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What's happened: At least 20 people were killed and more than 100 injured in a shooting outside the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino on the Las Vegas Strip during a music festival on Sunday night. Shots were being fired from the 32nd floor of the resort, according to police.

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Oklahoma State quarterback Mason Rudolph ran 16 yards for the go-ahead touchdown in the final two minutes to win the game.

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Tuesday October 10, 2017

Lubbock Police and EMS were called to the Texas Tech Police Department Monday evening for the report of a shooting. Just before 9:30 p.m. a suspect was taken into custody near the Lubbock Coliseum.

The university later publicly identified the suspect as Hollis A. Daniels, 19.

Lubbock Police said "A Texas Tech Officer was able to tackle the suspect as he fled & took him into custody. LPD officers were close behind & assisted."

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A Texas Tech student organization announced online Monday they would host a memorial service to support the fallen Texas Tech Police Department officer and his family.

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The Goodyear Blimp "Wingfoot Two" will make an appearance in Lubbock from October 20 – October 23.

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October 11, 2017 Wednesday

An arrest warrant provided new details Tuesday morning into the murder of a Texas Tech police officer. It happened Monday night at the Texas Tech Police Department.

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On the evening of Oct. 9, a Texas Tech police officer was mortally wounded. The officer was identified as Floyd East Jr. in a press conference today.

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Tuesday, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton stopped in Lubbock for a scheduled visit.

EverythingLubbock.com was able to sit down with Paxton to ask him about his response to the shooting of Texas Tech Officer Floyd East.

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SAN MARCOS, Texas (KXAN) — As news of the Texas Tech shooting spread across the state Tuesday morning, many are wondering what went wrong.

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October 12, 2017 Thursday

Hollis Alvin Daniels, 19, was indicted Wednesday by a federal grand jury for possession of a stolen firearm. Daniels is the same defendant who was arrested Monday night for the murder of a police officer on the campus of Texas Tech University.

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. Evangelist Franklin Graham paid a visit to Lubbock Wednesday night on the first stop of his Decision Texas: The Lone Star Tour.

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The average price of a gallon of regular-grade gasoline fell 7 cents nationally over the past two weeks to \$2.56.

October 13, 2017 Friday

LUBBOCK AND EL PASO - The family of Floyd East, Jr., 48, issued a written statement Thursday. East lost his life in the line of duty on the campus of Texas Tech on Monday evening.

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Law Enforcement Work Together To Cope Local Law Enforcement Use Chaplaincy Program To Help Cope With Tragedies

LT Kenneth Woodward

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Lubbock Police held a press conference Thursday morning to follow up on the Monday night shooting and killing of a Texas Tech campus police officer. Hollis Daniels, 19, was arrested for capital murder about 90 minutes after the shooting. The officer who lost his life in the line of duty was Floyd East, Jr.

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More than 1,000 fifth graders from across Texas joined the Red Ribbon Rally kickoff event at the State Capitol, pledging to live drug free. Students added their name to a pledge wall on the south side and also wrote letters to lawmakers. Organizers like Iris Marie Martinez say they hope the message to stay drug free will continue inside the classroom. "There's a program called Substance Abuse Prevention that's at the Health and Human Services Commission," she said. "Basically what we do is we fund programs to do science-based curriculums that are skill based and they learn decision making, goal setting."

Texas schools will celebrate Red Ribbon Week from Oct. 23-31 this year.

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31 dead hundreds missing in Santa Rosa, Sonoma and Napa Counties ..that's the heart of the beautiful wine country in northern California...that's just north of San Francisco Bay 8000 fire fighters are on the scene trying to contain that blaze that has already claimed more than 300 square miles

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October 16, 2017 Monday

Brothers and sisters in blue lined up to show their support for fallen Texas Tech Officer Floyd East Jr.

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Local high school student, Ryan Smith, started an online petition to change Texas Tech University's next home game to a "Blue Out" themed game in honor of the slain Officer Floyd East Jr.

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Ford offered to inspect and repair more than 1.3 million Explorer SUV's, Friday. Their decision comes after receiving more than 2,000 complaints of carbon monoxide leaks inside this specific car model.

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October 17, 2017 Tuesday

The family of Hollis Alvin Daniels, 19, made a public statement Monday through attorney Chuck Lanehart. Daniels was arrested on October 9 and charged for the murder of Texas Tech Police Officer Floyd East, Jr., 48

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A public memorial service honoring Texas Tech Police Officer Floyd East Jr. will be held at noon Tuesday, Oct. 17 at the Abraham Chavez Theatre.

The memorial service will culminate with the release of 1,000 blue and black balloons — a symbolic farewell honoring Officer East — outside in the Abraham Chavez Theatre's plaza. Music will be provided by the Andress High School band.

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Still recovering from the shooting incident on Texas Tech's campus, students and faculty kicked off Homecoming Week leading up to the game, saying school spirit was more important than ever.

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An unfortunate trend after hurricanes is the illegal distribution of flood damaged cars. The cars that were damaged during Hurricane Harvey might be making their way to Lubbock to be sold to you. "There's a lot of vehicles, some estimates right now: 300-thousand to 400-thousand that were totaled, or soon to be totaled. It won't be long until they are distributed," said **Christian Brothers Automotive Owner, Josh Page.**

Car shoppers are suggested to keep an eye out for any cars being sold in the Houston area, especially if you're buying from someone online. "Sometimes you do see an influx. It's usually on social media that cars are bought and sold or Craigslist. It's not usually through a licensed dealership. Sometimes they do get through, but most of the time it's a social media or individual seller," said **Analyst/Crime Prevention Coordinator, Mandy Meyers.**

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After a week of grief and death, Northern California's destructive wildfires are showing signs of easing off. The 11,000 firefighters battling "one of the greatest tragedies" to ever strike California are gaining control of the blazes that have claimed the lives of 41 people so far.

