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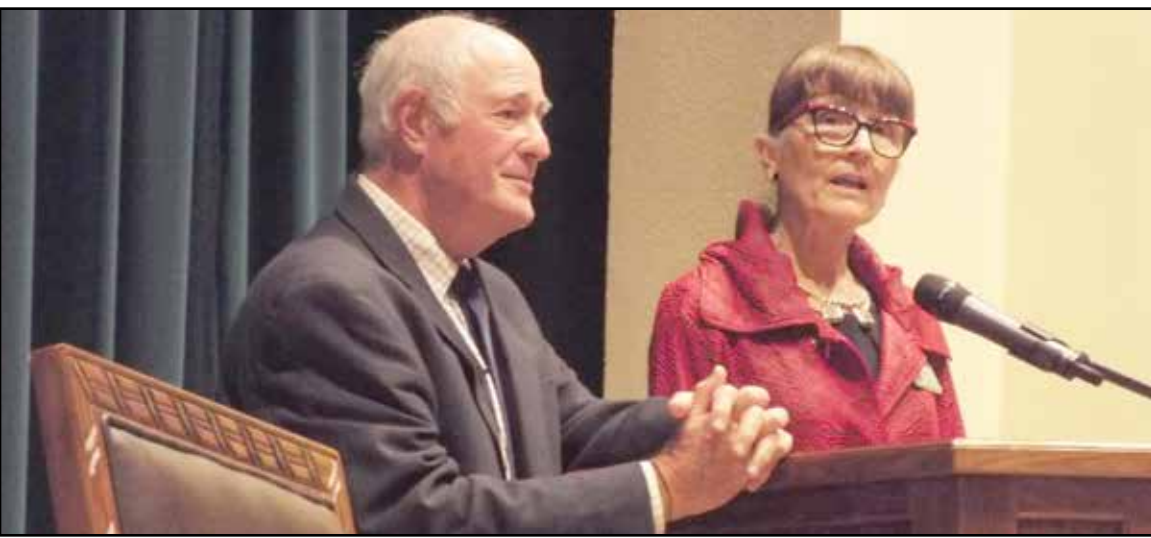
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Education, health care, main topics at Seliger town hall Monday



By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

About 30 people attended State Senator Kel Seliger's (R-Amarillo) Town Hall meeting Monday morning at Howard College's Hall Center for the Arts to hear the senator's thoughts on education, health care, taxes, and other topics.

Seliger spoke for about 25 minutes before fielding questions from the audience for about another 35 minutes.

"The most important thing is that a lot of the work I do are things of interest to the people in the cities that I represent," Seliger said after the meeting. "That's why I interact with mayors, county commissioners, and

just ordinary citizens all the time. That's where I get most of the issues that I deal with. That's an important message. Another part is, accessibility. I'm in and out of the Permian Basin all the time, wherever I'm invited. I work hard at representing the people of the district. That's why they elected me."

Seliger started off his speech with a quip on the ongoing Supreme Court confirmation hearing of associate justice nominee Brett Kavanaugh.

"Every morning I wake up and I'm thankful for the fact that nobody has gone back and done a thorough investigation of everything I did 36 years ago," he

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Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks, right, introduces State Senator Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) at a town hall meeting held Monday morning at the college's Hall Center for the Arts. Seliger spoke on education, health care, taxes, and other topics before fielding questions from the audience.

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Halloween Safe Spots

Editor's note: If you would like your business or organization placed on the Big Spring Herald's list of Halloween Safe Spots, please e-mail your business name, time, date, location and any additional information regarding your Safe Spot to Amber Mansfield at life@bigspringherald.com. Updated lists will be featured on Sunday, Oct. 21 and Sunday, Oct. 28.

Calling all local volunteers

HERALD file photo
 The photo on the right shows local volunteers who gave their time to fill up brown paper bags full of food for the Food2Kids program on Monday, Sept. 10 at the old Lakeview High School. Food2Kids always welcomes and encourages anyone interested in volunteering to come help them bag up the food for our local kids in need.



By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

If you are looking for a way to give back to the community in a way that doesn't take up too much time, then come join Food2Kids as they call on the community to volunteer this evening, and many other evenings to help bag

up food for local children who are in need.

Food2Kids and local volunteers will fill up brown paper bags full of food for the Food2Kids program from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the old Lakeview High School, located at 1107 NW Seventh St.

"This year we are doing something a little different. The schools have asked

that we start to staple the bags so the children can't get into them on the bus, so we have one more area in our assembly line that needs volunteers. We always appreciate any and all volunteers," said Karen from Food2Kids. "We are filling bags for 335 children in the Big Spring school

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Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

Need a good book to read, or maybe you just need to clear off some shelf space? The Friends of the Howard County Library have you covered both ways with the Friends of the Library annual book sale. This once-a-year event serves as a chance to give back to the community with stories, not only by donating used books to the book sale for other fellow book lovers to purchase, but also to go and buy some books where all of the proceeds go back into our local Howard County Library.



Joann Staulcup

group Friends of the Library of Howard County.

The Friends of the Library is an organization that was established in Howard County in 1947 by a group of citizens that had a desire for a more formal organization to support activities of the library. Also referred to as "The Friends", they support several library reading programs, help provide books for the library and also help with setting up and running book sales to raise funds for the for future library projects and activities.

"Funds from the annual sale, which draws in about an average of \$2,000-plus each year, are used to support the library's community services and needs," said Friends President, Joann Staulcup. "The organization is making a push for more donations to prepare for the upcoming sale. We need books that are in good condition, even though we sell the books for

Forsan's Shake-Off winners

Courtesy photo



On Monday, Forsan students were tested over an important life skill: shaking hands and conversational skills. The students met with judges and were analyzed on seven categories: appearance, je ne sais quoi, verbal poise, handshake, non-verbal cues, adaptability, and conversational skills. Each class competed with handshakes, and eventually certain students would move on to the semifinals and compete against each other while school staff members judged. The semifinals narrowed down the group to a total of fifteen students ranging from sixth grade through twelfth grade. Those fifteen students moved onto the finals which happened Monday morning. Two winners were crowned; one each from high school and junior high. The high school winner was sophomore Hailei Cotton (left). The junior high winner was eighth grader Emily Allen (right). Both young ladies impressed the judges and walked away with perfect scores in the competition.

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Obituaries

David Lawren Gandy



David Lawren Gandy, 63, of New Home passed away on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018. He was born on April 24, 1955, in Tahoka to J. C. and Nell (Walker) Gandy. He married Judy Gail Turner on July 20, 1974, in New Home. He was a Lubbock firefighter for 25 years, a lifelong cotton farmer and the mayor of New Home.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Judy; sons, Jason Gandy (Meghan) of New Home and Josh Gandy (Paige) of Acuff; sister,

Denise Gandy of Lubbock and five grandchildren, Corbin, Jaylee, Colt, Lynlee, and Clay.

He is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Nelma Ritchey.

Visitation will be held 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018, with family receiving friends from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Combest Funeral Homes, Tahoka. Services will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018, at New Home Baptist Church with interment to follow at Nevels Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made to the New Home Volunteer Fire Department.

Paid Obituary

Hailey Richmond

Hailey Richmond, 15, of Sand Springs, died Thursday, Sept. 27, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help the family with funeral expenses.

Amanda Heffington



Amanda Heffington, 38, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018, at her residence. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel. A fund has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help the family with funeral expenses.

Amanda was born Nov. 10, 1979, in Big Spring, Texas, to Mariann Williams and Guy Coleman Heffington.

She is survived by one son, Cole Bryant; and his father, Toby Bryant of McRae, Arkansas; her mother, Mariann Williams of Big Spring; one sister, Sarah Heffington, also of Big Spring; one niece, Laikyn Cantu; two nephews, Ryan Ivan Cantu and Cody Graysen Cantu, all of Big Spring; two aunts, Jo Ellen Guynes and her husband Larry of Farmer's Branch and Glenda Seppelt of Yantis, Texas and several cousins.

Amanda was preceded in death by her father G.C. Heffington and a son Caden Heffington.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **ISMAEL PAREDEZ III**, 32, of 728 Baylor, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief in between \$750 and \$2,500.

• **ALBERT SMITH JR.**, 45, of 1609 Oriole St., was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• **HAYDEN DOUGLAS McMURRIN**, 29, of 1708 West 3rd., was arrested on a warrant of criminal mischief in between

\$100 to \$750.

• **SEGIO DAVID ALVAREZ**, 30, of 400 Hillside Dr., was arrested on a warrant of possession of controlled substance in between one to four grams.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 700 block of Baylor.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 800 block of Ohio St., and in the 2700 block of Wasnon Rd.

• **RUNAWAY** was reported in

the 3100 block of WebbLake.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 500 block of E 17th St., and in the 1900 block of N Hwy 87.

• **FOLLOW UP REPORT** was reported in the 200 block of Sandlin Rd.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2500 block of Joann Dr Unit A.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1200 block of Lindbergh St.

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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.BecomeCASA.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 Founda-

tion (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 information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

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

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

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

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

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

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at

432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• 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.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of S Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Tulane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter Dr. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of NE 11th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Austin. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of N Gregg. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on S Hwy 87 and Overton Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on Business 20 and Airpark Entrance. No one was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Support Groups

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.

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In 2001, Dentistry From The Heart started with Dr. Vincent Monticciolo as a way to giving back to the community and provide aid to the growing number of Americans without dental insurance. Dentistry From The Heart has grown to include over 200 annual events nationwide and around the world. More than 80,000 people have now been served - Free Extractions, Fillings and Cleanings are offered.

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SALE

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close to nothing, we still want others to be able to enjoy their purchases."

