty, he worked part-time jobs (Stocking at the Commissary, Selling Slugs at the NCO Club and running the movie projector at the Base Theatre). Thereafter, Chuck continued his military career as an Instructor at Lowry AFB. He served with the Air Force for 20 years, earning a commission as a Technical Sergeant and retiring in 1970 from March AFB. After retiring from Active Duty, he moved to Texas joining Civil Service working in Sheet Metals on B-52's and C-5As and then retired from a 20-year Civil Service career in Disaster Pre-

paredness, closing the Base at Bergstrom AFB. While working Civil Service, he volunteered his expertise starting the first Radiation Training Program with the Round Rock Fire Department. After retiring from Civil Service, he opened his own computer business and then retired completely closing shop after 9 years. He loved his country, military career and was a member of the American Legion and VFW Organizations. Chuck was a Baptist.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 10 years, Harriet Jane Feld of Big Spring, formally from Philippines; his daughters: Janet L. Fryer and son-in-law Bryan Fryer of Round Rock, Melody A. Smoot and son-in-law John Smoot of San Antonio; his grandchildren, Zackery W. Fryer and Taylor A. Fryer of Round Rock; a sister, Virginia Hall of Big Spring; half-brother, Clarence Lee Rafferty of Missouri and a half-sister, Joan E. Audley of Iola, Kansas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glen August Feld and Leta Faye Jones; three sisters, Donna M. Hankins, Marjory L. Cantrell and Dorothy M. Syverson and three brothers, Gene E. Feld, Clifford W. Feld and Bobby L. Feld.

He will lie in state on Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018, from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service with Air Force Honors will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel in Big Spring, Texas with Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

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# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **KIMBERLY ANN NOBLE**, 48, of 1906 Douglas St., was arrested on the warrants of wrong/altered/obscured registration insignia, failure to appear, and a warrant with another agency.
- **BRIJETT RASHAD POWELL**, 27, of 7406 Diana Ave., was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **LAURA ANN MARQUEZ**, 37, of 1429 E 6th St., was arrested on

warrants of expired registration, and failed to maintain financial responsibility.

- **MICHAEL DALE PARKER**, 31, of 801 Pine St., was arrested on warrants of bail jumping and failure to appear felony, and on charges of possession of controlled substance in between 4 to 200 grams, and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **ROY PAIZ GARCIA**, 57, of 1801 Johnson, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

- **TYLER JAMES HERNANDEZ**, 25, of 3608 Dixon, was arrested on two warrants with other agencies.
- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported in the 1100 block of Johnson.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1000 block of N Lamesa Hwy, the 500 block of S Birdwell Lane, the 2500 block of S Gregg St., and the 350 block of CR 35.
- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 800 block of W 3rd St.

# Take Note

- Are you interested in Duplicate Bridge? Big Spring Duplicate will offer lessons to both men and woman.
- The lesson will be offered at the Big Spring Country Club, and the lessons will start Jan. 31. There will be five lessons at \$25 a per person. Bridge is a wonderful stimulating and pleasant way to spend an afternoon or evening.
- If you have any questions call 264-5615 or 263-2753.
- Cross stitch squares are now ready for the 2018 Howard County Fair quilt. Theme for this year's quilt is “The Love of Dogs.” Anyone able to help by stitching a square may pick one up at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday.
- For questions or for more information, please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.
- The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations.
- Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel

Miller at 432-213-1221.

- Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club.
- Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade.
- Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St.
- For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.
- Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding.
- To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.
- If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.
- Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at

the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.
- Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.
- Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.
- Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.
- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.
- Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3td Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.
- The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road.
- For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004.
- All combat veterans

of foreign wars are invited to come.

- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.
- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- For more information, contact 432-271-2138.
- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 ½ Main St. All Masons are welcome.
- Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard “Indio” Lesser at 432-935-0125,
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program.
- If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

## Teresa Sheppard

Teresa Sheppard, 62, of Big Spring died Friday, Jan. 19, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home

## Anthony (Tony) Garner Thixton

It is with great sadness that the family of Anthony (Tony) Garner Thixton announces his passing after a brief illness on Tuesday, Jan. 16th, 2018, at the age of 62. He will be remembered by his daughter, Aarika and her husband Matthew Ellsworth; brother, Wesley and wife Betty Thixton; sisters, Sara Thixton, and Lucy Marlow; and mother Eunice. He is predeceased by his father, Garner, and sister, Lisa.

He was born to Garner Thixton and Eunice Thomas Thixton on Sept. 26th, 1955, in Corpus Christi, Texas. He graduated from Forsan High School in 1973 before attending Howard College. Later, he was certified as a nuclear imaging tech.

Memorial service will be held 11 a.m., Monday, Jan. 22 at Myers and Smith Funeral home with Clark Tatum, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

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# Support Groups

**SUNDAY**

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

**MONDAY**

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

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

**TUESDAY**

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.
- This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.
- For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

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

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

**WEDNESDAY**

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

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

**THURSDAY**

- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Weekly 10/5/17 through 01/11/18; 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

- 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

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# SHUTDOWN

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authorization and doesn't depend on annual approval by Congress. But critical disruptions could occur across the vast jurisdiction of HHS programs — including the seasonal flu program.

Medicare, which insures nearly 59 million seniors and disabled people, will keep going. And so will Medicaid, which covers more than 74 million low-income and disabled people, including most nursing home residents.

States will continue to receive payments for the Children's Health Insurance Program, which covers about 9 million kids. However, long-term funding for the program will run out soon unless Congress acts to renew it.

Deep into a tough flu season, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will be unable to support the government's annual seasonal flu program. And CDC's ability to respond to disease outbreaks will be significantly reduced.

## JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Many of the nearly 115,000 Justice Department employees have national security and public safety responsibilities that allow them to keep working during a shutdown. Special counsel Robert Mueller's team investigating Russian meddling in the presidential election will also continue working. His office is paid for indefinitely.

The more than 95,000 employees who are "exempted" include most of the members of the national security division, U.S. attorneys, and most of the FBI, Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, U.S. Marshals Service and federal prison employees. Criminal cases will continue, but civil cases will be postponed as long as doing so doesn't compromise public safety. Most law enforcement training will be canceled, per the department's contingency plan.

## STATE DEPARTMENT

Many State Department operations

will continue in a shutdown. Passport and visa processing, which are largely self-funded by consumer fees, will not shut down. The agency's main headquarters in Washington, in consultation with the nearly 300 embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions around the world, will draw up lists of nonessential employees who will be furloughed.

Department operations will continue through the weekend and staffers will be instructed to report for work as usual on Monday to find out whether they have been furloughed.

## DEFENSE DEPARTMENT

The U.S. military will continue to fight wars and conduct missions around the world, including in Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan. And members of the military will report to work, though they won't get paid until Congress approves funding.

Mattis said in a departmentwide memo Friday that "ships and submarines will remain at sea, our aircraft will continue to fly and our warfighters will continue to pursue terrorists throughout the Middle East, Africa and South Asia."

But Mattis said during remarks on Friday at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies that a shutdown will still have far-reaching effects on the Defense Department.

Weapons and equipment maintenance will shut down, military intelligence operations would stop and training for most of the reserve force would be put on hold, he said. And any National Guard forces heading out to do weekend training duty around the country will arrive at armories and be told to go home.

## U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES

The workforce at the 17 U.S. intelligence agencies will be pared down significantly, according to a person familiar with contingency procedures.

The official, who was not authorized to publicly discuss the matter and spoke on condition of anonymity, said employees who are considered essential and have to work will do so with no expectation of a regular pay-

check.

While they can be kept on the job, federal workers can't be paid for days worked during a shutdown. In the past, however, they have been paid retroactively even if they were ordered to stay home.

## HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT

A department spokesman said nearly 90 percent of Homeland Security employees are considered essential and will continue to perform their duties during a government shutdown.

That means most Customs and Border Protection and Transportation Security Administration workers will stay on the job, according to the department's shutdown plan, dated Friday.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement will be staffed at about 78 percent, meaning more than 15,000 of the agency's employees will keep working. The Secret Service, also part of Homeland Security, will retain more than 5,700 employees during the shutdown.

## INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

The Interior Department said national parks and other public lands will remain as accessible as possible. That position is a change from previous shutdowns, when most parks were closed and became high-profile symbols of dysfunction.

Spokeswoman Heather Swift said the American public — especially veterans who come to the nation's capital — should find war memorials and open-air parks available to visitors. Swift said many national parks and wildlife refuges nationwide will also be open with limited access when possible.

She said public roads that already are open are likely to remain open, though services that require staffing and maintenance such as campgrounds, full-service restrooms and concessions won't be operating. Backcountry lands and culturally sensitive sites are likely to be restricted or closed, she said.

Yet the shutdown had an instant impact on two of the world's top tourist destinations: the Statue of Liberty

and Ellis Island.

The National Park Service announced that both New York sites would be closed Saturday "due to a lapse in appropriations." The park service said the closure of the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island was effective immediately and until further notice.

For ticket refunds, visitors were instructed to contact the Statue Cruises company that runs ferries to the statue and Ellis Island, the historic entry point in New York Harbor for immigrants to the United States that is now a museum.

## TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

More than half — 34,600 — of the Department of Transportation's 55,100 employees will continue working during a shutdown. The bulk of those staying on the job work for the Federal Aviation Administration, which operates the nation's air traffic control system.

Controllers and aviation, pipeline and railroad safety inspectors are among those who would continue to work.

But certification of new aircraft will be limited, and processing of airport construction grants, training of new controllers, registration of planes, air traffic control modernization research and development, and issuance of new pilot licenses and medical certificates will stop.

At the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, investigations on auto safety defects will be suspended, incoming information on possible defects from manufacturers and consumers won't be reviewed and compliance testing of vehicles and equipment will be delayed.

The Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, whose operations are mostly paid for out of the Federal Highway Trust Fund, will continue most of their functions. The fund's revenue comes from federal gas and diesel taxes, which will continue to be collected. But work on issuing new regulations will stop throughout the department and its nine agencies.

# VOTE

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Coahoma.

Each voter's precinct is listed on his or her voter registration card.

Duck said the procedure for voting in a primary is very similar to voting in a general election. The main difference is that you have to declare your party affiliation at the polling place before you vote.

"We have an open primary in Texas. That means you can change it from primary to primary," she said. "There is nothing on record, except which ballot you chose that previous year. So when they come in to vote, they will have to select which ballot they would like to complete for this election, whether it be the Democrat or the Republican ballot. On that, they are pledging their allegiance to that party, only for the primary and the primary run-off. So come November, they can vote any way they want to."

Three Democrats and five Republicans have signed up to run for the available Senate seat currently held by Republican Ted Cruz. They include:

- Beto O'Rourke, Democrat;
- Edward Kimbrough, Democrat;
- Sema Hernandez, Democrat;
- Mary Miller, Republican;
- Geraldine Sam, Republican;
- Stefano de Stefano, Republican;
- Ted Cruz, Republican (incumbent);
- Bruce Jacobson Jr., Republican.

In the race for Representative, only one candidate from each party has filed:

- Jodey Arrington, Republican (incumbent);
  - Miguel Levario, Democrat.
- Ten Democrats and three Republicans have signed up to run for Texas Governor, the seat currently held by Republican Greg Abbot:

- Andrew White, Democrat;
- Tom Wakely, Democrat;
- Lupe Valdez, Democrat;
- Adrian Ocegueda, Democrat;
- Jeffrey Payne, Democrat;
- Grady Yarbrough, Democrat;
- James Jolly Clark, Democrat;
- Cedric Davis Sr., Democrat;
- Demetria Smith, Democrat;
- Joe Mumbach, Democrat;
- Greg Abbot, Republican (incumbent);
- Barbara Krueger, Republican;
- SECEDE Kilgore, Republican.

Two members of each party are running for the Lieutenant Governor job, currently held by Republican Dan Patrick:

- Dan Patrick, Republican (incumbent);
- Scott Milder, Republican;
- Michael Cooper, Democrat;
- Mike Collier, Democrat.

Only one candidate has signed up from each party for the Texas Attorney General race:

- Justin Nelson, Democrat;
- Ken Paxton, Republican (incumbent).

For candidates in other races, visit [www.facebook.com/HowardCountyElections/](http://www.facebook.com/HowardCountyElections/)

Candidate filing for the May 5 local election began Thursday and will run through Feb. 16 at 5 p.m. Local seats up for grabs include:

- City of Big Spring, City Council Districts 2, 4, and 6;
- City of Coahoma, Three at-large City Council seats;
- City of Forsan, Two City Council (Alderman) seats;
- Big Spring Independent School District, School Board Districts 2 and 4 (both full term);
- Coahoma Independent School District, Three at-large Board Trustee seats (all full term);
- Forsan Independent School District, Two board trustee seats (full term) and two board trustee seats (unexpired term).

# SHOW

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day of the show and the day began at 9 am. The main events of the final day will include a BBQ, premium auction and sale, and awards ceremony.

The HCJL association is overseen by four officers, President Matt Woodall, Vice President Coy Worley, Treasurer Russell Parum, and Secretary Michelle Hamlin. "Our numbers for the show were good and everything went smoothly," said secretary Michelle Hamlin.

Officers and the board for the show work year-round to gather money for various things like a photographer so kids can have photos for free and for the BBQ that takes place on the last day of the event every year.

"On our final day, we have our premium auction and sale," said Hamlin. Whatever kids get at the sale, they can use it to help pay for feed and animals and anything they need to help keep their projects going. The kids have lamb, goat, rabbit, pig, and steer projects throughout the year. This is basically just where kids purchase the animals, feed them, work with them, and get them ready to show. It develops the responsibility of having to go take care of something."

Five scholarships were given out on the final day totaling \$7000. Winners were area seniors who participated in the show from various schools in and around Howard County. Belt buckles for Grand Champions, Reserve Grand Champions, and Showmanship Winners were also given out.

"We have an auction committee that helps put all of this together," said Hamlin. "We think 'the more the merrier' and we'd like to grow this event in upcoming years."

When asked what she thought the highlight of the show was, Hamlin responded by saying she felt the highlight was how every kid watched other kids get out there and have the opportunity to be in the spotlight and show how hard they worked.

"Awards are secondary because everyone cheers for everyone," she said.

Rules and guidelines for show participation include a no pass/no play rule that is similar to UIL competition rules. Each organization has their own set of eligibility forms and schools of kids participating in the livestock show must be passing all of their classes in order to register. Show participants must be between 3rd and high school age but 3rd graders must be at least 9 years old.

"Our show is always open to the public and we encourage the community to come out and take part in this," said Hamlin.