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October 17, 2017 Wednesday

Roosevelt ISD underfire from a parent for paddling a child...too hard leaving welts and marks. All for talking back to a teacher

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Jody Arrington On Gun Control

Congressman Jodey Arrington (R-TX) held a town hall Tuesday at the Science Spectrum to answer Lubbock residents' questions and concerns, addressing everything from tax reform to health care.

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Wind power could overtake coal in the future. coal plants shutter across the state, wind capacity could exceed coal in Texas in a few years, according to a new report from the Energy Institute at the University of Texas – Austin.

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The driver of a semitrailer packed with at least 39 immigrants, 10 of whom died, pleaded guilty Monday to making the deadly smuggling run.

James Matthew Bradley Jr., 61, pleaded Monday in federal court in San Antonio to one conspiracy count and a count of transporting the immigrants resulting in death. He faces up to life imprisonment when he's sentenced on Jan. 22.

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October 19, 2017 Thursday

Parents and pediatricians are seeing an increase in the Hand Foot and Mouth virus in Lubbock. Doctors said this is the first wave of the virus so far but they expect to see at least two more waves before the end of the school season.

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Milken Educator award \$25000 Katy Negan Slaton ISD Middle School

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MILAM COUNTY, Texas (KXAN) — Thursday is the deadline for cities looking to land the next Amazon headquarters. The chance to lure a \$5 billion campus has prompted an all out bidding

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A Lubbock County grand jury on Tuesday indicted three former Texas Tech football players accused in the burglary of a Southwest Lubbock home.

Dakota Allen, 20, Robert Castaneda, 21, and Trace Ellison, 18, are charged with a second-degree felony count of burglary of a habitation, which carries a punishment of two to 20 years in prison.

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Friday October 20, 2017

Lubbock Police obtained a warrant to electronically search the cell phone of Hollis Alvin Daniels, 19. Daniels was arrested on the night of October 9 less than two hours after officer Floyd East, Jr., 48, was shot and killed.

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Texas Tech System Chancellor Speaks Out After Shooting

Over a week since a shooting on campus claimed the life of a Texas Tech police officer, University System Chancellor Robert Duncan spoke out about the tragedy.

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HEALTH ADVISORY: SYPHILIS

The Texas Department of State Health Services has issued a Syphilis Alert for Lubbock County. The alert is due to an increase in syphilis cases in Lubbock. During September and October 2017, 30 cases of early syphilis have been reported compared to 17 cases during the same time period in 2016. The alert asks for physicians and other medical providers in the community to screen those at risk to prevent the further spread of the disease.

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Average retail gasoline prices in Texas and across the country continue to steadily decline.

AAA Texas on Thursday reported the average price at the pump in the state was \$2.26 a gallon, down from \$2.32 last week. Average gasoline prices nationally stand at \$2.46, down 2 cents from last week.

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Mike Leach's venom for his old school, Texas Tech, continues unabated.

On Thursday, a post on Leach's Twitter account indicated there will be a rally on Leach's behalf at 10 a.m. Saturday "near Red Raider Stadium" with the additional "stay tuned for details." Tech hosts Iowa State at 11 a.m. Saturday.

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Texas tactical Peace officers association 2017 testd 22 teams from across texas and La Lubbock can in second 6 man team in day 3 competition for shooting physical ability and handling mass casualties

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Monday October 23, 2017

If you've gone out to a farmers market you're not alone. The USDA reports there are more than 8,400 markets in the United States and that number is still growing.

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Lubbock County VOICES Coalition/Keep Teens Alive Youth Coalition and Starcare Specialty Health System are hosting their

2nd Annual Red Ribbon Rally Kick-off to initiate drug-free week. Drug-free week was created in remembrance of the DEA agent who lost his life to the war on drugs Enrique "Kiki" Camarena and takes place October 23rd - October 31st each year. This week is used as an ideal way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs. The Red Ribbon Rally will take place on October 23, 2017 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Stages of Recovery.

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What happened to our Red Raiders at homecoming against Iowa State? 31-13 loss...

Nic Shimonek tried to find Desmond Nisby on the screen, but was picked off by Marcel Spears who ran it to the house to extend the lead 31-13 in the fourth. This play was ultimately the end to a long day for the Red Raider offense.

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Kennedy assassination papers to be released Eric Shawn independt journalists says

Decades of secrecy surrounding JFK's assassination could soon come to an end.

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It's not a scene we see often – all five living former U.S. Presidents putting politics aside to come together for one cause. In College Station, they used their presidential power to help the victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.

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Sports

At the beginning of the Dallas vs San Francisco game Sunday the Cowboys all stood quietly for the National Anthem while the 49ers all took a knee.. Cowboys beat the dog out of the 49ers.. 40-10.. Thank you Americans team.

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The Astros shut out the Yankees 4-0 and move on to the World series Tuesday night against the Dodgers.. Game time 6:30 .. Go Astros...

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Student veterans at Texas Tech gave their time and service to their country, but are now giving back to their community by helping other veterans.

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October 24, 2017 Tuesday

Prosecutors filed a request to seize a 2001 BMW from Hollis Alvin Daniels, 19, who is accused of shooting and killing a police officer on the campus of Texas Tech University.

The court records filed in the seizure case provide a few clarifications of details already

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- Hundreds of workers could be out of a job soon, after the Lubbock Convergys office reported 406 upcoming layoffs to the Texas Workforce Commission.

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Here's a warning for World Series ticket seekers. Unscrupulous sellers in the streets and on the internet appear to be selling duplicate printable tickets.

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He later sent Channel 2 Investigates a receipt for payment to Parrish of \$170.

Parrish said she will never buy tickets on the street again.

"Only the box office," Parrish said.

Houston ticket vendor Midtown Premium Tickets recommends you get a receipt for any ticket transaction and pay for the tickets with a credit card so if necessary, you can dispute the charges.