Staulcup also mentioned that there will be something for everyone at the sale.

"We will have children's books, youth books and teenage books. We will have books on cooking, how to cook, autobiographies, and more,"

said Stallcup. "We really encourage the public to get out and come stop by the Library's Basement to see what we have in store this year."

If you have any book donations, they can be dropped off at the Howard County Library at 500 S. Main between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information about the sale or about the Friends of the Library, please contact Staulcup at 270-3560 or 263-4980.

FOOD

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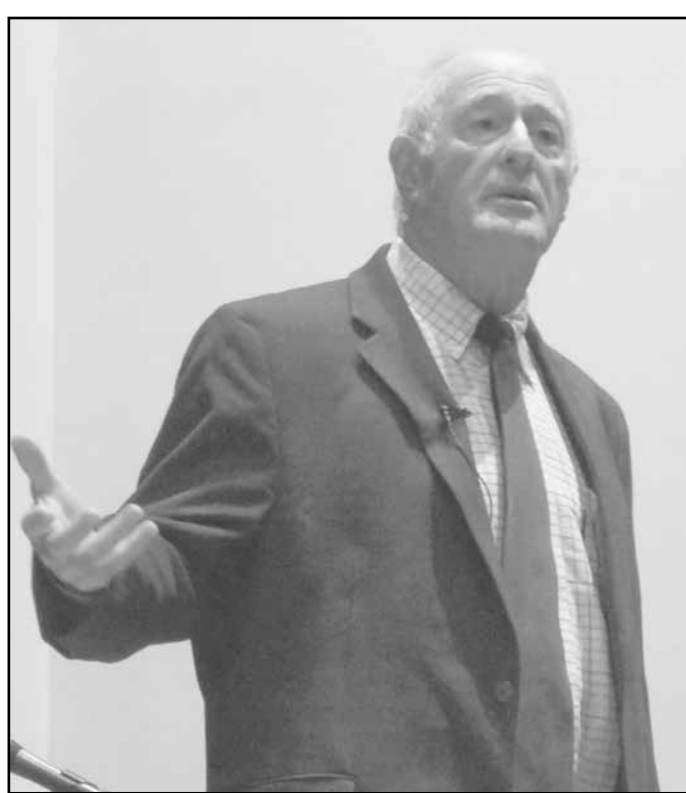
district. We encourage the community to get out and help with this worthy cause."

Food2Kids Big Spring is a nonprofit organization that provides weekend food to elementary students during the school year. The food sacking schedule for the 2018-2019 school year is as follows:

- Tuesday, Sept. 11th
- Monday, October 1st
- Tuesday, October 2nd
- Monday, November 5th
- Tuesday, November 6th
- (There will be no sacking in December)
- Monday, January 7th
- Tuesday, January 8th
- Monday, February 4th
- Tuesday, February 5th
- Monday, March 4th
- Tuesday, March 5th
- Monday, April 1st

Food2Kids can always use volunteers to help them sack all of the food for the kids. If you would like to help, just show up at the old Lakeview High School on any of the dates listed above. To get to the old Lakeview High School, drive North on Gregg St. past Carlos Restaurant to the traffic light at Sgt. Paredes St. Turn left. Follow Sgt. Paredes street all the way to the end, where you will see a lake, and then turn to the right. The school is up the street about a block on the left side. If you would like to donate, please send your donation to Food2Kids, PO Box 1641, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

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



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

State Senator Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) spoke on subjects ranging from education to health care, taxes, and other topics before fielding questions from the audience at a town hall meeting Monday morning, held at Howard College's Hall Center for the Arts.

SELIGER

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Wilkerson went to Texas Tech, which would make his activities particularly interesting, going back those years, and it would be a good story, but we won't get into it. That's for y'all to do."

Seliger spoke first on the status of the state's educational system.

"First of all, I think it's still the largest part of the budget - bigger than Medicaid - are public schools. Certainly, we want to talk about public schools and higher education," he said. "We need a new funding formula for public schools. What we've got is old, it really doesn't work anymore. I don't think it serves schools, it doesn't serve faculties, it doesn't serve kids in school anymore, and it's about \$40 billion a year. We've got to do something about the old 'Robin Hood' system that went in place in 1996. It's doing a great deal more disservice than it is service to the people in the state of Texas. We can no longer have a system because of property taxes where people are taxed in one community to pay for schools in another."

Health care costs were also on Seliger's agenda.

"Cost of health care continues to go up," he said. "There's going to be an announcement today about a big merger with two big health care systems downstate, and people are making a big deal out of it, to which I can say - well, I'm not going to say it to them - 'Big deal! What's it going to change? What's it going to do to the cost of health care? I bet you, nothing.' And that's the biggest problem that we've got. For everyone here who's either a governmental or private employer, your health care costs are going to continue to go up, because there's nothing there to stop it. We have a lot of discussions about health care that are not about health care, they're about health care insurance. Who's going to pay for it? So that discussion will continue to go on."

One big component of health care is mental health care, Seliger said.

"In the last session, we had a plan to put - I think it was \$713 million into primarily state hospitals. Places like Rusk and Vernon are not in good shape. At the end of the day, we only had \$300 million to put into that," he said. "We're going to do some more work on those things, getting some new beds in Dallas and Houston. But what people have not taken into account is, we need some new beds in West Texas, because right now, if the judge has a civil commitment to do, it may not be in Big Spring. It may be somewhere else, if there's a bed available. We have a big problem with forensic or law enforcement beds, because the police or sheriff's department right here in Howard County have a forensic or law enforcement-related commitment right now, there may not be a bed in Big Spring. It takes two deputies for however long to get them to Rusk or Wichita Falls or wherever, at enormous expense. In a rural sheriff's department, think about what that does, if you only have two or three deputies. We're going to have to address that, and it's going to be substantially expensive."

Seliger said he would like to see more Texas Department of Transportation projects being built in West Texas.

"I get as many complaints over all the cones and barrels as I do when there are no cones and barrels - no work being done. I don't get that, because I want more cones and barrels. I want more money being spent here of the billions and billions of additional dollars

that we give to TxDOT, I want to see more of it spent here. I don't know how much more. I can't give you the formula. But I think it's tremendously important. You can tell how badly we need it. We're in a period of time in West Texas because of a growth in industrial activity - agricultural activity has always been strong - our usage of roads has gone up tremendously."

Seliger also addressed the topic of property taxes.

"We talk a lot about taxes. We talk about them all the time," he said. "Clearly there's concern there. There are flaws in the property tax system. We have chosen the tax system that we have, and it is not a progressive system. It relies for local stuff very heavily on property taxes. So we get into endless debates about appraisals and rates, appraisal caps and rate caps. We were talking about it, and I was doing - I think it was Rotary up in Parmer County, up in Bovina - and the judge made this point. From a purely fiscal standpoint, that if they had a 4-percent appraisal cap, if they wanted to give county employees a 3-percent raise, which is pretty modest, and they had a deputy's car goes into a ditch, they couldn't give the raise and replace the car with the 4-percent appraisal cap. They just couldn't do it. God help them if they had to replace a road grader at a couple of hundred thousand dollars."

During the audience questions portion of the Town Hall meeting, Seliger heard suggestions for using veterans to provide school security and legalizing and taxing marijuana to help pay school expenses. Scenic Mountain Medical Center CEO Emma Krabill spoke to the senator about the need state support of health care and wellness programs rather than "sick care." Big Spring's Raul Marquez addressed the senator about Senate Bill 2119, which Seliger co-authored. The bill addressed the law which guarantees the top 10 percent of graduates from any high school automatic admission to any state school. Admission of these automatically admitted students at any one state college is currently limited to 75 percent of the school's incoming freshman class. Seliger's bill would have reduced that limitation to 30 percent of the freshman class.

Other questions were addressed to the senator regarding the state "rainy day fund" which contains \$12 billion - "It's not just silly, it's poor money management," Seliger said; county services; and flaws in the effective tax rate calculation system.

From Big Spring, Seliger will travel to conduct another town hall meeting in Glasscock County.

For more information, visit www.kelseliger.com.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

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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. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Amanda Heffington, 38, died Saturday. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Hailey Richmond, 15, died Thursday. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Life Church.

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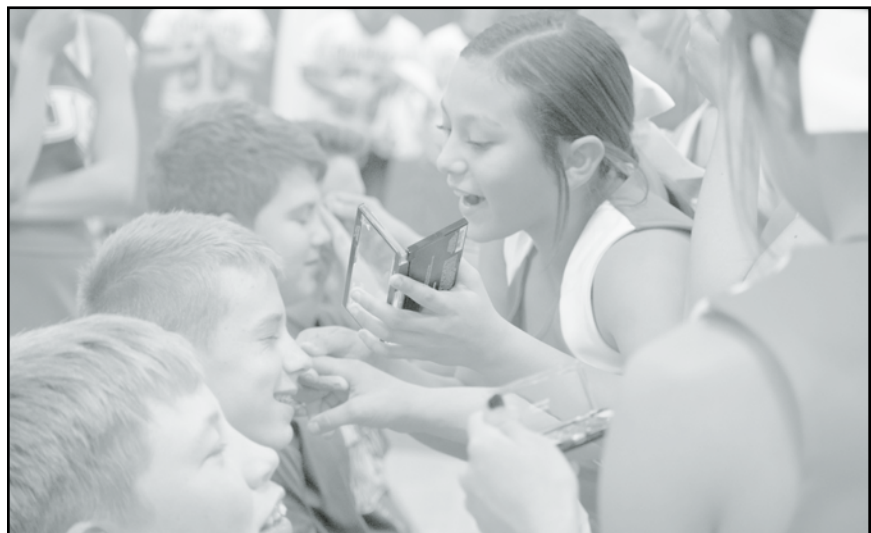
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COAHOMA HOMECOMING 2018



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody
Coahoma High School varsity Bulldogs Gage Clark, left, Zack Schneider, and Braxton Chandler sing the high school song during the annual 2018 homecoming bonfire held Tuesday night, Sept. 25, 2018, in Coahoma.



