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Her majesty, the Queen



Courtesy photo
 Hope Atkins was crowned the 2018 Coahoma High School Homecoming queen Friday night during halftime of the the varsity football game. She was escorted by her father, Michael Atkins. For coverage of the game, see Page 1B.

Voter registration deadline drawing near

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Election Day is coming soon, and if you're not registered to vote, you have a bit more than a week left to get signed up.

The last day to register in time for the Nov. 6 mid-term election is Oct. 9. You have a couple of options to register.

First, you can register in person at the Howard County Elections Office, located inside the Howard County Courthouse, 300 S. Main.

Another option is to register by mail. You can print a registration form from the website at www.eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form/. After you fill out the form and sign it, mail it to Elections Administrator Jodi Duck at P.O. Box 1069, Big Spring, Texas, 79721-1069. It must be postmarked no later than Oct. 9.

Unfortunately, Texas doesn't yet support online voter registration.

Duck said early voting for the election starts October 22, and all early voting will be held at the Howard County Courthouse.

"All of October is 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.," Duck said. "November 1 and 2 are the extended days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m."

While Duck has big changes planned for how elections are conducted in the future, the November election



should be business as usual, she said.

"We are going to try to use the new e-poll books, the electronic check-in database, for this election, but the rest of it won't be until the May election," she said. "Everything is as usual. Still the same voter ID laws...bring your photo ID."

On Election Day, voters in each Howard County precinct will vote at an assigned location as usual.

"Just at their assigned precinct locations as they normally would. On our Facebook page, we will have the sites that they can link to to find out their precincts and where they will go on Election Day," Duck said. "That's about it. Nothing is really changing for this election, except a different computer to check in to vote. The major changes are coming in May."

State and national seats contested in the upcoming election include:

- United States Senator: Democrat Beto O'Rourke vs. Republican Ted Cruz (incumbent) vs. Libertarian Neal Dikeman.
- United States House of Representatives: Republican Jodey Arrington (incumbent) vs. Democrat Miguel Levario.
- Governor: Democrat Lupe Valdez vs. Republican Greg Abbott (incumbent) vs. Libertarian Mark Tippetts.

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Rotary Tailgate Party

By **TYLER SCHELLIE**
 Staff Writer

To this day, there remains no cure for poliomyelitis, also known as polio, a rare condition that destroys nerve cells in the spinal cord causing paralysis and muscle deterioration. That's where the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club swings into action.

Friday, October 5, the Rotary Club will host a Tailgate Party at Memorial Stadium before and during the Big Spring High School Homecoming game, with sales starting at 7 p.m. On

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get seated for the big game, look for the smokers and get some fresh homemade steak burritos, along with cookies and drinks.

Members of Rotary understand that something as severe as polio shouldn't be overlooked due to a decrease in cases around the world. In fact, this is something they feel needs additional attention. The Rotary's goal is to completely eradicate polio, and they show their drive to do so by hosting numerous events to raise awareness and money to help the cause.



See **TAILGATE**, Page 3A

Coahoma band heads to marching festival



Special to the Herald

The Coahoma Big Red High School band will head east Monday to the Big Country Marching Festival in Abilene to test out its 2018 UIL marching contest show.

"The reason I picked this contest is that a lot of 3A bands compete at this contest" said Band Director John Landin. "Everyone we compete with is there, and also, we've done

Courtesy photo

The Coahoma High School Band performs during the preshow of the Howard County Bowl between the Bulldogs and the Forsan Buffaloes held Aug. 30, 2018, in Big Spring.

really well in the past at that contest."

For this year's show, Landin picked a challenging piece, "Dreams of Persia" by Randall D. Standridge.

"This is the hardest show I've done in my career," he said. "It's so great to see the students rise up to it. You always question, why did I pick such a hard show? They rise up to it, and it's so awesome to see that."

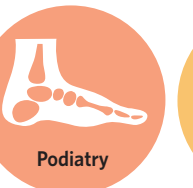
As part of the appeal for choosing the piece, the solo arrangement for the first movement was written with more than one instrument in mind, Landin added.

"I was able to open up the audition to a larger pool of players and the trumpets really

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Obituaries

Donald G. Anderson



Donald Gene Anderson passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018, in Katy, Texas, with his family by his side. He fought a long and courageous battle with glioblastoma. He was 79.

Don was born on Aug. 5, 1939, in Big Spring, Texas, to Donald and Jewel Anderson. After receiving a track scholarship, he attended the University of Alabama and graduated in 1961 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He married Victoria McNicoll in 1963 after moving to Port Arthur, Texas, to work for Gulf Oil.

Don was an avid golfer who enjoyed playing with the same group every Friday at Cinco Ranch Golf Club. He was a fervent follower of politics and was passionate about educating his kids and grandkids on history and political matters. He was an active and dedicated member of the Epiphany Catholic Church and often volunteered to drive parishioners to doctor appointments and visit people in the hospital. His family and friends fondly remember Don as a funny, kind, loving, servant-hearted man

who encouraged everyone to pursue their goals and most importantly follow the Golden Rule.

Don is survived by his wife of 55 years, Victoria Anderson and sister Janis Sue Grant of Lavon, Texas, daughters Stephanie Derfus of Tyler, Texas, and Kristin and husband Jeff Martin of Katy, Texas along with grandchildren Daniel Derfus, Luke Derfus, Lea Derfus, Collin Martin, Sydney Martin, Olivia Martin and countless nieces and nephews.

A memorial service is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 1, 11:30 a.m. at the Schmidt Funeral Home Grand Parkway Chapel in Katy, Texas, with a reception immediately following.

Memorial donations may be made to Don's chosen charity, Wounded Warrior Project www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

The family would like to give special thanks to Don's caregivers, Mirta Araya and Miguel Ramirez, Sandra Martinez and Amarely Gomez who all sacrificed to provide exceptional end of life care. Their dedication and love for Don will forever be appreciated. Funeral services held under the direction of Schmidt Funeral Home, 1344 W. Grand Parkway South, Katy, Texas, 77494.

Paid Obituary

Raymond Lee Baker



Raymond Lee Baker, 48, of Coahoma, died Monday, Sept. 24, 2018. A gathering for family and friends will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Raymond was born March 6, 1970, in Big Spring to Hazel Coates Baker and Charles Baker, Sr.

He is survived by three sisters, Tonya Baker (Fred Rodriguez) of Coahoma, Brenda Kile (Norm) of Crestview, Florida, and Lily Boone (Michael) of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico; one brother, Ronald Baker (Connie) of New London and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Charles Baker Jr.; and one sister, Seretha Baker.

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

Support Groups

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **JEREMY JOHNATHAN DAVIS**, 26, of 911 Kay Rd., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **KALLINA DANELLE FLETCHER**, 27, of 1203 Harding, was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram.

• **MARTA PAIGE MACLIN**, 45, of 408 Westover Rd., was ar-

rested on an outstanding warrant.

• **PRESTON KIETH ALEXANDER**, 20, of 2621 Chanute Rd., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

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

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

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

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

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

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

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

• The Howard County Democrats meet every Monday at 5:30 pm at the Howard County

Democratic Headquarters , 1408 C Scurry Street, directly behind Prosperity Bank .

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716.

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

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

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

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

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

• Howard County Republicans

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

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

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

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

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- Attorney General: Democrat Justin Nelson vs. Republican Ken Paxton (incumbent).
- Comptroller of Pubic Accounts: Republican Glenn Hegar (incumbent) vs. Democrat Joi Chevalier.
- Land Commissioner: Democrat

- Miguel Suazo vs. Republican George P. Bush (incumbent).
- Commissioner of Agriculture: Republican Sid Miller (incumbent) vs. Democrat Kim Olson.
- Railroad Commissioner: Democrat Roman McAllen vs. Republican Christi Craddick (incumbent).
- Supreme Court Justice Place 2: Republican Jimmy Blacklock vs. Democrat Steven Kirkland.
- Supreme Court Justice Place 4: Democrat R.K. Sandill vs. Republican John Devine (incumbent).
- Supreme Court Justice Place 6:

- Republican Jeff Brown vs. Democrat Kathy Cheng.
- Criminal Court of Appeals Presiding Judge: Democrat Maria T. "Terri" Jackson vs. Republican Sharon Keller (incumbent).
- Criminal Court of Appeals Judge Place 7: Republican Barbara Parker Hervey (incumbent) vs. Democrat Ramona Franklin.
- State Board of Education District 2: Democrat Ruben Cortez Jr. (incumbent) vs. Charles "Tad" Hasse.
- State Board of Education District 7: Republican Matt Robinson vs.

- Democrat Elizabeth Markowitz.
 - State Board of Education District 11: Democrat Carla Morton vs. Republican Patricia "Pat" Hardy (incumbent).
 - State Board of Education District 13: Republican A. Denise Russell vs. Democrat Aicha Davis.
- For more information about voting, contact the Howard County Elections Office at 432-264-2273.

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Republicans fear political fallout from Kavanaugh turmoil



AP photo

In this Sept. 21, 2018, photo, the Supreme Court is seen in Washington. Brett Kavanaugh's fate remains uncertain, but some on the front-lines of the Republican Party's midterm battlefield fear the GOP may have already lost.

By STEVE PEOPLES

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Whether or not Republicans ultimately confirm President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee, some on the front lines of the GOP's midterm battlefield fear the party may have already lost.

In the days after a divided nation watched Brett Kavanaugh and his accuser Christine Blasey Ford deliver conflicting stories about what happened when they were teenagers, Republican campaign operatives acknowledged this is not the fight they wanted six weeks before Election Day.

Should they give Kavanaugh a lifetime appointment to the nation's highest court after Ford's powerful testimony about sexual assault, Republicans risk enraging the women they need to preserve their House majority. Vote him down, they risk enraging the party's defiant political base.

In swing state New Hampshire, former Republican Party chair Jennifer Horn said Republicans are "grossly underestimating the damage that would be done" at the ballot box in the short and long term should they confirm Kavanaugh.

Horn, a lifelong Republican and frequent Trump critic, described Ford as "the most credible person I have ever seen publicly talk about this." One young friend of Horn's family was so inspired by the testimony that she revealed her own painful experience with sexual assault on social media for the first time Thursday.

"Republicans have to ask themselves if they're willing not only to sell the soul of the party, but sell their own souls to get this particular conservative on the Supreme Court," Horn said in an interview.

Another wing of the party was just as convinced that Republicans would trigger Election Day doom should they fail to confirm Trump's Supreme Court pick.

"If Republicans do not get this vote taken and Kavanaugh confirmed, you can kiss the midterms goodbye," conservative icon Rush Limbaugh boomed from his radio studio this week, a message that Trump echoed on Twitter and Republican strategists repeated privately on Friday.

In what has become the year of the woman in national politics, there are no easy answers for a party aligned with a president who has dismissed more than a dozen allegations of sexual misconduct of his own.

The GOP-controlled Senate Judiciary Committee voted along party lines Friday to send Kavanaugh's nomination to the full Senate, with the informal understanding that the FBI would investigate the allegations against Kavanaugh. A final vote would be delayed by a week.

Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona crystalized the challenge before the GOP. After announcing his support for Kavanaugh early Friday, he was confronted by tearful victims of sexual assault as he tried

to board an elevator in the U.S. Capitol.

"Look at me when I'm talking to you," one woman cried as Flake stood uncomfortably in the elevator. "You're telling me that my assault doesn't matter, that what happened to me doesn't matter, that you're going to let people who do these things into power."

Flake later insisted on the FBI investigation to secure his vote allowing Kavanaugh's nomination to move out of the Judiciary Committee. He is retiring at the end of the year and the Republican congresswoman seeking to replace him, Martha McSally, said nothing for much of

this week before releasing a statement Friday afternoon noting Kavanaugh and Ford were "heard."

"The Senate's role is to provide advice and consent on this nomination, and to seek the truth," McSally said. "I encourage them to use the next week to gather any additional relevant facts, and then act on this nomination."

The balancing act reflects the impossible politics ahead for some Republican candidates, particularly those in swing states and suburban House districts.

McSally has come out as a survivor of sexual abuse at the hands of her high school track coach. At the same time, she has strongly embraced Trump and his combative ethos, which Kavanaugh exemplified during his Thursday testimony.

She indirectly criticized Trump last week after he questioned why Ford didn't report her assault decades ago.

"A lot of people who have not been through this — thank God they have not been through this — don't understand that a lot of us don't immediately go to law enforcement," McSally said.

Two key Republicans — Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski and Maine Sen. Susan Collins — have also avoided taking a firm position so far. Neither is up for re-election this year, yet both are facing intense political pressure from the right and left back home, with the potential that aftershocks from their votes could be felt for years to come.

Cindy Noyes, a registered Republican in Maine, attended public schools with Collins and usually agrees with her. But not if she backs Kavanaugh.

"It'd be hard for me not to support her, but I really, really, really encourage her to vote against him," Noyes said of Collins, who doesn't face re-election until 2020.

In Alaska, Juneau voter Sally Saddler, an independent, said she voted for Murkowski in the past, but likely wouldn't back her again if the Republican senator decides to confirm Kavanaugh.

BAND

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wanted it," he said. "I had really good auditions for that part and it landed with Aaron Turnbough (trumpet player)."

Senior Andrea King also performs a flute solo in the show.

Adding to the difficulty, the percussion drill design is more intricate than in past shows but with four seniors in the mix - Joe Manning, Bryson Cline, Jackson Muller, and Andrew Romero - Landin said he feels they are up to the challenge.

"We have four solid, amazing seniors," Landin said. "Andrew has been part of the drumline his whole career here. Because he knew we were losing some leadership, he chose to go the front line ensemble. A big segment of that show is the front ensemble."

This year's 82-member strong band is led by Drum Majors Micah Worley, Naomi White, both seniors, and Ashley Mull, a sophomore. Kira Landin is the assistant band director and Gina Orosco oversees the color guard.

Coahoma will head to UIL Regional contest on Oct. 20, at Ratliff Stadium.

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um in Odessa. Although 2018 is an off-year for Class 3A state marching contest, Landin said band members are just as focused on fine tuning their routine to ultimately earn the coveted Division I rating.

"We are treating this region marching contest just as seriously because it's the first half of what we are trying to obtain - a sweepstakes award," he explained. "This year, they are pretty hungry for it because last year we came up short in the end by one judge, and they want to get back on track with their sweepstakes. It's been interesting to see them really pushing towards it, making sure we get this first one (at regional marching contest) in the fall and the second one at the spring concert season."

In the past six years under Landin's leadership, the band has qualified for area marching contest three times and earned three sweepstakes.

"We are really excited and hope everyone comes out Oct. 20 at contest and support the kids," he said. "It will be nice and quiet and you can really hear the band play."

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Raymond Lee Baker, 48, died Monday. A gathering for family and friends will be from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Homecoming Bonfire will take place at 8 p.m. at the Anderson Accelerated School campus. Friday, the Homecoming Pep Rally will rattle the High School Gym at 3 p.m., the Homecoming Parade will kick off at 4:30 p.m., followed by the Steers vs. Canyon Homecoming game at 7:30 p.m. During halftime the King and Queen will be crowned.

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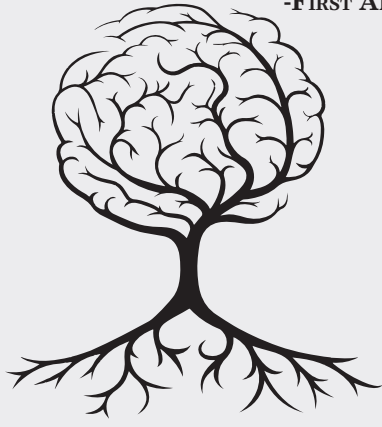
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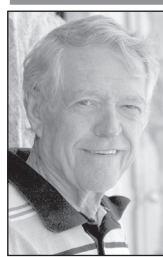
Dear Father in heaven, in the world we are full of fear; may we have peace in You. Amen.

Goat cookin' time in Brady

I got to judge goat in Brady again. It was the 45th consecutive Labor Day that Brady has hosted the World Championship BBQ Goat Cookoff. I was there for the first one, which came about because the Jaycees were trying to figure out a way to raise some money. McCulloch County had plenty of goats, so someone suggested a goat-cooking contest.

“We had about a dozen entries,” says Gary Brown, one of the Jaycees who founded the event. “We had sent out invitations to competitive cooking events, Terlingua Chili Cookoff, the entry fee was \$10 and the money we made was trophies. The cooks fur their own goat meat.”

That first one featured a flip-off to determine who flip a goat pill the most. There was also a tobacco-spitting contest. Although both have been discontinued, there is talk of reviving them. The second year the tobacco-spitting contest was won by a woman, embarrassing male contestants. One highlight of that first year was when a man came onto the judging area (a flat bed truck) carrying a smoking hot goat head that had been cooked in an underground oven and was ready to eat. Some said the cheek meat was delicious. Some ate the eyeballs. One tradition is Charley Bradshaw's Tarzan Yell. He's been doing it since the first cookoff. He used to climb a tree barefooted



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and let loose. He doesn't do it from a tree anymore, but he still does it and everybody expects to hear it.

I have judged the WCBBQGC several times and it seems to get bigger every year. Brady has less than 6,000 residents, but in recent years during the Labor Day goat event the city has about 10,000 visitors. This year there were 45 judges (some from far away places like New Orleans, Helena, Montana and New Haven, Connecticut) and 206 cooking teams in 50-acre Richards Park. Some teams have been going since the first one in 1974 and request the same spot every year.