"Go to someone you know. Don't buy them off the street or Craigslist," Kayla Ramsey, with Midtown Premium Tickets, said.

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Former Vice President Al Gore outlined several warnings on climate change during his speech in Central Texas, but also took time to praise Georgetown Mayor Dale Ross' leadership on shifting the predominately conservative city to renewable energy.

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the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has closed the Buffalo Springs Lake spillway bridge to all traffic. The closure will allow DRS Construction, Inc., of Powderly, Texas, to safely make repairs to the bridge beams.

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October 25, 2017 Wednesday

The Texas Department of Public Safety said a plane crashed in Lamb County Tuesday morning. DPS said the pilot was airlifted to a Lubbock hospital by Aerocare.

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LUBBOCK, TX - A family grieved after their horse "Lightning" was shot and killed Monday night at E. 47th Street and Vanda Avenue. Ralph Crawford was arrested and charged with "Cruelty to Livestock Animals" and "Disorderly Conduct."

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Many of the costs related to damage from Hurricane Harvey are still unknown and state lawmakers are continuing to meet with officials to discuss recovery efforts.

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Public records revealed a trend of drug abuse among students at Texas Tech University throughout the Fall semester.

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Mason argued TTU is not alone with battling this issue, it occurs on several college campuses throughout the country. However, her office sees a routine increase during the Fall when students return to campus.

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October 26, 2017 Thursday

In a major shift in the Texas Legislature, longtime Texas House Speaker Joe Straus announced Wednesday morning he is not seeking reelection.

Straus says his time as a state representative and a speaker will end at the conclusion of his current term.

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Texas House Representative Dustin Burrows (HD-83) issued the following statement today in reaction to Speaker Straus' announcement that he will not seek re-election to the state legislature:

"I thank the Speaker for his many years of service to Texas, and I wish he and his family the best for the future. Going forward into the next legislative session, I hope our next House Speaker is a conservative from West Texas."

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Lubbock County Medical Examiners Office report a significant decrease in Fentanyl-related deaths since the major drug bust in October 2016. However, they find another addictive drug has claimed the lives of others in its place.

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The service is called Amazon Key, and it relies on a Amazon's new Cloud Cam and compatible smart lock. The camera is the hub, connected to the internet via your home Wi-Fi. The camera talks to the lock over Zigbee, a wireless protocol utilized by many smart home devices.

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An 11th-inning blast by George Springer scored two runs and delivered the Houston Astros a wild 7-6 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers to even the World Series at one game apiece on Wednesday.

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October 27, 2017 Friday

Mike Leach resurfaced old wounds about his public termination from Texas Tech University after he claimed the University still owed the remainder of his contract. He has hired a team out of Houston to investigate his case in hopes of getting what he said is owed.

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In a conversation with the Board of Trustees and a video to employees earlier today, Dr. Berhl Robertson, Jr., announced his intention to retire as superintendent of Lubbock ISD at the conclusion of the school year.

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federal civil rights lawsuit was filed Wednesday against Lubbock Police for allegations of excessive force. A document filed with the lawsuit said the demand is for \$20 million.

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U.S. officials announced Thursday evening how some records in relation to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy would be released, while other files would be held pending review.

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October 30, 2017

Beginning Oct. 28, tickets will go on sale for a redesigned Mega Millions® game with larger starting jackpots, faster rolls, and better chances at winning the second-tier \$1 million prize.

Mega Millions drawings are held Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 p.m. Central Time.

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As Assistant Police Chief over Arlington PD's field operations, it's Kevin Kolbye's job to take a big picture look at the problems plaguing the community and come up with new strategies to eliminate them.

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November 1, 2017 Wednesday

The parent company of several South Plains locations of Dairy Queen filed for bankruptcy on Monday. The Vasari LLC website listed more than 70 Dairy Queen locations. (See preliminary closing list below.)

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A lawsuit claims FedEx was grossly negligent and caused the death of Michael Merton on October 17 at the Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport. Merton's family was in the process of filing the lawsuit Tuesday in Lubbock County.

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A Marine veteran is making his way across America, running more than 22 miles every day and hiking the rest of it. Shane Johnson started with a goal of walking more than 3,000 miles from Florida to California. But that wasn't enough for him so he started to run the route. And then added marathons on top of that.

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Lubbock ISD said a student at Coronado High School was arrested Monday after an unloaded gun was found in his backpack.

Parents were notified on Tuesday, LISD said. No threats were made with the gun according to LISD.

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The Texas Tech University Military & Veterans Programs will host a ceremony to dedicate a Wall of Honor recognizing university alumni who have distinguished themselves in military service.

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At least eight people were killed Tuesday in what New York officials are calling a terror attack. Here's what we know so far about how it went down, per the New York Police Department.

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November 2, 2017 Thursday

LUBBOCK, TX - When Denver City's Dairy Queen closed their doors this week, it came as a shock to the community.

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Six veterans, all alumni from Texas Tech University, were honored by the Military and Veterans program. The organization presented the "Wall Of Honor" to the families of the heroes.

"Having students see the price of freedom these heroes had to pay and those serving now, so they can attend Texas Tech and live in a free nation," Lou Ortiz, the Director of Military and Veterans Program at Tech said.

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Hollis Alvin Daniels, 19, was indicted by a grand jury in Lubbock for capital murder on Wednesday. Daniels was arrested on October 9 less than two hours after Texas Tech police officer Floyd East, Jr. was shot and killed on campus.

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The Lubbock Economic Development Alliance (LEDA) announced the creation of 66 new jobs and \$66 million in capital investment at a press conference Wednesday morning. The additional jobs and investment come as a result of the expansion of two local businesses.

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November 3, 2017 Friday

Dodgers pitcher Yu Darvish gave up five runs in less than two innings of work during Game 7 of the World Series.