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody
Some football boys received a makeover at the first CJHS pep rally of the year held Thursday. Cheerleaders Karleigh Burt, Maci Olivas, Sophia Biddison, Maddie Cervantes were happy to help with the process. Bottom photo: McCray Jacobs, Billy Bailey, Tanner Purcell receive a home coming makeover Thursday during the first CJHS pep rally held Thursday.



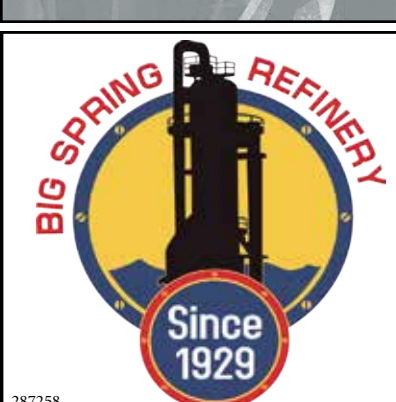
Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody
Isaac Murillo (left photo), wide receiver and defensive linebacker for the Coahoma varsity football team, visits with some young Bulldog fans during lunch at the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria Friday. Bulldog offensive and defensive linebacker Grayson Glidewell (right photo) helps a third grader with his project during school Friday. The varsity Bulldog football team visited with elementary kids during homecoming week.



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody
Gage Clark (top photo), CHS wide receiver and defensive linebacker, reads to a group of Coahoma Elementary School children. Bulldog wide receiver and linebacker Bubba Duenes (bottom photo) reads to Coahoma Elementary School children Friday.



Courtesy photos
Group of photos on the left: (top left photo) Dressed as mathletes, Ava and Livi Baccari, Coahoma ISD elementary students, were ready to take on the the athletes on Monday, Sept. 24, for Mathletes vs Athletes during homecoming week. Are you a little bit country, or a little bit rock & roll? That was the question these Coahoma ISD elementary students were trying to answer on Tuesday, Sept. 25, during Country vs Pop (top right). It was Villians vs. Heroes last Thursday (bottom photo). Junior High staff Janet Page, left, Ashley Roberts, and Kynzi Kaczyk played the villains for the day while high school staff, Teresa Kilpatrick, Dena Smith, and Lisa Porras were Coahoma superheroes.



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Texas GOP hopes to benefit from straight-ticket voting

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Republicans are hoping the party's candidates will ride out momentum from a re-energized Democratic Party with the help of straight-ticket voters.

Texas is among eight states that offer "straight-ticket" voting, a shortcut that allows residents to automatically register votes for a single party's candidates in every race. The ballot option will be phased out after November, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Nearly two-thirds of voters in Texas' most populous counties automatically voted the full Democrat or Republican ticket in the last two major elec-

tions, according to Center for Public Policy and Political Studies research at Austin Community College.

Political analysts predict the practice will create a safety net this year for Republican candidates. Straight-ticket voting has proven to help Texas Republicans sweep elections over the past two decades.

Republican Sen. Ted Cruz is counting on straight-ticket voters in the highly anticipated race against Democratic Rep. Beto O'Rourke, said Peck Young, director of Center for Public Policy and Political Studies.

"Cruz isn't up there

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Baylor Scott & White Health, Memorial Hermann plan to merge

DALLAS (AP) — Two major not-for-profit health care providers in Texas plan to merge with a goal of improved patient care and more cost-effective services.

Officials with Baylor Scott & White Health and Memorial Hermann Health System on Monday announced their respective boards have signed a letter of intent. Financial terms weren't immediately released on the deal expected to be completed next year.

The systems current-

ly have about 73,000 employees in more than 30 Texas counties with 68 hospital campuses. The combined operation, with a new name to be determined, would have executive and support staff based in Austin, Dallas, Houston and Temple.

The statement from Baylor Scott & White and Memorial Hermann notes both health care systems have strong ties to the academic community, for continued training and research.

Texas surf resort tested after 'brain-eating amoeba' death

WACO, Texas (AP) — Health officials have conducted tests at a landlocked surf resort in Central Texas after a man who visited there died from what is known as a "brain-eating amoeba."

Waco-McLennan County Public Health District spokesman Kelly Craine told The Associated Press on Monday that results of testing by a team from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are expected later this week.

Craine said BSR Cable Park's Surf Resort voluntarily closed as health officials investigate. Fabrizio Stabile, a 29-year-old from New Jersey, died Sept. 21 after falling ill with Naegleria (nee-GLYHR'yah) fowleri (FOW-lur-eye), a rare but highly deadly amoeba.

The CDC says people are typically infected when they go diving or swimming in warm freshwater places like lakes and rivers.

Former Dallas officer who shot unarmed man may be retried

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas County District Attorney's Office says it plans to retry a former suburban Dallas police officer for the shooting of an unarmed black man.

Fired Mesquite officer Derick Wiley went on trial last month for the November 2017 shooting that wounded Lyndo Jones, but a Dallas County jury on Thursday said it was deadlocked after 10 hours of deliberation.

Jones had been sitting in his pickup prior to the gunfire and was shot in the back twice after he started to run. Police video shows Jones had pleaded with Wiley, who is black, to not shoot just before the gunfire.

A defense lawyer said Wiley, after being led to believe Jones was stealing from the truck, was forced to make a split-second decision.

Trump says he supports 'comprehensive' FBI Kavanaugh probe

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE and MICHAEL BALSAMO**
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Monday he wants the FBI to do a "comprehensive" investigation into allegations of sexual misconduct by Brett Kavanaugh. But he also said he stands by his Supreme Court nominee "all the way."

Trump said during a Rose Garden press conference that he wants the probe to wrap up quickly because the accusations have been "so unfair" to Kavanaugh and his family. But he said it's fine with him if the FBI wants to pursue accusations made by three women who have publicly come forward even as he has left the scope of the investigation to Senate Republicans.

"My White House will do whatever the senators want," Trump said. "The one thing I want is speed." The president added, "We don't want to go on a witch hunt, do we?"

Trump also said he was surprised Kavanaugh has been so open about his beer drinking, one area



AP photo
Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh testifies during the Senate Judiciary Committee, Thursday, Sept. 27, 2018 on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Democrats are planning to focus on as they question whether the nominee was fully truthful in his testimony before the Senate.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., mocked the questions about Kavanaugh's drinking in high school and college and accused Democrats of "moving the goalpost" in a bid to stop the nomination. He pledged that the Senate will be voting on Kavanaugh this week.

"The time for endless delay and obstruction has come to a close," he said.

The White House insisted it was not "micro-managing" the review of Kavanaugh's background, but some Democratic lawmakers claimed the White House was keeping investigators from interviewing certain witnesses.

Trump tweeted that no matter how much time and discretion the FBI was given, "it will never be enough" for Democrats trying to keep Kavanaugh off the bench.

The Democratic leader, Sen. Chuck Schumer of

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Christian TV network enters world of 24-hour news



AP photo
In this April 2, 2018 file photo, CEO of Christian Broadcasting Network and son of founder Pat Robertson, Gordon Robertson, speaks during an interview at CBN headquarters in Virginia Beach, Va.

By **BEN FINLEY**
 Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — A Christian TV network is entering the crowded world of 24-hour news broadcasting at a time when the mainstream news media is under increasing attack by President Donald Trump and some of his supporters, many of them evangelicals.

The Christian Broadcasting Network's news channel will provide a religious perspective that other channels lack, CEO Gordon Robertson told The Associated Press in an interview in advance of the network's formal launch Monday.

The CBN News Channel, to air on local televi-

sion stations in 15 U.S. cities, will produce original programming and commentary on everything from the power of prayer to Justin Bieber's faith and Christian persecution in the Middle East, Robertson said last week.

Robertson, son of evangelist Pat Robertson, said he wants the channel to bring people together. But it is making its debut in an increasingly fractured media landscape and divided nation. Trump sometimes uses evangelical outlets to reach supporters, while shunning other news outlets.

"Trump's modus operandi is not essentially

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Discoveries that revolutionized cancer care win Nobel Prize



AP photo
In this Sept. 18, 2015 file photo Dr. James P. Allison, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, poses for a photo in New York. James P. Allison and Tasuku Honjo are jointly awarded the Nobel Prize in medicine or physiology Monday, Oct. 1, 2018.

By **JIM HEINTZ and LAURAN NEERGAARD**
 Associated Press

Two researchers from the U.S. and Japan won the Nobel Prize in medicine on Monday for discoveries that have revolutionized cancer care, turning the body's immune system loose to fight tumors in an approach credited with saving an untold number of lives.

James Allison of the University of Texas M.D.

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Can wireless challenge cable for home internet service?



This April 23, 2018, file photo shows the logo for Verizon above a trading post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

By MAE ANDERSON

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK — Cellular companies such as Verizon are looking to challenge traditional cable companies with residential internet service that promises to be ultra-fast, affordable and wireless.

Using an emerging wireless technology known as 5G, Verizon's 5G Home service provides an alternative to cable for connecting laptops, phones, TVs and other devices over Wi-Fi. It launches in four U.S. cities on Monday.

Verizon won't be matching cable companies on packages that also

come with TV channels and home phone service. But fewer people have been subscribing to such bundles anyway, as they embrace streaming services such as Netflix for video and cellphone services instead of landline.