Participants compete in other events besides cooking goat: beans, chicken, pork ribs, mystery meat, Bloody Mary, Margarita, hot sauce, showmanship, hospitality, best rig and washer pitching. I always ask to judge showmanship. This year the T4Turner Cooking Team from Brady won hands down. A cast of some 30 people dressed in costume and makeup presented a country Hee-Haw show that was good enough to go on TV. It had original songs, skits, jokes (what do you call a goat on a mountain? Hillbilly!) and choruses of positive comments about Brady and goats. The judges loved it. At some venues we were bribed with snacks and drinks. Not a bad job.

It is a huge event and requires hundreds of volunteers, many of them in their teens, 20s and 30s. That is refreshing to see, especially in a small town. One year there was a group from Germany that went to Brady early in the year, found a goat cook, learned some techniques and came back to compete. This year's goat cooking winner was the Los Quatro Locos team from Brady, third time champions.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

During last year's Texas Legislative Session, lawmakers pointed fingers at local governments and independent school districts, blaming them for increased property taxes.

They are at it again, proposing a 2.5% cap on local governments' ability to raise revenue to provide needed services that our citizens count on every day: roads, ambulance, law enforcement, voting, jails, records and court systems.

Instead of solving the problem of school funding, their game plan is to continually raise appraisal values, then blame your local government for high tax increases.

Here's an example: The Austin ISD has maintained the same tax rate for six years; yet taxes have increased by 54% due to higher appraisals. While the District collects more taxes each year, it has less to spend on school operations.

Why? Robin Hood. Austin ISD taxpayers will pay \$669.6 million in local taxes to the state. This is a 23% increase over last year, resulting in an average of \$1700 more per year for the average taxpayer.

It is happening right here in Howard County, too. Just ask anyone who owns property here in our community.

Ellen Williams in the Houston Chronicle writes:

Do you hear that giant sucking sound going up U.S. 290?

It's the sound of our state government in Austin slurping up your local school taxes.

Last week, the Texas Education Agency projected that the state will spend \$3.5 billion less in general revenue funds on education over the next couple of years.

That's because the local property tax revenues are expected to go through the roof, rising by about 6.8 percent each year. As property tax revenues rise,

the state cuts its share of school funding. More of the tax burden is left on the shoulders of homeowners and businesses.

Or, to put it bluntly: You pay billions more in property taxes so that the state can pay billions less and your local school district ends up with the same amount of money.

That doesn't seem fair, but it's what the state planned. The biennial budget was balanced on the presumption of a nearly 14 percent hike in property taxes.

Not only that, but now we find that Robin Hood payments sent to the State are just disappearing into the general fund.

Howard County government pledges to be responsible and sensible with our tax dollars.

Our State government needs to do the same.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Wiseman
Howard County Judge

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A road less traveled....

He's far more than a "once was," but, even with an odometer he disconnected several years ago, he's still well short of being a "has been."

At age 78, Ray Hildebrand still is a Christian entertainer, most remembered for writing and singing Billboard magazine's number one musical hit for February, 1963. Fact is, his "Hey, Paula" number, sung with a college co-ed when both were students at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, was heralded as tops in the world at the time.

Appearing at some of the world's largest musical venues in 1963, they once pre-empted The Beatles, whom London promoters claimed could be booked any time. "The Beatles even wanted our autographs," Hildebrand remembers....A year deep into stardom, Ray took the other fork in the road, opting to entertain in schools, churches and other Christian venues, the latter including the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. (Other Texans long associated with FCA are another HPU graduate, Bunny Martin, world yo-yo champion; Rev. Neal Jeffrey, All-American quarterback at Baylor, and Grant Teaff, former BU coach and long-time president of the American Football Coaches' Association.)

Ray looks forward to an upcoming FCA event come October, when FCA legends gather at their Estes Park, CO, camp.

He may sing and play guitar from a stool, since he underwent knee replacement surgery ear-

lier this month. That's when he claimed to have only two appointments—one for a pedicure and the other the next day with the surgeon. "I wasn't about to have doctors and nurses giggle about my ugly toenails," he explained...

Son of school teachers, Ray was born in Joshua, TX and is a graduate of Harlingen, TX High School. A college basketball player, he spent two years at Navarro College before graduating two years later at HPU.

He wrote "Hey, Paula," for basketball teammate Russell Berry, as something of a pre-proposal musical tribute to then Paula Roulette. (Russell and Paula have been married for 55 years.) At the time, Ray was in summer school, life-guarding at the swimming pool. Funds were short, so he lived under the gymnasium bleachers—with the coach's permission, he emphasizes.

In reality, Ray wasn't Paul, and the other vocalist wasn't Paula. Still another collegian, Riney Jordan, was a disc jockey at Brownwood Radio Station KEAN, gave the couple 15 minutes of airtime on a Sunday afternoon, and "Hey, Paula" shot from there to the top of the charts.

("Paula" was Jill Jackson, long-time wife of Los Angeles businessman Marvin Landon. Since her "Paul and Paula" days, her performing with Ray has been sporadic.)...

Even the quickly-arranged initial recording in a Fort Worth studio was unlikely. They showed up without an appointment when the scheduled artist failed to show.

The producer vowed that he'd record something that afternoon "if it had to be the Star-Spangled Banner."

Instead, he recorded "Hey, Paula." Within a few months, Dick Clark on American Bandstand presented the couple with a trophy denoting the record's million-sale mark....

Ray sang periodically with the Billy Graham Evangelism Association, and later was offered a position with Graham's promotion agency.

He declined, settling with his late wife, Judy, in Kansas City. For many years, he was a real estate appraiser by day and an entertainer on nights and weekends, and often at prisons.

Judy died of cancer at age 57 in 1999. He continues to reside in KC, where families of his daughter and son live. Nowadays, he spends considerable time with seven grandchildren and a pair of great-grandchildren....

Come Nov. 2-11, he'll make several Texas appearances, mostly in churches. Full of zest, Ray is a tonic.

One of his 500 compositions we'll request is, "Say I Do," a favorite the late Ray Price sang on his final album.

My college buddy is as talented and wholesome as it gets.

It'll be great to see him again. If he's still favoring his left knee, I'll challenge him to a foot race....

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New Locations: Howard County

Surge Operating, LLC #7AH Shroyer-Wilson Unit "B 23-14", drill horizontal, El: NA
7850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39770
Suite 300 5.04 miles northeast of Knott
Houston, TX 77064-0000 A-1106, Section 14, Block 33, T&P RR Co. survey
Gayle Foord, Regulatory Analyst Total Depth: 9000 feet
(832) 333-2332 Latitude 032.432711, Longitude -101.563530. Datum: NAD 27
338' FNL, 1018' FEL of 481.92-acre lease
338' FNL, 1018' FEL of the survey

Surge Operating, LLC #2AH Shroyer-Wilson Unit "A 11-02", drill horizontal, El: NA
7850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39035
Suite 300 4.33 miles northeast of Knott
Houston, TX 77064-0000 A-323, Section 11, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Gayle Foord, Regulatory Analyst Total Depth: 9000 feet
(832) 333-2332 Latitude 032.432183, Longitude -101.575119. Datum: NAD 27
305' FSL, 940' FWL of 648.78-acre lease
305' FSL, 940' FWL of the survey

Sabalo Operating, LLC #2AH Thumper "14-23 B", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39771
P.O. Box 2907 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
Corpus Christi, TX 78403-0000 7.25 miles southeast of Vealmoor
Shelly Carrigan, Reg. Coordinator A-268, Section 11, Block 32, T&P RR Co. survey
(361) 888-7708, Ext. 6015 Total Depth: 9000 feet
Latitude 032.456765, Longitude -101.470507. Datum: NAD 27
437' FSL, 2343' FWL of 636.12-acre lease
437' FSL, 2343' FWL of the survey

Sabalo Operating, LLC #2SH Thumper "14-23 B", drill horizontal, El: NA
P.O. Box 2907 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
Corpus Christi, TX 78403-0000 7.20 miles southeast of Vealmoor
Shelly Carrigan, Reg. Coordinator A-268, Section 11, Block 32, T&P RR Co. survey
(361) 888-7708, Ext. 6015 Total Depth: 9000 feet
Latitude 032.456731, Longitude -101.470558. Datum: NAD 27
430' FSL, 2325' FWL of 636.12-acre lease
430' FSL, 2325' FWL of the survey

Sabalo Operating, LLC #2AH Mr. Phillips "11-02 B", drill horizontal, El: NA
P.O. Box 2907 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39744
Corpus Christi, TX 78403-0000 7.39 miles southeast of Vealmoor
Shelly Carrigan, Reg. Coordinator A-1264, Section 14, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
(361) 888-7708, Ext. 6015 Total Depth: 9000 feet
Latitude 032.454293, Longitude -101.470098. Datum: NAD 27
465' FNL, 2241' FWL of 622.37-acre lease
465' FNL, 2241' FWL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

Sabalo Operating, LLC #2SH Mr. Phillips "11-02 B", drill horizontal, El: NA
P.O. Box 2907 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39745
Corpus Christi, TX 78403-0000 7.39 miles southeast of Vealmoor
Shelly Carrigan, Reg. Coordinator A-1264, Section 14, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
(361) 888-7708, Ext. 6015 Total Depth: 9000 feet
Latitude 032.454293, Longitude -101.470163. Datum: NAD 27
460' FNL, 2222' FWL of 622.37-acre lease
460' FNL, 2222' FWL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

SM Energy Company #2746WA Guitar North, drill horizontal, API #42-227-39702
6301 Holiday Hill Road Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
Midland, TX 79707-0000 11.50 miles northwest of Big Spring
Jill Hamilton, Regulatory Tech A-575, Section 26, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
(432) 848-4855 Total Depth: 10,000 feet
X=712291, Y=253064. Datum: NAD 27
395' FSEL, 1584' FNEL of 3,360-acre lease
395' FSEL, 2371' FSWL of the survey

New Locations: Glasscock County

DE3 Operating, LLC #6 Smith "7", re-completion, El: NA, API #42-173-35666
1401 Ballinger Street Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
Fort Worth, TX 76102-0000 7.80 miles southeast of Stanton
Rocky Riley, Regulatory Manager A-296, Section 7, Block 35, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey
(817) 928-3260 Total Depth: 10,930 feet
Latitude 032.022796, Longitude -101.432692. Datum: NAD 83
467' FEL, 1280' FSL of 640-acre lease
467' FEL, 1280' FSL of the survey

CrownQuest Operating, LLC #1 Colossus "44", drill, El: NA, API #42-173-37956
P.O. Box 53310 Petey (Fusselman) Field
Midland, TX 79710-0000 4 miles southeast of Garden City
Ann Ritchie, Agent A-1218, Section 44, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey
(432) 684-6381 Total Depth: 12,000 feet
Latitude 031.515934, Longitude -101.331373. Datum: NAD 83
475' FSL, 711' FEL of 161-acre lease
475' FSL, 1915' FWL of the survey

CrownQuest Operating, LLC #2 Colossus "44", drill, El: NA, API #42-173-37957
P.O. Box 53310 Petey (Fusselman) Field
Midland, TX 79710-0000 4 miles southeast of Garden City
Ann Ritchie, Agent A-1218, Section 44, Block 34, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey
(432) 684-6381 Total Depth: 12,000 feet
Latitude 031.515965, Longitude -101.332893. Datum: NAD 83
660' FWL, 850' FSL of 161-acre lease
660' FWL, 850' FSL of the survey

Parsley Energy Operations, LLC #4815H August "27-22-H", drill horizontal, API #42-173-37958
303 Colorado, Suite 3000 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
Austin, TX 78701-0000 14.20 miles southwest of Garden City
Johnnathan Washington, Reg. Analyst A-967, Section 34, Block 35, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
(512) 600-8855 Total Depth: 9600 feet
Latitude 031.666956, Longitude -101.551815. Datum: NAD 27
817' FNL, 403' FEL of 645.6-acre lease
817' FNL, 403' FEL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

Parsley Energy Operations, LLC #4315H August "27-22-H", drill horizontal, API #42-173-37959
303 Colorado, Suite 3000 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
Austin, TX 78701-0000 14.20 miles southwest of Garden City
Johnnathan Washington, Reg. Analyst A-967, Section 34, Block 35, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
(512) 600-8855 Total Depth: 8775 feet
Latitude 031.667035, Longitude -101.551840. Datum: NAD 27
787' FNL, 403' FEL of 645.6-acre lease
787' FNL, 403' FEL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

Parsley Energy Operations, LLC #4215H August "27-22-H", drill horizontal, API #42-173-37960
303 Colorado, Suite 3000 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
Austin, TX 78701-0000 14.20 miles southwest of Garden City
Johnnathan Washington, Reg. Analyst A-967, Section 34, Block 35, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
(512) 600-8855 Total Depth: 8450 feet
Latitude 031.667115, Longitude -101.551865. Datum: NAD 27
757' FNL, 403' FEL of 645.6-acre lease
757' FNL, 403' FEL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

Trilogy Operating, Inc. #3R TCGSE, drill, El: NA, API #42-173-37961
P.O. Box 7606 Jailhouse (Fusselman) Field
Midland, TX 79708-0000 13 miles north of Garden City
Bill Spencer, Consultant A-112, Section 27, Block 33, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey
(512) 918-1062 Total Depth: 12,000 feet
X=1647852.4, Y=869733.17. Datum: NAD 27
19' FWL, 1007' FEL of 160-acre lease

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New Locations: Reagan County

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2590' FEL, 1007' FSL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S). Rule 37 Exception

#4813AH Zant-Hurt-Blalock Unit "1", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37561
16.9 miles northwest of Garden City
A-1095, Section 36, Block 36, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8850 feet
X=1566492.56, Y=842911.91. Datum: NAD 27
1750' FWL, 600' FSL of 656.6-acre lease
1750' FWL, 600' FSL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

#4804BH Zant-Hurt-Blalock Unit "1", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37620
16.90 miles northwest of Garden City
A-1095, Section 36, Block 36, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8850 feet
X=1863442.56, Y=10685618.35. Datum: NAD 83
2250' FWL, 600' FSL of 656.6-acre lease
2250' FWL, 600' FSL of the survey

#4823SH Zant-Hurt-Blalock Unit "1", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37560
16.90 miles northwest of Garden City
A-1095, Section 36, Block 36, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8100 feet
X=1566396.41, Y=842886.54. Datum: NAD 27
1650' FWL, 600' FSL of 656.6-acre lease
1650' FWL, 600' FSL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

#207H Jim Tom "W41G", drill horizontal, API #42-173-37962
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
21.10 miles northwest of Garden City
A-289, Section 41, Block 35, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,204 feet
X=1566950.4, Y=881724.9. Datum: NAD 27
865' FSL, 1210' FWL of 958.7-acre lease
865' FSL, 1210' FWL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

#208H Jim Tom "W41H", drill horizontal, API #42-173-37963
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
21.10 miles northwest of Garden City
A-289, Section 41, Block 35, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,204 feet
X=1566969.8, Y=881729.8. Datum: NAD 27
865' FSL, 1230' FWL of 958.7-acre lease
865' FSL, 1230' FWL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

#209H Jim Tom "W41I", drill horizontal, API #42-173-37964
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
21.10 miles northwest of Garden City
A-289, Section 41, Block 35, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,204 feet
X=1566989.2, Y=881734.7. Datum: NAD 27
865' FSL, 1250' FWL of 958.7-acre lease
865' FSL, 1250' FWL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

#210H Jim Tom "W41J", drill horizontal, API #42-173-37965
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
21.10 miles northwest of Garden City
A-289, Section 41, Block 35, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,204 feet
X=1567008.6, Y=881739.6. Datum: NAD 27
865' FSL, 1270' FWL of 958.7-acre lease
865' FSL, 1270' FWL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

#211H Jim Tom "W41K", drill horizontal, API #42-173-37966
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
21.10 miles northwest of Garden City
A-289, Section 41, Block 35, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,204 feet
X=1567028.0, Y=881744.4. Datum: NAD 27
865' FSL, 1290' FWL of 958.7-acre lease
865' FSL, 1290' FWL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

#101LH Ham "A1", drill horizontal, field transfer, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-383-40048
19.96 miles northwest of Big Lake
A-740, Section 6, Block M, TC RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
Latitude 031.233762, Longitude -101.420829. Datum: NAD 83
530' FSL, 2230' FEL of 592.92-acre lease
530' FSL, 2330' FEL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

#0314HA Coates "738", re-completion, API #42-383-38850
Lin (Wolfcamp) Field, El: NA
6.06 miles north of Big Lake
A-738, Section 3, J.W.W. Whatley survey
Total Depth: 7500 feet
Latitude 031.279543, Longitude -101.460015. Datum: NAD 27
263' FNL, 1917' FWL of 1,288.05-acre lease
263' FNL, 1971' FWL of the survey

#0317HC Coates "738", re-completion horizontal, El: NA
Lin (Wolfcamp) Field, API #42-383-38858
6.10 miles north of Big Lake
A-738, Section 3, J.W.W. Whatley survey
Total Depth: 7650 feet
Latitude 031.279450, Longitude -101.458898. Datum: NAD 27
298' FNL, 2320' FWL of 1,288.05-acre lease
298' FNL, 2320' FWL of the survey

#0313HS Coates "738", re-completion horizontal, El: NA
Lin (Wolfcamp) Field, API #42-383-38849
6.10 miles north of Big Lake
A-738, Section 3, J.W.W. Whatley survey
Total Depth: 7300 feet
Latitude 031.279447, Longitude -101.460020. Datum: NAD 27
2989' FNL, 1969' FWL of 1,288.05-acre lease
298' FNL, 1969' FWL of the survey

#0315HK Coates "738", re-completion horizontal, El: NA
Lin (Wolfcamp) Field, API #42-383-38851
6.06 miles north of Big Lake
A-738, Section 3, J.W.W. Whatley survey
Total Depth: 7950 feet
Latitude 031.279348, Longitude -101.460018. Datum: NAD 27
334' FNL, 1970' FWL of 1,288.05-acre lease
334' FNL, 1970' FWL of the survey

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For Route 91 survivors, 'Country Strong' means community

By KRISTIN M. HALL

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — They have the date 10-1-2017 tattooed on their bodies and have memorial walls of pictures in their homes. One woman made a bracelet out of her Route 91 Harvest festival wristband, while many others can be spotted at concerts wearing shirts that say "survivor." They fly flags from their RVs and have stickers on their cars.