Game footage indicates that Darvish was tipping his pitches, allowing Astros hitters to adjust to his tactics.

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A federal trial over Texas' new abortion law started Thursday in Austin.

It's over Senate Bill 8, which lawmakers passed in the 85th legislative session. The measure being challenged bans "dismemberment abortions" and abortion providers argue it would effectively prevent them from performing dilation and evacuation (D&E) abortions. This is a procedure that doctors use on second-trimester pregnancies, which is typically after 15 weeks.

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No one is arguing that opioids are a problem. The issue is fixing it. President Trump laid out 56 points, in order to begin tackling the drug abuse and overdose problem.

South plains Doctors on the South Plains say we aren't immune here in Lubbock

"It's very scary, unfortunately though. We are seeing more and more substance abuse, more overdoses come in," Dr. Juan Fitz said, adding that an overdose patient had already come into the ER at Covenant Medical Center that day.

He said he's worried about where the funding would come from to tackle these issues.

"It has a lot of criteria and has a lot of recommendations. It is a 150 page report, but nowhere does it say how it is going to be funded. How are we going to get to that point, though? Dr. Fitz said.

Another key point in the report was the need to open more drug courts in federal jurisdictions, to try and divert people from prison to addiction treatment.

"I'm all for drug courts, I think they are fantastic," Cole Watts said. "I am a graduate in 2007, and I owe everything I have probably today to them. They greatly reduce recidivism rates, they greatly reduce drug offenders...violent and nonviolent."

Watts helped found Stages of Recovery Addiction Services in Lubbock, and has seen the effects of the problem first-hand. Two of his clients recently stopped showing up to treatment.

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November 6, 2017 Monday

Twenty-six people were killed in a small town Texas Church shooting Yesterday..

Some 50 members of the Southland Springs First Baptist Church, located about 30 miles southeast of San Antonio, had gathered for worship service. It was around 11:15 when a man dressed in military style tactical gear wearing a black mask entered firing a semi automatic assault rifle. Federal law enforcement sources say the suspect used an AR-15

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Security at local churches

Adam Pardue pastors Highland Baptist Church and said the news was heartbreaking, but not completely surprising.

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The gunman was found dead in his vehicle on the Wilson County-Guadalupe County line after a citizen confronted him with his own rifle at the church and then chased him. The suspect had a gunshot wound but Martin said he does not know whether it was self-inflicted.

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November 7, 2017 Tuesday

A day after a gunman massacred parishioners in a small Texas church, the Air Force admitted on Monday that it had failed to enter the man's domestic violence court-martial into a federal database that could have blocked him from buying the rifle he used to kill 26 people.

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former first daughters, Jenna Bush Hager and Barbara Pierce Bush to speak at this year's Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health Luncheon.

The two sisters met with dozens of west Texans to talk about their new book, "Sisters First," which provides new insight into the lives led by the president's daughters and their experiences, but it also explores what life was like for them as just two little girls growing up in the Lone Star State, giving special mention to West Texas.

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It's not that Texas Tech lost to Kansas State Saturday 42-35 here at home, it's how we lost. The Lubbock avalanche journal turned on head coach Kliff Kingsbury calling him ineffective. Speculating that this may be his last season at Tech. With 42 seconds left and a tie game Kingsbury decided to not try to go for a win

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November 8, 2017 Wednesday

Police reports show Sutherland Springs church shooter Devin Kelley escaped from a mental health facility shortly after the military charged him with assault against his then-wife and stepson.

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A recent Texas Tech graduate and current employee of Covenant Health said she was in shock to hear that there was a mass shooting Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs.

As a child, Natalie Baker attended the church.

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Senator Charles Perry and State Representative John Frullo attended the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce luncheon to discuss different issues Texans are currently facing. But with the recent shooting in Sutherland Springs, the legislators took a moment and talked briefly about the aftermath of the community.

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Whiteface High School Antelope Marching Band puts it mark on Texas history after taking home the State Championship in San Antonio Monday.

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November 9, 2017 Thursday

Vice President Mike Pence spoke at a vigil Wednesday evening in South Texas for the victims of the Sutherland Springs church shooting.

About 3,000 people attended the vigil at the high school football stadium in Floresville, the Wilson County seat located about 12 miles southwest of Sutherland Springs.

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If you live in Texas and have a drivers license, your information is being sold

Here is the story we ran on your KLBK news at 6 that talks about how your Name, Address and Date of Birth are sold in the State of Texas.

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Arguably one of the biggest rumors consistently circulating the Hub City over the last four years was whether or not HEB would decide to build on their land located at 114th Street and Quaker Avenue.

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November 10, 2017 Friday

The Texas church where a gunman opened fire, killing more than two dozen people on Sunday, will be demolished, the pastor announced this week, saying the building was “too stark of a reminder” of the deadly massacre.

Pastor Frank Pomeroy told leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention it would be too painful

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After a gunman killed 26 people during a church service on Nov. 5, Greg Zanis packed up his truck and drove to Texas. He installed a cross for each victim in the massacre, with a bright red heart and photo affixed to each one.

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World War II veterans in Texas were honored Thursday for their role in the liberation of concentration camps across Europe.

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November 13, 2017 Monday

Three people were arrested for residential and vehicle burglary in the LakeRidge neighborhood, after a neighbor took matters into his own hands, chasing the suspects down his block.

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NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell reportedly has requested nearly \$50 million per year in addition to the lifetime use of a private jet amid contract negotiations with the league.

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SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Texas (KXAN) – A black tarp surrounded the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs on Sunday.

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November 14, 2017 Tuesday

New details are now emerging in the death investigation of Green Beret Sergeant Logan Melgar regarding criminal activity of the two Navy SEALs who are the persons-of-interest in this case. Sources within the special-operations community shared with the Daily Beast that Melgar had caught two Navy Seals stealing money from funds used to pay informants. When the SEALs offered him a cut of the deal, he declined.