"That's the trend that cable has been having problems with for several years, and a trend that phone companies can take advantage of," Gartner analyst Bill Menezes said.

That's if the wireless companies can offer a service that proves affordable and effective.

T-Mobile and Sprint are also planning a residential 5G service as part of their merger proposal, though

few details are known.

Verizon's broadband-only service will cost \$70 a month, with a \$20 discount for Verizon cellular customers. According to Leichtman Research Group, the average price for broadband internet is about \$60, meaning only some customers will be saving money.

Even so, Verizon can try to win over some customers with promises of reliability.

Verizon says its service will be much faster than cable. That means downloading a two-hour movie in high definition in two minutes rather

than 21. The service promises to let families play data-intensive games and watch video on multiple devices at once, with little or no lag.

"The things that really matter to a customer are how fast it is and how reliable it is," longtime telecom analyst Dave Burstein said. In tests of Verizon's 5G so far, he said, "reliability is proving out quite nicely."

Verizon could also capitalize on many people's frustration with their cable companies. Consumer Reports magazine says customers have long been unhappy with

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to reach out to new audiences, but to create division and polarization to energize his base," said Mark Ward, an associate professor of communication at the University of Houston-Victoria, who writes about evangelical mass media.

"If that's your strategy and evangelicals are such a huge part of your base, why would you not use the media organs that are available?" Ward said.

Pat Robertson helped revolutionize religious TV through the Christian Broadcasting Network. He also ran for president in 1988 and worked to galvanize conservative Christians into a political force in the 1990s.

Last year, Trump told Pat Robertson on his show, "The 700 Club," that he has "a tremendous audience."

"You have people that I love, the evangelicals," Trump said.

David Brody, CBN's chief political analyst in Washington, also has interviewed the president as well as Vice President Mike Pence and Attorney General Jeff Sessions, among others in the White House. Brody recently co-authored the book, "The Faith of Donald J. Trump."

Critics have accused Brody and the elder Robertson of being less than objective.

"Brody has bragged about having unprecedented access to this White House, which makes sense because he's throwing them softballs," said Kyle Mantyla, a senior fellow for the liberal organization People For the American Way, which runs the Right Wing Watch project.

Gordon Robertson said critics are missing the point.

"What I think is missing is an opportunity for someone to come in and just tell their story from their point of view, not give it an angle, not try to be argumentative," he said. "I think we've been criticized for allowing

people to speak. But from my point of view, we want that."

For the past two decades, CBN has produced shows and run them on the ABC Family channel, now known as Freeform, as well as CBN's own online platforms.

Many of those shows will run on the new channel, which is airing on the sub-channels that local stations started broadcasting after switching to a digital signal.

Among the shows included in the news channel's lineup are "Jerusalem Dateline" which will focus on Israel, and "Faith Nation" which is centered on politics. The channel also will provide programming about healthy living and entertainment, Gordon Robertson said.

Those profiled by CBN include Kim Davis, the Kentucky clerk who went to jail in 2015 for refusing to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. The network also has been monitoring the story of Andrew Brunson, a U.S. pastor detained in Turkey on charges of espionage and terrorism-related crimes.

The battle over Brett Kavanaugh, Trump's U.S. Supreme Court nominee, fueled much of the channel's news shows last month during its soft launch in a handful of U.S. cities.

"We don't always sit here and say, 'Is there a Bible story that corresponds with this today?'" news director Rob Allman said during an interview last week at CBN's studios in Virginia Beach. CBN also has studios in Washington and Jerusalem.

CBN is launching the new channel in part to appeal to a growing number of viewers who cancel cable subscriptions in favor of streaming services and free broadcast TV.

The nonprofit channel's success will mostly depend on donations, not advertisements.

Most donors are older and like to watch TV.

"There's something that happens to people after the age of 50," Gordon Robertson said, "where they start thinking about legacy and they start thinking about eternity."

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trying to persuade soft, non-straight ticket voters to vote for him," Young said. "Cruz is solidifying the Republican base. Everything is said to maximize the Republican straight-ticket vote."

Attorney General Ken Paxton also could benefit from a straight-ticket

ballot. The Republican faces felony charges of securities fraud that won't be resolved before the election.

Straight-ticket voting hasn't favored Texas Democrats in the last two decades, but this year could be an exception. Nearly half of the straight-ticket voters in 2016 cast ballots for Democrats, an 8 percent increase compared to the 2014 gubernatorial race.

Continued growth could raise the possibility of Democrats unseating otherwise popular Republican incumbents, such as state Rep. Sarah Davis and state Sen. Joan Huffman in Houston.

"It's about who turns out," said Manny Garcia, deputy executive director of the Texas Democratic Party.

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New York, stressed the importance of conducting a "serious, impartial and thorough" FBI investigation into the allegations against Kavanaugh. He praised Trump for saying there will be no limits on the investigation, but said the order to the FBI needs to be made public "so the whole country" can see it.

FBI agents have interviewed one of the three women who have accused Kavanaugh of sexual misconduct. Senators have asked that the background investigation be completed by Friday.

Even as the FBI explored the past allegations that have surfaced against Kavanaugh, another Yale University classmate came forward to accuse the federal appellate judge of being untruthful in his testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee about the extent of his drinking in college.

As the fresh review unfolded, the prosecutor who was brought in by Republicans to handle questioning at last week's hearing outlined in a new memo why she did not believe criminal charges would be brought against Kavanaugh if it were a criminal case rather than a Supreme Court confirmation process. Rachel Mitchell wrote that she did not believe a "reasonable prosecutor would bring this case based on the evidence before the Committee."

Mitchell argued that that there were inconsistencies in accuser Christine Blasey Ford's narrative and said no one has corroborated Ford's account. Ford, a California college professor, was not questioned as part of a criminal proceeding but in the confirmation process.

In speaking to FBI agents, Deborah Ramirez detailed her allegation that Kavanaugh exposed himself to her at a party in the early 1980s when they were students at Yale University, according to a person familiar with the matter who was not authorized to publicly discuss details of a confidential investigation.

Kavanaugh has denied Ramirez's allegation.

The person familiar with Ramirez's questioning, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said she also provided investigators with the names of others who she said could corroborate her account.

But Ford, who says Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her when they were teenagers, has not been contacted by the FBI since Trump on Friday ordered the agency to take another look at the nominee's background, according to a member of Ford's team.

Kavanaugh has denied assaulting Ford.

In a statement released Sunday, a Yale classmate of Kavanaugh's said he is "deeply troubled by what has been a blatant mischaracterization by Brett himself of his drinking at Yale." Charles "Chad" Ludington, who now teaches at North Carolina State University, said he was a friend of Kavanaugh's at Yale and that Kavanaugh was "a frequent drinker, and a heavy drinker."

"On many occasions I heard Brett slur his words and saw him staggering from alcohol consumption, not all of which was beer. When Brett got drunk, he was often belligerent and aggressive," Ludington said. While saying that youthful drinking should not condemn a person for life, Ludington said he was concerned about Kavanaugh's statements under oath before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Speaking to the issue of the scope of the FBI's investigation, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said White House counsel Don McGahn, who is managing Kavanaugh's nomination, "has allowed the Senate to dictate what these terms look like, and what the scope of the investigation is."

Senate Judiciary Committee member Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., requested an investigation last Friday — after he and other Republicans on the panel voted along strict party lines in favor of Kavanaugh's confirmation — as a condition for his own subsequent vote to put Kavanaugh on the Supreme Court.

Another committee member, Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said Sunday that testimony would be taken from Ramirez and Kavanaugh's high school friend Mark Judge, who has been named by two of three women accusing Kavanaugh of sexual misconduct.

"I think that will be the scope of it. And that should be the scope of it," Graham said on ABC's "This Week."

Sen. Susan Collins said Sunday she is confident in the investigation and "that the FBI will follow up on any leads that result from the interviews." The Maine Republican is among a few Republican and Democratic senators who have not announced a position on Kavanaugh.

Republicans have 51 seats in the closely divided 100-member Senate and cannot afford to lose more than one vote on confirmation.

At least three women have accused Kavanaugh of years-ago misconduct. He denies all the claims.

The third woman, Julie Swetnick, accused Kavanaugh and Judge of excessive drinking and inappropriate treatment of women in the early 1980s, among other accusations. Kavanaugh has called her accusations a "joke." Judge has said he "categorically" denies the allegations.

Swetnick's attorney, Michael Avenatti, said Saturday that his client had not been contacted by the FBI but was willing to cooperate with investigators.

Ford also has said Judge was in the room when a drunken Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her. Judge has said he will cooperate with any law enforcement agency that will "confidentially investigate" sexual misconduct allegations against him and Kavanaugh. Judge has also denied misconduct allegations.

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perceived weak customer service, high prices and hidden fees.

The residential 5G service is part of a broader upgrade in wireless technology.

Verizon has spent billions of dollars for rights to previously unused radio waves at the high end of the frequency spectrum. It's a short-range signal, ideal for city blocks and apartment buildings, but less so for sprawling suburbs or rural communities. That's why Verizon is pushing residential service first, while AT&T is building a more traditional cellular network for people on the go, using radio waves at the lower end.

AT&T is aiming to launch its 5G mobile network this year in 12 cities, including Atlanta and Charlotte, North Carolina. Dish also has plans for a 5G network, but it's focused on connecting the so-called "Internet of Things," everything from laundry machines to parking meters, rather than cellphones or residential broadband.

Sprint tried to introduce residential wireless service before, using a technology called WiMax, but it failed to gain many subscribers as LTE trumped WiMax as the dominant cellular technology. This time, Verizon is using the same 5G technology that will eventually make its way into 5G cellular networks.