About 22,000 people gathered in Las Vegas a year ago with a shared interest in country music. But as the festival's final headlining act Jason Aldean was performing last Oct. 1, gunfire erupted and chaos ensued. By the end of the night 58 people were killed and hundreds more injured, the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

Now a year later, many survivors, who were already bonded through the music, have formed a tight-knit, encouraging community as they heal, support and remember. They call themselves "Country Strong."

WHY NOT ME?

Sonny Melton, a nurse from Big Sandy, Tennessee, loved Eric Church. When Church sang "These Boots," Melton would take off his boots and raise them up in the air with all the other die-hard Church fans. He was at Route 91 to see Church play on Friday night, but stayed until Sunday to see Aldean.

Melton died when a bullet hit him in the back as he wrapped his arms protectively around his wife Heather that night at Route 91. Just days after the shooting, Church got on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, fighting back tears and his voice cracking with anger, pointing out the empty seats where Sonny and Heather Melton were supposed to be sitting that night.

"The reason I am here is because of Heather Melton, her husband Sonny, who died, and every person that was there," Church said before performing "Why Not Me," an ode to the fans that were lost.

"The next thing I know every Eric Church fan in the country was contacting me," Heather Melton said. "At first I felt a little uneasy, but they were just so genuine in their compassion, in their sorrow for me that it was impossible to ignore. Those people have become some of my best friends."

Melton now has Church's lyrics tattooed on her arm along with a sun, a nod to her husband's name.

Her home now is shrine to the passions of her late husband, including guitars, a baseball jersey, a pair of boots that Church signed, concert tickets, posters and records.

Church's fan club has adopted her, has raised money for a nursing scholarship in her husband's name and traveled to concerts with her.

"I've just never seen anything where a group of people who are virtual strangers have wrapped their arms around each other in the way this group has," Melton said.

PEER SUPPORT GROUP

Linda Liewsuwanphong, of Rosemead, California, was such a fan of country music she would go to concerts by herself. By the end of the night, she often made new friends. That same thing happened after she and her husband attended Route 91, but now she calls them family.

"The country family has always been strong, but now there's the Route 91 Country Strong family that has a different and special connection because of what we went through together," Liewsuwanphong said.

She decided a month after the shooting that she wasn't going to let that gunman stop her from going to concerts, so she started a Facebook group to organize a meetup of Route 91 survivors at Stagecoach, a country music festival in California in April.

"It was an open venue. It was a huge crowd. There were so many of us that were unsure if we could even handle it," Liewsuwanphong said. "You get tickets to a weekend festival. You never think you're not going to come out of it."

At Stagecoach, the survivors gathered together, most of them were wearing matching T-shirts with the words "Route 91." They posed for pictures, behind banners that said "Love Wins" and "Country Strong" with a bright orange ribbon. Many wore smiles, in cowboy hats and jeans, holding their hands up in the air as if they were watching their favorite band.

Connie Long, from Riverside, California, and her family often saw multiple country concerts a year. That country music community she was already a part of became both closer and a lot larger after she and her husband survived Route 91.

"I can't imagine my life now without those people in it," Long said. "It's like one big peer support group."

While going back out to concerts or into big crowds again has been helpful for some survivors,

not all have recovered enough to enjoy the experience like they used to.

Stacie Armentrout, of Las Vegas, and her husband had been to Route 91 before, but decided their daughters, ages 12 and 15, were old enough to attend last year. They were sitting in chairs when the gunfire started and her husband laid down on top of the three of them. They ran from cover to cover every time the gunfire paused throughout the festival grounds looking for an escape.

When Armentrout went back to Stagecoach with her husband, months after the shooting, it wasn't the same. "We were on edge so much," she said. "It was just too much for me to handle."

Other survivor groups hold monthly meetups, plan outings like attending sporting events, raise money for families that needed assistance, create Christmas card lists and share potluck dinners. They perform what they call "random acts of kindness," where they will do something nice for a stranger, or leave a \$58 tip in honor of those who were lost.

When Liewsuwanphong found out she was pregnant shortly after the shooting, a group of survivors came to her baby shower. Armentrout's husband broke his rib during the shooting and he's been out of work and she only works part time. Another survivor brought her Christmas gifts to give to her daughters during the holidays.

"The music makes us stronger," Long said. "The music is what brings us together."

SURVIVORS HELPING SURVIVORS

Only those who experienced that night could understand the triggers and fears that many survivors share.

Janie Scott, of Bakersfield, California, along with her husband and a friend, were about 15 feet from the front of the stage when they heard a popping noise and then a pause before the first volley of gunfire started.

"With the sound of the ricocheting and the speakers picking up that sound of the bullets, you could not tell what direction they were coming from," Scott said. "A lot of people have a hard time with the music, listening to Jason (Aldean) sing. I have more issues with the sound of metal being hit."

Long had a visceral reaction when she was at a different concert and she saw the same green

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'Look at me': Women confront Flake on Kavanaugh support

By COLLEEN LONG and LAURIE KELLMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moments after pivotal Sen. Jeff Flake announced his support for Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, the Arizona Republican was confronted with the consequences.

Two women cornered Flake as he got on an elevator Friday, pleading for him to reconsider his support for the appeals court judge who's been accused of sexual assault when he was a teenager. The raw, emotional moment was caught on television, capturing the charged atmosphere in the Capitol as a lifetime appointment to the nation's highest court hangs in the balance.

"Look at me and tell me that it doesn't matter what happened to me," said 23-year-old Maria Gallagher.

Flake and his colleagues on the Senate Judiciary Committee had heard hours of testimony Thursday from Christine Blasey Ford, a California psychology professor who told them Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her decades ago. Kavanaugh strongly denied the allegation.

Flake had lobbied Republican leaders to give Ford the chance to speak. He was viewed as a possible "no" vote, until the Friday announcement.

But the Capitol confrontation may have made an impact. Flake, at a committee hearing Friday afternoon, asked for a week delay in the Senate's consideration of Kavanaugh so the FBI to investigate.

Gallagher said in a tweet that she felt relieved that Flake seemed to have heard her. "We absolutely need an FBI investigation for him and all Senators to vote NO," she tweeted.

Flake was on his way to the morning hearing when the two women, both affiliated with advocacy groups, told him they were sexual assault survivors.

"On Monday, I stood in front of your office," Ana Maria Archila, co-executive director of the nonprofit Center for Popular Democracy Ac-

tion, told Flake. "I told the story of my sexual assault. I told it because I recognized in Dr. Ford's story that she is telling the truth. What you are doing is allowing someone who actually violated a woman to sit on the Supreme Court." Archila, 39, appeared to block Flake from closing the elevator door.

Then Gallagher said: "I was sexually assaulted and nobody believed me. I didn't tell anyone, and you're telling all women that they don't matter, that they should just stay quiet because if they tell you what happened to them you are going to ignore them."

"That's what happened to me, and that's what you are telling all women in America, that they don't matter," she said through tears.

She begged Flake to look her in the eye. "Don't look away from me," she said.

Flake, cornered in the elevator, shifted between looking at them and looking down. He said, "Thank you," but didn't respond to questions on whether he believed Ford's testimony.

When a reporter asked whether he wanted to respond to the women's questions, he said no.

"I need to go to the hearing. I just issued a statement. I'll be saying more as well," he said.

The elevator doors closed. Flake voted to advance Kavanaugh's nomination from the committee to the full Senate, but announced he wanted to delay a confirmation vote a week in order to let the FBI investigate.

He said he had been speaking with Democrats "to making sure that we do due diligence here."

During a break, Flake said he was hoping to accomplish "a better process."

Republicans later agreed to ask President Donald Trump to open a supplemental background investigation into Kavanaugh that should be completed no later than Oct. 5.

The women do not identify themselves in the video, but Archila's group sent a press release following the confrontation confirming it was Archila speaking on camera. Gallagher confirmed via phone to The Associated Press that it was her, and she consented to the use of her name. The AP does not usually name people who say they are victims of sexual assault unless they come forward publicly about the allegations, as these women have done.

Speaking to the AP by phone after the confrontation, Gallagher said she didn't intend to tell Flake about her assault — she had never told anyone before. "But I saw him, and I got really angry," she said.

She was in town as a volunteer with the liberal activist group Make the Road New York. She said she was on her way to talk with her family, because she worried they were seeing what happened to her in the news.

Archila told the AP that she was sexually assaulted when she was 5 years old by a teenager when she and her family lived in Colombia. She said she didn't tell anyone before this week.

LETTERS

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Dear Editor,

In response to Sonia Weaver Lusk's letter to the editor in last weekend's paper:

First, Sonia, thanks for reading my column. I had a great visit with Casey and interviewed him about both the Rubik's Cubes and his collection of post cards. I've done 2 radio programs from that interview, one on the cubes and the other on his postcard collection. I didn't want to mention both of them in the column because I wanted to devote the entire column to Twisty Tex. I probably will do another column on his post cards. A lot of Big Spring and Austin residents have gone to his websites to view the post-cards. I've done the same.

Tumbleweed Smith

Big Spring, Texas

Dear Editor,

God bless each of you. I lost my daughter, Mary Grace Jackson, on September 13. All of our friends came and showed

so much love, care and support. We want to say a million dollar thank you. May God bless each one of you and give you all the blessings you deserve.

Bill and Judy Latimer
Big Spring, Texas

Dear Editor,

It was my distinct privilege to visit Big Spring over a recent weekend for a Veteran's Day Dove Hunt, hosted by the local chapter of Disabled American Veterans and Mike Tarpley. The community welcomed us with an unusual kindness. Among the four honorees selected to attend, I was treated to exceptional meals, scenery, comradery, hunting and a reminder of the goodness and patriotism of the American people. The weekend was a celebration of honor, sacrifice and service. Big Spring's commitment to veterans is well known. What was unknown to me was how well Big Spring treats veterans.

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Texas voter rolls grow to 15.6M ahead of midterm election

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas has set a new voter registration record of 15.6 million people ahead of the highly anticipated Senate race between Republican Sen. Ted Cruz and Democratic Rep. Beto O'Rourke.

Texas Secretary of State Rolando Pablos tells the Houston Chronicle that the state's voter rolls have grown by 1.6 million since the last midterm election in 2014.

Election records show that Texas has seen a 400,000-voter increase since

March. The state on average added just over 100,000 voters a year between 2002 and 2014.

Pablos says county election officials reported witnessing voter registration rates and voter enthusiasm in a midterm year that's usually only seen before presidential elections. He says Texas residents are becoming more engaged in politics.

There's still time for voters to join the rolls before Oct. 9, the registration deadline to vote in the midterms.



AP photo

In this Sept. 25, 2018, photo, Heather Melton shows a tattoo bearing a lyric by country singer Eric Church at her home in Big Sandy, Tenn. Eric Church wrote the song "Why Not Me" as an ode to the fans who were killed during the Route 91 Harvest Festival mass shooting in Las Vegas on Oct. 1, 2017. Heather's husband, Sonny, died after he was shot while protecting Heather.

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artificial grass that was at Route 91.

"I couldn't stand on it," she said of encountering the turf again. "That was where everybody died. That was what was in my brain."

Survivors have mostly found each other through Facebook groups, many of which have turned into informal, comforting forums as they share everyday struggles and progress through grief and recovery. Scott, a daycare owner and mother of seven, decided to start a Facebook group to find people she met while at the festival, hoping to hear they were OK.

"We came home to our hometown, completely broken with no support," Scott said. "I had to find other people who were also broken."

The Facebook group she administers now includes more than 4,000 people.

"You see survivors giving other survivors counseling through this group," Scott said.

A WEIGHT LIFTED

Michelle Rodriguez, of Eastvale, California, met her husband while line dancing at a country music club about 14 years ago. Married for a decade, now their kids listen to country music, too. But Route 91 almost took away those fond memories for her.

"When I came home, I said I would never go to Vegas again, never go to a country music concert," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez and her husband were about 10 feet away from the stage that night when the gunfire started. They lay on the ground for what felt like six or seven rounds of persistent gunfire before they jumped behind a bar.

"I thought we would never make it home," Rodriguez said. Many people that were near them didn't.

This past Saturday, Rodriguez went to see Aldean's concert in San Bernardino, the first time she had seen him perform since Las Vegas. She had an anxiety attack as she waited in line to get into the concert, but once inside she started seeing all the other Route 91 survivors with their T-shirts and their orange ribbons like herself.

"One of the hardest things I think I have ever had to do is face that again," Rodriguez said. "But afterward, the weight that was lifted off my shoulders was something that I'll never experience again."

2nd Cruz-O'Rourke debate postponed

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The second debate between Democratic U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke and Republican Sen. Ted Cruz has been postponed because the Senate may be in session this weekend to vote on Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation to the Supreme Court.

Organizers announced Friday that Austin night's event at the University of Houston was off while they work with both sides to possibly reschedule.

O'Rourke and Cruz debated last week

in Dallas and had been set to meet a third time in San Antonio on Oct. 16.

O'Rourke is giving up his El Paso-based House seat to challenge Cruz. He's used monster fundraising and an energetic campaign to attract national attention.

Most polls have him within striking distance of Cruz, though a Democrat hasn't won statewide office in Texas since 1994.

China takes up multilateral mantle as US shrugs it off at UN

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Days after U.S. President Donald Trump denounced globalism at the United Nations, China positioned itself Friday as a "champion of multilateralism" that is keeping international promises when Washington is backing away from them.

Although Foreign Minister Wang Yi denied his country was trying to eclipse the U.S. as a world leader, his speech at the U.N. General Assembly was a stark contrast to Trump's "America First" message. It came amid rising tensions between the U.S. and China, which Trump accused this week of interfering in the upcoming U.S. midterm election. China denies the claim.

Russia, which is also battling back U.S. accusations of election meddling, was due to speak later Friday.

China often portrays itself as an advocate for "win-win" international cooperation, and Wang was hardly the only leader to defend the concept of multilateralism at this week's U.N. gathering of presidents, prime ministers, monarchs and other leaders. But coming in the wake of Trump's proclamation that Americans "reject the ideology of globalism," Wang's speech sounded a note of rebuttal from a competing power.

"Should we seek to uphold the architecture of the world order or allow it to be eroded upon and collapse?" Wang asked. "China's answer is clear-cut.... China will keep to its commitment and remain a champion of multilateralism."

In a week when Washington raised tariffs on Chinese products and Beijing responded in kind, Wang insisted that "China will not be blackmailed or yield to pressure" and warned that "protectionism will only hurt oneself, and unilateral moves will bring damage to all."

"State-to-state relations must be based on credibility, not on willful revocation of commitments," he said.

Wang highlighted China's massive economy as a major contributor to global growth. He described his country's trade policies as defending not just its own interests but the system of global economic exchange. Most other nations challenge China's assertions that it's a defender of free trade.

And gesturing at China's influence in one of the international community's most pressing issues, he encouraged North Korea — which counts China as its traditional ally and main trading partner — to keep going in "the right direction toward denuclearization."

At the same time, he said the U.S. should "make timely and positive responses so as to truly meet the DPRK halfway" in their ongoing efforts to reach a deal that would bring an end to the nuclear ambitions of the nation formally called the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. China says it has been instrumental in reducing tensions between the U.S. and North Korea.

Still, "China will not challenge the United States — still less will China take the place of the United States," Wang said earlier in the day at the Council on Foreign Relations.

China has been asserting itself on the world stage under President Xi Jinping, though it continually stands by a foreign policy of noninterference in the affairs of other countries. It has long used that policy to rebuke other countries that criticize its record on human rights.

The country has come under increased criticism as its global profile has risen and its economic interests — and accompanying political clout — have spread from Asia to Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. Besides China's clash with the Trump administration, some Africans have protested what they say is an attempted Chinese takeover of their countries.

The U.S. and China are locked in a dispute over Beijing's high-tech industrial policies. The Trump administration alleges that China steals U.S. trade secrets and forces American companies to hand over technology in exchange for access to the Chinese market. China has accused the Trump administration of bullying.

The U.S. has imposed tariffs on \$250 billion in Chinese products. China has counterpunched with taxes on \$110 billion in U.S. imports. The latest round of hikes came Monday.

Two days later, Trump stunned other members of the Security Council by saying that China was meddling in the midterm elections because it opposes his tough trade policies.

When questioned by reporters, Trump said there was "plenty" of evidence but didn't immediately provide details. Instead, he zeroed in on China's efforts to flood the U.S. with ads and statements against Trump's billions of dollars in tariffs on Chinese goods.

Beijing was quick to respond, urging Washington to stop slandering China and claiming that the Chinese government does not interfere in other countries' internal affairs.

Wang didn't address the election-meddling claim Friday.

Russia, meanwhile, has been the focus of a special counsel investigation into interference in the 2016 election, a probe that Trump has lambasted as a political "witch hunt."

Russia is expected to use its turn at the podium to promote itself as a counterweight to U.S. influence in areas from the Middle East to Venezuela and the Korean peninsula.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has held a flurry of individual meetings with other countries at the U.N. this week and vociferously defended Russia's strategies in meetings at the Security Council.