# HC

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outreach to the community and will be holding classes at the The Salvation Army of Big Spring as well as Ryan Hall. The ribbon cutting for The Salvation Army is Mon at 9 am and 4 pm for Ryan Hall. Using the AEL Program, individuals can prepare to pass high school equivalency tests as well as learn English. The formerly known GED program is now called TexChse, or Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency. AEL classes help people prepare for TexChse.

The board will be informed of a gift received from the Dora Roberts foundation.

Alvin Community College sent a video of thanks for the Hurricane Harvey relief effort and this will be shown during the board meeting.

On Feb. 6, a dinner meeting with area school boards and the Howard County Board of Trustees will take place.

The focus of the meeting will to network and how to work together to provide educational resources to the county.

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Charles E. (Chuck) Feld, 85, died Monday. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service with Air Force Honors will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Anthony (Tony) Thixton, 62, died Wednesday. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Teresa Sheppard, 62, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

# Opinion

*“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”*

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## DAILY PRAYER

May we seize the day, Lord,  
and start with a prayer. Amen.

## OPINION

# The new Big Spring

We're so proud of the way our spring looks now. It's great to see people enjoying it." — Debbie Wegman, Big Spring Visitors Center.

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

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



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

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

A walking path is shaped like a turtle. Debbie says the turtles represented water and good fortune to the Native Americans.

Spanish explorer Cabeza de Vaca first recorded the spring in 1533 and he found Indians living by the spring then. It was the largest body of water in a one hundred mile area. Use of the spring dried it up, but it is flowing once again. Water streams through two ponds before reaching the big body of water. One of the smaller ponds used to be a good swimming hole. "There are three areas where there are waterfalls," says Debbie.

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



# Times 'Squared' on New Year's Eve

Officials charged with safekeeping and maintaining order at Times Square in New York City on New Year's Eve must have been sweating, even if the weather outside was frightful.

The mass of humanity estimated to number in excess of one million people—surely could have been forgiven had they chosen to celebrate indoors. But, when the role was called up yonder in the "Big Apple," they were "there." Critics contend, however, that all were NOT accounted for, nor did they wish to be.

The planners groaned at the unlikely prospect of the ball failing to drop. Except for the World War II years of 1942 and 1943, the ball has dropped annually since 1907. To make sure it did this year, at least rumors claimed, they hired Dallas Cowboy Dez Bryant to drop it.

Uncle Mort, my 105-year-old kin, remembers how some West Texans tried to mimic the NYC celebration, but failed miserably. Most alleged participants might prefer blocking the 1960s boondoggle from their memory.

"When pumpkin farming took hold, they didn't have a tall building in Floydada from which to drop the season's biggest pumpkin. They had to settle for an old three-story building that still stands there," he explained.

Mort says the idea looked good on paper, but they learned with

that one drop of a pumpkin "held over" two months after harvest—ed makes messes, particularly when it explodes and stains ladies' "Sunday go to meeting" dresses and "suited men" with ties on.

Alas, I investigated Mort's claim, and found no one in Floyd County who remembers this event. In the 1980s, however, they started "Punkin Days," and for 35 years, the event has drawn thousands of people to Floydada on the second Saturday of October. (It should be mentioned that Mort isn't always much good at separating "what was" from "what might have been." Perhaps he got this story mixed up with the ill-fated "turkey drop" on the TV show, WKRP in Cincinnati.

Noticing that 63 Sam's Club stores are closing, Mort wonders if it might be time to consider some "little box" businesses.

"Maude and I don't shop often at 'big box' places," he said. "We wind up eating bigger portions than needed, and we feel badly about throwing food away." He figures eating less would cure many of the nation's dietary woes. "Maude already has us using smaller plates; it took me a few weeks to get used to it, but here lately, I've even skipped seconds."

Mort thinks "little box" stores might even carry miniature toys, none of which requires batteries. "I'm thinking those little black and white Scottie dogs mounted on magnets might make a comeback," he said.

He admits, though, that children might yawn at the prospect

of a toy that doesn't have batteries, moving parts or produce noise.

In our town (Burleson, TX), the population remains much on the increase. It's approaching 50,000, with no end in sight. Land—the stuff Mort often mentions "they ain't making any more of"—is priced accordingly.

One new residential area, with homes priced between \$300,000 and \$400,000, has tiny yards—front and back—as well as cramped driveways. At least one has a side entry garage that calls for several forward/reverse movements when entering or exiting. (Exceptions include golf carts and Coopers.)

For such high-end neighborhoods, it is going to require more than tall fences to make good neighbors, particularly if there's barely enough room between houses to build fences. On a positive note: Seems to me there are several good movies out, including Darkest Hour, The Post, Wonder, The Greatest Showman and Victoria and Abdul.

I'm reminded of a high school chum who was a movie theater usher back in the day. Women's hats often blocked views of patrons sitting behind them.

A sign posted at the entrance solved the problem: "Women over age 40 need NOT remove their hats."

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DR. DON NEWBURY

# Good dog, bad dog ... Delta wants to know before you board



AP photo

In this April 1, 2017 file photo, a service dog strolls through the aisle inside a United Airlines plane at Newark Liberty International Airport while taking part in a training exercise, in Newark, N.J. Delta Air Lines says for safety reasons it will require owners of service and support animals to provide more information before their animal can fly in the passenger cabin, including an assurance that it's trained to behave itself.

By DAVID KOENIG

AP Airlines Writer

DALLAS — Delta Air Lines will soon require owners of service and support animals to provide more information before their animal can fly in the passenger cabin, including an assurance that it's trained to behave itself.

The airline says complaints about animals biting or urinating or defecating on planes have nearly doubled since 2016.

Starting March 1, Delta will require owners to show proof of their animal's health or vaccinations at least 48 hours before a flight.

Owners of psychiatric service animals and of those used for emotional support will need to sign a statement vouching that their animal can behave. But owners will be on the honor system — they won't have to show, for example, that their dog graduated from obedience school.

The new requirements don't apply to pets, for which owners pay an extra fee. Delta, American and United all charge \$125 each way for small pets in the cabin. Pets that don't fit under a seat must fly in the cargo hold, also for a price.

Delta's policy change arrives with the number of animals in the cabin increasing.

A rift has grown between disabled people who rely on trained service animals, usually dogs, and passengers with support or comfort animals, with many in the first group suspecting that those in the latter are just trying to avoid paying \$125.

However, owners of comfort animals, including veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome, often say that they wouldn't be able to travel without their companion.

John Laughter, the airline's senior vice president of safety and security, said there are insufficient rules in place to screen animals for health and behavior issues.

Last June, a 70-pound dog flying as a support animal bit another passenger several times in the face on a Delta plane in Atlanta. The victim was hospitalized.

Delta is seeking a balance "that supports those customers with a legitimate need for these animals" while maintaining safety, Laughter said.

Sara Nelson, president of the largest flight attendants' union, praised Delta's decision. She said passengers abuse the system to bring untrained animals on board, and if it isn't stopped it could lead to a crackdown that will hurt veterans and the disabled "who legitimately need to travel with these animals."

Eric Goldmann, a sales representative in Atlanta for a health care company, posts pictures on Twitter of support animals that he thinks should have stayed home. He says owners are abusing the system and creating safety hazards.

"These dogs are everywhere, they're out in the aisles," he said. "Planes have to be evacuated in 90 seconds in an emergency. If animals get in the way, people will panic."

Although exact figures aren't available, airline employees say dogs and cats are the most common animals on planes, but there have been sightings of pigs, snakes and turkeys too.

Delta's new rules are aimed at two categories: service animals, which receive specific training to help blind or disabled passengers; and so-called emotional-support animals, which require no training at all. Both fly for free and are not required to be caged during the flight.

The emotional-support group has been growing rapidly, and it is the target of most of the new Delta procedures. Delta, the second-biggest U.S. airline by revenue, said it transports about 700 service and support animals every day, nearly 250,000 per year. More than two-thirds are emotional-support animals. That does not include animals for which owners pay a fee to keep in a carrier under their seat during flights.

The boom in animal travel has prompted airports to add places where pets can relieve themselves.

Federal regulators have interpreted a 1986 access-to-travel law to allow support animals in airplane

# Weekly Oil Report

New Locations:

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#2663WB Merlin "E", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39436  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA  
11.10 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-1213, Section 24, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,700 feet  
X=723427, Y=272045. Datum: NAD 27  
500' FSEL, 1781' FSWL of 1,140.8-acre lease  
500' FSEL, 1781' FSWL of the survey  
Rule 37 Exception

Hannathon Petroleum, LLC  
223 W. Wall Street, Suite 800  
Midland, TX 79701-0000  
Ryan Bergeron, Consultant  
(512) 478-3456

#6 Click "14", drill, El: NA, API #42-227-39438  
Petey (Fusselman) Field  
4.88 miles southeast of Big Spring  
A-1317, Section 14, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,500 feet  
Latitude 032.224023, Longitude -101.401073. Datum: NAD 27  
2230' FNL, 660' FWL of 562.59-acre lease  
2230' FNL, 1981' FWL of the survey

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#71HA Micanthus "E 1612", drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39439  
8.60 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-391, Section 21, Block 34, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
Latitude 032.151171, Longitude -101.373601. Datum: NAD 27  
687' FWL, 575' FNL of 500-acre lease  
687' FWL, 575' FNL of the survey

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA  
3.25 miles northeast of Knott  
A-1224, Section 44, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
Latitude 032.449451, Longitude -101.634205. Datum: NAD 27  
269' FSL, 1199' FWL of 504.12-acre lease  
269' FSL, 1199' FWL of the survey

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#2349WA Duke, drill horizontal, API #42-227-39348  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA  
14.10 miles southwest of Big Spring  
A-541, Section 23, Block 35, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,500 feet  
X=703746, Y=201647. Datum: NAD 27  
267' FNWL, 1003' FNEL of 640.16-acre lease  
267' FNWL, 1003' FNEL of the survey

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6.60 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-391, Section 21, Block 34, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9800 feet  
Latitude 032.151186, Longitude -101.373533. Datum: NAD 27  
747' FWL, 575 FNL of 500-acre lease  
747' FWL, 575' FNL of the survey

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# NASA bumps astronaut off space station flight in rare move

By MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA has bumped an astronaut off an upcoming spaceflight, a rare move for the space agency so close to launch.

Astronaut Jeanette Epps was supposed to rocket away in early June, and would have been the first African-American to live on the International Space Station. Late Thursday, NASA announced it was pulling Epps off the mission but didn't disclose why. Astronauts have been removed from missions in the past, mostly for health reasons.

Epps, an engineer, will be considered for future space missions, according to NASA.

She's been replaced by her backup, Serena Aunon-Chancellor, a doctor. Both were chosen as astronauts in 2009.

Epps is returning to Houston from Russia, where she'd been training to fly to the space station with a German and Russian. NASA spokeswoman Brandi



AP photo

In this Sept. 16, 2014 photo provided by NASA, astronaut Jeanette Epps participates in a spacewalk training session at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Dean said Friday it was a decision by NASA, not the Russian Space Agency.

African-American astronauts have visited the space station, but Epps would have been the first

to live there. Space station crews typically stay for five to six months. NASA assigned her to the flight a year ago.

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# DELTA

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cabins and in apartment buildings that do not allow pets. That has created a cottage industry of online companies that help people establish their pet as an emotional support animal.

Airlines must allow support animals in the cabin, although they can require owners to present a letter from a doctor or other medical provider who can vouch that the human traveler is helped by having the animal there. Delta will now ask to see those letters 48 hours in advance.

The Transportation Department, aided by an advisory committee of airline and passenger advocates, has been considering tightening the definitions of service and comfort animals but missed its own deadline last year.

The airlines also complain that they have no way to verify that doctors who sign off on comfort animals are qualified to decide if someone needs the emotional support. Last year an undercover reporter for a Los Angeles TV station found a chiropractor willing to sign a letter allowing the woman's dog to fly for free if she paid his \$250 fee.

American Airlines and United Airlines said they were reviewing their animal policies. Both reported seeing a significant increase in the number of emotional-support animals since 2016.

# Judge orders changes to Texas foster care system

DALLAS (AP) — A judge ordered Texas to make sweeping changes to its foster care system on Friday, two years after she found it unconstitutionally broken.

U.S. District Judge Janis Graham Jack told the state the overhaul must include improvements in record keeping, caseworker visits and where children are placed. The changes were based on recommendations from experts the judge appointed to help craft a plan to improve the lives of children in long-term foster care.

The judge appointed the two experts after ruling in December 2015 that people labeled permanent wards of the state "almost uniformly leave state custody more damaged than when they entered." The state has fought Jack's oversight and objected to previous recommendations made by the experts.

The state quickly filed a notice of appeal Friday following Jack's latest ruling. Attorney General Ken Paxton said the judge's "unfunded and unrealistic mandates" were misguided, and he noted legislation last year that funds improvements to the system.

But in her final order Friday, Jack wrote that "two years and one legislative session later, the foster care system of Texas remains broken." She also writes that the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services "has demonstrated an unwillingness to take tangible steps to fix the broken system."

The order from Jack came in a case filed in 2011 by New York advocacy group Children's Rights and Texas lawyers on behalf of those in long-term foster care. Unlike most states faced with such lawsuits, Texas fought it instead of settling.

At a 2014 trial in the class-action lawsuit, former foster children testified of abuse they suffered as they were shuffled from placement to placement.

Jack's 2015 opinion in the case detailed the sufferings of foster youths, including a girl identified as S.A. who entered the foster care system at age 5 and within months reported being raped by an older child. She was moved more than 45 times, including to psychiatric hospitals, and missed several chances for adoption because of paperwork delays. At 18, after aging out of the system, she walked into traffic and survived being hit by a car.

Texas continued to fight after Jack's ruling, even as crisis after crisis emerged in the state's child welfare system: Some children taken from their families had to sleep in state offices, motels or emergency shelters because of a lack of other options and children believed to be at risk weren't being promptly seen, if at all.

While state officials repeatedly acknowledged serious problems, they objected to oversight by a federal judge, saying they had been working on their own changes. Yet when the experts appointed by Jack filed their recommendations this month, they noted that "in numerous instances" the state had declined to "implement policy changes or develop implementation plans."

# San Antonio officer arrested, accused of shoplifting at mall

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A veteran San Antonio police officer has been charged with theft after being accused of shoplifting at a mall while off-duty. San Antonio police on Friday announced 40-year-old Officer Stephanie Solis was put on administrative leave amid the investigation. Solis was arrested Thursday afternoon on a report of a suspected shoplifter which store was involved or what items were reported stolen.

say Solis, who's been a San Antonio officer for nine years, allegedly hid merchandise in her purse and walked out of a store without paying. She was charged with misdemeanor theft and released Friday on \$1,000 bond. Online jail records did not list additional information for Solis or an attorney to speak for her. Police didn't immediately say which store was involved or what items were reported stolen.