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Texas Tech is scheduled to play at 11 a.m. this weekend against TCU. It'll be the third home game this season with an early start time and local businesses are frustrated.

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THANKSGIVING

Getting outside during the Thanksgiving break is a healthy alternative to too much screen time according to Lauren Henry, a fitness specialist at Covenant Health.

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LUBBOCK, TX - City leaders kicked off National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in Lubbock with a city proclamation and a meeting about how to fight the problem.

City council members said it's a problem year round, but want to use this week to emphasize how Lubbock residents can be a part of the solution.

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November 15, 2017 Wednesday

Lubbock Police, Lubbock Fire Rescue and EMS responded to the report of a woman with a gun and a shot fired.

It turns out, the weapon was a CO2 pellet gun, but police did not know that at first. The call came in just after 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at 1718 Parkway Drive.

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The Lubbock Meals on Wheels "Feed a Friend, It's As Easy As Pie" fundraiser has now reached \$42,000, well more than half of their original goal of \$65,000. Only a few days into this year's fundraiser, organizers say this is the strongest start they have seen in years.

This is the fundraiser's 26th year running, and aims to help the holiday season brighter for

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In response to the worst mass shooting in Texas' history at the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs that killed 26 people, law enforcement in Williamson County has put out the call for congregations concerned about security.

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November 16, 2017 Thursday

Phones ring constantly and many get frustrated when the caller is someone they don't know. And more frequently the person, or robot, on the other end of the line is a phone scammer. They're either trying to sell you something, reduce your non-existent college debt or try to get your cash.

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Vice President Mike Pence touted tax reform as the headliner of the Republican Governors Association conference, where some of the top Republicans in the country gathered this week.

The annual conference took over the J.W. Marriott hotel in downtown Austin, as GOP office-holders and business leaders flooded the property.

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Lubbock Power and Light is changing their billing system to cut costs for the company and their customers, effective November 18.

Starting Saturday, customers must log in at CityofLubbockUtilities.com for payment and customer service needs.

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A Lubbock woman has been charged with child endangerment after 28 dogs, 20 cats, two chickens and a lizard were found living inside a home with her and three children between the ages of 14 and 9.

According to court documents, the odor coming from the closed front door took the breath of several adults and at least one investigator reports the smell of animal waste was on her clothing after she left the house. The house is in the 2100 block of 65th Street, according to the court documents.

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November 17, 2017 Friday

PoliTech, a student organization on Texas Tech's campus, hosted a gun legislation forum at the university, featuring state legislators and special interest group representatives to discuss the controversial issue.

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Although the influenza virus isn't spiking in Lubbock right now, doctors say they have seen other viruses that indicate the flu is coming quickly. The City of Lubbock Health Department is hosting the last Drive-Up Flu Clinic of the season to help.

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Dunkin' Donuts is testing out a rebranded name that drops the "Donuts."

The company is testing the shorter name at several of its stores in Boston, which are set to open next month. In August, the company said they it was considering shortening the name in an effort to help consumers see the stores as a destination for coffee, not just doughnuts.

The chain's parent company, Dunkin' Brands, says it won't make a decision on whether to officially changes its name until late next year, when it plans to start redesigning stores.

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November 20, 2017

Students at Shallowater High School were excited when they heard their Assistant Principal was coming back from Afghanistan.

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U.S. Border Patrol agent was killed in the line of duty Sunday while patrolling the Big Bend Sector of Texas along the southern border with Mexico.

Agent Rogelio Martinez, 36, died of injuries sustained while responding to "activity" near Interstate 10 in the Van Horn Station area, according to a news release from U.S. Customs and

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Cowboys owner Jerry Jones apologized Friday for making a joke with racial overtones that was captured on video four years ago.

At the Melrose Hotel in Oak Lawn, Jones encountered a fan who was about to get married. The man, who is white, asked Jones if he would videotape a message for his fiancée.

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Job statistics released by the Texas Workforce Commission showed Lubbock's unemployment rate fell during the month of October. The local unemployment rate was 2.6 percent, down from 2.9 percent in September.

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A gathering of the faithful and fearful. The Pews Were packed In Georgetown's Celebration Church yesterday, where representatives of more than 100 congregations statewide showed up for a security conference two weeks after the tragedy in Southerland Springs.

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November 21, 2017 Tuesday

Lubbock Police were called to the corner of 19th Street and Quaker Avenue just before 3:00 pm for the report of a bomb threat. Police said someone dropped a bag inside a Happy State Bank and said, "It's a bomb." The person then ran away.

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Baker baker baker... how many TV cameras do they use to cover a college football game? They use 40 television cameras, including cameras used for the pregame show

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Lubbock Police arrested Seth Colt Jackson, 36, of Lubbock early Sunday morning for impersonating a public servant, false ID as a peace officer, and public intoxication.

Police said officers responded to Texas Café & Bar, 3604 50th Street, for the report of a disturbance.

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City of Lubbock offices will be closed Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular business hours will resume on Monday, November 27.

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November 22, 2017 Wednesday

Big Tobacco companies will begin airing anti-smoking advertisements during primetime television and in newspapers due to a federal court order requirement.

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A mayoral proclamation declared November 28 Lubbock's 2017 Day of Giving will be presented to more than 60 local nonprofits during a press conference and ribbon cutting ceremony. Lubbock will be participating in 'Giving Tuesday' for the third year and the organizations hope to raise \$275,000 by next Tuesday.

Lubbock-based nonprofit, Alström Angels, in partnership with the Community Foundation of West Texas, is coordinating the Giving Tuesday movement for the South Plains, according to the press release.

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Ridesharing app Uber concealed for more than a year that hackers had stolen data from 57 million Uber drivers and customers, according to a report Tuesday.