Syria has been a running theme as Moscow seeks to manage the end of the civil war and ensure a long-term foothold in the region. As a longtime ally of Syrian President Bashar Assad, Russia wants Western aid for financing postwar reconstruction while also maintaining its upper hand in discussions about the country's political future.

Lavrov promised wide-ranging Russian aid in a meeting with embattled Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, who faces international condemnation, increasing U.S. sanctions and fears of a possible U.S. intervention.

Seeking to maintain leverage in discussions on North Korea's denuclearization efforts, Lavrov met with North Korea's foreign minister the same day that Ri Yong Ho met with U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

Lavrov also offered support to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas right after Abbas slammed the U.S. decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Friday's speakers at the General Assembly also included Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, who returned to politics this year after having retired in 2003.

The 93-year-old Mahathir noted that in his last speech at the forum shortly before his retirement, "I lamented how the world had lost its way."

And it hasn't been found, he said. "If at all, the world is far worse than 15 years ago."

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Why you can't always trust your handy map app

By **RYAN NAKASHIMA**

AP Technology Writer

For centuries, people have relied on maps to figure out where they are and where they're going. But today's digital maps — seemingly more precise than ever — aren't always as dependable as they appear.

At the end of August, for instance, Snapchat users woke up early to find the app's internal map had renamed New York City with the anti-Semitic label "Jewtropolis." In Washington, D.C., Google Maps incorrectly renamed a Senate office building after the late Sen. John McCain a few days after his death on Aug. 25. Researchers have found numerous fake business listings in Google Maps for plumbers and hotels — apparent attempts to game search results and juice referral traffic.

Digital maps are a modern convenience, capable of pinpointing nearby landmarks, shops and restaurants, highlighting traffic jams and navigating you to destinations across the country. Google, Apple and a variety of lesser-known companies constantly update these real world representations using a variety of sophisticated tools, from satellites in orbit to the phone in your hand.

But there's another important input: crowdsourced data submitted by ordinary people, which can make today's maps more like Wikipedia than Rand McNally. When the navigation app Waze flags a highway accident, further down the road have reported it. Other unpaid volunteers submit information on new business locations, landmarks and even new roads.

All that is a bet that the wisdom of the crowd eventually ends up getting it right. But "eventually" can take a while, and in the meantime, pesky humans can still muck things up but good.

Take, for instance, the morning of Aug. 30, when users of Snapchat found New York City hatefully rebranded in the app's map. In addition to the "Jewtropolis" label, prominent city landmarks bore ugly new names such as "Pedophile Bridge," "Zionist Cannibal Drive," and "Adolph Hitler Memorial Tunnel."

Snapchat and other apps such as The Weather Channel and Runkeeper rely on a company called Mapbox for their maps. Mapbox CEO Eric Gunderson said the company uses more than 130 sources of data. One of them is an open-source project similar to Wikipedia called OpenStreetMap.

There, a user made more than 80 anti-Semitic label changes in a "tirade" across New York and other places in early August; records of those changes show the anonymous user also abusively renamed London streets and dubbed Russia "Commieland." The changes were reverted in OpenStreetMap less than two hours later by another contributor, other records show.

At Mapbox, however, the anti-Semitic changes remained in a pipeline of map edits where they languished for 20 days until human reviewers cleared a backlog. While Gunderson said that a Mapbox artificial-intelligence tool flagged the problem when it showed up and quarantined the abusive changes, a reviewer then mistakenly pushed through one of the edits anyway, overwriting correct data.

The OpenStreetMap Foundation, a not-for-profit group based in Cambridge, England, said in a blog post that the changes were reversed so quickly that no one noticed them until Mapbox served up the vandalized OpenStreetMap data to thousands of apps and websites.

"The vast majority of editors want to come together to build some-

thing great, and these massively outnumber the few bad apples," the foundation said.

The king of digital cartography, Google Maps, doesn't rely on far-flung contributors to the same extent as OpenStreetMaps. But it can still suffer fraudulent edits.

Much of Google Maps' data gathering, such as satellite images or traffic information, is automated. But at the local level, some listings rely on labels suggested by users themselves. Those are vulnerable to attack, and Google has been fighting the problem for many years.

On Aug. 29, someone suggested the Russell Senate Office Building be renamed the "McCain Senate Office Building" on Google Maps, short-circuiting a change real senators had been contemplating at the time. The change got past Google's automated and human screens, although it was reverted after it drew press attention. (Renaming talk has since died down in the real world as well.)

Google said in a statement to The Associated Press that over the years it has reduced fraud "to a very low incidence" and that "we're always working on new and better ways to fight this type of behavior."

Sam Hind, a researcher at the University of Siegen in Germany who studies navigation technology, said mapping developers have come to realize that their users collectively have better up-to-date local knowledge than their own teams can collect.

"Of course, this comes with a catch — that you can rely on the veracity of the knowledge, and that you can somehow verify this," he said.

That's an issue for business listings on Google Maps. The company makes

it easy to add new business listings to its map, in part to entice small business owners into advertising with Google to attract nearby customers.

That opens the door to abuse. Just ask Greg Psitos, a 33-year-old florist in Queens, New York. In February, someone hijacked his Google Maps

Google Maps when this article was published.

"I'm a florist," Psitos said. "Now I'm a Google Maps savant."

In a Google study of the problem, Princeton postdoc researcher Danny Yuxing Huang used data on hundreds of thousands of business listings



AP photo

In this Monday, Sept. 10, 2018, image made from a video Greg Psitos works on a computer in the Queens borough of New York. In February, someone took over Psitos' Google Maps listing, and changed his hours to closed on Valentine's Day, what should have been one of his busiest days of the year. Since then, he's been on a crusade, putting up web videos explaining how he's fooled Google Maps into believing his flower shop is home to both news network CNN and Trump Palace, both of which are still listed on Google Maps

listing and changed his hours to "closed" on Valentine's Day — what should have been one of his busiest days of the year.

"Someone had controlled that listing for four years and I didn't know any better," Psitos said, adding that it took months to reclaim it.

Since then, he's been on a crusade to draw attention to the problem. In one stunt, he fooled Google Maps into believing his flower shop is home to both news network CNN and Trump Palace. Both of these listings were still present and searchable on

Google identified as fraudulent. A large number were for on-call contractors such as locksmiths and plumbers, who created listings in different neighborhoods to drum up business. In one technique, fraudsters would set up multiple listings from a single address, then move their map pins to new locations.

Detecting such problems is a challenge, Huang said, since it makes sense to let legitimate owners correct data issues from faulty mapping. "I personally think it's quite difficult to balance this," he said.

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Steers fail to execute and capitalize on turnovers in 40-12 loss to Wall

By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

With multiple opportunities early in the game to get points off turnovers and make the Steers happy from behind, the Steers simply failed to execute on offense and let Wall off the hook. Wall played disciplined and fundamentally sound football throughout the game while Big Spring was unable to put together sustained drives and put the ball in the end zone. With mental errors plaguing the offense and blown assignments on defense allowing the Hawks to get big splash plays against the Steers, Big Spring simply did not play up to their capability in the game. After getting an early lead the Hawks were able to do what they do best and shorten the game with their running attack. With wall in control of the tempo and the momentum the Steers were never able to get back in the contest in the 40-12 loss.

In the first quarter the Steers took the opening kickoff and were forced into a quick three-and-out and had to punt the ball away. Three plays into the Hawks' first possession Big Spring forced and recovered a fumble on their own 47 yard line. Despite the getting the early turnover the Steers turned the ball over on downs four plays later. On the Hawks' first play after getting the ball back the Steers defense once again knocked the ball loose and recovered it for the second straight possession on the Wall 47.



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring line backer Abel Clark (on left) pulls down a Hawk runner with some help from others during the Steer's loss on the road to Wall on Friday, September 28, 2018.

This time Big Spring looked like it was ready to capitalize on the early mistake by the Hawks. The Steer put together a solid drive picking up three quick first downs and taking the ball all the way down to the Wall two yard line. On a third and two from the Hawks 3 yard line, Ethan Cortez threw a fade to Jeremiah Cooley in the corner of the end zone that fell incomplete but also got Cooley flagged for a questionable offensive

pass interference call that pushed the Steers back out to the 13 yard line. On third and 12 Cortez was sacked for a 6 yard loss and then on fourth he threw a pass intended for Cooley out of the back of the end zone and turned the ball over on downs.

Big Springs' inability to convert on the goal line would end up being a costly momentum shift and allowed the Hawks to stick to their game plan. Even with their offense being unable

to capitalize on the early mistakes by Wall the Steers defense really well in the first quarter and once again held the Hawks from scoring on their next possession and forced a punt.

In the second quarter after getting the ball back the Steers once again went three-and-out and were forced to punt the ball back to Wall. The Hawks returned the line drive punt all the way back to the Big Spring 17 yard line. On the second play of their drive the Hawks scored on a 14 yard jet sweep around the right side with their running-back #22 Mason Kindle to put the first points of the game on the board with 8:05 left in the first half. Wall missed the extra point to give them a narrow 6-0 lead with plenty of time left in the half for Big Spring to answer. Despite picking up three first downs on the ensuing possession the Steers were once again forced to punt the ball away with 4:06 left in the half.

Six plays later the Hawks were in the end zone again. After a 34 yard reception by #15 Hunter Teplicek on a blown coverage to get the ball all the way down to the Big Spring' one, Hawks' quarterback #9 Mason Fuchs kept it himself on the option keeper for a one yard score. After a failed two point conversion Wall had a 12-0 lead over the Steers with only 1:56 left in the half.

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Bulldogs come up just short against Iraan



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

Coahoma's Gage Clark leads the Bulldogs onto the field to square off against Iraan on Friday September 28, 2018. The Bulldogs lost another nail-biter 25-20 against the Braves.

By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

The defensive battle between the Braves and the Bulldogs Friday night in Coahoma ended with the Bulldogs only inches away from an amazing come from behind victory against a really good Iraan team. The Bulldogs played an all around great game against the Braves but the big plays for Iraan turned out to be too much to overcome for Coahoma who were celebrating their homecoming Friday night.

In the first quarter both teams held each other scoreless in a defensive struggle that had both teams making in game adjustments to try to get their offenses going. The only real momentum play of the first quarter was an Iraan interception of Coahoma quarterback Zack Schneider by #6 Jermaine Bernal to put a stop to the Bulldogs drive on the Braves 28 yard line.

In the second quarter Iraan took the early momentum gained from their interception and built on it getting another interception on the next Co-

ahoma' possession as well. But the Bulldog' defense held up after both turnovers and forced punts to get the ball back to their offense. Still struggling to get anything going the Bulldogs were forced into a turnover on downs and a few plays later the Braves' #12 Mario DeLuna split the defense with a game changing 54 yard touchdown run to break the stalemate. Iraan's Nick Wright added the extra point to give the Braves a 7-0 lead with 4:51 left in the first half. On the ensuing drive by the Bulldogs the Braves once again picked off Schneider and this time returned it 78 yards for a pick six to increase the lead to 13-0 after a blocked extra point with only 3:00 left in the half. Neither team was able to get anything else going in the half so Iraan went into halftime with a 13-0 lead and all the momentum on their side.

Iraan got the ball to start the second, but just like they have all year the Bulldogs made some great halftime adjustments and forced the Braves to turn the ball over on downs.

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Bufs lose heartbreaker at Big Lake 28-27



By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

In what was the best full game that the Bufs have put together all season the Owls found a way to squeak out a victory in the closing minutes for a 28-27 victory Friday night. The Bufs played well in all three phases against Reagan County and had a seven point lead in the closing minutes of the game. The closing minutes were a true heartbreaker for the Bufs who couldn't quite hold on for the win despite outplaying the Owls for almost the entire game. Despite the loss the Bufs really came together as a unit a put forth their best performance of the year and seem to be peaking at exactly the right time as the move closer to district play.

There were a lot of penalties in the game with each team racking up over 100 yards in flags each. Forsan' quarterback Kobe Richardson had his best performance of the year throwing for 190 yards and one touchdown and adding 23 yards and two TD's on the ground. Richardson's

three touchdown performance had the Bufs in a great position to pull off the upset win, but luck did not favor Forsan and a late turnover gave the Owls the opportunity to steal the win. An opportunity that Reagan County took advantage of and allowed them to come out on top despite being outplayed.

In the first quarter Richardson put the Bufs on the board first with a 1 yard rushing touchdown with under four minutes left in the quarter to give the Bufs an early 6-0 lead. The Owls answered on the ensuing drive and put the ball into the end zone on a 2 yard rushing TD by #15 Justin Chavez to tie the game at 6-6 with less than a minute remaining in the opening period.

In the second quarter, after trading punts Forsan got the ball back and drove the ball right down the field and scored again on a 9 yard TD pass from Richardson to Cayden Morgan. The Bufs converted the extra point to take a 13-6 lead with eight minutes to go in the half. Once again the Owls had an answer and marched

right down the field and got the score on another short touchdown run by Chavez. Reagan County missed the extra point to leave the Bufs with a narrow 13-12 lead with less than five minutes remaining in the half.

On Forsan's next possession Richardson was picked off by the Owl's #50 Isaiah Perez on the Bufs own 31 yard line with less than three minutes to go in the second quarter. Reagan County capitalized on the mistake and Chavez ran it in again from the one to give the Owls their first lead of the game at 20-13 after converting a two point conversion on a pass to #14 Seth Hernandez. After two quick three-and-outs by each team the Bufs got the ball back with under a minute to go in the half and took the ball 65 yards and scored on a 5 yard touchdown run by #21 Chris Mendez with only seconds remaining in the half. Richardson converted the extra point to tie the game at 20-20 headed into halftime with momentum shifted back in the Bufs' favor.

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On the first play from scrimmage after the kickoff, Big Springs' offense put their defense in a tough spot again fumbling the ball on their own 29 yard line and giving the Hawks another chance to increase their lead as the first half came to a close. Two plays late Wall did just that against the exhausted Steers' defense with a 14 yard touchdown pass from Fuchs to his running-back #33 Chase Rios. After converting the extra point the Hawks now had a commanding 19-0 lead with 1:11 left in the half. On their next possession Big Spring tried to put together a quick score, but time ran out and the Steers went into half-time trailing 19-0 with the Hawks set to receive the second half kickoff.

In the second half Wall did what they do best and put together sustained drive after sustained drive shortening the game and controlling the tempo. On their second possession of the third quarter the Hawks again exploited a blown coverage by the Steers and scored on a 26 yard TD pass from Fuchs to Teplicek to increase their lead to 26-0 after a successful extra point with 6:35 left in the third quarter. After forcing another



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring quarterback Ethan Cortez launches a pass during the Steer's loss on the road to Wall on Friday, September 28, 2018.

punt from Big Spring the Hawks marched down the field on an impressive 10 play 65 yard scoring drive capped off by a 2 yard touchdown run by #22 Mason Kindle. After adding the extra point the Hawks had a very comfortable 33-0 lead with only 19 seconds left in the third.

In the fourth quarter the Steers finally put together a scoring drive and

found the end zone on a 9 yard TD pass from Cortez to his wide-receiver DJ Molina to cut the lead to 33-6 after blocked extra point. After finally getting a breather the Steers defense played solid on Wall's next possession and forced a three-and-out. However, the offense once again put them in a tough position on their next possession when Cortez was picked off by

the Hawks on the Big Spring 24 yard line.

Wall once again took advantage of the Steers mistake and put the ball across the goal line again on an option pitch to #6 Grady McCrea for a 1 yard touchdown. After adding the extra point the Hawks took an unsurmountable 40-6 lead with just 4:02 left in the game. The Steers were able to score once more on an acrobatic, leaping 30 yard touchdown catch by Cooley as time expired to end the game 40-12 but the offense really put the defense in bad positions all night and never really executed until it was far too late.

Without being able to capitalize on turnovers or being able to execute on offense during key points throughout the game the Steers played right into the strengths of Wall and really put their defense in tough positions all night. This game will be a good one for the Steers to use for self evaluation as they move forward and prepare for a really tough Canyon team coming into town next week for homecoming. While the loss was disappointing, the team played hard all game and Steer Nation came out in force to support the kids. And even though it may have felt like a set back, it may well be exactly what this team needed to sharpen their focus and get them ready to work even harder.



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

Joe Manning and Julia Mashburn were crowned Football Hero and Sweetheart as part of homecoming festivities held Friday night before the varsity football game.

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With some momentum finally on their side and a few tweaks to their offense Schneider took advantage and drove the ball down the field and capped off the drive with a huge 23 yard touchdown run to cut the lead to 13-6 after a missed extra point. On the Braves next possession the Coahoma' defense stepped up big a got a nice interception by #1 Brice Martin to fully take control of the momentum and give the ball back to the Bulldog offense with a chance to get the game back to even. Again Schneider led the Bulldogs down the field and on a fourth and two from the Iraan four yard line he kept the ball and punched it in the end zone. Murillo added the extra point to tie the game at 13-13 with 1:55 left in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter Iraan struck quickly on a 40 yard TD

pass from Kaleb Leal to Jermaine Bernal to retake the lead 19-13 after a failed extra point. On the next drive the Bulldogs answered on a 19 yard touchdown run by Schneider to tie the game at 19-19. Murillo added the extra point to give Coahoma the one point 20-19 lead with 7:28 left in the game. Both teams played great defense for the next couple of possessions until the Braves once again struck with a big splash play on a 59 yard touchdown pass from Leal to Bernal to take a 25-20 lead with only 1:16 left in the game. After a failed two point conversion Iraan left the door open for the Bulldogs to make one last desperation drive. Coahoma drove the ball done the field like a team confident that they could get the win and at one point thought they had until a Gage Clark touchdown reception got called back on a penalty. Not deterred by the call Coahoma kept fighting and came literally inches from putting the ball across the goal line for the win as time expired.