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| SeSeSM Energy Company<br>6301 Holiday Hill Road<br>Midland, TX 79707-0000<br>Jill Hamilton, Regulatory Tech<br>(432) 848-4855                          | #2347WA Duke, drill horizontal, API #42-227-39346<br>Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA<br>14.10 miles southwest of Big Spring<br>A-541, Section 23, Block 35, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey<br>Total Depth: 10,500 feet<br>X=703659, Y=201627. Datum: NAD 27<br>268' FNWL, 1093' FNEL of 640.16-acre lease<br>268' FNWL, 1093' FNEL of the survey                              |
| SM Energy Company<br>6301 Holiday Hill Road<br>Midland, TX 79707-0000<br>Lisa Hunt, Regulatory Tech<br>(432) 848-4833                                  | #1 Neptune SWD, drill, El: NA, API #42-227-39441<br>Spraberry (Trend Area) Field<br>12.40 miles northwest of Big Spring<br>A-1339, Section 8, Block 34, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey<br>Total Depth: 12,900 feet<br>X=704963, Y=240445. Datum: NAD 27<br>329' FSEL, 2151' FNEL of 645-acre lease<br>329' FSEL, 505' FSWL of the survey                                           |
| Surge Operating, LLC<br>7850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West<br>Suite 300<br>Houston, TX 77064-0000<br>Gayle Foord, Regulatory Analyst<br>(832) 333-2332      | #2D Middleton, drill, El: NA, API #42-227-39442<br>Spraberry (Trend Area) Field<br>9.70 miles northwest of Fairview<br>A-1007, Section 38, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey<br>Total Depth: 13,000 feet<br>Latitude 032.485752, Longitude -101.582871. Datum: NAD 27<br>1069' FNL, 2253' FEL of 640-acre lease<br>1069' FNL, 2253' FEL of the survey                       |
| Surge Operating, LLC<br>7850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West<br>Suite 300<br>Houston, TX 77064-0000<br>Gayle Foord, Regulatory Analyst<br>(832) 333-2332      | #1D Elrod-Antell, drill, El: NA, API #42-227-39197<br>Spraberry (Trend Area) Field<br>6.50 miles northwest of Fairview<br>A-323, Section 11, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey<br>Total Depth: 13,000 feet<br>Latitude 032.435831, Longitude -101.570429. Datum: NAD 27<br>1277' FSL, 2625' FWL of 640-acre lease<br>1277' FSL, 2625' FWL of the survey                     |
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| Surge Operating, LLC<br>7850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West<br>Suite 300<br>Houston, TX 77064-0000<br>Gayle Foord, Regulatory Analyst<br>(832) 333-2332      | #2AH Clark Unit "24-13", drill horizontal, El: NA<br>Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-38875<br>11.65 miles north of Big Spring<br>A-1105, Section 24, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey<br>Total Depth: 10,000 feet<br>Latitude 032.408894, Longitude -101.548644. Datum: NAD 27<br>332' FSL, 1238' FWL of 518.29-acre lease<br>332' FSL, 1238' FWL of the survey  |
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| Kinder Morgan<br>Production Co., LLC<br>6 Desta Drive, Suite 6000<br>Midland, TX 79705-0000<br>Lauren Flowers,<br>Regulatory Analyst<br>(432) 688-2338 | #124-4 SACROC Unit, re-completion, API #42-415-01620<br>Kelly-Snyder Field, El: NA<br>1.70 miles northwest of Snyder<br><br>A-472, Section 17, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey<br>Total Depth: 7800 feet<br>X=941489, Y=418531. Datum: NAD 27<br>18,972' FSL, 8070' FEL of 49,860-acre lease<br>467' FNL, 2693' FWL of the survey<br>SWR 36 (H2S)                                 |

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# Texas unemployment rate reaches 3.9 percent in December

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas; unemployment rate rose slightly in December to 3.9 percent, the Texas Workforce Commission reported Friday.

Nationwide unemployment last month at 4.1 percent. The Texas jobless rate in November was 3.8 percent, according to the state labor agency.

Amarillo and Midland areas had the lowest unemployment in Texas during December at 2.5 percent. The Beaumont-Port Arthur and McAllen-Edinburg-Mission areas had the state's highest jobless rates last month at 6.7 percent, officials said.

The Texas economy added 306,900 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs over the year, including 400 additional jobs in December, according to the commission. Annual employment growth for Texas was 2.5 percent in December, marking 92 consecutive months of annual growth.

"The unemployment rate in Texas fell nearly a point over the year 2017, which is great news for workers in the Lone Star State," said Commissioner Labor Julian Alvarez. "Positive economic growth means continued opportunities for the expanding labor force here in Texas."

Industries adding jobs in December included leisure and hospitality, which added 6,800 jobs. Construction added 4,300 jobs, according to commission officials. Information, which added 3,600 jobs, includes traditional and software publishing, data processing and hosting, and telecommunications companies.

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# Vegas toll of injured in shooting rises to 851



*AP photo*  
In this Oct. 9, 2017 file photo, Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo discusses the Route 91 Harvest festival mass shooting at the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department headquarters in Las Vegas.

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The Latest on the shooting in Las Vegas last October that left 58 people dead and hundreds injured on the Las Vegas strip (all times local):

The sheriff in Las Vegas now says 851 people suffered injuries directly related to the Oct. 1 mass shooting that became the most deadly in modern U.S. history, including 422 who were hurt by gunfire.

The new overall injury figure provided Friday by Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo is significantly higher than the number of about 550 hurt that was provided last October.

Lombardo provided no further details about the injured or how people were hurt other than by gunfire.

In the days after the shooting, some people reported suffering injuries in the hectic rush by thousands to flee the gunfire.

Fifty-eight people were fatally shot before the shooter, Stephen Paddock, killed himself.

A preliminary police report says the bodies of 31 were found in or immediately outside a concert venue across Las Vegas Boulevard from the Mandalay Bay resort.

That's where the report says Paddock amassed an arsenal of assault-style weapons and opened fire into a concert crowd of about 22,000 at the annual Route 91 Harvest Festival.

The sheriff in Las Vegas says a federal grand jury

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#124-5 SACROC Unit, re-completion, API #42-415-01621  
Kelly-Snyder Field, El: NA  
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#156-5 SACROC Unit, re-completion, API #42-415-30716  
Kelly-Snyder Field, El: NA  
5.30 miles northwest of Snyder

A-472, Section 17, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey  
Total Depth: 7800 feet  
X=942394, Y=416869. Datum: NAD 27  
17,251' FSL, 7036' FEL of 49,860-acre lease  
2100' FNL, 1700' FEL of the survey  
SWR 36 (H2S)

A-2010, Section 291, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 7800 feet  
X=919016, Y=418110. Datum: NAD 27  
10,737' FNL, 5620' FWL of 49,860-acre lease  
1092' FNL, 1313' FEL of the survey  
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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: NA  
2.62 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-1630, Section 30, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
635' FSL, 766' FEL of the survey  
Latitude 032.2890439, Longitude -101.4834611  
Total Depth: 7477 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)  
Daily Potential: 1,478 Bbls 37.4 gravity oil w/ 2,343 BWPD  
Pumping. GOR: 635  
Spud: 2-02-17. Completed: 7-02-17. Pay: NA  
9-5/8" @ 6807feet w/ 630 sx.  
MS tool @ 3482 feet w/ 1,058 sx.  
5-1/2" @ 15,726 feet w/ 2,755 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6867 feet  
Perfs: 7841-15,643

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# US flu season gets worse, has 'lot more steam' than expected



*AP photo*  
**In this Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018 file photo, Ana Martinez, a medical assistant at the Sea Mar Community Health Center, gives a patient a flu shot in Seattle. This year's U.S. flu season got off to an early start, and it's been driven by a nasty type of flu that tends to put more people in the hospital and cause more deaths than other common flu bugs.**

**By MIKE STORBE**

AP Medical Writer  
NEW YORK — The flu season in the U.S. is getting worse.  
Health officials last week said flu was blanket-ing the country but they thought there was a good chance the season was already peaking. But the newest numbers out Friday show it grew even more intense.  
"This is a season that has a lot more steam than we thought," said Dr. Dan Jernigan of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.  
One measure of the season is how many doctor or hospital visits are because of a high fever, cough and other flu symptoms. Thirty-two states reported high patient traffic last week, up from 26 the previous week. Overall, it was the busiest week for flu symptoms in nine years.  
Hawaii is the only state that doesn't have wide-spread illnesses.  
This year's flu season got off to an early start, and it's been driven by a nasty type of flu that tends to put more people in the hospital and cause more deaths than other common flu bugs. In New York, state officials say a drastic rise in flu cases hospital-ized more than 1,600 this past week.  
The flu became intense last month in the U.S. The last two weekly report show flu widespread over the entire continental United States, which is unusual. Usually, flu seasons start to wane after so much activity, but "it's difficult to predict," Jernigan said.  
Flu is a contagious respiratory illness, spread by a virus. It can cause a miserable but relatively mild illness in many people, but more a more severe ill-ness in others. Young children and the elderly are at greatest risk from flu and its complications. In a bad season, there as many as 56,000 deaths con-nected to the flu. In the U.S., annual flu shots are recommended for everyone age 6 months or older.  
In Oklahoma and Texas, some school districts canceled classes this week because so many stu-dents and teachers were sick with the flu and other illnesses. In Mississippi, flu outbreaks have hit more than 100 nursing homes and other long-term care places, resulting in some restricting visitors.

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is hearing evidence in a case spun off of the Oct. 1 mass shooting that became the deadliest in modern U.S. history.  
But Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo would not say Friday whether anyone would be charged with a crime.  
Lombardo says no charges are being considered against the girlfriend of Stephen Paddock, who killed himself after killing 58 people and injuring hundreds.  
Lombardo says the FBI has "an ongoing case against an individual of federal interest."  
The sheriff also did not say what charges the fed-eral grand jury is considering.  
Officials with the U.S. attorney's office and FBI in Las Vegas did not immediately respond to mes-sages seeking comment.  
The sheriff in Las Vegas says a federal grand jury is hearing evidence in a case spun off of the Oct. 1 mass shooting that became the deadliest in modern U.S. history.  
Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo told report-ers Friday that no one may be charged with any crimes directly stemming from the shooting that killed 58 people and injured hundreds.  
The shooter, Stephen Paddock, killed himself before police reached him and the sheriff said no criminal charges are being considered against Pad-dock's girlfriend, Marilou Danley.  
But Lombardo said the FBI has "an ongoing case against an individual of federal interest."  
The sheriff didn't say what charges the federal grand jury is considering.  
Officials with the U.S. attorney's office and FBI in Las Vegas did not immediately respond to mes-sages.  
Authorities say Las Vegas gunman Stephen Pad-dock conducted extensive online searches for po-lice and SWAT tactics and searched for other po-tential targets before he carried out the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

# OIL

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| Spraberry 530’<br>Leonard 6300’<br>Dean 6390’<br>Wolfcamp 6460’<br>Strawn 8735’<br>Pennsylvanian 8850’<br>Mississippian-Fusselman 9120’<br>Fusselman 9360’                                                          | 2-7/8” @ 7124 feet<br>Perfs: 6362-9412<br>6362-9412: Acidize and fracture stimulated                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Encana Oil & Gas, Inc.<br>370 17th Street, Suite 1700<br>Denver, CO 80202-0000<br>(720) 876-5176                                                                                                                    | #3H Slater “12B”, API #42-227-38759<br>Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2557’ GR<br>5.30 miles west of Big Spring<br>A-561, Section 12, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey<br>2316’ FNL, 860’ FWL of the survey<br>Latitude 032.2777051, Longitude -101.5630438<br>Total Depth: 7838 feet. PBDT: NA.<br>Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)<br>Daily Potential: 1,081 Bbbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 629 BWPD<br>Pumping. GOR: 604<br>Spud: 7-16-16. Completed: 2-10-17. Pay: NA<br>9-5/8” @ 7280 feet w/ 576 sx.; MS tool @ 4522 feet w/ 769 sx.<br>5-1/2” @ 18,057 feet w/ 2,282 sx.; 2-7/8” @ 7612 feet<br>Perfs: 8259-17,961                |
| Contractor not listed                                                                                                                                                                                               | #1AH Wyndham “A”, API #42-227-38961<br>Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: NA<br>3.47 miles northwest of Big Spring<br>A-1663, Section 30, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey<br>794’ FNL, 1003’ FWL of the survey<br>Latitude 032.2970407, Longitude -101.4975680<br>Total Depth: 7541 feet. PBDT: NA. Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)<br>Daily Potential: 1,057 Bbbls 36.4 gravity oil w/ 1,274 BWPD<br>Pumping. GOR: 816<br>Spud: 4-12-17. Completed: 8-19-17. Pay: NA<br>9-5/8” @ 6922 feet w/ 758 sx; MS tool @ 3480 feet w/ 920 sx.<br>5-1/2” @ 17,418 feet w/ 3,075 sx.; 2-7/8” @ 7052 feet<br>Perfs: 8262-17,355<br>8262-17,355 |
| Yates 1771’<br>San Andres 3079’<br>Clear Fork 4613’<br>Spraberry 6280’                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Callon Petroleum Operating Co.<br>P.O. Box 1287<br>Natchez, MS 39121-0000<br>(281) 589-5200                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Contractor not listed                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Santa Rosa 675’<br>Yates 1685’<br>Seven Rivers 1995’<br>Queen 2455’<br>Glorieta 3125’<br>San Andres 3050’<br>Clear Fork 5270’<br>Spraberry 6090’<br>Leonard 7022’<br>Dean 7314’<br>Wolfcamp 7490’                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Haimo Oil & Gas, LLC<br>2901 Wilcrest Drive, Suite 285<br>Houston, TX 77042-0000<br>(832) 858-8176                                                                                                                  | #5 Powell “48”, API #42-227-38782<br>Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, re-completion, El: 2278’ GR<br>7.50 miles northeast of Forsan<br>A-1166, Section 48, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey<br>1423’ FNL, 496’ FWL of the survey<br>Latitude 032.1801810, Longitude -101.2699515<br>Total Depth: 9167 feet. PBDT: NA. Logs: Neutron/Density<br>Daily Potential: 1.50 Bbbls 38.0 gravity oil w/ 3 BWPD<br>Pumping. GOR: tstm<br>Spud: 9-13-17. Completed: 10-10-17. Pay: NA<br>8-5/8” @ 4048 feet w/ 835 sx.; 5-1/2” @ 9161 feet w/ 900 sx.<br>2-7/8” @ 5678 feet<br>Perfs: 5612-5836<br>5612-5836: Acidize w/ 14,700g 15% NEFE         |
| Contractor not listed                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Yates 1215’<br>Seven Rivers 1330’<br>San Andres 2380’<br>Glorieta 3000’<br>Clear Fork 3300’<br>Spraberry 4200’<br>Wolfcamp 5900’<br>Cisco 7400’<br>Strawn 8350’<br>Mississippian-Fusselman 8630’<br>Fusselman 8800’ |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Surge Operating, LLC<br>7850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West<br>Suite 300<br>Houston, TX 77064-0000                                                                                                                        | #1AH Esco Hamlin Unit “20-17”, API #42-227-38732<br>Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2694’ GR<br>7 miles northeast of Knott<br>A-1242, Section 20, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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## Coahoma and Stanton put on a show, Buffs win 64-55

### Special to the Herald

STANTON — Coahoma's Bryson Cline successfully buried a ball as the Buffs sounded with a wild shot from midcourt to end the third quarter Friday night in Stanton.