The Verizon service will start in parts of Houston, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, and Sacramento, California.

"These are small areas but significant," said Ronan Dunne, president of Verizon Wireless. "Tens of thousands of homes, not hundreds of thousands of homes." Eventually, Verizon projects 30 million homes in the U.S. will be eligible, though there's no

timeline.

For now, Verizon isn't planning to hit markets where it already has its cable-like Fios service. Verizon stopped expanding Fios around 2010, in part because it was expensive to dig up streets and lay fiber-optic lines. Verizon can build 5G more cheaply because it can use the same towers available for cellular service.

That said, Verizon might not recoup its costs if it ends up drawing only customers who stand to save money over cable, said John Horrigan, a broadband expert at the Technology Policy Institute.

And while Verizon says the new network will be able to handle lots of devices at once, anyone who's tried to use a phone during concerts and conferences will know that the airwaves can get congested quickly.

What Verizon's service won't do is extend high-speed internet access to rural America, where many households can't get broadband at all, let alone competition. Cable and other companies haven't found it profitable to extend wires to remote parts of the country. But Verizon will face the same problem, given that its short-range signal will require several wireless towers closer together. That's feasible only in densely populated areas.

That's not good enough, said Harold Feld, senior vice president of the advocacy group Public Knowledge. He said internet service at reasonable prices is "fundamental" for all Americans — not just those who live in populated areas.

T-Mobile and Sprint want to jointly create a 5G network that would also offer residential wireless broadband, but not for a few years. In seeking regulatory approval, the companies say 20 percent to 25 percent of subscribers will be in rural areas that have limited access to broadband. But the companies offered no details on how they would do so. T-Mobile and Sprint declined to comment.

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Anderson Cancer Center and Tasuku Honjo of Kyoto University learned how cancer can put the brakes on the immune system — and how to release those brakes.

Their work, conducted separately during the 1990s, led to the development of drugs known as "checkpoint inhibitors," first used to treat the deadly skin cancer melanoma but now used for a growing list of advanced-stage tumors.

The drugs marked an entirely new way to treat tumors, a kind of immunotherapy that doctors could add to their standard arsenal of surgery, radiation and chemotherapy.

The research was "a landmark in our fight against cancer," the Nobel Assembly of Sweden's Karolinska Institute said in announcing the award. The two scientists will share the 9-million-kronor (\$1.01 million) prize.

"Not all patients respond to this, but for the ones that do, it has made a huge difference to their lives," Dr. Arlene Sharpe, co-chair of microbiology and immunobiology at Harvard Medical School, told The Associated Press. "There are patients over a decade ago who had an incredibly poor prognosis and now, a decade out, they are living normal lives."

Dr. Jedd Wolchok, chief of the melanoma and immunotherapeutics service at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York, said: "An untold number of lives ... have been saved by the science that they pioneered."

Indeed, a drug based on Honjo's research was used to treat former President Jimmy Carter, who was diagnosed in 2015 with melanoma that had spread to his brain. A year later, he announced he no longer needed treatment.

Allison, 70, who was in New York hotel for a scientific meeting, said at a news conference that the Nobel committee evidently had trouble reaching him to break the news. But his cellphone lit up with a call from his son at 5:30 a.m., when the names of the winners were released.

And soon, "there were people beating on my door at 6 in the morning with Champagne," he



AP photo

Tasuku Honjo of Kyoto University speaks during a press conference in Kyoto, western Japan after he was awarded the Nobel Prize in medicine Monday, Oct. 1, 2018.

said.

At a news conference in Kyoto, Honjo, 76, told how a member of his golf club once walked up to thank him for the discovery that was used to treat his lung cancer.

"He told me, 'Thanks to you I can play golf again,'" he recalled. "That was a blissful moment. A comment like that makes me happier than any prize."

Scientists had been trying for a century to harness the immune system against cancer, but it was a struggle. Normally, key immune system soldiers called T cells seek out and attack invaders. But for poorly understood reasons, it was hard to rev them up against cancer.

In an interview Monday, Allison said he wasn't trying to cure cancer but to understand how T cells work when, at the University of California, Berkeley, he was studying a protein named CTLA-4. He learned that the protein could put the brakes on T cells, creating what's called an immune "checkpoint."

He then created an antibody that blocked the protein's action — in other words, it released the brakes so the T cells could do their job.

Working separately, Honjo discovered another protein, called PD-1, that also puts the brakes on T cells' ability to attack cancer, but in a somewhat different way.

Allison's research led to development of the drug Yervoy, approved

in 2011 after studies showed it extended the survival of some patients with late-stage melanoma. A few years later, developers created drugs that release the PD-1 brake Honjo discovered — Keytruda and Opdivo, now commonly advertised on TV.

Allison said the biggest challenge with immunotherapy now is to learn why it helps some patients but not others — and how to combine it with traditional therapies to improve outcomes and reduce side effects.

"It's a great emotional privilege to meet cancer patients who've been successfully treated with immune checkpoint blockade. They are living proof of the power of basic science," he said in a statement.

His research also inspired the name of the Checkpoints, a musical group of cancer researchers for which Allison plays harmonica.

The Nobel in physics will be announced Tuesday, followed by the award for chemistry on Wednesday and the peace prize on Friday. The prize in economics will be announced next Monday.

No Nobel in literature is being given this year because the Swedish Academy, the body that selects the winner, has been in turmoil after sex abuse and financial scandal allegations.



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Prescott's rookie flashback gives Cowboys building block

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Dak Prescott looked a lot like the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year from two seasons ago in the Dallas Cowboys' win over the Detroit Lions.

The star quarterback had clutch plays, big throws and long completions in a 26-24 win capped by a two-minute drive to the winning field goal as time expired. Considering how rough he and the Dallas offense looked at times through three weeks, it was quite an answer.

The practical part of the victory was getting the Cowboys (2-2) back to .500, tied with defending Super Bowl champion Philadelphia and a half-game behind idle Washington in the NFC East. The affirmation of his resolve can't be underestimated either.

"I know what I can do and I know what kind of player I am, and I never waver and I'm never going to get down on myself," Prescott said. "All of us have good days and bad days, and if all of us were judged by our bad days at our jobs, we'd all be in trouble."

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While Elliott got the headlines with a career-high 240 yards from scrimmage, Prescott filled the role he so often mastered in leading the Cowboys to an NFC-best 13 wins after replacing the injured Tony Romo in 2016.

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free version of Prescott to get back to the playoffs after missing the postseason in his less-than-spectacular encore a year ago.

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AP photo

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) is chased by Detroit Lions linebacker Christian Jones (52) in the second half of an NFL football game in Arlington, Texas, Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018.

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offense, and the search is likely to continue Sunday at Houston (1-3).

Prescott ran quite a bit out of the zone read in a win over the New York Giants. The Cowboys used some no-huddle to find a better tempo against Detroit. And while rookie Michael Gallup had one of the 30-plus-yard catches, he was the only one among the receivers.

That group is still working to see how best to try to replace the lost go-to plays of tight end Jason Witten and the big-play potential of Dez Bryant, who was released in a cost-cutting move in the offseason.

The win over the Lions was the best Prescott has looked in putting passes in places for the new cast of receivers to have an impact. What amounted to the winning throw to Elliott was the best illustration.

"It's been one player, here or there these first three games that we're off and that's the reason we're off," Prescott said. "We still left plays out there, so it's important for us to go back this week and use this confidence and this momentum to go clean these plays up."

NOTES: Coach Jason Garrett said receiver Terrance Williams will return to the team Tuesday after an excused absence going into the weekend. The sixth-year receiver was inactive for the first time. ... Executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones said Elliott was battling bursitis in one of his knees along with an ankle injury. Garrett said his practice participation would be determined during the week.

Texans win but still have more work to do



AP photo

Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson (4) celebrates a touchdown with Martin Rankin (75), Keke Coutee (16) and Jordan Akins (88) during the second half of an NFL football game against the Indianapolis Colts, Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018, in Indianapolis.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — After finally getting their first win this weekend, the Houston Texans know that they still have plenty of work to do if they hope to get on a roll and turn their season around.

The Texans (1-3) squandered an 18-point lead on Sunday before beating the Colts 37-34 in overtime to end a nine-game losing streak going back to last season.

Coming up next is a showdown with in-state rival Dallas, a team that enters the game at 2-2 after a victory over Detroit this weekend.

"There's a lot of things that we need to correct, but when you come out of that game with a win, there's a lot of things that you can look at that you can build on," coach Bill O'Brien said.

The Texans got great performances from defensive ends J.J. Watt and Jadeveon Clowney on Sunday. Watt had two sacks, a tackle for a loss and forced two fumbles. Clowney recovered a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown, had two sacks, four quarterback hits and four tackles for losses.

O'Brien said Sunday was Clowney's best game this season.

"He had a very disruptive game ... it was fun to see him back out there playing that way," O'Brien said. "He did a great job."

Despite the strong play of Watt and Clowney, O'Brien is looking for improvement on defense this week, especially in the secondary after Andrew Luck threw for 464 yards and four touchdowns on Sunday.

The Texans are also searching for ways to better protect Deshaun Watson after the quarterback was sacked seven times by the Colts. The second-

year player has been sacked 17 times this season, which is the second most in the NFL.

Though O'Brien knows that his team must cut down the number of times Watson is getting hit, he was quick to point out that the problem isn't just with the line.

"The sacks are definitely not all the offensive line," he said. "I would say, to be honest with you, the offensive line is probably only responsible for two of those sacks. I think the other five came from missing some assignments here and there at other positions."

Houston's offense took a hit on Sunday when receiver Will Fuller left the game early in the second half with a hamstring injury. Fuller, who has 263 yards receiving and three touchdowns, missed the season opener with an injury to the same hamstring.

