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The bronze tiger that spent 25 years at the front of the Charles Paddock Zoo waits to be lifted back into place on Thursday after being refreshed and refurbished at Genesis Bronze in Paso Robles. The tiger was removed from the zoo in November.

NORTH COUNTY

Return of the tiger at the Atascadero zoo

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Visit sanluisobispo.com to watch the bronze tiger being moved back into place at the Charles Paddock Zoo after a thorough cleaning.

Its golden eyes gleaming, the Charles Paddock Zoo's 1,700-pound bronze tiger is back in place after a thorough cleaning and refurbishing.

The sculpture was hoisted into place inside the flamingo enclosure Thursday morning following several weeks of work at Genesis Bronze in Paso Robles.

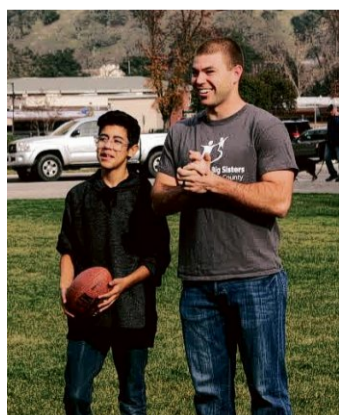
The tiger was removed from

the Atascadero zoo in November to restore the finish that had been dulled by 25 years of weather. It was set to return in February, but rain pushed back the date to this week.

Friends of the Charles Paddock Zoo is soliciting donations for the \$8,500 cost to remove, clean and return the statue.

Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the zoo at 9305 Pismo Ave. in Atascadero. Checks should be made out to Friends of the Charles Paddock Zoo and the donation marked "tiger makeover" to get a tax deduction.

The zoo will host a "Welcome Back" party for the tiger Saturday, March 11, from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact Terrie Banish at 805-470-3490 or email tbanish@atascadero.org.



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NATION

Jeff Sessions will recuse himself from Russia probe

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The Washington Post



Jeff Sessions

campaign investigation," Sessions said. He added that he concurred with their assessment, and would thus recuse himself from any existing or future investigation involving President Donald Trump's 2016 campaign.

WASHINGTON

Attorney General Jeff Sessions said Thursday that he will recuse himself from investigations related to the 2016 presidential campaign, which would include any Russian interference in the electoral process.

Speaking at a hastily called news conference at the Justice Department, Sessions said he was following the recommendation of department ethics officials after an evaluation of the rules and cases in which he might have a conflict.

"They said that since I had involvement with the campaign, I should not be involved in any

The announcement comes a day after The Washington Post revealed that Sessions twice met with Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak during the campaign and did not disclose that fact to Congress during his confirmation hearing in January.

It also represents a departure from Sessions' previous statements, including one Monday, when he declined to say whether he would recuse himself. "I would recuse myself on

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Obama administration rushed to save evidence of election hacking

BY MATTHEW ROSENBERG, ADAM GOLDMAN AND MICHAEL S. SCHMIDT
The New York Times

WASHINGTON

In the Obama administration's last days, some White House officials scrambled to spread information about Russian efforts to undermine the presidential election — and about possible contacts between associates of President-elect Donald Trump and Russians — across the government. Former

U.S. officials say they had two aims: to ensure that such meddling is not duplicated in future U.S. or European elections, and to leave a clear trail of intelligence for government investigators.

U.S. allies, including the British and the Dutch, had provided information describing meetings in European cities between Russian officials — and others close to Russia's president, Vladimir Putin — and associates

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