Uber attributed the hack, which occurred in late 2016, to two individuals who accessed the data through a “third-party cloud-based service.” The company said its internal servers were not compromised.

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November 27, 2017 Monday

Texas Tech’s season was slipping away and with it perhaps coach Kliff Kingsbury’s job.

The Red Raiders were trailing 23-13 in the fourth quarter when senior quarterback Nik Shimonek, benched for the last game of the regular season, walked over to his coach.

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Black Friday 2017 was all about digital sales. American shoppers spent a record \$5 billion in 24 hours. That marks a 16.9% increase in dollars spent online compared with Black Friday 2016, according to data from Adobe Digital Insights, which tracks 80% of online spending at America's 100 largest retail websites.

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West Texas Endurance will host the 6th Annual Carol of Lights Run (presented by Covenant Health) on Sunday, December 3 on the campus of Texas Tech UniversityThe race begins at 6:45 p.m. There will be 2 distances offered, including a “family friendly” course of 1 mile that will take you through the more than 25,000 colored lights that illuminate the many buildings on campus, while being entertained with carolers and a band along the course. A 5K (3.1 miles) course will additionally have the participants running a lap through Jones AT&T Stadium with great photo opportunities available. After crossing the finish line, all runners will enjoy Santa’s snacks that will provide a warm treat on a cold winter’s night.

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November 28, 2017 Tuesday

As lawmakers in Congress continue working toward a tax reform proposal they can all agree on, Texas educators could end up feeling the impact.

Under the House GOP tax bill, the teacher spending deduction would be entirely cut. The Senate’s version aims to double the tax break from \$250 to \$500.

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Cyber Monday sales set to hit \$6.59 billion, the largest ever online sum for a US shopping day
Adobe Insights says total online spending on Monday is projected to hit \$6.59 billion.

That would make Cyber Monday the largest digital shopping day in U.S. history, with sales climbing more than 16 percent from a year ago.

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Each December, Texas Tech University glows with more than 25,000 colored lights during the Carol of Lights® ceremony. Thousands of Red Raiders will gather at 6:30 p.m. Friday (Dec. 1) at Memorial Circle, the Engineering Key, the Science Quad and the Broadway Entrance to Texas Tech to honor 59 years of tradition.

At 7 p.m. the Masked Rider, Raider Red, Saddle Tramps and High Riders will lead the Torch Light processional. The processional will follow the luminaria-guided route from the Broadway Entrance, around Memorial Circle and to the Engineering Key. The Trombone Choir will accompany the University Choirs during the ceremony.

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Huge surge in car burglaries over the holiday weekend. Lubbock police report 50 were broken into with a spike on Sunday. Half of those cars were not locked. Authorities say it is the season thieves are looking for easy prey, around the Mall, and shopping centers and even hotels.

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Texas Tech men's basketball was ranked #22 in the nation on Monday morning. It's the first time the Red Raiders have been in AP top 25 since 2009.

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November 29, 2017 Wednesday

Lubbocks Swat team called into action, Shots fired.. capital farm credit

Shots were fired around 9am Tuesday morning in the 1100 block of East Quinn Street, Police say 50 year old Rodney Breeden had barricaded himself inside of his house and was shooting at a dumpster truck in the alley.

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There may be a fire danger in your house or office right under your feet. Its called a space heater. And people use them liberally this time of year.

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Lubbock residents are generous, so noted by United Way Campaign Chair Jon Stephens who announced that this years campaign reached its goal of \$6,103,061

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Dallas 'Cite and Release' Policy Goes Into Effect Friday for Small Amounts of Marijuana

The policy, permitted by a 2007 state law, allows those found with small amounts of marijuana to avoid going straight to jail.

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November 30, 2017 Thursday

Lubbock Police Chief Greg Stevens released additional information Wednesday morning concerning a SWAT standoff in the 1100 block of East Quinn Street.

Rodney Breeden was taken into police custody Tuesday afternoon. Police said he fired many shots at Lubbock Police officers. He was also accused of shooting at a garbage truck which caused minor injuries for the driver of the truck.

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Toys for Tots distributes toys to families in need every year. If your family needs toys for this Christmas season, the last day to request toys from the organization is Friday, December 1. You can also donate to Toys for Tots until December 13.

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Matt Lauer, the disgraced former anchor of NBC's "Today" show who was fired Wednesday for "inappropriate sexual behavior," once summoned a married female employee to his office, locked the door and sexually assaulted her until she passed out, the New York Times reported after interviewing the accuser.

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Fort Worth-based American Airlines is scrambling to find pilots to operate thousands of flights over the upcoming holiday season after a glitch hit the company's scheduling system.

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December 1, 2017

LUBBOCK, TX - Lubbock leaders are keeping a close eye on the upcoming vote in Washington that could change the way internet providers do business.

They believe it could eventually impact school businesses and possibly your taxes.

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Republican U.S. Rep. Joe Barton, 18th congressional in central Texas' most-senior member of Congress, announced Thursday that he won't seek re-election after a nude photo of him circulated online and a Republican activist revealed messages of a sexual nature from him.

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Lubbock Meals on Wheels on Thursday announced record-breaking results from the 2017 Easy as Pie fundraiser. The money helps MOW deliver more than 700 meals every day to people who are home-bound.

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The Tech Ticket Office will start accepting bowl requests online Saturday afternoon and then via the phone Monday morning, beginning with Red Raider Club members as well as football season ticket holders. The priority ticket period will run until 5 p.m. on Dec. 1.

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Garcia Zarate, a Mexican citizen who was released from San Francisco jail before the killing despite a federal request that he be held for his sixth deportation, was charged from the beginning with murder, and prosecutors gave the jury the option of convicting him of first-degree murder, second-degree murder or involuntary manslaughter. Jurors rejected all three.

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Fentanyl Four Lubbock residents face federal charges for their roles in a furanyl fentanyl distributing conspiracy in the Northern District Court of Texas.