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Reagan County received the second half kickoff and started to muster another solid drive before the Buffs defense rallied and forced a big fumble to keep momentum on their side. Forsan recovered the ball on their own 47 yard line with just under ten minutes left in the quarter. Not to be out done the Owls responded with another big interception a few plays later and took back over on their own 45. But the Buff defense stood their ground and forced yet another punt by the Owls to get the ball back for their offense.

This time the Forsan offense took

advantage and scored on an impressive 20 yard touchdown scamper by Richardson to regain the lead with less than five minutes to go in the third. Richardson tacked on the extra point to give the Buffs a 27-20 advantage and once again take back the momentum.

In the fourth both teams' defenses buckled down and kept each other's offenses in check for the next couple of possessions. Trying to put together a closing drive with a little

over five minutes remaining in the game disaster struck for the Buffs.

Forsan fumbled the ball only minutes away from closing out the game and the Owls took over on their own 16 yard line.

Despite playing hard and doing everything they could to keep Reagan County out of the end zone the Buffs just couldn't quite get it done and the Owls scored on a 25 yard TD pass from Chavez to #12 Juan Martinez with just over a min-

ute left in the game to make it a 27-26 game. Reagan county opted to go for two to take the lead and were able to convert to give them the heartbreaking 28-27 lead. With one chance left to make a miracle happen the Buffs tried to put together one more drive but they just couldn't make it happen and turned the ball over on downs to end the game.

Although it was a devastating way to lose a game in which the Buffs outplayed their opponents for 95% of the contest, it was also a game in which the team really gelled and played as a complete unit for four quarters. Each game Forsan has made big strides and if that trend continues they are going to be at their very best precisely when they need it most.



Steers' Junior High Football Results

8th-A: W 28-16

The 8A Steers faced the Wall Hawks on Thursday and it was apparent early on that the Steers were going to be the more physical team throughout the contest. On the first play from scrimmage, Arturo Ortiz capitalized on a Wall turnover to get the ball in the hands of the Steers Offense. Within two plays, the Steers had put the first points on the scoreboard, via a Phillip Martinez eighteen yard touchdown run. After another three and out forced by the Steers Defense, Eli Cobos was the man sprinting across the end line for another Big Spring score.

With the score 12-0 and time dwindling in the first half, the stout Big Spring defensive group, spearheaded by Nose Guard Nick Garcia, forced another turnover recovered by Josh Gonzalez. With the ball back to the Steers, David Rios converted a key 4th down attempt on a slant route from his receiver position. Then Quarterback Eli Cobos found an open Connor Andrae in the middle of the field on a seam route for a 60+ yard touchdown throw and catch. After capitalizing on the two point attempt, the Steers went into halftime with a 20-0 lead.

In the second half, the Wall Hawks focused heavily on their Tackle Over formation which was countered by quick alignment adjustments from ends Rahleigh Eddington and Josh Gonzalez. Another great performer for the Steers was the Sam LB Chris Salazar. Chris had what seemed to be several handfuls of solo tackles to go along with an interception late in the game.

As the clock dwindled, the Hawks were forced to attempt an onside kick after a broken coverage TD pass from their offense. After securing the onside

kick, Phillip Martinez outran the coverage to score the final points for the Big Spring Steers.

Unmentioned great performers: Ian Galan, Ricky Escovedo, Derek Walleck, Aaron Chavez.

Big Hitter of the week..... Chris Salazar

8th-B: L 14-0

The 8th grade B team faced Coahoma in Big Spring on Thursday. It was a low scoring defensive struggle. Although it was a losing effort, the Steers were led by Zabian Urias, Jason Bishop, Gabriel Parrish, Nick White, Wesson Cate, and Matthew Salazar.

7th-A: L 30-16

The 7th A team lost 30 to 16, but put up a fight and made Wall work for the win. Ford, Brawley, Rivera, and Vasquez shared the rock and ran for over 200 yards in the ball game. Gavin Padron was able to get the passing game going and connect with Hilario, Cantu, and Perkins. Longest play of the game was a 60 yard pass from Padron to Perkins. Defense played lights out and forced several fumbles and picked up several sacks throughout the day. A few miscues lost us the game, but that didn't stop the Steers from fighting for the win all the way to the finish.

7th-B: W 48-0

The 7th B team played lights out and won 48-0 against Wall. Abel Casares scored his first touchdown of the year, running the ball like a freight train and playing like a monster on defense. Q Lewis was effective on both sides of the ball, scoring a touchdown on offense and defense by way of rucking and scoop and scroe. Kenderick Jackson Threw the ball with confidence and scored rushing as well.

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Cole tunes up for playoffs, helps Astros beat Orioles 2-1

By DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE — Gerrit Cole knows the 2018 season will ultimately be judged on how he performs in the playoffs.

So for at least a week, the Houston Astros right-hander will savor what he accomplished from April through September.

Cole went over 200 innings with a sharp outing against the Baltimore Orioles, and Houston got a home run from Josh Reddick in a 2-1 victory Friday night.

The Astros close out the regular season at Camden Yards this weekend after clinching the AL West title on Tuesday night. Houston opens the playoffs at home against Cleveland on Oct. 5.

Cole gave up one run, five hits and a walk over six innings. His four strikeouts gave him 276 for the season, and he finished with 200 1/3 innings.

Although Cole wasn't involved in the decision, he will enter the playoffs with a 15-5 record, a 2.88 ERA and a five-game winning streak.

"I thought it was a great body of work," Cole said. "I thought a lot of the personal numbers reflect how well we've played as a team this year. Certainly the innings mark for sure."

Manager A.J. Hinch couldn't have been happier with the way Cole pitched this season.

"He exceeded really anything we could've hoped for," Hinch said. "It's not easy to get through 200 innings. It's not easy to post over time and get the quality he did. It's one thing to have expectations. It's another to step up and do it."

Cole and the Astros trailed 1-0 in



Houston Astros starting pitcher Gerrit Cole throws to the Baltimore Orioles in the first inning of a baseball game, Friday, Sept. 28, 2018, in Baltimore.

the sixth before Reddick tied it with his 17th home run, a drive off rookie David Hess that sailed over the right-field scoreboard.

Marwin Gonzalez put Houston in front with a bases-loaded single in the eighth off Tanner Scott (3-3).

Tony Sipp (3-1) and Collin McHugh each pitched one inning before Roberto Osuna worked the ninth for his 21st save. He's 12 for 12 since coming to the Astros from Toronto in late July.

The game ended with center fielder Jake Marisnick making a diving catch of a sinking liner by Renato Nunez with the potential tying run on second base.

"Defensively you're not going to do too many walk-off things," Marisnick said, "but that was pretty cool."

PICK ME!

Hinch intends to talk to players about their status for the postseason on Sunday. With such a glut of talent on the roster, it's likely that a handful of players will see their seasons unexpectedly come to an end.

"They're all avoiding me," Hinch said. "This is the deepest team that most of these guys have played on, so they're realists. They understand that this is a hard team to crack."

He plans to reveal his starting postseason rotation by the end of the weekend.

MR. JONES

Adam Jones was selected the Most Valuable Oriole in a poll of writers and broadcasters who cover the team.

Jones is 33, his contract expires after this season and the Orioles are rebuilding with youth. So, these could be his last days in Baltimore.

Many in the crowd gave him a standing ovation during each of his four trips to the plate.

He responded with an RBI double in the first inning and hit a drive to the warning track in the ninth.

The fans are unsure if Jones will be back, and so are his teammates. "To think it could be the end is sad," catcher Caleb Joseph said.

Afterward, Jones said, "Three more games in 48 hours, and we'll evaluate after that."

DAVIS DONE

Orioles first baseman Chris Davis has apparently put an end to one of the worst seasons in major league history.

Baltimore manager Buck Showalter said Friday that Davis — mired in a 1-for-37 skid — probably won't play again in 2018.

Davis will finish with a .168 batting average, lowest by a qualifier in big league history. The previous record was .179, by Rob Deer in 1991 and Dan Uggla in 2013.

UP NEXT

Astros: Justin Verlander (16-9, 2.60 ERA) and Dallas Keuchel (12-11, 3.75 ERA) warm up for the playoffs in Saturday's single-admission doubleheader.

Orioles" Dylan Bundy (8-16, 5.49 ERA) puts an end to a disappointing season, and rookie Yefry Ramirez (1-7, 6.07 ERA) seeks his first win since July 24.

Segura benched for lack of hustle, Mariners top Rangers 12-6



Seattle Mariners' Jean Segura, right, avoids a tag by Texas Rangers catcher Robinson Chirinos while sliding safely home in the second inning of a baseball game Friday, Sept. 28, 2018, in Seattle.

By TERRY BLOUNT

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Jean Segura made a smart slide to score. It's the roundabout path he took toward the plate that bothered Seattle manager Scott Servais.

Servais pulled Segura for a lack of hustle after two innings, saying he wanted to send the All-Star shortstop a message Friday night during the Mariners' 12-6 win over the Texas Rangers.

"We're going to play hard through the end of the year. I didn't think Jean gave a really good effort trying to score from second and he came out of the game," Servais said.

Segura is hitting .301 after a prolonged dip in the second half. Servais didn't commit to play Segura in the final two games of the regular season.

The Mariners scored seven times in the second inning, helped by four walks from Martin Perez (2-7) and a three-run error by right fielder Nomar Mazara on a ball hit by Segura.

Perez had allowed two runs when he was replaced by Jeffrey Springs with two outs and the bases loaded. Segura hit a flyball and it looked as if it would be an easy catch for Mazara at the front of the warning track, but the ball skipped off the top of his glove, clearing the bases to make it 5-0.

Segura reached second on the play, and Cano followed with a single to right-center. Segura barely scored, needing to twist around catcher Robinson Chirinos to make it safely home. A double by Nelson Cruz accounted for the final run of the inning.

Cano had four hits and Cameron Maybin had four RBIs as Seattle built a nine-run lead after three innings.

Cano was suspended for 80 games this season after testing positive for a performance-enhancing drug. Since being reinstated, he is hitting .319 with six homers and 28 RBIs.

He wanted to play well on Fan Appreciation Night.

"We went out there tonight and showed people how much we care and how much we respect the fans," Cano said. "The

games don't mean anything, but we're still going to compete. You want to always give 100 percent."

Maybin had three hits and Cano drove in two runs and scored twice.

"There were some mistakes made, but we're going to focus on the positives," Rangers interim manager Don Wakamatsu said. "We talked about finishing hard and playing to the end of the game. We had chances to come back and tie that ballgame after being down. I'm proud of those guys."

Wade LeBlanc (9-5) had a rough outing, allowing five earned runs on six hits in five innings, but ended the season with career highs in innings (162), starts (27) and strikeouts (130).

"This season definitely was a huge blessing," said LeBlanc, who joined the team in late March and became a starter in May.

"If you had asked me in March, I'd be hard-pressed to say I'd be standing here. It's been a fun experience to be here with these guys and go to battle every day. It didn't turn out where we wanted, but there's not a lot of teams it does work out for."

Seattle added two runs in the third on a double by Maybin and a single by Cano that made it 9-0. Maybin had an RBI double one inning later and a two-run single in the

eighth.

Chirinos hit a two-run homer and the Rangers scored four runs off LeBlanc in the fourth. He gave up two more runs in the fifth.

LeBlanc was asked if the long time in the dugout had a detrimental effect on his pitching.

"Yeah, how selfish of those guys to keep scoring all those runs," LeBlanc joked. "Nah, it just sometimes the guy that finishes the game is completely different than the guy who starts it. I threw pitches for the first three innings probably the best I've thrown the whole second half. But everything was awful in the fourth and fifth inning."

The Mariners (87-73) were 46-25 on June 16, but have gone 41-48 since.

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Europe extends Ryder Cup lead to 8-4 behind 'Moliwood'



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Tiger Woods of the US and Patrick Reed walk from the 7th hole during a fourball match on the second day of the 42nd Ryder Cup at Le Golf National in Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, outside Paris, France, Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018.

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
AP Golf Writer

SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES, France — Europe was on the verge of blowing open the Ryder Cup by winning three matches Saturday morning in fourballs to build an 8-4 lead over the Americans for its largest three-session lead since 2004.

Francesco Molinari and Tommy Fleetwood — known this week at Le Golf National as "Moliwood" — put on another show by beating Tiger Woods and Patrick Reed for the second time in as many days. They are the only partnership to win all three matches.

Woods now has gone six straight Ryder Cup matches without winning, dating to his singles victory in 2010.

Sergio Garcia delivered a big moment and let out the most emotional celebration since he won the Masters a year ago, teaming with Rory McIlroy to set the tone early and beat Brooks Koepka and Tony Finau. Paul Casey nearly tore up after he and Tyrrell Hatton won their fourballs match, a reminder to Casey of how much he had missed the Ryder Cup since he last played a decade ago.

Throw in Europe's first-ever sweep of a foursomes session Friday night, and the home team won eight consecutive matches, and won them decisively. None of those matches reached the 18th hole.

Carrying the fading U.S. hopes were Jordan Spieth and Justin Thomas.

They were the only match in which the Americans ever had the lead, and even that

was tight.

The Americans had a 1-up lead over Ian Poulter and Jon Rahm when Thomas made a 6-foot birdie putt to halve the hole at No. 14, curled in another 6-foot birdie putt at the 16th after Poulter had made birdie, and then dropped the winner with a birdie putt from 10 feet on the 17th.

Spieth made his contributions earlier with birdies on three of the par 3s.

Thomas cupped his hand to his ear, taunting the European crowd, after his birdie on the 14th, perhaps knowing how crucial this match was. It ended a streak of European victories and kept the score from getting entirely away from the Americans.

"This is a big point," Thomas said. "Hopefully, we'll get it turned around a little bit."

The Americans have no choice if they want to win the Ryder Cup on European soil for the first time since 1993. No team has ever rallied from more than a four-point deficit going into the 12 singles matches on Sunday.

They will have to rally without Phil Mickelson.

U.S. captain Jim Furyk pledged to shake up his plan for the Saturday afternoon foursomes, and that meant Mickelson taking a seat. It was the second time in as many Ryder Cups in Europe that Mickelson did not play at all on Saturday.

Europe sent out the same lineup that delivered a sweep of the foursomes session Friday afternoon.

Fleetwood and Molinari have a chance to become the first team to go 4-0 in team matches since Larry Nelson and Lanny Wadkins in 1979 at The Greenbrier

in West Virginia, the first year that Europe was part of the Ryder Cup.

Standing in their way was Woods and Bryson DeChambeau, the Ryder Cup rookie who had Mickelson at his side in a crushing loss Friday.

Molinari and Fleetwood had a tough time in fourballs against Woods and Patrick Reed, but mostly Woods. Reed was far too often in the rough or in the water, and usually out of the hole. Reed's only birdie was to halve the par-5 ninth hole, and he shushed the crowd as he did at Gleneagles in 2014.

Woods birdied the 10th to square the match, and Molinari took it from there. He fired a tee shot at a back flag on the par-3 11th that nearly went in, the first of three straight birdies to give Europe a 3-up lead.

Europe closed out the match on the 15th hole when Reed hit into the rough and the water. Woods had to lay up to have any chance of extending the match and missed his par putt.

One of the biggest cheers Saturday morning in the chill and the wind was not for any shot. A large video board flashed up the scores that showed Europe leading in every match.

Spieth and Thomas eventually took the lead, but the message had been set.

The Europeans are good in fourballs, too, and they had a surge of confidence. The toughest job for European captain Thomas Bjorn was to keep his squad grounded.

"Nothing is won because you had two good sessions," Bjorn said. "We're not getting ahead of ourselves."



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Special to the Herald

On Feb. 6, 1898, six of Seattle's most prominent theater owners gathered to discuss how to handle an ongoing musicians' strike. John Cort, brothers John W. and Thomas J. Considine, H.L. Leavitt, Mose Goldsmith and Arthur G. Williams headed down to the Moran Brothers' shipyard on South Charles Street to make a plan. According to most popular accounts, after deciding to work together to settle the strike by using piano players to replace the musicians, the men began to discuss life. At that moment, the Order of Good Things was born.

As their numbers grew, the Order chose the Bald Eagles as their official emblem and changed the name of the organization to "The Fraternal Order of Eagles, with a goal to "make human life more desirable by lessening its ills and promoting peace, prosperity, gladness and hope."

Touring theater troupes are credited with much of the Eagles' early growth. Most members were actors, stagehands and playwrights who carried the Eagles story from town to town as they traversed the United States and Canada. The group's early motto, "Skin'em," became the secret password to identify members while the official motto was changed to "Liberty, Truth, Justice and Equality."

Within 10 years of its inception, the organization boasted more than 1,800 Aeries scattered throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico with a membership exceeding 350,000. Members received free medical attention for themselves and their families, weekly payments in case of sickness and a funeral benefit - all valuable services before the widespread availability of medical, disability and life insurance.

The organization quickly became a leader in influencing national politics, pushing to create Mother's Day and eventually Social Security, Medicare and more. The Eagles' growing membership, comprised of many prominent local figures, held a position of great influence in communities everywhere.

120 years later, the F.O.E. continues to work hard to bring citizens together in the name of bettering communities and raising funds to assist friends and neighbors in need. From the creation of Mother's Day, Social Security and Medicare to the hundreds of millions of dollars donated to various research and assistance organizations across North America, no life has been left untouched by the actions of an Eagle.

"The world has changed in many ways over the last 120 years, but the need to help those around us stands the test of time," Grand Worthy President Thomas McGrath said. "The F.O.E. was built upon a strong passion for increasing quality of life for those in need and our desire to carry on that passion is what keeps us so strong more than a century later."