However, it was the Buffaloes who walked away with the 64-55 win after a come-from-behind rally in the fourth quarter during an exciting and emotional boys high school varsity basketball game.

Emotion was raw for fans on both sides of the court during the game as the two neighboring school districts battle during the district play with the Bulldogs holding the lead for three quarters of the game.

Coahoma's Joe Manning ignited Coahoma early by sinking a basket to put the first two points on the board of the game. Stanton quickly tied but Gage Clark dropped the ball into the net through two heavily guarding Stanton defenders to push the Bulldogs into the lead 2-4. He then immediately added one more at the paint.

Goals by Cline and a three-pointer by Mason Moore extend Coahoma's lead by 6. Then Stanton narrowed their deficit to 2 points with the score 8-10 going into the second period of play.

Neither team was effective offensively

during the first two-and-half minutes of play then Cline buried a shot behind the arc to extend Coahoma's lead 8-13. The Buffaloes climbed back within 2 points again until Clark sank another shot followed by Zack Schneider who also converted a foul shot to quickly rack up 3 for the 'Dogs. Two more goals by Clark left the 'Dogs ahead 24-28 by the half.

Coming back from the locker room, Coahoma out scored Stanton 21 to 19 heading into the fourth 43-49. During the third, Stanton went on a 7-point run taking over the lead by a slim 3-point advantage over the Bulldogs. After scores by Clark and Cline narrow the deficit, Bracy Bacon stepped up and drained a basket behind the 3-point line to give the 'Dogs a one point lead. Moore, Schneider, and Cline helped Coahoma head into the last period of play with a 6-point lead over the Buffaloes.

After Clines' dramatic finish to the third with a half-court shot at the buzzer, Stanton struck first but Clark quickly answered with a 2 point goal. Then Buffaloes went on a 17-point run and effectively shut the 'Dogs down at the post to only 6 points during the quarter. Stanton walked away with the victory 64-55



*Courtesy photo*

Coahoma's Mason Moore (12) works his way past Stanton defenders in their basketball game on Friday, Jan. 19, 2018.

## Lowry scores 24 points as Raptors beat Spurs 86-83



*AP photo*

**San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker (9) shoots over Toronto Raptors guard Kyle Lowry (7) during the first half of an NBA basketball game Friday, Jan. 19, 2018, in Toronto.**

**By IAN HARRISON**  
Associated Press

TORONTO — Kyle Lowry turned in his best game since returning from injury, turning it on in the fourth quarter to help his Toronto Raptors grind out another home win.

Lowry scored nine of his 24 points in the final period, DeMar DeRozan added 21 and the Raptors beat San Antonio 86-83 on Friday night to snap a four-game losing streak against the Spurs.

Jonas Valanciunas had 15 points and 11 rebounds as the Raptors improved to 17-3 at home, the second-best

home record in the NBA behind San Antonio's mark of 19-2.

Lowry made eight of 16 shots, going 4 of 9 from 3-point range, in his third game after missing three with a bruised tailbone.

Raptors coach Dwane Casey said Lowry looked stronger than he had in his previous two outings.

"I thought he had a lot of bounce," Casey said.

Lowry got the Raptors off to a quick start, making a 3-pointer on his first shot of the game.

"Just being aggressive," he said. "It's that

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## Lady Buffs take control, beat 'Dogettes 61-39



*Courtesy photo*

Coahoma girls head basketball coach Byron Seal speaks with his players during their game against the Lady Buffs on Jan. 19, 2018.

### Special to the Herald

The Coahoma varsity Bulldogettes lost to the Stanton Lady Buffaloes 61-39 in girls high school basketball action Friday night.

The Coahoma girls held the lead after the first period of play 13-8. Coahoma's Abbie Lopez nailed a basket at the charity strip to put the first points on the board. Then teammate Caitlyn Corley followed up with a jump-

er under the basket. Makynlee Overton added 4 more points in the quarter for the Bulldogettes and then her big sister Makayla Overton buried a shot behind the arc to pad Coahoma's lead to five going into the second quarter.

Early on the second, a Lady Buffalo quickly narrowed Stanton's deficit to 2 by nailing a shot behind arc then Makayla Overton stepped up to the charity strip and nailed both throws for

two points.

Corley then hit a field goal for two leaving the score 17-13 in favor of the 'Dogettes just under six minutes of play left. A three-point shot and a field goal would push the Lady Buffaloes into the lead for the first time of the night then Makayla Overton answered back with a field goal to retake the lead at 19-18.

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## Junior High Lady Steers handle Sweetwater

### Special to the Herald

#### 8th grade A

The 8th grade A Lady Steers basketball team trounced Sweetwater Thursday evening 59-17. Tristan Smith led the way with 17 points and Alex Enriquez scored 9 points. Mya Blanco pitched in 7 points. On defense, Zoey Castillo, Savanna Zarraga, Abe Delgado all played well.

#### 8th grade B

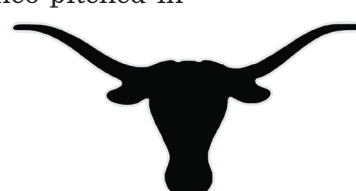
The 8th grade B team dominated the Sweetwater Colts 25-16. Our offense was led by Kayleigh Muniz, Mallory Paul, GG Gonzales, Celestina Quintana and the leading scorer, Angelica Calderon. Our whole team had great defense, but the leaders were Hailey Zarraga, Kylee Lynch, GG Gonzalez and Kayleigh Muniz.

#### 7th grade A

The 7th grade A Lady Steers won against Sweetwater in their best executed game of the season. Elaina Arredondo had an amazing ball handling and pressed the defense with ease. Other defensive players of the game were Katelyn Hainey, Kisa Cate and Ioni Mendez. Offensive players of the game were Monica Gutierrez and Daniah Wrighter.

#### 7th grade B

The 7th grade B team hung on the lead with all their might beating Sweetwater 10-9. Jalen Sykes and Mia Bustamante were the leading scorers for the game. The entire team played excellent defense in this neck and neck defensive battle. The focus and determination was awesome tonight. Way to play together ladies!





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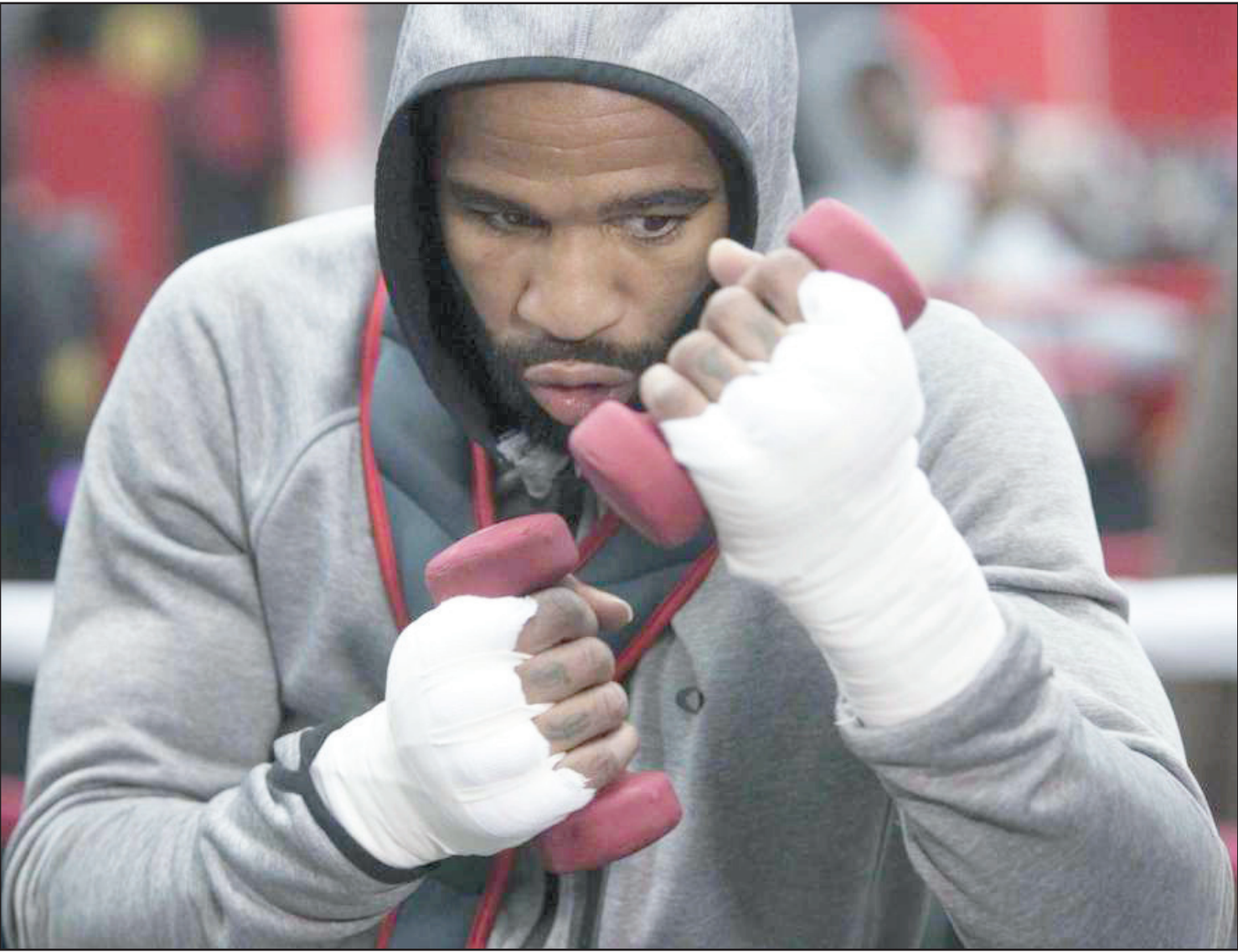
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# Spence to make first title defense against Peterson



AP photo

Lamont Peterson warms up during a workout at Gleason's Gym, Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018, in the Brooklyn borough of New York. Peterson faces Errol Spence Jr. on Saturday in Brooklyn, for Spence's IBF welterweight title.

By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Sports Writer  
NEW YORK — Errol Spence Jr.'s last fight would be the career highlight for many boxers. Winning a title by going overseas to the champion's hometown and stopping him is tough to top, and even Spence's next opponent was impressed. But one belt is far short of what Spence has planned in boxing. "I have a lot more great fights and a lot more great opportunities and unification fights and things like that I have to do," Spence said. Some of those won't come yet, so in the meantime Spence will make the first defense of his IBF welterweight title when he faces Lamont Peterson on Saturday night in Brooklyn's Barclays Center. Spence (22-0, 19-0 KOs) won the title

last May when he stopped Kell Brook in the 11th round of their match in Sheffield, England. Brook had never been beaten in the 147-pound division, losing only when he moved up two weight classes to challenge undefeated middleweight champion Gennady Golovkin. But Spence knocked him down in the 10th round of his defining performance. Brook went to a knee in the 11th with his left eye swollen shut because of a broken orbital bone before the referee stopped the bout. "Just even taking the fight and going over there for his first title fight was impressive for me," Peterson said, "because a lot of times when a young fighter, especially one who is talked about as much as Errol is, they kind of take their time and be patient with the fighter and he normally fights an older, more washed-up fighter to get his championship. But he ended up fighting a guy who was in his prime, in his country, and to will himself to win that fight says a lot about him. I was impressed." Spence, a 2012 U.S. Olympian from Dallas who was born in New York, hoped as a titleholder he'd land big-money fights against some of the division's big names who wouldn't face him before. He said Keith Thurman, who holds two welterweight belts, and

Danny Garcia still aren't interested. "Fortunately I have a good name that I can fight," Spence said. "Usually, guys who have their first title defense are not fighting a guy like Lamont Peterson. They're fighting probably a no-name, fighting in their hometown just to showcase their skills. But I wanted a name. I wanted a caliber fighter, I wanted a top-tier fighter and a guy who's going to give fans their money's worth." The Showtime-televised card includes unbeaten IBF lightweight champion Robert Easter Jr. facing Javier Fortuna. Fortuna failed to make weight Friday and can't win the title. Then Peterson (35-3-1, 17 KOs) gets a chance to rewrite the story of a career that's been good but he acknowledges falls short of great. The 33-year-old Washington native has won titles at 140 and 147 pounds. But he was narrowly beaten by Garcia and lost to Timothy Bradley, probably the top fighters on his resume, and in the late stages of his career is candid about his legacy as he considers his hopes of reaching boxing's Hall of Fame. "Honestly speaking, me looking at that and that's my goal, but at this point in my career I wouldn't put me into that Hall of Fame," Peterson said. "But with a win over a guy like Errol Spence and if everyone decides to actually fight each other at welterweight, if I can make it through all those names, I put myself there. So that's why I signed up for these fights and that's my goal."

The 27-year-old Spence will be there if he goes on to win the fights

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## 'DOGETTES

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Abbie Lopez would also hit a field goal in the quarter to help the Bulldogettes retake a slim 1-point advantage but that would be the last time Coahoma would lead in the game. The teams headed into the locker room with the score 25-21 in favor of Stanton. After the half, Makayla Overton buried a shot from behind the arc to start off the bottom half of play for the Bulldogettes. Cassie Grant added a three-pointer of her own later in the quarter and Paige Atkins contributed two points to the 'Dogettes. However, Stanton netted 19 points to Coahoma's eight and heading into the fourth with a 13-point advantage. Makayla Overton, Grant, and Ashley Romero all contributed to Coahoma's 10 point gain in the fourth but their efforts were not enough as Stanton added 17 more to scoreboard and walked away with the district win 61-39.