Steven Lawrence Forcum, 32; Krisandrea Monee Dobbs, 31; Peyton Cleveland Wilson, 27; and Ashlyn Paige Utley, 23, are in custody at the Lubbock County Detention Center as they await trial. Reports state their charges include multiple counts of possession of furanyl fentanyl, possession with intent to distribute, and one count of possession of a firearm in a drug-trafficking crime

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December 4, 2017

Texas Tech University has formally accepted its 38th bowl invitation in school history as the Red Raiders will face South Florida in the Birmingham Bowl on Dec. 23 from historic Legion Field in Birmingham, Alabama. Kickoff is slated for 11 a.m. with television coverage provided nationally on ESPN.

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the State of Texas is seeking the death penalty against 19-year-old Hollis "Reid" Daniels III.

Daniels has been charged with capital murder of a peace officer after Officer Floyd East Jr., a Texas Tech University police officer, was shot and killed in the campus police department on Oct. 9.

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On Friday, December 1, Frenship High School received a report of a firearm sighted in the building. The report started the chain of events that took place during the next few hours until the scene was deemed safe just before 4:00.

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It has been billed as a massive refund party, but what it really is one gigantic Christmas party for the more than 3,000 Gallery Furniture customers who took Mattress Mack up on his bet about the Houston Astros.

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December 5, 2017 Tuesday

The Lubbock Police Department announced Monday afternoon that the Crime Line reward for information on the Happy State Bank robbery suspect is now at \$2,000.

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Frenship ISD Superintendent Dr. Michelle McCord spoke with KCBD Monday, the first day back for the district after Friday's high-level lockdown.

The superintendent could not provide details about the three students arrested, since they are juveniles, but she called their actions a dangerous prank. She said the district is awaiting "cues" from police and the District Attorney's office to determine what punishment the school will have for those students.

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Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield, Stanford running back Bryce Love and Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson were named Heisman Trophy finalists. The award will be given out in New York City on Saturday.

Mayfield has led the Sooners all season, leading them to their third straight Big 12 title and second appearance in the college football playoff. Mayfield set an FBS record for passing efficiency, breaking his own record set in 2016.

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The San Marcos police officer shot and killed Monday afternoon has been identified as 58-year-old Kenneth Copeland.

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Frenship students and teachers returned to campus for the first day back following Friday's high-level lockdown. Administrators spoke out Monday, calling what three students did a "dangerous prank."

"There was in actuality not a gun," Superintendent Michelle McCord said. "It was just three of

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December 7, 2017 Thursday

A Lubbock County woman is afraid her house might catch on fire because her neighbor's weeds are so tall, some reaching 6 feet in height. She said it's becoming a hazard and wants the county to do something about it.

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Mothers and fathers in Texas are continuing to fight for equal parenting laws.

Several of them were in Austin Wednesday to get more information about the state's child support division and custody laws. The Texas Fathers' Rights Movement says too often, parents are unable to get equal visitation time with their kids during a separation or divorce.

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The US House of Representatives has unanimously voted in favor of the Taylor Force Act.

Named for a Lubbock Native who was murdered in by a Palestinian in Israel 18 months ago.

His parents Stuart Taylor and his wife Robbi have been lobbying for an act that would cut off U.S. funding to the Palestinian. Authority, until it ends "martyr payments" made to terrorists and their families

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A Girl and A Gun Women's Shooting League shares their goal of empowerment through South Plains Chapter at 41 Lead Farm.

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A man from Plainview is captivating audiences across the internet after a video of him dancing went viral.

"It shocks me because I'm like, 'This is a dream, but I'm awake.' This wasn't meant for any attention. It was to make me healthy, but I'm like, 'God knows what he's doing,'" Stephen Dunlap, the infamous "Dancing Man" said.

Dunlap said he started dancing as a way to heal a previous knee injury. He said the more he danced, the better he felt.

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December 8, 2017 Friday

Threats of a shooting to take place this Thursday or Friday at Frenship High School began circulating Wednesday, just five days after three students pulled a "dangerous prank" that led to a school lockdown.

On Friday afternoon, the police chiefs of the City of Lubbock, Lubbock ISD, Frenship ISD, Lubbock-Cooper ISD, the City of Wolfforth and the Lubbock County Sheriff's Department will discuss the threats.

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Doctors say this year's flu vaccine is only 10 percent effective. Every year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention predicts what strains of the flu will happen the following year, and this year, it's not the best match.

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AZTEC, N.M. – New Mexico State Police say two students are dead following a shooting Thursday morning at Aztec High School in Aztec. The shooter is also dead.

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KXAN received reports from viewers in Hays, Caldwell, and Bastrop counties who recorded 4 inches of snow in their yards. Photos and videos also showed a winter wonderland in Wimberley.

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December 11, 2017 Monday

Dozens of extremely smart Austinites gathered in one place today in hopes of getting a shot at making it on "Jeopardy!"

It's a lifelong dream for many.

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New Deal, Abernathy and Idalou fire crews are battling a grass and cotton module fire northeast of New Deal. Several cotton modules are burning along with surrounding grass and fields. Heavy smoke has severely reduced visibility in the area. We'll continue to update this story as we learn more.



Bring your children and grandchildren to Mackenzie Park and enjoy a 61-year Lubbock tradition! Children from Lubbock and surrounding communities are invited to Santa Land's Opening Ceremony on Sunday, December 10, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. Lubbock City Council members will welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus from the North Pole, turn on the Christmas lights in this winter village, and officially open Santa Land.



Baker Mayfield took a unique road to the Heisman Trophy, a long and winding climb from walk-on to one of the most accomplished players to ever play college football.

The brash, flag-planting Oklahoma quarterback became the sixth Sooner to win Heisman on Saturday night in one of the most lopsided votes in the 83-year history of the award.