For decades, Eagles' Aeries have been at the epicenter of community life, serving as both a destination for social interaction and the heart of local fundraising efforts. Throughout 2018, the organization and its' more than 650,000 members are dedicated to upholding a commitment to charitable giving and reinforcing the F.O.E. as a valuable resource in building communities. These efforts start with continuing a commitment to charity.

Each year, the organization gives approximately \$10 million through the F.O.E. Charity Foundation and various fundraisers held at the more than 1,500 Aeries across the United States and Canada. With funds dedicated to research and prevention for issues including diabetes, heart disease, cancer,

kidney disease, spinal cord injuries, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, child abuse prevention and more, the Charity Foundation alone provides approximately \$4 million in grants annually.

Since World War II, the Eagles' Memorial Foundation has provided tuition assistance and medical care for the children of members who die while performing their job or serving their country. Currently, the organization offers all police, firefighters, EMTs, and inactive military a free year of membership with the F.O.E. through the Those Who Serve Program. Eagles also assist U.S. and Canadian troops annually through the Operation Eagle program, which provides nominated Eagles or children of Eagles serving overseas with much needed food and supplies during the holiday season.

"The men and women serving to protect our countries and our communities are the biggest reason we continue to thrive today with the right to speak up and make a difference," Grand Madam President Helen Poehner said. "The F.O.E. remains committed to the freedoms given to us through their sacrifices."

Most recently, the F.O.E. committed to making a difference in lives across the world through a \$25-million pledge to the University of Iowa to create The Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center. The center, which opened in 2014, occupies more than 30,000 square feet at the Pappajohn Biomedical Discovery Building on the Iowa City campus and plays host to a team of over 100 researchers working daily to make breakthroughs in hopes of finding a cure for diabetes.

Who is F.O.E.?

The Fraternal Order of Eagles is an international non-profit organization uniting fraternally in the spirit of liberty, truth, justice, and equality, to make human life more desirable by lessening its ills and promoting peace, prosperity, gladness and hope.

Mission

The Fraternal Order of Eagles stands strong behind the men and women who serve and protect us. To show our gratitude, we've created the Those Who Serve program, offering one (1) complementary year of membership to active and retired Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians, Correctional Officers, Active Military including National Guard and Reserves, Volunteer Firefighters and EMTs and Honorably Discharged/Retired/Inactive Military.

Saving Lives

Our commitment to "Those Who Serve" comes from a shared interest in saving lives. Our Charity Foundation provides grants to institutions specializing in research and patient care for causes including diabetes, kidney disease, heart disease,

pediatric ailments, spinal cord injuries and more.

100% of all money donated to our Charity Foundation goes to the individuals and organizations who need it most.

Since the beginning, the F.O.E. has maintained a strong dedication to giving back to the communities housing our Aeries and Auxiliaries. Armed with a strong Grand Aerie and Grand Auxiliary, the organization reached its full potential. In 1954, nearly 10,000 Ten Commandments plaques were distributed by the Order, promoting its foundation of faith and encouraging citizens to use the Commandments as a guideline for treating others and building a stronger community.

Eagles continued their commitment to helping their own through the Memorial Foundation, which was designed to provide aid to the children of members who lost their lives in World War II. In 1967, the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund was established, providing financial aid to institutions aiming to help youth through medical research



Courtesy photo

This photo shows the founders of the F.O.E, or the Fraternity Order of the Eagles.

and prevention programs.

The Charity Foundation continued to grow, establishing separate funds for a variety of causes as they became more prominent, ensuring all brothers and sisters facing illness could have hope for care and a cure.

In 1985, blooming from a strong relationship with member and entertainer Danny Thomas, the Eagles became the first organization to top \$1 million in donations to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

The Eagles took on their biggest fundraising challenge in 2008, committing \$25 million to the University of Iowa to fund The Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center, which opened in August 2014 inside the John and Mary Pappajohn Biomedical Discovery Building in Iowa City, Iowa. The 20,000-square-foot facility hosts a team of more than 100 researchers working on ways to prevent, treat and ultimately cure diabetes.

Stop by Big Spring's own Fraternity Order of the Eagles, located on 703 W 3rd St., or call 432-263-6862, and join to be apart of an extended family that is there not only for each other, but the community. "People Helping People."



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The above photos show the annual Wings for Warrior Competition hosted by Fraternity Order of the Eagles. The F.O.E holds benefits, fundraisers, and other on goings to help the community in which they serve, their motto being, "People helping People."



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New Orleans gallery acquires Lincoln opera glasses

By KEVIN MCGILL

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — It's not the gilt-detailed craftsmanship or the age of the small, brass, black-enameled binoculars that might fetch a French Quarter antique gallery's asking price of \$795,000. It's their history: Abraham Lincoln is believed to have used them to get a better view of the stage at Ford's Theatre on the night he was assassinated.

M.S. Rau Antiques recently acquired the binoculars, known as opera glasses, from a seller who has remained anonymous. Previous owners have included the Forbes family of publishing fame — the magazine reportedly paid \$24,000 for them in 1979. Others include generations of descendants of Capt. James McCamly, a military officer believed to have picked the opera glasses up from the street after they fell from Lincoln's near-lifeless body (it's unclear if they were in the president's hands or entangled in his clothing) as he was carried out of the theater on the night of April 14, 1865.

"We deal in history and we deal in great pieces and this is one of the most exciting pieces we've ever owned," Bill Rau, the third-generation owner of the century-old family business on Royal Street, said Thursday.

Rau said he had been contacted roughly two weeks earlier by the previous owner, who said he had paid \$424,000 for the opera glasses at Christies' auction house in 2002. He was interested in selling. "He's now in his 80s and he's suffered some health issues and that's why he called us," Rau said.

The story behind the artifact: After Lincoln was shot, McCamly was among those helping move the

mortally wounded president from the theater to a building across the street. Something fell from Lincoln's body and McCamly picked it up.

He found the binoculars in his pocket the next day. It's unclear whether he tried to return them amid the turmoil following the president's death. They were handed down within the family from generation to generation.

Documents attesting to their authenticity include a 1968 letter from a National Park Service chief curator to McCamly's great-great-grandson, who was seeking to verify family lore. It said the opera glasses "precisely fit" a case picked up in Lincoln's box the night he was shot.

There have been skeptics. Another park service curator told The Washington Post in 2011 that she doubted the opera glasses would still have been on Lincoln's person as he was carried across the street and that the case in which they fit may have been Mary Todd Lincoln's. But past buyers have been convinced of the artifact's authenticity, as is Rau, who pointed to a tiny dent in one eyepiece as evidence lending credibility to the McCamly family story. (The Christie's website description of the glasses notes a small crack in one lens "as if dropped.")

"Certainly, our belief, and the market's belief, from what they've sold for in the past, is that they are the real thing," Rau said. Stored under a glass



AP photo

This shows a set of small binoculars believed to have been carried by Pres. Abraham Lincoln on the night he was assassinated at Ford's Theatre, Thursday, Sept. 27, 2018 in New Orleans. The opera glasses are said to have fallen from the mortally wounded Lincoln's body as he was carried from Ford's Theatre in 1865. A captain with the Washington City Guard picked them up from the street. They were handed down in his family for generations before being matched in 1968 to a case found in the balcony after Lincoln was shot.

display dome, the binoculars are currently on the second floor of the Rau gallery near a Lincoln portrait. Rau says they will be sold to whoever comes up with the sale price, but he adds that his hope is that they go to a collector or museum who will put them on public view. "They are," he says, "a pivotal piece of American history."

Howard County Lunches

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Kentwood Early Childhood

Monday: Holiday

Tuesday: Breakfast: Egg/cheese fundie, fresh oranges, milk. Lunch: Popcorn chicken, french fries, fresh cucumber, diced pears, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Strawberry/banana yogurt, bug bite crackers, applesauce, milk. Lunch: Corn dog, sweet tater bites, fresh celery sticks, fresh sliced apple, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh banana, milk. Lunch: Chicken crisps, campfire pinto beans, fresh roasted carrots, diced peaches, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Chocolate chip muffin, diced peaches, milk. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, fresh broccoli, fresh red pepper strips, mandarin oranges, milk.

Elementary Schools

Monday: Holiday

Tuesday: Breakfast: Egg/cheese fundie, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Chicken nuggets with roll, cheeseburger, french fries, fresh plums, fresh roasted cauliflower, fresh cucumber slices, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Strawberry/banana yogurt, bug bite crackers, applesauce, orange juice. Lunch: Cheese ravioli with marinara, chicken patty sandwich, fresh apples, diced peaches, fresh roasted squash, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh banana, fruit juice. Lunch: Chicken crisps, hot dog, french fries, fresh grapes, rosy applesauce, campfire pinto beans, fresh baby carrots.

Friday: Breakfast: Chicken biscuits, Fresh grapes, apple juice, milk. Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, diced chicken salad with roll, fresh cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits, fresh broccoli, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.

Intermediate School

Monday: Holiday

Tuesday: Breakfast: Egg/cheese fundie, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Chicken bowl with pretzel, cheeseburger, pepperoni pizza, french fries, fresh plums, diced pears, fresh roasted cauliflower, fresh cucumbers, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Lucky charms cereal, animal crackers, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Cheese ravioli with marinara, bean/cheese burrito, chicken patty sandwich, fresh apples, diced peaches, fresh roasted squash, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh banana, fruit juice. Lunch: Chicken crisps, turkey chef salad, hot dog, french fries, fresh grapes, rosy applesauce, campfire pinto beans, fresh baby carrots.

Friday: Breakfast: Chicken biscuits, Fresh grapes, apple juice, milk. Lunch: Cajun chili fries bowl, diced chicken salad, chicken tenders with roll, fresh cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits, fresh broccoli, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.

Junior High School

Monday: Holiday

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Chicken bowl with pretzel, cheeseburger, meatball sub melt, french fries, fresh plums, diced pears, fresh roasted cauliflower, fresh cucumbers, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Lucky charms cereal, animal crackers, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Cheese ravioli with marinara, bean/cheese burrito, chicken patty sandwich, fresh apples, diced peaches, fresh roasted squash, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh ba-

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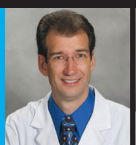
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nana, fruit juice. Lunch: Chicken crisps, turkey chef salad, hot dog, french fries, fresh grapes, rosy applesauce, campfire pinto beans, fresh baby carrots.

Friday: Breakfast: Chicken biscuits, Fresh grapes, apple juice, milk. Lunch: Cajun chili fries bowl, diced chicken salad, chicken tenders with roll, fresh cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits, fresh broccoli, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.

High School

Monday: Holiday

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon toast crunch cereal, animal crackers, breakfast pastry, sausage muffin melt, waffles, fresh blueberries, sausage links, fresh oranges.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Lucky charms cereal, strawberry/banana yogurt, animal crackers, breakfast pizza, waffles, fresh blueberries, sausage links, fresh watermelon.

Thursday: Breakfast: Honeynut cheerios cereal, animal crackers, egg/sausage sandwich, sausage kolaches, waffles, fresh blueberries, sausage links, fresh banana, Honey grahams cereal, animal crackers, sausage muffin melt, chocolate chip muffin, waffles, fresh blueberries, sausage links, fresh grapes.

Friday: Breakfast:

Lunch: Line 1: Made-to-order hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, deli-style sandwiches; Line 2: Pizza; Line 3: Nachos, burritos, tacos.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken fajita salad, enchiladas or taquitos with queso, beans, corn, salsa, seasonal fruit, fruit cup.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Chicken and biscuit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Meatball sub or chili cheese combo, tater tots, veggie cup, mixed fruit.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Power breakfast: biscuits, with gravy, eggs and bacon, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Asian salad, chicken nuggets, Asian stir fry with egg roll, mac n cheese, green beans, garden salad, strawberries.

Thursday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap or sausage kolache, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Crispy chicken salad, pizza, corn, bell pepper strips, fruit gelatin.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll with sausage, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger, or Frito pie, cucumber slices, carrots, cinnamon applesauce, cookie.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Cherry strudel, with cheese stick, or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, applesauce cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Turkey bacon club, chicken nuggets with mac and cheese, garlic french bread pizza, cheesy Au gratin potatoes, baby carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Mini sausage biscuits, or cereal and toast, or yogurt parfait, strawberry cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Crispy chicken jalapeno wrap, chicken sandwich, nachos with ground beef, spicy fries, pinto beans,

salsa, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast with sausage patty, cereal and toast, yogurt parfait, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Nacho box, pizza, crispy chicken salad, fresh veggies cup, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal and toast, yogurt parfait, strawberry cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Crispy chicken Cobb salad, steak fingers, chicken strips, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, gracy, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Dutch waffle with bacon, cereal and toast, or yogurt parfait, applesauce cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Ham and cheese croissant, hamburger, Asian bowl with egg roll, waffle fires, savory green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

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Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast strudel, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Breaded drumstick, biscuit, carrots coins, corn, grapes, milk variety.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Mini pancake, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Crispy tacos, fresh veggie cup, refried beans, Spanish rice, salsa, orange smiles, milk variety.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Lasagna, Tuscan veggies, garden salad, breadstick, pears, milk variety.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Pulled pork sliders, multi grain chips, cole slaw, green beans, chilled pineapple, milk variety.

Friday: Breakfast: French toast, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hot dog, oven fries, baby carrots, applesauce, milk variety, cookie.

Big Spring Senior Center

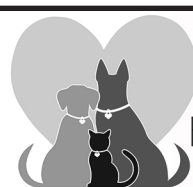
Monday: Lasagna, California blend vegetable, apple slices, garlic bread, milk.

Tuesday: Sliced ham, okra, black-eyes peas, lime jello, cornbread, milk.

Wednesday: Cheeseburger, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato, chips and salsa, banana, milk.

Thursday: Beef tips, gravy, parsley noodles, broccoli, oranges, bread, milk.

Friday: Smoked sausage, sauerkraut, oven potatoes, mixed fruit, Texas toast, milk.



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Roger's Review: Smallfoot

I tried to sit back and just have fun with "Smallfoot," the new animated feature from Warner Animation Group. Unfortunately, I was unable to ignore the heavy-handed message that unfolded as the movie progressed.

"Smallfoot" starts out fun, with young adult yeti Migo (Channing Tatum), whose name is possibly an H.P. Lovecraft reference, but probably not, singing a happy production number about how he's happy just to be alive and follow the rules of the yeti people laid out on stones worn as a big robe by the Stonekeeper (Common). Migo is the son of Dorgle (Danny DeVito), the gong ringer of the yeti, who launches himself from a giant crossbow every day to ring a gong with his head in order to wake up the giant glowing snail in the sky – the sun to the less enlightened among us.

Migo is training to be the new gong ringer when he witnesses a human airplane crash on the mountain, and sees a mythical Smallfoot – which the law stones unequivocally deny exists. Although the vagaries of mountain weather conspire to erase all evidence of the crash and the Smallfoot (the guy's whisked off the mountain by his parachute, and the plane falls off the cliff through the clouds before an avalanche covers its tracks), Migo reports his experience to the village. Migo's story causes a ruckus, until the Stonekeeper emerges from his temple and tells everybody that Migo is wrong, there are no Smallfoots (Smallfeet?) and banishes Migo when he refuses to back down.

Wandering through the blizzard, Migo bumps into other outcast yeti, including big purple Gwangi (LeBron James), whose name is almost certainly a reference to the cowboys-and-dinosaurs epic movie "The Valley of Gwangi"; Kolka (Gina Rodriguez), perhaps a reference to Kolchak, the Night Stalker; and Flem (Ely Henry), perhaps a reference to, well...phlegm.

The trio are members of the Smallfoot Evidentiary Society – or, as Flem prefers, "Smallfoot Experts, Suckas!" They take Migo to their headquarters where he meets their leader, who turns out to be Meechee (Zendaya), the Stonekeeper's daughter, and Migo's crush.

Deducing that the Smallfoot must have come from beneath the clouds, the group plans to send Migo down there to see what's up.

I'll stop the narrative there, except to mention



that Migo does manage to find another smallfoot – Percy Patterson (James Corden), an out-of-vogue "Crocodile Hunter"-style television animal expert trying to get back into the spotlight.

Other characters include Brenda (Yara Shahidi), Percy's assistant; Thorp (Jimmy Tatro), Meechee's brother and a big, dumb yeti; and Mama Bear (Patricia Heaton).

If you can ignore (or enjoy) the preachy message, "Smallfoot" is a fun, clever animated movie that kids will enjoy. The music is catchy, the animation is fun, and the story, though a bit thin, isn't the worst I've seen.

But the movie is preaching a message, one that, while it works in the context of the movie where the rules are (warning, spoiler incoming) all based on a web of lies and designed to restrict and oppress those who live under them, certainly isn't a universal message that's applicable to all situations.

The movie tries to brand it as "Think for yourself," but the message just comes across as "rules bad; protesting rules by breaking them, good."

A secondary message is less troublesome, basically "Don't judge a book by its cover." People look all kinds of ways, and just because a person looks

big and mean, or small and insignificant, doesn't mean they ARE mean or insignificant.

I had fun with "Smallfoot," but left the theater scratching my head about what it's trying to say about rules. Seven stars out of 10 – kids will love it, but I'd suggest maybe talking with them about the movie afterward, and that rules are usually there for a good reason.

Smallfoot
 Director: Karey Kirkpatrick
 Writers: Screenplay by Karey Kirkpatrick and Clare Sera; Story by John Requa, Glenn Ficarra, and Karey Kirkpatrick
 Production companies: Warner Animation Group, Zaftig Films
 PG; 1 hr. 36 min.; Animation/Adventure/Comedy;
 Sept. 28, 2018

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

Facebook says 50M user accounts affected by security breach

By **MATT O'BRIEN AND MAE ANDERSON**

AP Technology Writers
 NEW YORK (AP) — Facebook reported a major security breach in which 50 million user accounts were accessed by unknown attackers.