## SPURS

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time of year when everyone is kind of hitting a little bit of a rut, a little bit of a lull. We've got to continue to get better and take the step on the journey to making us a better team." LaMarcus Aldridge had 17 points and 14 rebounds, Pau Gasol scored 15 points and Patty Mills had 13 as San Antonio lost for the fourth time in six road games. The Spurs are 11-15 away from home. It had been more than two years since Toronto last beat San Antonio. The Raptors won 97-94 at home on Dec. 9, 2015. "They're a well-rounded group," DeRozan said of the Spurs. "Everybody understands their roles and they play extremely hard." San Antonio guard Manu Ginobili missed his second straight game because of a sore right thigh. Ginobili returned to Texas after the Spurs won at Brooklyn on Wednesday. The Spurs shot 34 percent, making 31 of 91 attempts. Their season worst was a 33.7 percent showing in an Oct. 27 loss at Orlando. Toronto is 8-0 this season when holding opponents below 90 points. "It was a tough one, and we couldn't score," San Antonio guard Tony Parker said. Parker shot 1 for 9 against the Raptors while Aldridge finished 6 for 25 after missing nine of 11 attempts in the first half. "My shot just never felt good tonight," Aldridge said. The Spurs trailed 70-69 after a 3-pointer by Bryn Forbes at 6:52 of the fourth, but DeRozan and Lowry connected on back-to-back possessions, giving Toronto a 74-69 lead with 5:11 remaining. After a jump shot by Mills, Toronto reeled off a 6-0 run including baskets by Lowry, Valanciunas and DeRozan to lead 80-71 with 2:40 left. Another 3-pointer by Forbes made it 86-83 with six seconds left. DeRozan was fouled but missed both free throws, giving San Antonio a chance to tie, but the Spurs couldn't get a shot off in time. After making seven of 23 shots in the first quarter, the Raptors hit 11 of 20 attempts in the second, including a buzzer-beating jumper from DeRozan that gave Toronto a 44-37 lead at halftime. Toronto led 55-41 on DeRozan's three-point play at 7:33 of the third but Aldridge did all the scoring in an 8-0 Spurs run that cut the gap to 63-60 heading to the fourth. TIP-INS Spurs: Aldridge has 19 double-doubles this season, one more than he had all of last season. ... Kyle Anderson matched his career high with 11 rebounds. Raptors: G Fred VanVleet (right knee) missed his second straight game. ... DeRozan had a team-leading six assists. HOME SWEET HOME After playing nine of their past 11 games on the road, the Spurs will be at home for eight of their next nine, including six straight. "Going home doesn't guarantee wins but it definitely gives us better mojo, better energy," Aldridge said. UP NEXT Spurs: Host Indiana on Sunday. San Antonio has won three straight home meetings with the Pacers, but lost at Indiana earlier this season. Raptors: Visit Minnesota on Saturday. It's Toronto's final road game of the season against a Western Conference opponent.

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# Are you ready for some wrestling?

WWE's 'Raw' marks 25 years

By DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

The Rock told jabronis to know their role long before he traveled to Jumanji. Batista defended championships before he guarded the galaxy. Steve Austin left losers in his path with "Stone Cold" stunners instead of Skullbusters .

Before the trio of WWE stars stretched into other entertainment avenues, they had talked trash, flipped middle fingers, laid the smack down, chugged beer and raised a whole lot of hell on the wildest show on Monday nights.

Betty White , Bob Barker, Bradley Cooper and even Tiny Tim joined the fun inside the squared circle.

Welcome, everyone, to Monday Night Raw!

The WWE flagship show is set to mark its 25th anniversary on Monday with a three-hour bash stuffed with Hall of Famers, Hollywood stars, the Boogeyman, the Bellas and a Brooklyn Brawler.

From its debut on Jan. 11, 1993, "Raw" revolutionized wrestling and made the — sport? — hip again. "Raw" billed itself as an uncooked, uncut and uncensored slice of sports entertainment, and for most of its 25 years, "Raw" has delivered the wacky and the wild for more than 3 million viewers each week; whether it's Braun Strowman flipping over a semi-truck or Brian Pillman pulling a gun on Austin .

Led by WWE chairman and CEO Vince McMahon, "Raw" shook the wrestling industry out of its staid Saturday morning ways.

"I remember being in the office and Vince talking about going live and moving this forward," WWE Hall of Famer Hulk Hogan said.

The pro wrestling TV landscape had been mostly one-hour weekend shows mostly filled with non-competitive matches in which a superstar would flatten some enhancement talent. WWE had been a staple on Monday nights since "Prime Time Wrestling" debuted on USA on Jan. 1, 1985.

The weekly taped wrestling shows mostly went down for the three count.

"(McMahon) called it a new breath or a new life for the wrestling business," Hogan said. "Once we went live and people got used to the live vibe, taped shows would be a dinosaur."

"Raw" chugged along as a solid cable performer until rival WCW unleashed "Monday Nitro" in 1995 and soon beat WWE at its own game, winning the ratings battle in what was called the "Monday Night Wars" for 83 straight weeks.

McMahon, who declined comment to the AP, was forced to steer the show into the Attitude Era , led by a foul-mouthed Austin, a crotch-chopping Degeneration X, and a catchphrase spouting Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson that spiked the show into new heights.

WCW would go out business when WWE bought the scraps of the company in 2001.

"You can't beat someone at their own game when they are the game," Hogan said.

Triple H would surely agree.

The 72-year-old McMahon, who morphed from an original "Raw" announcer to the show's top bad guy, has starred in the most memorable storylines for the dominant company in the industry.

"He doesn't like to take credit for it, but Vince is the guiding force of that," WWE executive Paul "Triple H" Levesque said. "He's never afraid to take that risk. He never feels like he knows the answers."

Trying to find the answer for the greatest moment in "Raw's: history is a bit like trying to pick the perfect PowerBall combination.

At the top of the impossible list, the real-life Ric Flair, Edge and Daniel Bryan retirements that had even the hardest of the hardcore fans reaching for a tissue. Bob Backlund slapping Arnold Skaaland in the crossface chicken wing. CM Punk's pipebomb . Sabu's leap off the Raw letters. The villainous stable Nexus that destroyed John Cena and even choked out the ring announcer. Kurt Angle and the milk truck .

And Donald Trump , yes, WWE Hall of Famer and the president, who, ahem, purchased "Raw" in 2009 from McMahon.

"I'm going to do stuff that's never been done before, never been seen before," Trump said. "People have been watching Raw for 17 years and they deserve something special. You've made a lot of money off these people. It's about time you give back. Like our president says, 'Give back.'"

Trump's reign of terror on "Raw" lasted less than four years. He, ahem, sold "Raw" back to McMahon the following week for twice the price.

Even the "Million Dollar Man" Ted DiBiase would have cackled at the swindle.

DiBiase will be in New York on Monday with other WWE Hall of Famers such as Scott Hall, Ron Simmons, Austin, Flair and Shawn Michaels. The Undertaker should be back from the dead to kick-start a feud against Cena for WrestleMania.

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## SPENCE

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he seeks. But first he needs to get past Peterson, a tough start for a title reign.

"Anybody who thinks that Errol Spence can beat past Lamont Peterson doesn't know

Lamont Peterson and hasn't paid attention to this man's whole career," promoter Lou DiBella said. "There's no doubt that Errol's one of the best young fighters in the game. There's also no doubt that he's going to be tested to the max this Saturday night because he's in there with another champion."

# Andrew Landry tops crowded CareerBuilder leaderboard



AP photo

Jason Kokrak watches his tee shot on the first hole during the second round of the CareerBuilder Challenge golf tournament on the Jack Nicklaus Tournament Course at PGA West, Friday, Jan. 19, 2018 in La Quinta, Calif.

By JOHN NICHOLSON

AP Sports Writer

LA QUINTA, Calif. — CareerBuilder Challenge leader Andrew Landry was quick to point out the windy forecast.

After two perfect days for scoring, wind at 15-20 mph with gusts to 30 mph was expected Saturday with the temperature only reaching the mid-60s after coming close to 80 on Friday.

And Landry and five others in the top nine were headed up the hill to PGA West's once-feared, Pete Dye-designed Stadium Course for the weekend.

"It's going to be a tough day," Landry said. "I know that golf course can get a little mean. Especially, those last three or four holes coming down the stretch."

In calm conditions Friday, Landry shot a 7-under 65 on PGA

West's Jack Nicklaus Tournament Course to reach 16 under. He opened with a 63 on Thursday at La Quinta Country Club.

"It's like a dome out here," Landry said.

Jon Rahm, the first-round leader after a 62 at La Quinta, was a stroke back. He had two early bogeys in a 67 on the Nicklaus layout.

"It's tough to come back because I feel like I expected myself to go to the range and keep just flushing everything like I did yesterday," Rahm said. "Everything was just a little bit off."

Jason Kokrak was 14 under after a 67 at Nicklaus. Two-time major champion Zach Johnson was 13 under along with Michael Kim and Martin Piller. Johnson and Kim shot 64 at Nicklaus, and Piller had a 67 on the Stadium

Course.

Rahm likened the Stadium to alma mater Arizona State's Dye-designed Karsten course.

"Very, very similar type of golf," Rahm said. "You need to hit it a lot more accurate off the tee because being in the fairway is a lot more important. With the small greens — and you have water in play — you need to be more precise. Clearly the hardest golf course."

Landry had five birdies in a six-hole stretch on the back nine. After winning his second Web.com Tour title last year, the 30-year-old former Arkansas player had two top-10 finishes in October and November at the start the PGA Tour season.

"We're in a good spot right

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# Tebow invited to Mets spring training



AP photo

In this March 13, 2017, file photo, New York Mets' Tim Tebow (15) takes batting practice before a spring training baseball game against the Miami Marlins, in Port St. Lucie, Fla. Tebow will attend major league spring training with the Mets. The 30-year-old outfielder was among nine spring training invitees announced by the team Friday, Jan. 19, 2017.

NEW YORK (AP) — Tim Tebow will be at spring training with the New York Mets.

The 30-year-old outfielder was among a group of nine spring training invitees announced by the team Friday.

The 2007 Heisman Trophy winner and NFL quarterback is preparing for his second professional baseball season. He hit .226 with eight homers, 52 RBIs and 126 strikeouts in 126 games last year at Class A with Columbia in the South Atlantic League and Port St. Lucie in the Florida State League.

Tebow was 4 for 27 (.148) with no extra-base hits,

one walk and eight strikeouts in nine spring training games for the Mets last year.

New York also invited first baseman Peter Alonso, infielder David Thompson, outfielder Kevin Kaczmarski, catcher Patrick Mazeika, left-hander P.J. Conlon and right-handers Drew Smith, Corey Taylor and Adonis Uceta to spring training.

In addition, the Mets announced that right-hander Chasen Bradford was claimed off waivers by Seattle.

Right-hander Kevin McGowan cleared waivers and was sent outright to Triple-A Las Vegas. He will be invited to big league spring training as well.

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## Female rowers sue SMU, alleging gender discrimination

DALLAS (AP) — Members of the SMU women's rowing team have sued the school, alleging gender discrimination and negligence led to hip injuries.

The lawsuit was filed Friday in federal court in Dallas on behalf of seven past and present team members. It alleges the university provided the women with fitness and training resources, coaching and medical treatment in-

ferior to those provided its male athletes. The 46-page complaint blames inferior resources for catastrophic injuries to one or both of the women's hips caused by "unreasonably rigorous training and practice regimen and inappropriate rowing and weightlifting techniques."

The complaint says the women needed surgery to repair the injuries and likely face hip replacement surgeries later in their lives.

In a statement, SMU said it doesn't comment on pending litigation but is committed to providing equal resources for male and female athletes.

## LANDRY

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now," Landry said. "I played two good rounds of golf, bogey-free both times, and it's just nice to be able to hit a lot of good quality shots and get rewarded when you're making good putts."

Rahm had four birdies and the two bogeys on his first six holes. He short-sided himself in the left bunker on the par-3 12th for his first bogey of the week and three-putted the par-4 14th — pulling a 3-footer and loudly asking "What?" — to drop another stroke.

"A couple of those bad swings cost me," Rahm said.

The top-ranked player in the field at No. 3 in the world, Rahm made his first par of the day on the par-4 16th and followed with five more before birdieing the par-5 fourth. The 23-year-old Spaniard also birdied the par-5 seventh and par-3 eighth.

"I had close birdie putts over the last four holes and made two of them, so I think that kind of clicked," said Rahm, set to defend his title next week at Torrey Pines.

He has played the par 5s in 9 under with an eagle and seven birdies.

Johnson has taken a relaxed approach to the week, cutting his practice to two nine-hole rounds on the Stadium Course.

"I'm not saying that's why I'm playing well, but I took it really chill and the golf courses haven't changed," Johnson said. "La Quinta's still really pure, right out in front of you, as is the Nicklaus."

Playing partner Phil Mickelson followed his opening 70 at La Quinta with a 68 at Nicklaus to get to 6 under. The 47-year-old Hall of Famer is playing his first tournament of since late October.

"The scores obviously aren't what I want, but it's pretty close and I feel good about my game," Mickelson said. "I feel like this is a great place to start the year and build a foundation for my game. It's easy to identify the strengths and weaknesses. My iron play has been poor relative to the standards that I have. My driving has been above average."

Charlie Reiter, the Palm Desert High School senior playing on a sponsor exemption, had a 70 at Nicklaus to match Mickelson at 6 under. The Southern California recruit is playing his first PGA Tour event. He tied for 65th in the Australian Open in November in his first start in a professional tourna-

## WWE

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The show will have a bit of a WrestleMania 2 feel, airing live from two locations: "Raw's" original home at the Manhattan Center and the Barclays Center. WWE stars and matches are scheduled at both venues, though the exact format has yet to be disclosed.

Michaels and the Undertaker were on the first show and will serve as bookends for the first and the 1,288th episode.

"Raw" has even sprouted branches on the family tree.

WWE champion Charlotte Flair was just a teenager for her "Raw" debut. Look closely, and Flair can be spotted in the stands during a women's match on a 2004 episode. She was back four years later when she joined her family and other WWE stars in the ring for father Ric Flair's farewell retirement speech.

She made her debut as a wrestler on the show in 2015 — complete with a strut and gold her around waist, just like The Nature Boy.

"The talent has passion for what we do and wants to show up every Monday to give everyone sitting at home the best show possible," Charlotte Flair said.