Southern California's most destructive wildfire exploded in size on Sunday and forced

The so-called Thomas fire had burned about 230,000 acres by Sunday evening, making it the fifth largest wildfire in modern California history



December 14, 2017 Thursday

The state ranks 34 in overall health, dropping one spot from 2016. Texas is among the top 10 states dealing with a high obesity rate. Some organizations focused on improving the health of Texans say there are a variety of ways the state can use these findings.



A Texas Christian University fraternity chapter has been suspended by its national office for alleged hazing.

Delta Tau Delta said it took the action after finding its TCU chapter violated multiple rules, including hazing, and compromised its values.



Alabama's special election for U.S. Senate ended in an upset Tuesday night, as Democrat Doug Jones beat Republican Roy Moore in the deeply conservative state.

Texas has a Senate race in 2018, and it will likely be a different story.

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new Arizona State head coach Herm Edwards may be targeting Texas Tech's defensive coordinator David Gibbs to become the Sun Devils new D.C.

Texas Tech responded to the report by telling Red Raider Nation Wednesday night "David Gibbs is our D.C."

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December 15, 2017 Friday

A Lubbock resident wants to warn others of a phone scam she almost fell victim to.

"He said I had a warrant out for not going to Grand Jury Duty. He said the Judge signed knowing I would have to pay the fine of \$1,000 dollars or go to jail for three days without bond," the woman who was victim of the scam said.

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After a wave of allegations against politicians across the country, the state Senate held a hearing to address the policies and procedures surrounding how the Legislature will handle reports of sexual harassment.

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Lubbock High Auditorium seats on sale

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Texas Tech finalized a new two-year contract for David Gibbs on Thursday, which will keep the third-year defensive coordinator in Lubbock through the 2019 season.

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December 18, 2017 Monday

The tuition going up 2.7% about \$110 per semester Vice Chancellor Gary Barns 3rd lowest tuition fees in big 12 schools

Funding new technology on line security new classroom equipment ad labs charging stations at AT&T Jones stadium and a shuttle service at San Angelo State

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Toys for tots handed out more than 20,000 donated toys.. Sgt Rosa Leonor

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A fire in the atlanta airport has effected flights across the nation

Power finally restored at Atlanta airport after blackout grounded over 1,500 flights

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December 19, 2017 Tuesday

The Lubbock ISD Board of Trustees named Dr. Kathy Rollo on Monday morning as the sole finalist for superintendent.

The vote was 6 to 1 in favor. Lala Chavez was the lone vote against. Rollo cannot be officially named as superintendent during a 21-day waiting period which began Monday. After the waiting period, she can then be officially named as the next superintendent (rather than the lone finalist).

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In a 4 to 3 vote, the Lubbock City Council voted to move forward with a Public Safety Improvement project the council has been talking about for months.

This is the first official vote that has gone through city council after months of discussions and open houses on how to fund the project and what the money would do.

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The Texas Republican Party is suing the Texas secretary of state over U.S Rep. Blake Farenthold's appearance on the March primary ballot.

A federal judge is scheduled to hear the case Tuesday morning in an Austin court. The suit was filed late last week.

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An Amtrak train on its inaugural ride on a new line in Washington state Monday was traveling at 80 mph in a 30 mph zone, the National Transportation Safety Board said, citing data recorder information.

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December 20, 2017 Wednesday

As the Haven Animal Care Shelter continues to take-in and foster abandoned animals in the South Plains, they are asking for the community's help in keeping these pets safe this holiday season.

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The Salvation Army's 'Angel Tree' Begins Distributing Gifts

The Salvation Army began their annual toy drive Angel Tree, but they have only met the halfway mark on gifts. They want your help to guarantee families will receive their toys before the holiday weekend.

"These kids, the things that they need are stuff that aren't stuff that's commonly thought about,

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Beginning December 26, Solid Waste Services will offer Lubbock residents fresh-cut Christmas tree drop-off recycling at the City's four Citizen Convenience Stations. The landfill will mulch the fresh-cut trees.

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Beckley added that there was no change to the capital gains tax. Republicans, Democrats Still Debate Worthiness of Tax Plan

The massive \$1.5 trillion package would touch every American taxpayer and every corner of the U.S. economy, providing steep tax cuts for businesses and the wealthy, and more modest tax cuts for middle- and low-income families. It would push the national debt ever higher.

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December 21, 2017 Thursday

Two men were taken into custody on Wednesday after police were called to the 800 block of Vanda Avenue.

When police arrived on scene, they found the two men stealing things from a home in the area. The two men fled the scene but were soon captured. One suspect was transported to UMC after being injured by a K-9 Unit dog.

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Although it may be the season of giving, that is not stopping thieves and "porch pirates" from lurking around Lubbock neighborhoods to quickly take doorstep deliveries.

The trend has some local security system businesses reporting an increase in surveillance camera sales. Lubbock Sight, Sound and Security has been serving the community for 15 years.

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If you ever use ride sharing companies, like Uber and Lyft, beware there's a rash of fake drivers out there taking advantage of folks just needing a ride home.

The Better Business Bureau is spreading word about people who are pretending to be ride-share drivers. It's been happening particularly at airports around the country.

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The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding drivers that by staying sober and following basic traffic laws, they can give their fellow motorists the gift of safe travels this season.

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The Texas Tech football team kicked off its bowl week festivities on Tuesday, arriving in Alabama for the 2017 Birmingham Bowl.

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December 22, 2017 Friday

Lubbock, TX - This is the third year Charlie Pitner has obtained over 1,000 coats for Charlie's Kids-4-Kids Coat Drive.

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As the cold front moves through the South Plains, one local pastor wants to make sure no one in town has to worry about keeping warm this winter season.

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The holiday travel season is officially underway, with an estimated 51 million people expected to flock to U.S. airports over the coming three weeks.