O'Brien didn't have an update on his condition on Monday, saying he'd know more later in the week. With Fuller out, the Texans got a strong game from rookie Keke Coutee, who made his debut on Sunday after missing the first three games with an injury. Coutee finished with 11 receptions for 109 yards.

"He's a very, very instinctive guy," O'Brien said. "He's got really good quickness, but he's also got really good speed and he's got strong hands. So, he really did a nice job for us in some key moments that we really needed a play because maybe they were doubling (DeAndre) Hop (Hopkins) or Will wasn't in there."

If Fuller can't go on Sunday, the Texans could lean on Coutee even more this week. O'Brien expects him to take another step forward this week after getting his first game under his belt.

Chiefs capitalize for 27-23 win after Broncos ditch the run

By ARNIE STAPLETON

AP Pro Football Writer

DENVER — The Denver Broncos reeled off big run after big run against the soft underbelly of the Kansas City Chiefs defense.

Phillip Lindsay and Royce Freeman ran roughshod over the Chiefs. Each scored a touchdown and Freeman eluded seven defenders and dragged a linebacker into the end zone on his 14-yard score.

"We ran the ball well," Broncos quarterback Case Keenum said. "We started off so many series just pounding the rock at second-and-1, first-and-10. Even with some loaded boxes that K.C. brought, our offensive line played really well."

"We've got to keep running the ball well. If we keep running the ball like we do, we're going to win a lot of games."

Nobody could stop Lindsay and Freeman Monday night — except Broncos offensive coordinator Bill Musgrave, who abandoned his great ground game at key moments in the Broncos' 27-23 loss.

That included a three-and-out series in which the Broncos lined up in three-receiver sets three times in between the Chiefs' final two drives, both of which ended in touchdowns as Patrick Mahomes rallied the Chiefs (4-0) back from a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit.

Lindsay ran for 69 yards on a dozen carries for 5.8 yards average and Freeman ran for 67 yards on just eight hand-offs, a whopping 8.4-yard average.

Lindsay's long run was 19 yards and both Freeman and speedy wide receiver Emmanuel Sanders reeled off 18-yard runs.

"They ran downhill, but you score points by throwing the football," Broncos coach Vance Joseph said. "We ran the ball to control the game, but you throw the ball to score."

Clinging to a 23-20 lead, the Broncos didn't burn enough clock to keep Mahomes on the sideline and give Denver's exhausted defense enough of a breather.

After a run for no gain, a catch for no gain and a sack, Marquette King shanked a 35-yard punt that gave the Chiefs the ball at midfield for their game-winning drive.

The Chiefs ran well themselves, with Kareem Hunt leading the way with 121 yards on 19 carries.

"It was a big game," Hunt said. "We've been up big on everyone we've played so far. It's good to see where we're at mentally and be able to fight back and come back in the fourth quarter down 10 points. That shows a team that's not going to give up."

Other takeaways from the Chiefs' sixth straight victory over the Broncos:

MAGIC MAHOMES

Patrick Mahomes threw for 304 yards and a touchdown, a 2-yarder to tight end Travis Kelce that sparked the fourth-quarter comeback. That gave him 14 TDs and zero interceptions through the first month of the season.

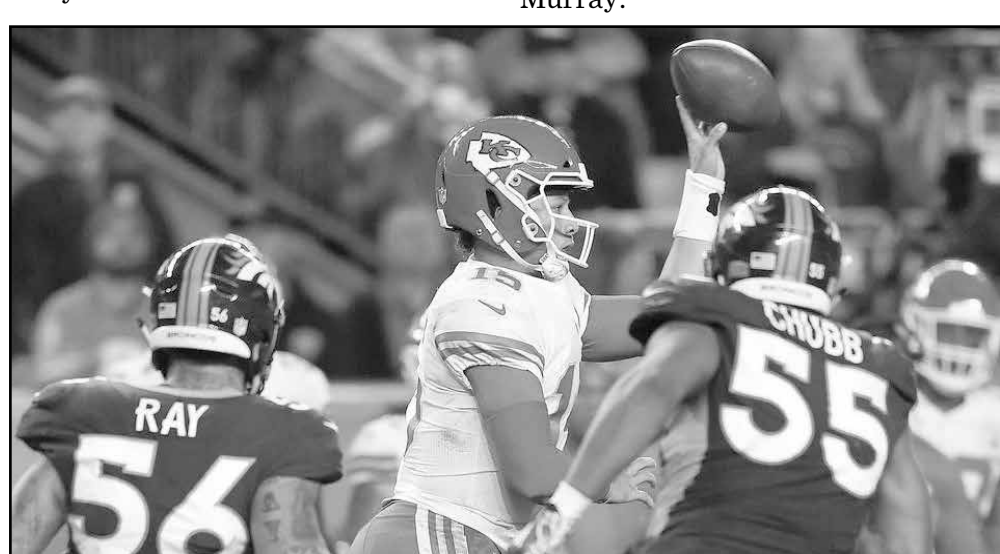
But the play everyone was talking was his 6-yard strike to Tyreek Hill with his left hand while getting pulled down by Von Miller.

"I didn't think about it at all," Mahomes said. "I was just kind of scrambling left, I felt Von on my back and I knew I couldn't throw it with my right hand. I knew we needed the first down, so I kind of shot-putted it to Tyreek. ... You just have to get the ball in their hand somehow."

"It caught me off-guard," Hill said. "I've never seen a quarterback who is right-handed throw the ball left-handed."

Said Hunt: "I thought, is this dude a magician or something? He is doing things that you don't see often."

Or ever, suggested Chiefs safety Eric Murray.



AP photo

Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) throws left-handed for the first down as Denver Broncos linebacker Bradley Chubb (55) and linebacker Shane Ray (56) pursue during the second half of an NFL football game, Monday, Oct. 1, 2018, in Denver.

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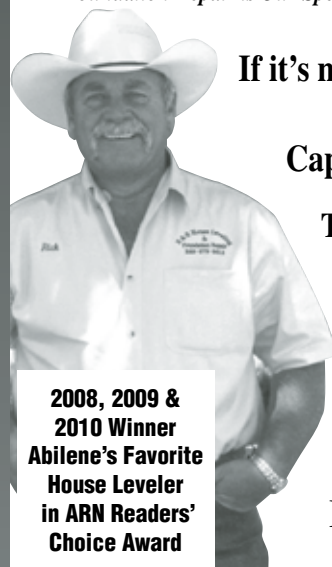
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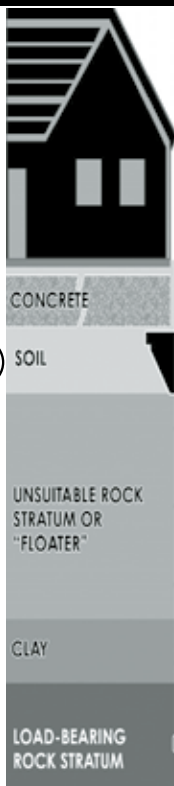
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formation and belief, neither Sonya Drake nor Charles Drake had any children outside of their marriage. On or about May 27, 2014, Sonya Drake executed a Texas Home Equity Security Instrument in favor of Royal United Mortgage, LLC (the HESI) as a single woman. Subsequently, the HESI was assigned to Plaintiff. In connection with 2014 transaction, Royal United Mortgage, LLC paid off a prior lien on the Property held by BBVA Compass Bank in the amount of \$43,977.71. Plaintiff seeks a

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declaration that the HESI is a valid security interest against the Property, and is enforceable per its term. In the alternative, a declaration that the HESI is equitably subrogated to a lien position with the rights and security set forth in pri or lien that was paid off.

Other as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office on this the 5th day of September, 2018.

Legals

COLLEEN BARTON
District Clerk of Howard County, Texas

By: Jury Padron, Deputy

#9895 September 18 & 25, October 2 & 9, 2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Citation Oil & Gas Corp. P.O. Box 690688 Houston, Texas 77269

Legals

Is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into formations which are non-productive and productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the **Grayburg, San Andres, and Glorieta formations** of the **Go Chalk**, Well Number 12.

The proposed injection well is located **6 miles East of Forsan**, in HOWARD GLASSCOCK (CONSOLID-

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ATED) Fields, in **Howard** County.

Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from **2060 to 2963** feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Legals

Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

#9936 October 2, 2018

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury and Pluto Square Off

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Something is going to change. It has to. Now the smart thing to do is to accept that a trade-off will be made, and to look at what's being exchanged. The more tempting thing to do will be to look away and let everything sort itself out. And it will, no doubt. But if you're able to involve yourself, you'll have an advantage going forward.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your mind can either be your ally or your enemy. Choosing helpful thoughts is the habit to cultivate at this critical juncture. Don't expect such thoughts to come naturally. Write them out. Repeat them. It's forced, but it will work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are no free passes for what you want to experience. You'll be glad for this. Hard work forces you to confront and ultimately develop a better connection with your core character.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's something you don't want to do, and yet you really must. So do it first. This will improve the overall quality of your day. Otherwise you'll spend the whole day cozied up to a nagging feeling.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People don't learn with their arms crossed. Learning is a posture. It's a receptive way of being. The learning mind is open and curious, willing to do the things that reinforce the assimilation of knowledge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're capable of deep self-reflection but timing is key. For the most part, you'll keep it light and do what you need to do today. Then tonight, you'll choose your moment and go deeper

into your own motivations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Any feeling you have of being constricted will go away once you reduce your spending. Lower the expenses so you can show a profit, minimize your stress, and have the freedom you've longed for.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The path to success will be built from long strings of kept promises. Of course, the easiest way to keep your promises is to make promises that are easy to, and maybe even a pleasure to, keep.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Neatness will make a difference in your work. It won't make it inherently better, but it will make it more user-friendly, which will lead to more people making use of it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've been drawn to both virtue and vice, and sometimes it's hard to tell the difference. But down deep you know who is good for you and who isn't. Stick with the people who are good for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Not long ago it was you who needed guidance. Now you're the one giving it to others. You'll do this with great patience, thoroughness and heart.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're a bit of an impresario today, creating a "show" and selling tickets. On a deeper level, what you're doing is helping others to see what's extraordinary about that ordinary thing that's been there all along.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The past is messier than it looks in the history books. The story we tell looking backward already has an ending. All we have to do is connect the dots in a way that leads up to it. The present has no ending. The story is up for grabs.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 2). You deserve to be appreciated by those who can, want to and need to have you in their lives. That's the shuffle of the next three months. You figure out how you fit in and what has to

happen to make it more effectively so. You're going places together, which is why you need to choose your people very carefully. Aries and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 44, 3, 20 and 16.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I haven't told him outright because I don't want to anger him, but most people understand that when you don't call them back it means you don't want to talk to them! So why does a Leo like me keep getting bothered by stalker types?"