Michaels could fill a few hours on the WWE Network with "Raw" highlights: His 2009 bout in London vs. Cena, regarded as "Raw's" greatest match, stripping Mike Tyson down to his DX shirt and collapsing against Owen Hart in a classic 1990s match-up. He wrestled Max Moon on the inaugural "Raw."

"The first 'Raw' was the genesis, the nucleus, of everything that's ever gone on in WWE," Michaels said. "None of us had any idea at that time what we were about to embark on."

The future may not include the USA Network. The TV rights are up for grabs in late 2019 and WWE as live, weekly content should surely command a big-bucks bidding war in the open market. Imagine "Raw" on Mondays on Fox with highlight shows and auxiliary programming on FS1, much like UFC does now.

"I can tell you that WWE is uniquely positioned so whatever way it goes, whatever way our fans are telling us to go, we're there," Levesque said.

McMahon recently sold \$100 million of shares to fund his Alpha Entertainment company and could re-launch the XFL. Levesque said outside interests will never get in McMahon's way of running WWE.

"I don't think there's any sense of change," Levesque said. "If anybody thinks they're going to push him out or take this thing, there's going to be a hell of a fight."

If there is, what better place to show it than Monday nights on "Raw."

## Alabama set to celebrate fifth national title in 9 years

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Alabama's set to celebrate its latest national championship, one that was especially hard to achieve.

The school will have a parade Saturday afternoon featuring coach Nick Saban and Crimson Tide players and assistants.

The celebration will extend to the north steps of Bryant-Denny Stadium where the various championship trophies will be presented.

Alabama won its fifth national title in nine years with a second-half comeback over Georgia.

Saban matched Bear Bryant with his sixth overall national title, most among major college coaches.

The Tide almost did not receive a bid for its fourth consecutive entry into the College Football Playoffs. Alabama failed to win the Southeastern Conference Western Division thanks to a regular season-ending loss to Auburn.

Freshman quarterback Tua Tagovailoa came off the bench to lead the Tide to a 26-23 overtime win in the championship game.

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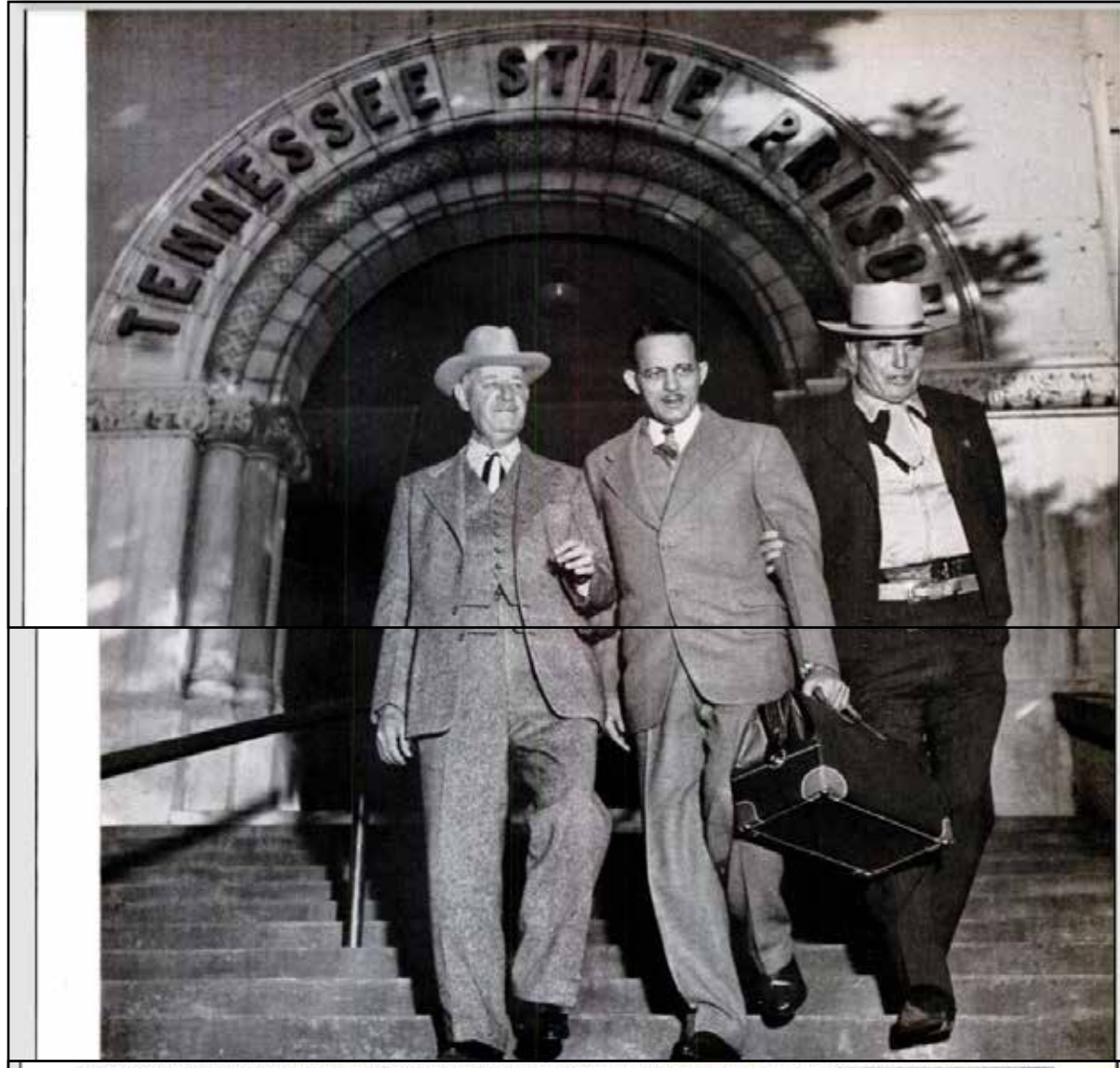
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## CONVICT GETS OUT TO HEAR HIS CANTATA

Nine years ago the gate of the Tennessee State Prison clanked shut on a dapper but larcenous piano salesman named **Frank Grandstaff** who, after 20 convictions, was sentenced for life as a habitual criminal. Put in solitary for stealing prison drugs, **Grandstaff** found a new talent for his light fingers: composing music. He had never done much more than play the piano by ear, but now, tapping out rhythms on the toilet bowl and working out chords in his head, he mapped out a **cantata** based on a book he had read about a Texas prairie town called **Big Spring**. Out of

solitary, he kept on composing and in two years had finished **Big Spring Cantata**, a choral work about pioneers' water hole (p.56). **Big Spring** asked Tennessee to let **Composer Grandstaff** out of prison so he could come and hear his **cantata** for the first time. Tennessee agreed and for six days **Grandstaff** was a free man. Flown to **Big Spring**, he heard his music, which was described as "credible," and was feted by the town. Then he went back to Tennessee, to prison and to work on his next musical composition.



AT PIANO after performance of **cantata**, **Grandstaff** runs through his score.

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AT HOTEL **Grandstaff** gestures ironically when asked his official residence, finally put down "Big Spring." **Grandstaff's** only previous connection with **Big Spring** was when he passed through a couple of times, years ago, selling pianos.



AT **BIG SPRING**, for which town was named, **Grandstaff** prowls among the rocks. **Spring** went dry some years ago, was refilled for celebration. During his stay **Grandstaff** liked most walking around unguarded, enjoying his freedom.



Courtesy photo

Above shows the cover photo for the Oct. 24, 1949, Life magazine which features on the cover, "Sweden's Ideal Type, Haide Goranson."

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**  
Staff Writer

In the "Life" magazine on Oct. 24, 1949, Big Spring was mentioned in an article that was featured in the magazine.

"Life" was an American magazine that ran regularly from 1883 to 1972 and again from 1978 to 2000. During its golden age from 1936 to 1972, Life was a wide-ranging weekly general interest magazine notable for the quality of the photography. The article that shows a little lime light to Big Spring is about convict Frank Marion Grandstaff. He was a man who loved playing the piano and who unfortunately loved crime too. While incarnated in a Tennessee State Prison, Grandstaff wrote a cantata for Big Spring. The article although short, goes into detail about Grandstaff being released into police custody so that he may hear his own cantata performed at the Big Spring Symphony.

"I thought that was a really neat piece of Big Spring history," said city councilman Jim DePauw. "That's why I thought this would make for an interesting story." The Life article reads above:

**Convict Gets Out to Hear His Cantata**

"Nine years ago the gate of the Tennessee State Prison clanked shut on a dapper but larcenous piano sales-

man named Frank Grandstaff who, after 20 convictions, was sentenced for life as a habitual criminal. Put in solitary for stealing prison drugs, Grandstaff found a new talent for his light fingers: composing music. He had never done much more than play the piano by ear, but now, tapping out rhythms on the toilet bowl and working out chords in his head, he mapped out a cantata based on a book he had read about a Texas prairie town called Big Spring. Out of solitary, he kept on composing and in two years had finished "Big Spring Cantata," a choral work about pioneers. This month, celebrating the centennial of its namesake water hole (P.56), Big Spring asked Tennessee to let Composer Grandstaff out of prison so he could come and hear his cantata for the first time. Tennessee agreed and for six days Grandstaff was a free man. Flown to Big Spring he heard his music, which was described as 'credible,' and was feted by the town. Then he went back to Tennessee, to prison and to work on his next musical composition.

The "Life" article is a small piece of Big Spring history that can be seen and bought today.

This issue of Life can be purchased online at Amazon and eBay.

Courtesy photos

In the photos above features pages 55 and 56 from the Oct. 1949 Life issue. In the photos that were featured on page 56 has cutlines explaining the pictures. The photo labeled, 'AT HOTEL' says: AT HOTEL Grandstaff gestures ironically when asked his official residence, finally put down "Big Spring." Grandstaff's only previous connection with Big Spring was when he passed through a couple of times, years ago, selling pianos. The photo that reads 'AT PERFORMANCE', he is flanked by Host Phillips (left) and Composer Roy Harris. Harris, although impressed, found work-reflected "hymns and barbershop quartets." Phillips, a druggist, had written a cook which inspired cantata.



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# Roger's Reviews: Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle



By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

In 1995, the original "Jumanji" movie came out, in which some kids play a board game and release the jungle on their home and, ultimately, their sleepy suburb. In 2005, the fun continued with "Zathura: A Space Adventure," where another board game launches another group of kids – and their house – into space. Now we have a new addition to the franchise, December's "Jumanji: Welcome To the Jungle," starring Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black, Kevin Hart, Karen Gillan, and Nick Jonas.

The new version starts in 1996 with a jogger (Sean Buxton) discovering the familiar Jumanji board game buried in the sand at the beach. Taking it home, he gives it to his son Alex (Mason Guccione), who looks at it and dismisses it with a "Who plays board games?" as he turns back to his cartridge console video game.

Apparently annoyed by this snub, Jumanji starts doing some magical things. The next day, Alex glance at the game and it has turned into a video game cartridge. He tries it out, and poof! He vanishes.

Twenty years later, a group of modern high school kids, nerd Spencer (Alex Wolff), teen queen Bethany (Madison Iseman), football jock Anthony, better known as "Fridge" (Ser'Darius Blain), and shy girl Martha (Morgan Turner) are given detention together for various reasons; Spencer wrote a term paper for Fridge, but forgot to change it sufficiently from his own, Bethany made a phone call during a quiz and argued when the teacher told her to put it away, and Martha said something in class that her teacher interpreted as disrespect.



ROGER  
CLINE

The detention involves cleaning out a storage room, where the teens discover...you guessed it...Jumanji in its video game form. Deciding that video games sound better than plucking staples from a ton of old magazines so they can be recycled, Spencer and Fridge manage to talk the girls into giving it a try too, so they load up Jumanji and select characters.

One character, Jefferson "Seaplane" McDonough, is already in play, so they choose other characters: Spencer takes archaeologist and explorer Dr. Smolder Bravestone, Fridge takes zoologist and weapons specialist Franklin "Mouse" Finbar (he misreads "Mouse" as "Moose"), Martha takes martial arts expert Ruby Roundhouse, and Bethany chooses "curvy professor" Shelly Oberon. Spencer presses start, and...one by one each kid is sucked into the glowing green dome on top of the console.

After a fall from the sky into a jungle, they discover that they're actually in the game, and they've taken on the bodies and skills of their avatars; Dr. Bravestone (Johnson) is a muscular beefcake with stamina, courage, reflexes, climbing ability, and "smoldering intensity," and no weaknesses (except for the fact that he's actually nervous Spencer). Mouse (Hart) is a short guy with skill in zoology and "weapons valet"; in the game he's Bravestone's sidekick and carries all his gear. Ruby (Gillan) is a scantily clad, gorgeous redhead with a host of martial arts skills, including "Dance Fighting." Professor Oberon (Black) is indeed curvy, but turns out to be a middle-aged man with science and cartography skills. And, horror of horrors, somewhere along the way, Bethany's phone disappeared.

The gang is approached by one Nigel Billingsley (Rhys Darby), who turns out to be a programmed "non-player character," and he gives them a quest: To escape Jumanji, they must return the Jaguar statue's eye, stolen by Russell Van Pelt (Bobby Cannavale) (re-

member him from the original Jumanji? The guy in the pith helmet? He looks totally different here) to its socket. Of course Van Pelt and his horde of motorbike-riding thugs will be out to stop them.

I'll stop the summary there.

This installment of "Jumanji" is a lot of fun. It combines a lot of "fish out of water" themes – we see it come up with regard to their jungle environment, their new bodies, video game culture (neither of the girls, at any rate, are regular gamers, although Spencer is an expert), and their interactions as different high-school clichés thrown together into a group – with a good amount of fast-paced action.

The film is very, very trope-y. You will recognize many of the plot elements in this movie, because you've seen them before in other movies. And it's pretty obvious that this is intentional. In fact, it's kind of fun to try to match various elements of the plot of this movie with other films.

A word of warning: There is a fair amount of profanity and violence in this movie. In fact, several characters die. Each of the main video game characters die at least once, but that's okay because they each have three video game lives.

It's fun, but not great art. I'm giving "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" seven and a half stars out of 10. And Happy New Year!

*Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle*

## Who's who in Howard County: Clint Hobbs



**What is your name?** Clinton David Hobbs  
**Where do you work, and what do you do?** Lease Operator for Pioneer Natural Resources.  
**Where were you born?** Rosewell, NM  
**What city do you live in?** Big Spring, Texas  
**Who is in your family?** Parents- David and Lisa Hobbs. Jack and Sharon Metcalf  
**Brothers and sisters-** Derek and Brodie Wash, Leasa, Amanda, Jessie, Alicia, Julie, Mia, and Anissa Metcalf. Ashley Denton, Joshua Hutchins.  
**What hobbies/organizations/clubs do you enjoy?** Anything that has to do with being in nature. Hunting, fishing, caring for my dog and horse, playing basketball, watching sports, traveling.  
**What is your favorite book (and who's the author)?** Dreamcatcher by Stephen King  
**What is your favorite television show?** Game of Thrones  
**What is your favorite movie?** Young Guns or Indiana Jones.  
**What type of music do you enjoy?** All music.  
**Where would you visit if you could go anywhere?** Denali National Park in Alaska

*Director: Jake Kasdan*

*Writers: Screenplay by Chris McKenna, Erik Sommers, Scott Rosenberg, and Jeff Pinkner; story by Chris McKenna; based on "Jumanji" by Chris Van Allsburg.*

*Production companies: Columbia Pictures, Matt Tolmach Productions, Radar Pictures, and Seven Bucks Productions.*

*PG-13; 1 hr 59 min; Action/Adventure/Comedy; Dec. 20, 2017*

*Roger saw this movie at Big Spring's own Cinemark Cinema 4, located inside the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. For more information visit [www.cinemark.com](http://www.cinemark.com) and enter the ZIP code 79720.*

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## Winter is here: "Game of Thrones" ice hotel opens in Finland

HELSINKI (AP) — A "Game of Thrones"-themed ice hotel complete with a bar and a chapel for weddings has opened in northern Finland in a joint effort by a local hotel chain and the U.S. producers of the hit TV series.

Lapland Hotels said Friday they chose "Game of Thrones" to be the theme for this season's Snow Village, an annual ice-and-snow construction project covering 20,000 square meters (24,000 sq. yards) in Kittila, 150 kilometers (93 miles) above the Arctic Circle.

Snow Village operations manager Janne Pasma told Finnish national broadcaster YLE that he was a huge fan of the series and it was "a dream come

true" that HBO Nordic agreed to go along with his team's initiative.

HBO Nordic spokeswoman Nina Palmroos said "Game of Thrones" fans from all over the world have been "completely overwhelmed" by the hotel.

"We found it a wonderful idea. Some of the world's best ice sculptors have done very detailed and thorough work," Palmroos said, calling the hotel's dragon particularly impressive. "Fans are very loyal to the series and this gives them a chance to experience something unique."

The hotel, which stays open until early April, suggests that guests stay only one night due to below-zero temperatures.

80 years helping people help the land: A brief history of NRCS

By JUDY TERELETSKY

Howard SWCD District Clerk

For 80 years the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has been a pioneer in conservation, working with landowners, local and state governments, and other federal agencies to maintain healthy and productive working landscapes.

The actions of the U.S. government in the late 1930's and the dedicated service of Hugh Hammond Bennett, Department of Interior, helped to establish the Soil Conservation Service. The decade after World War II was a time of growth for the Soil Conservation Services in the United States. Congress increased appropriations for the soil conservation programs. Secretary Bennett made the SCS the lead agency responsible for technical oversight of "permanent" types of conservation measures installed with cost-share funds under the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP). During this time the number of soil conservation districts continued to grow as did the number of cooperators working with the SCS in helping to develop plans for their farms.

With the arrival of another prolonged drought in the 1950's Congress passed the Great Plains Conservation Program which focused financial assistance for conservation in the Plains states. SCS provided financial and technical assistance to meet multiple objectives of conservation and economic stability. During this same period the Soil Conservation Service began to provide technical assistance for the Soil Bank Program. This program paid rental payments for retired cropland and provided financial incentives to farmers for planting protective cover crops.

The 1960's and 1970's ushered in a time of broad popular concern about the health of the environment. The ground swell of public concern was expressed most prominently in the first Earth Day demonstration on April 22, 1970. These concerns led to the creation of a national framework of environmental policies that changed the way SCS put conservation into practice.

The National Environmental Policy Act signed into law by President Richard Nixon required federal agencies to evaluate and report on the

environmental impacts of their activities. Water quality and non-point source pollution became important areas of concern with passage of the Federal Water Pollution Control Amendments in 1972 and the Clean Water Act in 1977. The protection of wetlands emerged as a critical issue with SCS participation in the Water Bank program which provided incentives to landowners to protect wetland habitat. Since its creation SCS (now NRCS) has helped construct nearly 11,000 dams on 2,000 watershed projects that continue to provide flood control, water supplies and wildlife habitat benefits.

The farm crisis of the 1980's created an opening for the implementation of innovative conservation policies developed as part of the Resource Conservation Act (RCA) process. The Food Security Act of 1985 with its Sodbuster, Swampbuster, and Highly Erodible Lands provisions, made conservation a prerequisite for participation in USDA programs. It also established the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to provide rental payments to farmers for putting cropland into grass or trees. Another important development during this period was the widespread adoption of conservation tillage practices, which has led to a significant reduction in soil erosion. SCS working with its partners played a significant role working to administer these programs and develop the necessary tools and technology to make these conservation innovations possible.

In a number of areas the SCS has participated in what might be termed "restoration" projects to reverse previous land, channel and wetland alterations. In 1994 SCS as-

sumed management of the Wetland Reserve Program which had been authorized in the 1990 farm bill. Funds provided for restoration as well as long-term or permanent easements. SCS geologists and landscape architects coordinated a Federal effort to produce a "Stream Corridor Restoration" manual. The manual placed emphasis on use of vegetation rather than structural works for stream corridor restoration. The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) authorized in the 1985 farm bill provided for long term (10 year) rentals of cropland and establishment of vegetation on the reserve acres. In requiring vegetative cover, the SCS placed great emphasis on native species of grass. The nurseries and plant material centers, which had been selecting plants for conservation uses since the beginning of the agency now put an emphasis on selecting native seeds and plants for use in prairie and wetland restorations. They had also worked with the National Park Service to select and increase native seed and plants for the National Parks.

In 1994, Congress initiated a major reorganization of the USDA and renamed SCS the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to better reflect the broad scope of the agen-

cy's mission. These changes marked the beginning of the two major trends that have defined the Service's role in conservation. The first is NRCS's growing responsibility for administering financial assistance for conservation programs. The result over the last two decades has been a growing number of new programs that give conservationists and landowners the necessary means to protect our nation's natural resources.

The NRCS continues to fulfill the conservation legacy established in 1935 by Hugh Hammond Bennett even as it adapts to today's changing concerns and future challenges. It has developed many science-based tools and standards in agronomy, forestry, engineering, economics, wildlife biology and other fields of study that help landowners plan and install conservation practices. The local NRCS office is located at 302 W HWY I-20 in Big Spring, Texas. Staffed by Mr. Eddy Spurgin (District Conservationist), Ms. Keelee Allen (Soil Conservationist), and Mr. Sawyer Warick (Rangeland Management Specialist) the local office serves approximately 350,000 acres or native rangeland and 120,000 acres of dryland and irrigated cropland.

SEC letter shows bitcoin funds won't happen soon, if ever

NEW YORK (AP) — It may be a while, if ever, before investors can buy an exchange-traded fund made up of bitcoin and other digital currencies.

The Securities and Exchange Commission this week sent a letter to investment trade groups containing more than 30 questions that must be answered before a digital currency fund gets approval.

Among the concerns: How would funds calculate a fair value for vola-



tile digital currencies, and what steps would funds take to ensure that investors can easily cash out their shares?

An exchange-traded fund, or ETF, is similar to a traditional mutual fund, except that investors can buy and sell it throughout the trading day. A digital currency ETF would allow mom-and-pop investors to own bitcoin and others digital currencies without going onto the private exchanges they trade on.

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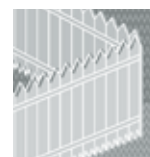
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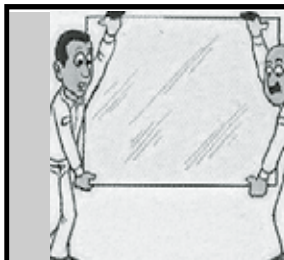


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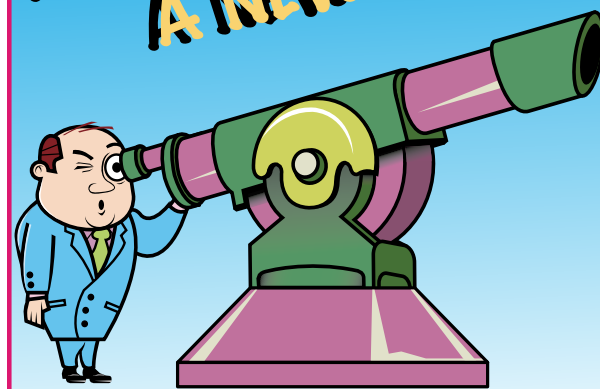
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#9677 January 21 & 22, 2018

ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

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

HOMEOWNERS

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

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more than 5% above the previous year. Although the tax collection is deferred, interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of 8% per annum and the deferred tax remains a lien on the property. To apply for the deferral, the owner should contact the appraisal district which appraised the property in question and complete an application.

DISABLED PERSONS

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

PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE

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

DISABLED VETERANS

The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by disabled veterans or surviving spouses and surviving children of deceased disabled veterans. Another partial exemption is for homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost or not more than 50 percent of the good faith estimate of the homestead's market value to the disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The exemption amount is determined according to the percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100 percent homestead exemption for 100 percent disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and surviving spouses of U.S. armed service members killed in action.

FIRST RESPONDERS

The eligible surviving spouse of a first responder killed in the line of duty is allowed a 100 percent homestead exemption if the homestead was in effect before the first responder's death and the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the first responder.

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EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

Exemption applications for all property tax exemptions including total exemptions for charitable, religious, and other total exemptions may be obtained from an appraisal district nearest you or through the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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**For more information about these programs, contact the Howard County Appraisal District at 432-263-8301 or 315 S. Main, Big Spring, TX 79720. Information is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at [Comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/](http://Comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/)**

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AUCTION

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By Steve Becker

The Bath Coup

North dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 9 8 7  
♥ 8 5 3  
♦ K J 4  
♣ A Q 10

**WEST**  
♠ 6 2  
♥ K Q 10 7  
♦ 10 6 3 2  
♣ 9 8 4

**EAST**  
♠ 5 4  
♥ 9 6 2  
♦ A 9 7 5  
♣ K 7 6 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q J 10 3  
♥ A J 4  
♦ Q 8  
♣ J 5 2

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
2 ♣ Pass 4 ♣

Opening lead — king of hearts.

Most players are familiar with the Bath Coup, even though they might not know the technical name for the play. It gets its name because the play is said to have originated in the resort town of Bath, England.

Consider this deal where West leads the king of hearts. If South knows his way around a bridge table, he plays the four on the king, hoping West will continue the suit and hand him an extra heart trick. The duck of

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the king, holding A-J-x, is called a Bath Coup.

However, if West is familiar with this holdup play, he will switch to a different suit after East plays the discouraging deuce of hearts on the king. It is here that declarer must be careful not to dissipate his advantage.

Let's say West shifts to a club at trick two. South cannot afford to finesse, since this would subject him to defeat if the finesse lost and East returned a heart. So to ensure the contract, he goes up with the ace.

He next plays the K-Q of trumps, followed by the queen of diamonds. Assume East wins the second diamond with the ace and returns a heart. South takes his ace, crosses to dummy with a trump and discards his heart loser on dummy's third diamond. He then concedes a club to the king to make the contract.

Observe that if South takes the king of hearts with the ace at trick one, he goes down. East later gains the lead with either a diamond or a club and returns a heart through declarer's J-4. The Bath Coup thus proves to be the key to making the contract, even though declarer may have no idea that the play he has employed carries a very fancy moniker.



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Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

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

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tion also discusses the option of taking a taxpayer's case to district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing.

• **Homestead Exemptions** – A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the appraised value of the home and, as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appropriate local county appraisal district.

• **Productivity Appraisal** – Property owners who use land for timber land production, agricultural purposes or wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to their local county appraisal district for an agricultural appraisal which may result in a lower appraisal of the land based on how much the taxpayer produces, versus what the land would sell for in the open market.

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• **Notice of Availability of Electronic Communication** – In appraisal districts located in counties with a population of more than 200,000 or that have authorized electronic communications, and that have implemented a system that allows such communica-

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tions, chief appraisers and ARBs may communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically instead of mailing.

• **Protesting Property Appraisal Values** – Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's ARB.

For more information about these programs, contact Glasscock County Appraisal District at 124 N. Main St., PO Box 155, Garden City, TX 79739, Phone 432-354-2580. More information and application forms are available on the appraisal district's website at [www.glasscockcad.org](http://www.glasscockcad.org) and also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at [comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/proptax/](http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/proptax/).

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- ☐ Catering
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Pisces Lunar Options

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

tions to just anyone. That's what makes it so special when you finally do open up with honesty about how you're feeling. Only do so with those who can be trusted with your tender heart.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Giving is different from selling. Selling is an exchange with expectations and rules that need to be upheld. Giving shouldn't be this way. Give without conditions. It's the way your gift will do the most good.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** The situation will require you to simmer down, settle your energy into the same tone as the environment and get on with the business of fitting in. This will be a lot more fun than it sounds.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** There will be a time for getting hard on yourself and pushing yourself through to the next level. This isn't it. This is the time to ease up and celebrate the many things you've already done right.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You can come up with a plan that will help the most people with the least effort and complication. Brilliant! Then, with a calm sense of purpose, you will move everyone toward

a common goal.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Remember when you let someone into your world and heart a little too soon? What followed was regret and a whole new set of rules for entry -- rules to stand by today.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Your aim will be to surprise and delight the public. This cannot be accomplished through doing what they expect and delivering what they've already seen. Bonus: the unique satisfaction of raised eyebrows and the sound of laughter.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Somewhere between your high aspirations and the current demands of your daily life is a wonderful fantasyland. It's a playground, a vision board, an escape route. It's a good place, a place where things get done.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** There's little to stop you from winning the admiration of your peers and the good opinion of your superiors. In the future, this approval will translate into financial abundance.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 20).** Rest assured: Your optimism is not only firmly rooted in what's possible for you; your best-case scenario is practically a blueprint for exactly what will happen. If you mainly stick to the plan, you'll be golden. March will bring a new mode of transportation or a far-off destination. Your family will grow in October. Cancer and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 22, 11 and 16.