The stolen data allowed the attackers to "seize control" of those user accounts, Facebook said. Facebook has logged out the 50 million breached users — plus another 40 million who were vulnerable to the attack. Users don't need to change their Facebook passwords, it said.

Facebook says it doesn't know who is behind the attacks or where they're based. In a call with reporters on Friday, CEO Mark Zuckerberg said that the company doesn't know yet if any of the accounts that were hacked were misused. The hack is the latest setback for Facebook during a tumultuous year of security problems and privacy issues. So far, though, none have significantly shaken the confidence of the company's 2 billion global users.

This latest hack involved a bug in Facebook's "View As" feature, the company said in a blog post. That feature lets people see how their profiles appear to others. The attackers used that vulnerability to steal "access tokens," which are digital keys that Facebook uses to keep people logged in. Possession of those tokens would allow attackers to control those accounts. Specifically, from the "View As" feature, a bug somehow allowed a video uploader to appear for sending "happy birthday" messages, said Guy Rosen, Facebook's vice president of product management. Another bug then created an access token that made Facebook think the hacker had legitimately signed in with the account being viewed. "We haven't yet been able to

determine if there was specific targeting" of particular accounts, Rosen said in a call with reporters. "It does seem broad. And we don't yet know who was behind these attacks and where they might be based."

Facebook says it has alerted law enforcement.

Jake Williams, a security expert at Rendition Infosec, said the stolen access tokens would have likely allowed attackers to view private posts and probably to post status updates or shared posts as the compromised user, but not passwords.

"The bigger concern (and something we don't know yet) is whether third party applications were impacted," Williams said in a text exchange. He noted that the company's "Facebook Login" feature lets users log into other apps and websites with their Facebook credentials. "These access tokens that were stolen show when a user is logged into Facebook and that may be enough to access a user's account on a third party site," he said.

News broke early this year that a data analytics firm once employed by the Trump campaign, Cambridge Analytica, had improperly gained access to personal data from millions of user profiles. Then a congressional investigation found that agents from Russia and other countries have been posting fake

political ads since at least 2016. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg appeared at a Congressional hearing over Facebook's privacy policies in April.

The Facebook bug is reminiscent of a much larger attack on Yahoo in 2013 in which attackers compromised 3 billion accounts — enough for half of the world's entire population. In the case of Yahoo, information stolen included names, email addresses, phone numbers, birthdates and security questions and answers.

Ed Mierzwinski, the senior director of consumer advocacy group U.S. PIRG, said the breach was "very troubling."

"It's yet another warning that Congress must not enact any national data security or data breach legislation that weakens current state privacy laws, preempts the rights of states to pass new laws that protect their consumers better, or denies their attorneys general rights to investigate violations of or enforce those laws," he said in a statement.



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Indexes are mixed as chipmakers rise; Tesla and Facebook dip



AP photo

This Dec. 21, 2016, file photo shows the New York Stock Exchange. The U.S. stock market opens at 9:30 a.m. EDT on Friday, Sept. 28, 2018.

By MARLEY JAY

AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks are mixed Friday as gains for chipmakers give the technology sector a boost, and energy companies are rising with oil prices. Tesla is plunging after federal regulators moved to oust Elon Musk as the electric car maker's CEO following his tweet last month that he was close to a deal to take Tesla private.

European stocks are falling after Italy's new government announced a big increase in spending. Italy's main stock index fell almost 4 percent and other European indexes also took sharp losses as investors worried that the government's plan will lead to a clash with European Union leaders who want Italy to reduce its debt level. Banks are skidding.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 index fell 1 point to 2,912 as of 3:20 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped 12 points to 26,427. The Nasdaq composite fell 1 point to 8,040. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks rose 4 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,695.

THE QUOTE: U.S. stocks rallied in the third quarter even though the U.S. and China placed even bigger tariffs on imports this month. The S&P 500 index has risen 7.2 percent since the end of June, its biggest gain since the end of 2013. One reason is that investors are worried about other regions, especially emerging markets. The currencies of Turkey and Argentina both dropped during the quarter.

"Investors do pivot to the U.S. when they have concerns about other regions," said Marina Severinovsky, an investment strategist at Schroders. But emerging markets stocks have bounced back somewhat over the last two weeks, and Severinovsky said they might do better than U.S. stocks in the fourth quarter.

"The pessimism around those regions is probably too much," she said.

ITALIAN SPENDING: The new spending plans announced by Italy's government would expand its budget deficit. European Union leaders want Italy to bring down its debt level, which is the highest of any EU country after Greece.

Italy's FTSE MIB sank 3.7 percent while the German DAX gave up 1.5 percent. France's CAC 40 lost 0.8 percent and the FTSE 100 index in Britain shed 0.5 percent.

Yields on Italian government bonds rose sharply, a sign of lower investor confidence in the government's financial strength. The yield on Italy's 10-year bond jumped to 3.14 percent from 2.89 percent, a huge move.

Italian bank UniCredit sank 6.7 percent to \$12.96. Among European banks, Credit Suisse fell 2.7 percent to \$14.97 and Barclays dipped 3.3 percent to \$8.98. In the U.S., Citigroup fell 1.7 percent to \$71.74 and Goldman Sachs shed 1.4 percent to \$224.64.

CHIPPING IN: Chipmakers rallied. Nvidia rose 4.5 percent to \$279.42 and Intel gained 3 percent to \$47.25 as technology companies continued to fare better than the rest of the market.

HAIRPIN TURN: Tesla dropped 14.4 percent to \$263.17 after the Securities and Exchange said Musk committed securities fraud with a statement about taking Tesla private. The SEC launched an investigation after Musk tweeted in early August that he had secured the funding for such a deal, but it soon became clear that the company wasn't close to a deal.

Musk called the action unjustified. His tweet said the company would go private at \$420 per share, and the stock jumped to almost \$380 that day. It's fallen 31 percent since then.

ANTISOCIAL: Facebook said it discovered a security breach that affects 50 million user accounts, and its stock fell 2.5 percent to \$164.52. That capped a brutal three months for social media companies. Facebook plunged 19 percent on July 26 after it said

user growth had slowed, a drop that slashed Facebook's value by \$119 billion. That was one of the biggest one-day drops in stock market history.

Facebook has fallen 15 percent this quarter, its worst three-month run in six years. And Twitter has dropped 35 percent, the worst of any stock on the S&P 500 index. It was on a huge run until it reported weak user growth in late July, a day after Facebook's report. Investors also worried about the possibility of greater regulation of both companies following hearings in Congress.

"In the U.S. and Europe these companies have largely been allowed, as they've grown to the size and scale and influence that they have, to self-regulate," said Severinovsky. "I think that era is over."

METALS: Gold rose 0.7 percent to \$1,196.20 an ounce. Silver jumped 3 percent to \$14.71 an ounce. Copper gained 0.8 percent to \$2.81 a pound.

ASIA'S DAY: Japan's Nikkei 225 jumped 1.4 percent after the country agreed to open negotiations on a trade agreement with the United States. The move won Japan relief from the immediate threat of punitive tariffs on its auto exports to the U.S. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index added 0.3 percent and South Korea's slipped 0.5 percent.

ENERGY: Energy companies rose as benchmark U.S. crude rose 1.6 percent to \$73.25 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, added 1.2 percent to \$82.72 per barrel in London.

Wholesale gasoline added 0.9 percent to \$2.10 a gallon. Heating oil rose 1.2 percent to \$2.35 a gallon. Natural gas fell 1.6 percent to \$3.01 per 1,000 cubic feet.

BONDS: Bond prices were little changed. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note stayed at 3.05 percent.

CURRENCIES: The dollar rose to 113.58 yen from 113.42 yen. The euro fell to \$1.1610 from \$1.1658.

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- Cynthia P Dunlap, 3704 Connally St., res hvac, Val: \$5,000, Fee: \$45
- Meredith Bailey, 3205 Auburn Ave., res gas, Val: \$800, Fee: \$32
- Jack Taylor, 3207 Duke Ave., construction, fence, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$50
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- Jerry Hallman, 1304 Monmouth Ave., res. hvac, Val: \$7,200, Fee: \$45
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China says it won't be pushed around by US on trade



China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi addresses the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly, at U.N. headquarters, Friday, Sept. 28, 2018.

By **MATTHEW PENNINGTON**
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — China warned Friday that its critical relationship with the United States could break "like a glass," and used the most global of stages to warn the Trump administration it wouldn't be pushed around on trade.

Foreign Minister Wang Yi insisted that his country "will not be blackmailed" or bow to pressure. "Protectionism will only hurt oneself, and unilateral moves will bring damage to all," he told the U.N. General Assembly gathering of world leaders.

President Donald Trump this week cranked up punitive tariffs on China, and Beijing responded in kind, escalating a trade war between the world's two largest economies. Trump upped the ante by then accusing China of meddling in the upcoming U.S. midterm elections because it opposes his trade policies. He has presented little evidence to back up the allegations, which China says are untrue.

Wang, in separate remarks at a think tank, said

U.S.-China relationship was at a critical point, four decades since ties were normalized.

"The relationship between our two countries is a common asset. It must be preserved and valued. It's the result of generations of people's efforts," Wang said. "It's like a glass. It's easy to break it" and would be difficult to repair, he said.

Although Wang presented China as upholding multilateral institutions — drawing an implicit contrast with Trump's anti-globalist stance — Beijing's top diplomat said the sus-

picious that China seeks global hegemony and to displace the U.S. as a world leader is false. But he warned it's an idea that is spreading, amplifying differences between the two countries.

"This is a serious strategic misjudgment," Wang told the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, "that will be extremely detrimental to U.S. interests and the future of the United States."

He said China rather seeks a path of peaceful development. He defended China's assertive behavior in the South China Sea, where it has built man-made islands to reinforce its sweeping territorial claims that are disputed by its neighbors. He said military facilities on those islands are for defensive purposes to counter military activities by other nations in the area, including the United States.

Wang also defended China's recent participation in military drills with Russia that have added to U.S. anxiety that its key strategic rivals are setting aside historical differences and teaming up against it. He said military-to-military ties are normal to

build "mutual understanding."

On human rights, Wang was asked about the reported harsh treatment of Uighur Muslims in China's far west. He maintained that China had brought law and order to a region once blighted by terrorism. The Trump administration is reportedly considering sanctions in response to members of the religious minority being forced into "re-education" camps on a massive scale.

Notwithstanding all these differences, the main driver of the current discord between the U.S. and China is trade.

Trump increased tariffs Monday on \$200 billion of Chinese goods. Beijing responded by imposing penalties on \$60 billion of American products. That was on top of an earlier duty increase by both sides on \$50 billion of each other's goods. The tit-for-tat is fueling anxiety that smaller nations will suffer.

"There is a trade war going on between the two most powerful nations, and the rest of the world is feeling the pain," Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad told the General Assembly on Friday.

Behind the trade dispute are U.S. allegations that China uses predatory tactics to overtake American technological dominance. These tactics, the U.S. charges, include cyber-theft of U.S. companies' trade secrets and a requirement that foreign companies hand over proprietary technology as the price of access to the Chinese market.

Wang denied that China was stealing technology and forcing companies to transfer technology as a condition for investing in the country. He described instead a symbiotic commercial relationship in which the U.S. companies have a comparative advantage in technology and work in partnership with Chinese firms to help them access China's growing market.

He said China has benefitted from opening up its economy and would continue to welcome foreign investment. "We hope American companies will continue to have confidence in the Chinese market," Wang said.

Inquiry's report criticizes Australian banking misbehavior



Australian Banking Association CEO Anna Bligh comments following the release of the Royal Commission Interim Report in Sydney, Friday, Sept. 28, 2018. A government-commissioned inquiry into misconduct in Australia's banking and financial services industry found that most of the misbehavior uncovered either went unpunished or the consequences did not reflect the seriousness of the conduct.

By **ROD McGUIRK**
Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — A government-commissioned inquiry into misconduct in Australia's banking and financial services industry found that most of the misbehavior either went unpunished or the consequences did not reflect the serious-

ness of the violations.

Commissioner Kenneth Hayne released an interim report Friday on his investigation. The inquiry began in December and has since heard evidence of financial institutions charging customers for services that were never provided, charging dead customers' accounts and selling un-

suitable insurance policies by telephone to vulnerable people.

Hayne's report made no recommendations. His final report is due in February and could recommend criminal charges.

He blamed the misconduct on "greed — the pursuit of short-term profit at the expense of basic standards of honesty."

The report was critical of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the corporate watchdog, which Hayne said rarely went to court to "seek public denunciation of and punishment for misconduct."

The watchdog has lost expensive court cases against large banks in the past and now prefers to negotiate with wealthy institutions accused of misconduct to reach agreements on penalties.

The report found that penalties were being imposed that were immaterial to large banks.

"Too often, entities have been treated in ways that would allow them to

think that they, not ASIC, not the parliament, not the courts, will decide when and how the law will be obeyed or the consequence of the breach remedied," Hayne wrote.

Treasurer Josh Frydenberg said his government had injected an additional 70 million Australian dollars (\$51 million) into the corporate watchdog and it was reviewing its strategy for enforcement and compliance.

"What is clear is that the culture, the conduct and compliance of the sector is well below the standard the Australian people expect and deserve," Frydenberg told reporters.

Bank share prices rose in the final hours of trading on the Australian market after the report was made public in an indication that investors had feared worse.

Australian Banking Association chief executive Anna Bligh described the report as "a day of shame for Australia's banks."

"Banks accept full responsibility for their failures and right now in every bank people are working day and night to make things right for their customers, to move from a selling

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House passes GOP bill to make new tax cuts permanent

By **MARCY GORDON**

AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans have sped legislation through the House to expand their massive new tax law, capping their session for the year as they rush out of town to face voters in the November elections. The new bill would make permanent the individual and small-business tax cuts in the law.

Friday's vote was 220-191 in the Republican-led House to approve the legislation. It's the second tax-cut proposal that Republican leaders have pushed in less than a year. The vote was mostly along party lines. Democrats continued their solid opposition to tax-cut legislation, asserting it favors corporations and wealthy individuals over middle-income Americans.

At the same time, 11 Republican House members, facing tough re-election fights in the high-tax, Democratic-leaning states of New York, New Jersey and California, voted against their party's bill.

The GOP lawmakers are pushing to hold onto their seats in relatively affluent suburban districts where President Donald Trump is unpopular. Residents in those states could see substantial increases in their federal tax bills next spring because of the \$10,000 cap on state and local deductions in the tax law. The new legislation would make the cap permanent.

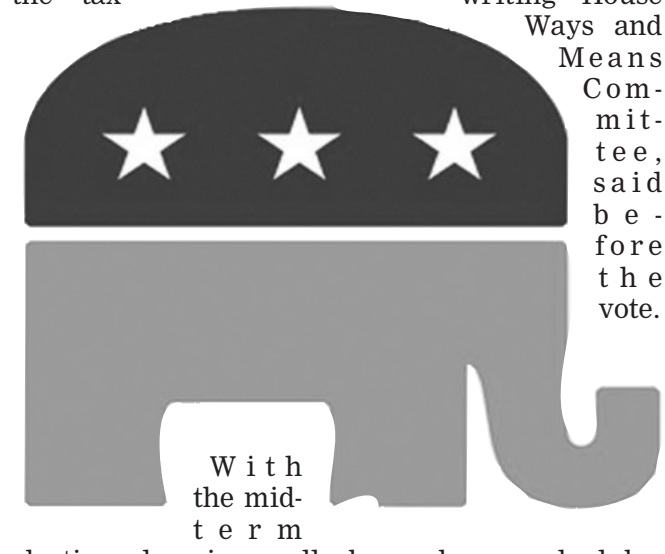
Prospects for the legislation in the Senate are weak, given the slim Republican majority and concern over the potential for further blowing up the deficit with new tax cuts — without corresponding new revenue sources. The sweeping rewrite of the tax code that Republicans hustled through Congress late last year, signed into law by Trump as his signature legislative achievement, is expected to add about \$1.5 trillion to the deficit over 10 years.

The bill approved Friday would add another \$545 billion through 2028, according to an estimate by Congress' bipartisan Joint Committee on Taxation.

House Republicans portray the tax legislation as championing the middle class and small businesses.

In the eight months since the tax law took effect,

"We've seen an economic turnaround with more jobs, bigger paychecks and historic Main Street optimism," Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, chairman of the tax-



elections looming, polls have shown only lukewarm support among voters for the package of individual and corporate tax cuts that took effect Jan. 1. The new law provides steep tax cuts for corporations and the wealthiest Americans, and more modest reductions for middle- and low-income individuals and families.

Early this year, millions of working Americans got a boost from the tax law as they saw increases in their paychecks with less tax withheld by employers. But as Trump has undertaken trade wars with China and U.S. allies, trade tensions have overshadowed the tax cuts in economically vulnerable areas of the country that depend on exports.

In House debate on the bill, Democrats continued to denounce the existing tax law and new proposal, and repeatedly pounded on their impact on the mounting \$21 trillion deficit. The Republicans will seek to fill the hole by cutting deeply into Medicare and Social Security, Democratic lawmakers warned.

"This is all borrowed money that will go to corporations and high-income earners," said Rep. Richard Neal of Massachusetts, the senior Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee. The new leg-

islation "is another reckless tax cut for the wealthy that leaves behind average, hardworking families."