Blame your guiding luminary, the sun, who loves that the rest of the solar system is magnetically drawn into its orbit. Usually the extra bump of attention you get from others works well for you. The problem occurs when you believe you're obligated to behave in a way that's nicer than you feel on the inside. People who push natural boundaries and invade your time, space and energy are not being nice. Social interaction is always an exchange. When someone violates your exchange rate, they are stealing from you. See them as thieves and protect yourself accordingly. Put an emotional fence around your house and have rules for who gets in the gate. Think about those rules and write them down. As for your current stalker, that's what call blocking is for.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Annie Leibovitz recently put out a retrospective of her work in book form, "Annie Leibovitz: Portraits 2005-2016" as well as a popular master class on portraiture. Widely considered to be one of the greatest portrait artists of her time, Leibovitz possesses many of the qualities her sign is known for -- elegance, a love of harmony, an artistic point of view and a real love for her subjects.

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SUDOKU

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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

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

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ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Transmitting the right message

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 7 2
♥ Q 10 5
♦ 8 7 4
♣ A K J 10 5

WEST
♠ A Q 9 8 3
♥ 6
♦ A K 10 5 2
♣ 8 3

EAST
♠ 6 5 4
♥ 9 4 3 2
♦ Q J 9
♣ 9 6 4

SOUTH
♠ K J 10
♥ A K J 8 7
♦ 6 3
♣ Q 7 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	2♣	Pass
3♣	3♦	3♥	Pass
4♥			

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Through the years, numerous agreements have been devised to help make the task of defending easier. When the right situation comes along, they can be worth their weight in gold.

Consider this case from a duplicate game. At most tables, North-South played in four hearts, and the opening lead was uniformly the king of diamonds (or the ace, promising the king). Whether the contract was defeated then depended on how well

the defense functioned.

At those tables where East played the nine at trick one, West continued with the ace (or king) and another diamond. South ruffed, drew trumps and finished with 10 tricks, discarding two spades on dummy's clubs.

At several tables, however, East found the far more illuminating play of the queen of diamonds on the opening trick. West then led a low diamond to East's jack, whereupon a spade shift sank the contract.

There is no question that both plays — the nine and the queen — made by the various Easts to the first trick would normally be construed as signals for a diamond continuation. But one obviously worked far better than the other.

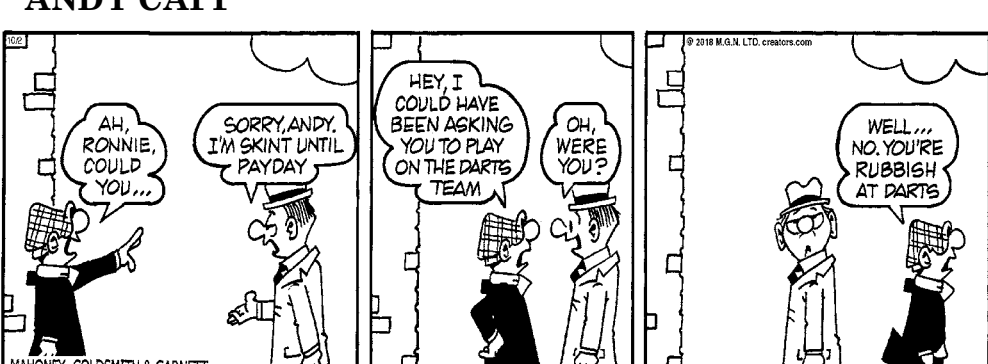
This is because the play of the nine can be made with a doubleton small diamond as well as with the queen. If East had been dealt, say, the doubleton 9-6 of diamonds, the play of K-A and another diamond would defeat the contract, while a low diamond lead by West at trick two would be disastrous.

Signaling with the queen solved this problem. Conventionally, it promised the ability to win the next diamond lead, either because East had the jack or the singleton queen, giving the defenders an easy route to scoring the first four tricks.

Tomorrow: Choosing which suit to establish.

	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	KWWT (14) Odessa	KWES2 (15) Midland	WTBS (33) Atlanta	TNT (34) Atlanta	ESPN (35) Sports	ESPN2 (36) Sports	FSN (38) Sports	USA (55) New York	A&E (58) New York	DISC (60) Discovery
5:PM	Big 2	P. Luche	Broke Girl	CBS 7	Tele	News	Dollars	Focus	Mama's	American	Fam. Guy	Wrecked	SportsCenter	Around	Football	Mod Fam	The First 48	Vegas Rat
5:30	ABC	Noticiero	Mom	CBS	Noticias	News	Shofar	Business	Jeff'sons	American	Fam. Guy	Wrecked	Pardon	Stars In.	Mod Fam	The First 48	Rat Rods	
6:PM	Jeopardy!	Rosa de	Big Bang	CBS 7	Exatlón	News	Our Mess	PBS News-	M'A'S'H	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Wrecked	Baseball	NFL Live	Red River	Mod Fam	The First 48	Rat Rods
6:30	Wheel	Guadalupe	Big Bang	ET	Estados Unidos	News	House	Hour	M'A'S'H	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Wrecked	Tonight	Classic Games	Mod Fam	The First 48	Rat Rods	
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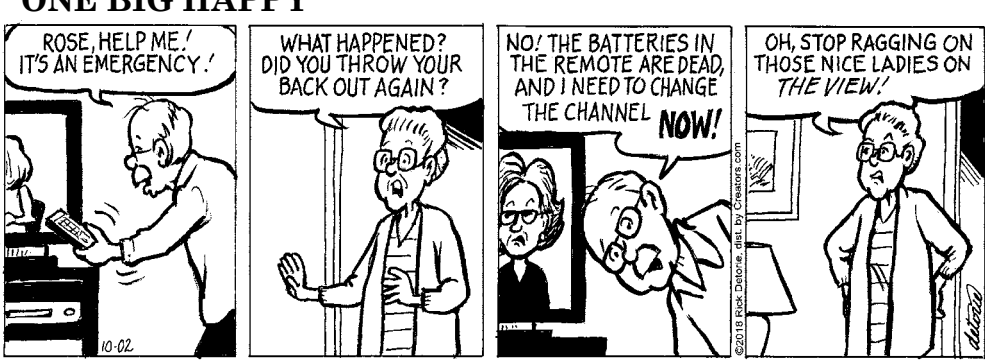
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ONE BIG HAPPY



NEST HEAD



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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 2, the 275th day of 2018. There are 90 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 2, 1944, German troops crushed the two-month-old Warsaw Uprising, during which a quarter of a million people had been killed.

On this date:

In 1780, British spy John Andre was hanged in Tappan, New York, during the Revolutionary War.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson suffered a serious stroke at the White House that left him paralyzed on his left side.

In 1941, during World War II, German armies launched an all-out drive against Moscow; Soviet forces succeeded in holding onto their capital.

In 1950, the comic strip "Peanuts," created by Charles M. Schulz, was syndicated to seven newspapers.

In 1967, Thurgood Marshall was sworn as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court as the court opened its new term.

In 1970, one of two chartered twin-engine planes flying the Wichita State University football team to Utah crashed into a mountain near Silver Plume, Colorado, killing 31 of the 40 people on board.

In 1971, the music program "Soul Train" made its debut in national syndication.

In 1984, Richard W. Miller became the first FBI agent to be arrested and charged with espionage. (Miller was tried three times; he was sentenced to 20 years in prison, but was released after nine years.)

In 1985, actor Rock Hudson, 59, died at his home in Beverly Hills, California, after battling AIDS.

In 1986, the Senate joined the House in voting to override President Reagan's veto of stiff economic sanctions against South Africa.

In 2002, the Washington, D.C.-area sniper attacks began, setting off a frantic manhunt lasting three weeks. (John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo were finally arrested for killing 10 people and wounding three others; Muhammad was executed in 2009; Malvo was sentenced to life in prison.)

In 2006, an armed milk truck driver took a group of girls hostage in an Amish schoolhouse in Nickel Mines, Pa., killing five of them and wounding five others before committing suicide.

Ten years ago: Republican

Sarah Palin and Democrat Joe Biden sparred over taxes, energy policy and the Iraq war in a high-profile vice-presidential debate at Washington University in St. Louis, in which Palin sought to reclaim her identity as a spirited reformer and Biden tried to undercut the maverick image of GOP presidential hopeful John McCain. More than a year after millionaire adventure Steve Fossett vanished on a solo flight over California's rugged Sierra Nevada, searchers found the wreckage of his plane but no body inside. (Fossett's remains were discovered in late Oct. 2008.)