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

1 Not up to the task

6 Word on the Asian nation list

9 Catcher on the All-Century Team

14 Negative endorsement

16 Part of many an Open

17 Hazard

18 Allowed

19 NL team named for a snake

20 "A ride in minutes" sloganeer

21 Lures, with "in"

22 Hanukkah pancake

24 Leaves no choice

26 Sound from a squeaky toy

28 Name in the *Charmed* cast

30 Certain planner's recommendation

31 Get useful material from

32 Inconspicuous, in ads

35 Initially assumed

38 Lettered

39 Patent

41 Competitor of Chipotle

42 Boardroom VIP

43 One at hard labor

47 State-certification designation

48 Not to be messed with

50 Squeeze, fold and stretch

51 Chumps

53 They now sport "We the People"

55 Obsession

56 Made like a ram

57 Mature

DOWN

1 First American auto with a million-selling year (1965)

2 Of a certain network

3 Real thing

4 Snow \_\_\_\_

5 Contender's quest

6 New direction

7 Ribbon-like copper support

8 Get to

9 Rather good

10 Name on the cover of *Lassie Come-Home*

11 1982 film with a Madison Square Garden climax

12 Cranberry candy morsel since 2009

13 What an ATM needs to know

15 Subject to strain

21 Traded digs

23 New Balance alternative

25 Woozy

27 Oil company, in Wall Street slang

29 Stars in the sky

31 Race that gets dirty

33 Isolated work groups

34 Physicist's ultrahigh-temperature state

35 Word from the Greek for "point"

36 Senior partner

37 Peanut-butter holder, perhaps

40 Warms up (to)

44 Event often televised in split-screen

45 Sizes up

46 Greenskeepers' devices

48 Second word of an ephemerality adage

49 Sheba's locale, today

52 DDT successor

54 1983 video release code-named "GameCom"

56 One's thing

57 Biz alternative

58 Plywood source

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Answer to previous puzzle

TALC RUSE TEST  
AFAR BETON ANTI  
MTVESUVIUS CRAG  
ATTIC LOATH  
MARKETVALUE PUT  
TRUSTEE IGNITES  
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WESTVIRGINIAN  
PAINE BOS  
HADAFIT SORBETS  
EVE FIRSTVIOLIN  
RELAY OREOS  
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# TOBACCO

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unappealing even to lifelong smokers.

"We still have to provide an opportunity for adults who want to get access to satisfying levels of nicotine," but without the hazards of burning tobacco, said FDA Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb. He estimates the FDA plan could eventually prevent 8 million smoking-related deaths.

## "SMOKE-FREE FUTURE"

Philip Morris International and its U.S. partner Altria will try to navigate the first steps of the new regulatory path next week.

At a two-day meeting before the FDA, company scientists will try and convince government experts that iQOS is less-harmful than cigarettes. If successful, iQOS could be advertised by Altria to U.S. consumers as a "reduced-risk" tobacco product, the first ever sanctioned by the FDA.

Because iQOS works with real tobacco the company believes it will be more effective than e-cigarettes in getting smokers to switch.

Philip Morris already sells the product in about 30 countries, including Canada, Japan and the United Kingdom.

iQOS is part of an elaborate corporate makeover for Philip Morris, which last year rebranded its website

with the slogan: "Designing a smoke-free future." The cigarette giant says it has invested over \$3 billion in iQOS and eventually plans to stop selling cigarettes worldwide — though it resists setting a deadline.

Philip Morris executives say they are offering millions of smokers a better, less-harmful product.

Matthew Myers of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids still sees danger. He says FDA must strictly limit marketing of products like iQOS to adult smokers who are unable or unwilling to quit. Otherwise they may be used in combination with cigarettes or even picked up by nonsmokers or young people who might see the new devices as harmless enough to try.

"As a growing percentage of the world makes the decision that smoking is too dangerous and too risky, iQOS provides an alternative to quitting that keeps them in the market," Myers says.

It's unclear whether existing alternatives to cigarettes help smokers quit, a claim often made by e-cigarette supporters. Research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests about 60 percent of adult e-cigarette users also smoke regular cigarettes.

## THE CASE FOR LOWER NICOTINE

Experts who study nicotine addiction say the FDA plan is grounded in the latest science.

Several recent studies have shown that when smokers switch to very low-nicotine cigarettes they smoke less and are more likely to try quitting. But they also seek nicotine from other sources, underscoring the need for alternatives. Without new options, smokers would likely seek regular-strength cigarettes on the black market.

Crucial to the FDA proposal is a simple fact: nicotine is highly addictive, but not deadly. It's the burning tobacco and other substances inhaled through smoking that cause cancer, heart disease and bronchitis.

"It's hard to imagine that using nicotine and tobacco in a way that isn't burned, in a non-combustible form, isn't going to be much safer," said Eric Donny, an addiction researcher at the University of Pittsburgh.

A study of 800 smokers by Donny and other researchers showed that when nicotine was limited to less than 1 milligram per gram of tobacco, users smoked fewer cigarettes. The study, funded by the FDA, was pivotal to showing that smokers won't compensate by smoking more if nicotine intake is reduced enough. That was the case with "light" and "low-tar" cigarettes introduced in the 1960s and 1970s, when some smokers actually began smoking more cigarettes per day.

Still, many in the anti-smoking community say larger, longer studies are needed to predict how low-nico-

tine cigarettes would work in the real world.

## LEGAL RISKS

Key to the FDA plan is the assumption that the two actions will happen at the same time: as regulators cut nicotine in conventional cigarettes, manufacturers will provide alternative products.

But that presumes that tobacco companies will willingly part with their flagship product, which remains enormously profitable.

Kenneth Warner, the public policy professor, said he would be "astonished" if industry cooperates on reducing nicotine levels.

"I don't think they will. I think they will bring out all of their political guns against it and I'm quite certain they will sue to prevent it," he said.

In that scenario, the FDA plan to make cigarettes less addictive could be stalled in court for years while companies begin launching FDA-sanctioned alternative products. Tobacco critics say that scenario would be the most profitable for industry.

"It's like Coke, you can have regular Coke, Diet Coke, Coke Zero, we'll sell you any Coke you like," said Robin Koval, president of the Truth Initiative, which runs educational anti-tobacco campaigns.

But the FDA's Gottlieb says the two parts of the plan must go together. "I'm not going to advance this in a piecemeal fashion," he said.

# Stocks rise despite looming US government closure



AP photo

**People walk past an electronic stock board showing the Hang Seng Index at a bank in Hong Kong, Friday, Jan. 19, 2018. Asian stock markets were uneven and the dollar fell on Friday following Wall Street's retreat as the threat of a U.S. federal government shutdown loomed on the weekend.**

**By KELVIN CHAN**

AP Business Writer

HONG KONG (AP) — Stock markets rose Friday as investors looked past the threat of a U.S. federal gov-

ernment shutdown and focused on a strong underlying economy. The price of oil fell on a report saying U.S. production is set to rise further above 50-year highs.

**KEEPING SCORE:** Germany's DAX was up 1.1 percent to 13,424 and France's CAC 40 rose 0.5 percent to 5,521. Britain's FTSE 100 gained a more modest 0.3 percent to 7,720 after data showed retail sales fell sharply in the holiday spending month of December. Wall Street was poised to open higher: Dow futures added 0.3 percent and the broader S&P 500's futures edged up 0.2 percent.

**SHUTDOWN:** U.S. House lawmakers voted for a stopgap funding bill to keep agency doors open and federal workers at their jobs until mid-February, but Senate Democrats and some Republicans were expected to block it on Friday. A shutdown could hurt consumer spending and rattle markets, though it's unlikely to cause widespread economic damage, Credit Suisse economists said in a note on Thursday.

**TRADER TALK:** Stephen Innes, head of Asia-Pacific trading at OANDA, said that some investors maybe cautious about the U.S. shutdown "but in the bigger scheme of things this case of hiccups is likely to pass as quickly as it arrived."

**GLOBAL OUTLOOK:** Mostly, investors are driving stock indexes higher — many to record highs — on optimism over the global outlook and corporate earnings. Next week brings a raft of economic data along with meetings by the Bank of Japan and the European Central Bank.

**ASIA'S DAY:** Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 edged 0.2 percent higher to 23,808.06 and South Korea's Kospi gained 0.2 percent to 2,520.26. Hong Kong's Hang Seng ended 0.4 percent higher at 32,254.89 while the Shanghai Composite in mainland China added 0.4 percent to 3,487.86. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 dipped 0.2 percent to 6,005.80. Shares were mixed in Southeast Asia and Taiwan's benchmark rose.

**ENERGY:** Oil futures retreated after the International Energy Agency said U.S. oil production would rise strongly this year. Benchmark U.S. crude lost 67 cents to \$63.28 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, used to price international oils, sank 73 cents to \$68.58 a barrel.

**CURRENCIES:** The dollar weakened to 110.54 yen from 111.07 yen in late trading Thursday. The euro strengthened to \$1.2262 from \$1.2237.

# RECORDS

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Sentence: 12 months probation, \$362 in court cost  
Date: Nov. 29, 2017  
Defendant: Tony L.Jetton  
Offense: Criminal mischief in between \$100 to \$750  
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$312 in court cost, 30 days in jail  
Date: Dec. 14, 2017

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

Defendant: Mitchell McCormack  
Offense: Evading arrest detention  
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 in court cost, and ten days in jail  
Date: Dec. 6, 2017

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Beall Land, LLC  
Grantee: J. Hopper Hoes, Inc.  
Property: Lot one, block B, section one, Stone Creek subdivision  
Date: Jan. 8, 2018

Grantor: Perry Gamble AKA Perry W. Gamble AKA Perry Wayne Gamble and Wanda Gamble  
Grantee: Joshua Ross Rainey  
Property: a 18.4 acre tract of the SW/4 of section 41, block 32, T-1-S, T and P Ry. Co. Survey  
Date: Jan. 8, 2018

Grantor: Cecelia Arcand McKenzie  
Grantee: Andre Thomas Arcand and Lucy Arcand  
Property: Being the South 50 feet of lot two, clock 79  
Date: Jan. 8, 2018

Grantor: CDR Investments, Inc.  
Grantee: Byron Harris  
Property: Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 30, 31, and 32, all in block four, Wasson Place  
Date: Jan. 9, 2018

## Warranty Deeds with Vendors' Liens

Grantor: Roy Taylor  
Grantee: Ann McCluskey  
Property: Together with all improvements thereon situated in Howard County, Texas  
Date: Jan. 9, 2018

Grantor: HET, LLC, a Texas limited company  
Grantee: Dustin Pope  
Property: Being a 9.513 acre of tract land, 25, out of the SE/4 of section 44, block 32, T-1-A, T and P Co. Survey  
Date: Jan. 9, 2018



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# Is it news? Ansari story triggers media ethics debate

By ALEXANDRA OLSON  
Associated Press

What makes a private sexual encounter newsworthy? A little-known website raised that very question after publishing an unidentified woman's vivid account of comedian Aziz Ansari's sexual advances while the two were on a date.

The story on Babe.net threw a wrench into the #MeToo movement, with some feminist writers dismissing the incident as a bad date that should have remained private. Others welcomed the piece for spurring a debate over deeper cultural attitudes that normalize aggressive behavior toward women.

Media ethics experts say it's not easy to determine what constitutes a legitimate story of sexual misconduct in the midst of a social movement that has emboldened people to speak out on subjects once considered taboo.

"What takes this out of the realm of a really bad date and into the realm of something that is publicly significant?" asked Ed Wasserman, dean of the journalism school at the University of California, Berkeley. "It's a little borderline."

The story, which appeared Saturday, offers a detailed 3,000-word account of a night out between Ansari and a 23-year-old Brooklyn photographer that ended at the comedian's home. The woman told the site that the actor repeatedly initiated sexual activity despite what she later called "clear non-verbal cues" indicating her discomfort and lack of interest. She also reportedly told Ansari that she didn't want to "feel forced" in the encounter.

The woman told Babe.net that she eventually decided the incident was a sexual assault and said she was angered when she saw Ansari wearing a "Time's Up" pin at the Golden Globe

Awards. The pin referred to a movement against sexual misconduct in Hollywood.

The website published screenshots of what it said were text messages between the two the next day. The woman told Ansari the encounter had made her uncomfortable; he texted back with an apology. The story was initially published with no comment from Ansari because, the website said, his representatives did not get back to them by its deadline.

Many major news organizations reacted cautiously. The Associated Press and other media outlets did not report on the story until Ansari issued a public statement addressing the claim the next day. The actor, who stars on the Netflix hit "Master of None," acknowledged that he apologized to a woman last year when she told him about her discomfort during a sexual encounter in his apartment that he believed to be consensual.

Feminist writers, other actors and media commentators were left to debate the public value of an anonymous tale about a confusing encounter at a time when more women are speaking publicly about sexual assault.

Some prominent women, including Whoopi Goldberg and Ashleigh Banfield, a host on the CNN spinoff HLN, concluded that the story didn't describe sexual misconduct of any kind and lacked newsworthiness. The feminist writer Jill Filipovic, in a column for The Guardian, said the piece touched on the need for more stories about "how pervasive power imbalances benefit men and make sex worse for women." But she said Babe.net squandered that opportunity by failing to "tell this particular story with the care it called for" and muddying the line between sexual assault and misogynistic behavior.

The story's reporter and editors at Babe.net, which is less than two years



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**In this Friday, Oct. 27, 2017 file photo, Aziz Ansari arrives at the BAFTA Los Angeles Britannia Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif. What makes a private sexual encounter newsworthy? A little-known website raised that very question after publishing an unidentified woman's vivid account of the sexual advances of the comedian.**

old and says it has 3 million readers, have publicly defended their news judgment. "We stand by our story," said site editor Amanda Ross. Babe.net is published by Tab Media, a company that has received funding from Rupert Murdoch.

Helen Benedict, a Columbia journalism professor, said the story's one-sided, anonymous account was difficult to judge. But that, she said, encapsulates the tension between the public's need to know and the obligation of the media to protect sources, particularly people who say they are victims of sexual assault and request anonymity.

Benedict said the story didn't sufficiently press the woman on her motivations and took a flippant approach as to whether the incident constituted

sexual assault. "I don't feel that the reporters asked enough about what the goal was," she said. "What does she want?"

Ryan Thomas, an assistant professor at the Missouri School of Journalism, said the piece lacked the rigor of other stories that used multiple sources to establish a clear pattern of abuse by prominent men like Harvey Weinstein and Louis C.K.

"Most of the journalism has been very methodical in identifying a catalog of incidents to build a picture of a pattern of behavior," Thomas said. By contrast, he said, the Babe.net story "focuses on a single case against a named individual by an anonymous individual," thus raising questions about its newsworthiness and the care with which it was reported.



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