While the new law slashed the corporate tax rate permanently from 35 percent to 21 percent, its tax cuts for individuals and the millions of U.S. "pass-through" businesses expire in eight years. The "pass-through" businesses funnel their income to owners and other individuals, who then pay personal income tax on those earnings, not the corporate rate. They are allowed under the new law to deduct 20 percent of the first \$315,000 of their earnings.

The legislation clearing the House on Friday would make the cuts for individuals and pass-through businesses permanent.

On Thursday, the House passed a pair of Republican-written companion bills that would add incentives for savings and startup businesses to the new tax law. The votes were 240-177 and 260-156, also mostly along party lines.

One of the measures would create a "universal savings account" for families that could be used for a range of purposes and would allow the tax-free earnings to be more easily withdrawn than is the case with existing retirement accounts. In addition, it would allow the popular, tax-free 529 college savings accounts to also be used to pay for apprenticeship fees and home schooling expenses, as well as to pay off student debt. Workers would be able to tap their retirement savings accounts without tax penalty to cover expenses from the birth of a child or an adoption.

The second measure would allow startup businesses to write off more of their initial costs against their federal taxes. New businesses would be permitted to deduct more of their expenses for setting up in the first year — up to \$20,000, double the current maximum level.

Democrats said there were some positive elements in the legislation, but that overall it would not help average Americans. The new savings accounts would mainly benefit wealthy taxpayers, with about \$100,000 in annual income needed to take full advantage of them, said Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas.

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culture to a service culture," Bligh told reporters.

"There is much more work to be done in every bank. But every bank is determined to find the problems, to fix them and to payback every penny," she added.

Thomas Clarke, an expert on international corporate governance at University of Technology Sydney, questioned how the banks would put people before profits.

Australian financial regulators had gone from "light touch" to "soft touch regulation" because they saw their purpose as creating solvency and stability in the banking sector, Clarke said.

"What they were really doing was creating a

comfortable monopoly in which misconduct could thrive, and that's why banks are so profitable," Clarke told Australian Broadcasting Corp.

"They're more profitable in Australia than in any other advanced industrial country and that's because of their higher fees and what we've seen is a litany of misconduct where people have been charged without services," he added.

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Offense: Fail to identify give false/fict
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 court cost, 20 days in jail
Date: July 11, 2018

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Offense: Fail to identify
Sentence: Fine \$250
Date: July 17, 2018

District Court Filings

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Respondent: Billy Phillips, AKA Jared Phillips
Type of Case: Contract-consumer
Date: Sept. 20, 2018

Plaintiff: Letha Richardson
Respondent: Brad Richardson
Type of Case: Divorce
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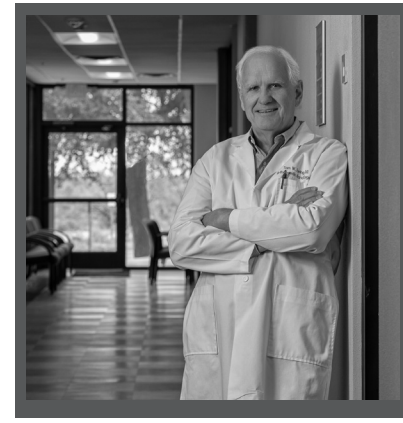
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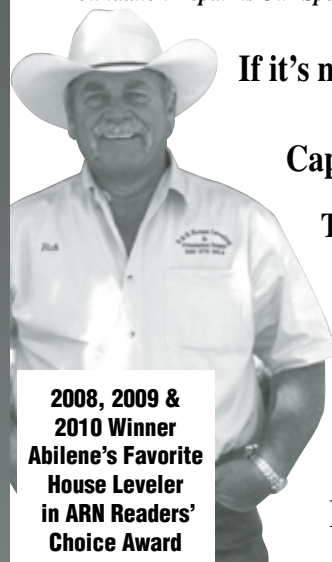
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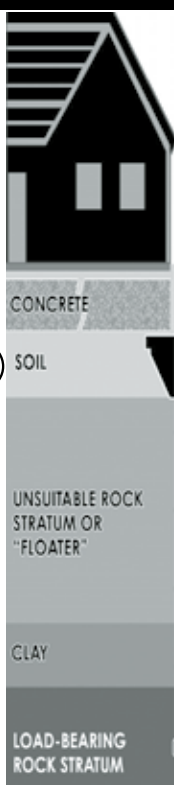
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Person Reporting Estray: **Glasscock County Sheriff's Office Sheriff Keith Burnett**
Address: **124 South Myrl Garden City, Texas 79739**
Phone Number: **432-354-2361**

Location of Estray when Found: **Highway 158 West (Brunson Property) and (On Roadway) Approximately 15 miles west of Garden City, Texas.**

Description of Estrays: **2 Black Bulls**
Breed: **Brangus**
Sex: **Male**
Color: **Black**
Size: **Adult/1200-1500 LBS**
Age: **Approximately 2-3 years old**
Texas Agricultural Code **142.009.**

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said Estray is not determined by: 10/01/2018, or the owner of said Estray fails to pay the fees incurred by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office by: 10/01/2018, said Estray will be sold at public auction.

#9905 September 23 & 30, 2018

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Documents may be obtained from Steven A. Smith, Chief Business Officer, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720. Responses will be accepted through 2:00 PM, Tuesday, October 16, 2018, in Old Main South Annex, Room A2, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be read into record.

All questions should be directed to Steven A. Smith, Chief Business Officer, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432) 264.5019. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all responses.
#9930 September 28 & 30, 2018



By Steve Becker

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♠ K Q 9 6 3
♥ A 5
♦ 6 5 2
♣ K 7 4

WEST

♠ —
♥ J 10
♦ K J 10 9 8 3
♣ Q 10 9 8 5

EAST

♠ 7 5 4
♥ K Q 9 8 7 4 2
♦ Q
♣ J 3

SOUTH

♠ A J 10 8 2
♥ 6 3
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1 ♠ 2 ♦ 3 ♠ 4 ♥
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North

♠ 9 6 3
♦ 6 5
♣ 7

West

♦ K J 10
♣ Q 10 9

East

♠ 7
♥ K 8 7 4 2

South

♠ A J 2
♦ 7 4
♣ 6

Now play the spade three from dummy and the deuce from your hand! East wins with the seven and is forced to return a heart, on which you discard a club from your hand and a diamond from dummy!

East is still on lead and must play another heart. This time you ruff the heart in your hand, discarding dummy's last diamond. You can then claim the rest of the tricks, having lost only three tricks all told. That's all there is to it!

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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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As set forth in the Texas Edu-

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cation Code, Section 44.031 (b) the following criteria shall be used to determine the award of the contract:

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5. the vendor's past relationship with the District;
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Documents may be obtained from Steven A. Smith, Chief Business Officer, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720. Responses will be accepted through 2:00 PM, Tuesday, October 16, 2018, in Old Main South Annex, Room A2, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be read into record.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Pluto, Going Direct, Poses Question

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

"What is the use of a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?" asked Henry David Thoreau. Most people know there is something they are doing on a regular basis that needs to be adjusted for the good of all who share life on this blue marble. But who will do it? Pluto goes direct to ask, Who will take initiative, own the responsibility?

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll clear up a financial problem and feel instantly at peace in other areas of life, as well. Also, whatever sort of adjustment you make today will be easy to stick with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your "someday" has been known to arrive right on time -- or ahead of schedule even. Start thinking of what you want, because it's coming to you sooner than you think.

Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Matthew Sewell Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mississippi constituents
 - 5 Roller coaster restraint
 - 8 Leader of the Trojans
 - 14 Sport using scoring circuits
 - 15 "With a little luck"
 - 17 ___ turn
 - 18 24-7
 - 19 Harlequinesque
 - 21 Checks for slips
 - 22 Chem-lab conclusion
 - 23 Sheepish
 - 25 X-factors
 - 26 Runs or saves
 - 27 So far, for short
 - 28 Trash talk
 - 30 Director of Crowe in his Oscar role
 - 31 With us
 - 32 "___ language is never invented": Tolkien
 - 33 Triple hedge
 - 38 He fires Hamilton in *Hamilton*
 - 39 Aristotle wrote about his animals
 - 40 Early releases
 - 41 Stamping grounds?
 - 42 Harvard was the first to offer it (1908)
 - 45 Name derived from a roarer
 - 46 Remote letters
 - 47 Kid-lit intro since 1960
 - 49 Less than perfect
 - 50 Subject of Nobel experiments
 - 52 Setting for a *Monet Morning*

- 53 Group ranked by CNNMoney
- 56 Rest (on)
- 57 Really try
- 58 Kitty, for one
- 59 Oath invoked by Pope
- 60 DuPont merger partner (2017)
- 61 Vehicles assembled for future use

- DOWN**
- 1 Notice in the distance
 - 2 Unsubscribe
 - 3 In tandem
 - 4 Line of some letters
 - 5 Feather ___
 - 6 Fee for all
 - 7 Oriental Avenue neighbor
 - 8 Checks

- 9 Balance checkers, briefly
- 10 Frat letter
- 11 Salsa-like
- 12 Get credit
- 13 Start a new occupation
- 16 Contemporary of Dean and Brando
- 20 Word from the Latin for "small knife"
- 24 East Asia Summit participant
- 26 Fragment or fight
- 29 *Numero molto piccolo*
- 30 Pastries served with chutney
- 31 Guy working on campaigns
- 33 Boom alternative

- 34 Recurring theme
- 35 29-nation emblem
- 36 Crab-leg complement
- 37 It's not far from Turin
- 41 Metaphor for the talkative
- 42 Cannes contraction
- 43 Popular pancake topping
- 44 Recompense
- 46 Iniquities
- 48 Tony Soprano's analyst
- 50 Force seen in Spider-Man films
- 51 Not thrown by
- 54 Viceroy on takeout menus
- 55 "A time to" verb in Ecclesiastes

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The change you're trying to make will stick once your environment completely supports it. Be thorough. Get rid of everything that flies in the face of your goal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some linguistic prescriptivists want "it is what it is" out of the common parlance, claiming that it's a lazy description of reality. That may be so, yet it does aptly express your total acceptance of a complicated situation today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You were born with unique talents, but today is about developing that which can be cultivated only through learning. The discipline required will help you later make the most of those things that come easily to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It is difficult to know what to do around instability, and certainly you can't build on it. Look for people and situations that are predictable, that exist within certain rules and follow an order that makes sense.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 30). You go into this solar return feeling as if you need a little more space, and you'll get it straight away, both figuratively and actually. Property and territory will be redistributed. More highlights include the exchanging of vows, a new social circle that opens out of a civic group, and a very fortunate journey in threes. Scorpio and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 4, 40, 33 and 18.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Pluto, the underworld ruler, the master of transformation and the lord of subconscious, starts this week by turning direct. Sure, he's an outside influencer, not even considered a planet by most and so small and distant that it's questionable to some that his movements even matter. The same could be said of anyone, though, and matter we do, each and every one of us. We are interconnected in ways we'll never be able to fully explain or understand. We move and adjust, and the ripple spans the universe.

Another feature this week is a series of squares that signify discomfort with our own power, not knowing the extent of it or how best to use it. Yet these aspects are opportunities to get concerns out in the open and receive some clarity about where we stand with others, what they expect from us and what's worthwhile in our exchanges.

Venus goes retrograde at the end of the week. The love goddess is in Scorpio, and the echo of this change rings out to distant Pluto, the planet ruler of Scorpio. Love seems to demand something that is different from what we're willing to give, but don't rush to judgment or action, because our feelings are likely to change many times over.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Libra Fran Drescher knows a few things about turning a negative attribute into a positive one. She tried to change her distinctive nasal voice. But it was through not changing it that her perceived liability became an asset. For every sun-in-Libra person, life offers many opportunities to flaws as gifts and gifts as tools for getting to the next place in a way that is uniquely his or her own.

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Amid buzz, designer Hedi Slimane unveils Celine Paris debut



AP photo

A model wears a creation for Issey Miyake Spring/Summer 2019 ready-to-wear fashion collection presented in Paris, Friday, Sept. 28, 2018.

By THOMAS ADAMSON

AP Fashion Writer

PARIS (AP) — Where Hedi Slimane goes, the buzz is sure to follow.

The love-him-or-hate-him designer, credited with starting the global skinny menswear style at Dior Homme and later revamping Saint Laurent, returned at long last to the Paris Fashion Week calendar to unveil his debut at Celine Friday.

Some editors saw it as *deja vu* from Slimane's Saint Laurent era; others, an unadulterated triumph.

Earlier in the day, Balmain's ode to Parisian couture impressed insiders at almost as much as the show's infectious soundtrack, which had model Cara Delevingne lip-synching.

Here are some highlights from the Spring 2019 shows:

BUZZ, BUZZ, BUZZ AS CELINE BECOMES SLIMANE

Lady Gaga exited her limo to a flurry of paparazzi snaps.

One editor was nearly run over.

Catherine Deneuve pouted on the front row inside, as revelers drank from champagne labelled, of course, Céline

This was, by every indication, the biggest show of the calendar.

In the giant makeshift Japanese-style building constructed for the 15-minute show at Les Invalides, an in-house staff member then whispered magic words into an earpiece: "The (LVMH-owning) Arnault family is seated and Karl (Lagerfeld) as well."

And that was that — the collection began.

Soldiers in regal garb began drumming dramatically as a giant crystal opened to reveal the first look of 96 looks.

Some editors raised their eye-brows — others simply smiled — as a polka dot 80s balloon micro

dress filed by.

This was beginning to look like a case of fashion *deja vu*.

Slimane, in his debut show for storied Maison Céline that was founded in 1945, has done, well, almost exactly what he did at Saint Laurent in his successful creative tenure there from 2012-2016.

The sparkling 80s disco micro dresses. The waif-like models who stomped like angry teenagers. The grungy hair. The leopard or striped fur coats. The sparkle.

Much was very similar.

But whatever the inspiration was, there was plenty of style to be had.

Frothy shoulderless tops followed hot truncated black leather jackets.

Giant round or geometric arms then appeared cutting a fine shape in some sort of visual reference to the styles of Celine's predecessor Phoebe Philo.

If this was meant as an homage, it was short lived.

These ensembles were accessorized with black veiled hats, bringing their style firmly back to the New Romantics-era that Slimane favored at Saint Laurent.

In an audacious admission of pastiche of himself and of fashion in general — square handbags shaped like vintage Chanel sported near interlocking CC's.

Chanel's designer Lagerfeld, 85, looked on poker faced, next to Lady Gaga.

In a first for Celine, Slimane used his love for androgyny to introduce men's style to the runway.

It resulted in some must-have leather shoes — thought the skinny ties on several suit looks were a little unoriginal.

BALMAIN CHANNELS PARIS FASHION AND MONUMENTS

In homage to the French capital's reputation as a center of fashion design know-how, Balmain creative director Olivier Rousteing declared his man-

tra was mastering "the rules before you...break them."

Guests at Balmain's ambitious spring show, including model Alessandra Ambrosio and socialite Olivia Palermo, looked on with delight as the presentation mixed the fashion capital's traditional couture DNA up in deconstruction.

With white the dominant color, the Balmain atelier's needle-workers had gone to work skillfully on creating structure.

A giant oval wrap that opened in segmented shell-like sections had guests snapping their cameras.

The same shell-like sections were seen later, but this time deconstructed, looking almost-upside down, with a fan shape stitched onto a skirt.

The look — a skintight white peaked-shoulder gown — was made with strips of material that were snipped away in places to resemble bandages — almost like the wrapping of an Egyptian mummy.

The Egypt idea, in fact, was revealed as a dominant theme as the collection progressed.

Rousteing explored his "fascination with the impressive obelisks, pyramids and columns that date from Napoleon's campaigns and adorn" Paris.

Dramatic Egyptian shoulders mixed with hieroglyphic prints, while denim and tweed were treated to look like ancient papyrus.

Some of the detailing came across as too much, but the enthusiastic applause the designer received was well-deserved.

"I enjoy pushing envelopes, thinking outside the box," he said in a note placed on guest's seats — in an envelope.

CARA DELEVINGNE LIP-SYNCS, DANCES BACKWARD

It's quite a feat when a fashion show soundtrack stands out as much as the clothes.

At Balmain's Friday morning show, catchy pop hits had front-row editors tapping their feet, nodding their heads and joyfully mouthing or singing the lyrics

Model and actress Cara Delevingne should be credited for initiating the sing-along enthusiasm among normally purse-lipped fashion insiders.

Delevingne opened the show in a white peaked-shoulder coat and metallic black bustier, lip-synching Prince's "When Doves Cry" all the way down the runway.

As she took a finale bow with designer Rousteing, Delevingne mouthed some lyrics again as she danced backward in heels, trying not to trip and sticking her tongue out a few times.

The infectious spring collection soundtrack also included Whitney Houston's "I Wanna Dance With Somebody" and Queen's "We Will Rock You."

It had guests humming all the way down the gilded staircase of the venue — Paris' opulent City Hall.

ISSEY MIYAKE'S HANDS-ON FASHION

"The history of mankind has been made by hands," Issey Miyake said in presenting a collection featuring a new flexible and malleable cloth.

The Franco-Japanese house famed for its cutting-edge use of techno-fabrics this season decided to showcase a material called "DOUGH DOUGH."

The 31-piece collection began underwhelmingly with a series of gowns reminiscent of tie-dye. But then swathes of billowing fabric in celestial blue and white were used to form tops and skirts with beautifully abstract silhouettes.

Models in giant hats twisted the rims of the headwear as they smiled and walked by.

"Cloth too, seeks freedom," read the program notes.

One crunched-up gray dress shown toward the end had a wonderful organic feel with veiny stripes.

The cloth was a fresh fashion idea by designer Yoshiyuki Miyamae.

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