Five years ago: President Barack Obama met privately with congressional leaders at the White House for the first time since a partial government shutdown began, but there was no sign of progress toward ending the impasse. Overloaded websites and jammed phone lines frustrated consumers for a second day as they tried to sign up for coverage using new health insurance exchanges. A jury in Los Angeles cleared a concert promoter of negligence, rejecting a lawsuit brought by Michael Jackson's mother claiming AEG Live had been negligent in hiring Conrad Murray, the doctor who killed the pop star with an overdose of a hospital anesthetic.

One year ago: Hours after the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history, President Donald Trump condemned the Las Vegas shooting that left 58 dead as an "act of pure evil." Rock superstar Tom Petty died at a Los Angeles hospital at the age of 66, a day after suffering cardiac arrest at his home in Malibu, California. The trial of Ahmed Abu Khattala, described as the mastermind of the 2012 attacks on a U.S. outpost in Benghazi, Libya, that left four Americans dead, got under way in Washington. (Khattala would be convicted of terrorism-related charges and sentenced to 22 years in prison.) Three Americans were awarded the Nobel Prize in medicine for discovering key genetic "gears" of the body's 24-hour biological clock.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer-musician Leon Rausch

(Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys) is 91. Retired MLB All-Star Maury Wills is 86. Movie critic Rex Reed is 80. Singer-songwriter Don McLean is 73. Cajun/country singer Jo-el Sonnier (sahn-YAY) is 72. Actor Avery Brooks is 70. Fashion designer Donna Karan is 70. Photographer Annie Leibovitz is 69. Rock musician Mike Rutherford (Genesis, Mike & the Mechanics) is 68.

Singer-actor Sting is 67. Actress Robin Riker is 66. Actress Lorraine Bracco is 64. Country musician Greg Jennings (Restless Heart) is 64. Rock singer Phil Oakey (The Human League) is 63. Rhythm-and-blues singer Freddie Jackson is 62. Singer-producer Robbie Nevil is 60. Retro-soul singer James Hunter is 56. Former NFL quarterback Mark Rypien is 56. Rock musician Bud

Gaugh (Sublime, Eyes Adrift) is 51. Folk-country singer Gillian Welch is 51. Country singer Kelly Willis is 50. Actor Joey Slotnick is 50. Rhythm-and-blues singer Dion Allen (Az Yet) is 48. Actress-talk show host Kelly Ripa (TV: "Live with Kelly and Ryan") is 48. Singer Tiffany is 47. Rock singer Lene Nystrom is 45. Actor Efron Ramirez is 45.

Thought for Today: "The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong."

Mohandas K. Gandhi, Indian political and spiritual leader (born this date in 1869, died 1948).

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- Camper's shelter
- Drains, as of energy
- Parking penalties
- Gorillas and chimps
- Cain's brother
- Like very much
- Dinner platter
- Former Italian coin
- University of ___ Dame
- Status of a current soldier
- No longer new
- Move upward
- Exemplify
- Small chicken
- Any thing of value
- Spanish cheer
- Top-rated
- From that time
- Time off, but not really
- Family car
- With 7 Down, Andes capital city
- Election Day mo.
- Sing in the Alps
- Seldom
- Mexican lizard
- Prefix for final
- Submerged
- "Phone in use" sound
- Weighed down (with)
- Evergreen trees
- Monopoly or Scrabble

DOWN

- "Look what I did!"
- Grand-scale
- Bird's home
- Top without a collar
- Guy on commission
- ___ by (obey)
- See 44 Across
- Park bench board
- Enthusiast
- "That's unlikely"
- "That's untrue!"
- Goofed up
- Disreputable, as a bar
- By way of
- "Absolutely"
- Small plateau
- Arrow shooters
- Burn soother
- Geek
- Blacksmith's metal block
- Line of stitching
- Stare at
- Common work-starting time
- ___ as a cucumber (calm)
- Jealousy
- Paddlers at the Olympics
- Get ___ the ground floor
- Hugs
- Bit of toothpaste
- French friend
- Fixed illegally
- Muslim's faith
- Exotic jelly fruit
- Beneath
- Damascus' country
- Mysterious sky sightings: Abbr.
- Fries or coleslaw
- Nothing, in Nicaragua
- In the thick of
- Allows
- Ultimate degree

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Answer to previous puzzle

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10/2/18

NFL Standings

American Football Conference

AFC East	W	L	T	PF	PA
Dolphins	3	1	0	82	90
Patriots	2	2	0	95	84
Bills	1	3	0	50	106
Jets	1	3	0	89	89
AFC West	W	L	T	PF	PA
Chief	4	0	0	145	115
Broncos	2	2	0	84	97
Chargers	2	2	0	111	120
Raiders	0	3	0	97	123
AFC North	W	L	T	PF	PA
Bengals	3	1	0	126	113
Ravens	3	1	0	123	65
Browns	1	2	1	102	104
Steelers	1	2	1	102	116
AFC South	W	L	T	PF	PA
Titans	3	1	0	75	73
Jaguars	3	1	0	88	56
Texans	1	3	0	96	108
Colts	1	3	0	94	100

National Football Conference

NFC East	W	L	T	PF	PA
Redskins	2	1	0	64	44
Cowboys	2	2	0	67	77
Eagles	2	2	0	82	81
Giants	1	3	0	73	95
NFC West	W	L	T	PF	PA
Rams	4	0	0	140	67
Seahawks	2	2	0	85	81
49ers	1	3	0	100	118
Cardinals	0	4	0	37	94
NFC North	W	L	T	PF	PA
Bears	3	1	0	111	65
Packers	2	1	1	92	83
Vikings	1	2	1	90	110
Lions	1	3	0	94	114
NFC South	W	L	T	PF	PA
Saints	3	1	0	137	121
Panthers	2	1	0	71	60
Buccaneers	2	2	0	112	139
Falcons	1	3	0	116	122

Cubs, Rockies meet for NL wild card after losing tiebreakers

By ANDREW SELIGMAN

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — Manager Joe Maddon and the Chicago Cubs insist they still have plenty left to make another deep run in the postseason.

What they don't have is room for error. The Cubs will host the Colorado Rockies in the wild-card game on Tuesday after both teams lost tiebreaker games for their division championships.

"We're not dead in the water," Maddon said.

The Cubs will send ace Jon Lester (18-6, 3.32 ERA) to the mound, hoping to keep their season going after a 3-1 loss to Milwaukee for the NL Central championship at Wrigley Field on Monday.

They'll be back at the old ballpark again, trying to eliminate Colorado after the Rockies dropped a tiebreaker for the NL West to the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-2. Kyle Freeland (17-7, 2.85) starts for the Rockies, and the winner gets Milwaukee in the best-of-five Division Series starting Thursday at Miller Park.

Colorado and the Cubs split six games this year, each scoring 33 runs. They haven't faced each other since early May.

NL home run champion Nolan Arenado and the Rockies (91-72) had won nine of 10 before getting shut down by rookie Walker Buehler in a 5-2 loss on Monday. Colorado has never won its division.

"Excited about it," manager Bud Black said. "It's going to be a great environment tomorrow at Wrigley. Their manager and I go way back. This team enjoys playing on the big stage."

Charlie Blackmon, who had two of Colorado's four hits Monday, called it "an amazing opportunity."

"The fact of the matter is we have a chance to win the World Series," he added.

The Cubs (95-68) reached the playoffs for a franchise-record fourth straight year and had a third consecutive division championship in sight, only to be pushed aside by the surging Brewers.

But the Cubs are also a tough team to keep down.

They have three straight appearances in the NL Championship Series and a World Series championship in 2016 that ended a 108-year drought. They're no strangers to tight spots and they find themselves in another one, after Milwaukee caught them down the regular-season stretch.

The Brewers won four of six against Chicago in September to help forge the tiebreaker game after the Cubs went from trailing them by 4 1/2 games in the division to leading by five. Milwaukee pulled even on the final weekend.

The Cubs then managed just three hits Mon-

day against Jhoulys Chacin and four relievers. They were also held to one run or less for the 39th time even though they ranked fourth in the National League in scoring.

"We have another opportunity," Maddon said. "I've been involved with wild card teams that have gone all the way. It happens."

Maddon was the Los Angeles Angels' bench coach in 2002 when they won the World Series as a wild card. And the Cubs have certainly won their share of elimination games the past four seasons.

They beat Pittsburgh in the wild card-game in 2015 after finishing third in the division behind St. Louis and the Pirates. In 2016, they rallied from 3-1 down in the World Series and won Game 7 at Cleveland to bring home the first championship in 108 years. And they beat Washington in a grueling Division Series last year, winning Game 5 on the road.

"This is nothing new to us," outfielder Jason Heyward said.

They feel confident with Lester, who will become the first pitcher to start two wild-card games. He gave up six runs to the Royals in 2014 while with Oakland in a 9-8, 12-inning loss.

Lester was 6-1 with a 1.71 ERA in his final eight starts. He has been particularly stingy in the postseason throughout his career, going 9-7 with a 2.55 ERA in 25 games and 21 starts.

The Cubs endured a long list of injuries and players not performing the way they anticipated, whether it was Yu Darvish making just eight starts after signing a \$126 million contract or Kris Bryant making two trips to the disabled list because of inflammation in his left shoulder.

Anthony Rizzo got off to a slow start before going on a tear. Willson Contreras slumped after the All-Star break.

Nothing has come easily. There were difficulties along the way. And there's some disappointment surrounding them even though they're once again in the postseason.

"It's definitely a little different," Rizzo said. "But that whole narrative switches (Tuesday) if we win the ballgame."

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