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Irma now taking aim at Tampa as Floridians hustle to leave

By **CURT ANDERSON** and **CLAIRE GALOFARO**
 Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — With the window closing fast for anyone wanting to escape, Irma hurtled toward Florida with 130 mph winds Saturday on a shifting course that threatened the first direct hit on the Tampa area from a major hurricane in nearly a century. Forecasters predicted Irma's center would blow ashore Sunday and strike the Florida Keys, then hit southwestern Florida, move up the state's Gulf Coast and plow into the Tampa Bay area.



Scott

The storm center is expected to miss the Miami metropolitan area of 6 million people — which for days had been

expecting to get hit head-on — but it will still be pounded with life-threatening hurricane winds, National Hurricane Center spokesman Dennis Feltgen said.

The Tampa Bay area has not been struck by a major hurricane since 1921.

On Saturday morning, the hurricane's outer bands blew into South Florida as residents scrambled to leave. Damaging winds were moving

into areas including Key Biscayne and Coral Gables, and gusts up to 56 mph (90 kph) were reported off Miami.

Irma was expected to pick up strength again as it closed in on Florida.

In one of the biggest evacuations ever ordered in the U.S., about 5.6 million people in Florida — more than one-quarter of the state's population —

were told to leave, and 540,000 were ordered to clear out from the Georgia coast. Authorities opened

hundreds of shelters for people who did not leave. Hotels as far away as Atlanta filled up with evacuees.

"If you are planning to leave and do not leave tonight, you will have to ride out this extremely dangerous storm at your own risk," Florida Gov. Rick Scott said Friday. He urged everybody in the Keys to get out.

Ray Scarborough and girlfriend Leah Etmanczyk left their home in Big Pine Key and fled north with her parents and three big dogs to stay with relatives in Orlando. Scarborough was 12 when Hurricane Andrew hit in 1992 and remembers lying on the floor in a hallway as the storm nearly ripped the roof off his house.

"They said this one is going to be bigger than Andrew. When they told

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Red, white, and blue-clad students at Big Spring High School celebrate Friday morning during their first regular pep rally of the 2017 school year. The pep rally was patriotic in theme in remembrance of Patriot Day — 9/11 — which is Monday. The community will also remember 9/11 at a Memorial Service Monday at 6:30 at the Spring Town Plaza mall.

Webb Air Base celebrates 75 years

By **AMANDA ELSTON**
 Managing Editor

A major Big Spring landmark is celebrating 75 years in the making later this fall. On October 12, Hanger 25 is celebrating Webb Air Force and its presence in the county for three-quarters of a century with a special celebration.



Miller

"This is a celebration and a fundraiser for the Hanger 25 Museum," explained Joel Miller, event organizer and member of the Hanger 25 Board of Directors. "We are putting on a concert at the city auditorium and having quite a few people come in."

Quite a few people is an understatement. The 75th celebration boasts both local acts and touring bands, with the likes of a few people the county might recognize. The night begins at 7 p.m.

"We have a band coming in that is called the West Texas Musical Review," said Miller. "They play country western, swing, they play religious stuff, they play modern and a little bit of hip hop. A little bit of everything."

In addition to the West Texas Musical Review, the Big Spring Fire Department will be holding a flag ceremony before the concert and some acts from around town will be performing.

"I'm going to have a guitar player/singing comic," said Miller. "Lloyd Claxton is his name. We are also gonna have some cowboy poets and we are gonna have the Big Spring Junior High School show choir perform as well."

Miller explained that people interested in attending the concert can begin picking tickets up early next week at the Chamber of Commerce, the Visitor's Beareu, and at Hanger 25. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children, and those under six years old can enter for free.

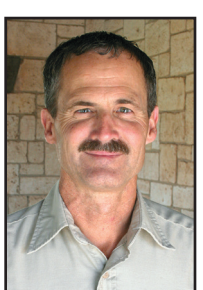
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Comanche Trail Campout preps for its 2nd year

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

Looking for one last outdoor outing before the weather starts turning cold? Big Spring has got you covered. Event organizers of the Comanche Trail City Park 2nd Annual Campout encourages the entire community to come out and camp this October. This event

is all about, you guessed it, camping outside and experiencing what nature has to offer.



Alton

see the young and the old 'Get Outside.'

Alton went into detail about people today, young and old, having too much going on in their daily lives. He encourages people to get back to the basics and just enjoying the simple things in life.

Some of the activities at this years camp out includes: night hiking, dutch over cooking demonstration, fishing, kayak lessons, orienteering (a competitive sport in which par-

ticipants find their way to various checkpoints with the aid of a compass and map), geocaching (the recreational activity of hunting for and finding a hidden object by means of GPS coordinates), fire building class, cowboy poetry around the campfire, and many more.

Registration starts Oct. 14 at 9 a.m. There will be a table set up by the Dora Robert Community Center and the Comanche Tennis Courts for campers to sign up and get further instructions on

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Obituaries

Billie Frazier Porch



Billie Frazier Porch, 82, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 11, 2017, at Trinity Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017 at the funeral home.

She was born March 25, 1935 in Howard County to Samuel Walker Merrick and Cleora J. Anderson Merrick. She married Carl Raymond Frazier Jan. 7, 1950 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Sept. 11, 2008. She then married Charles Porch Feb. 19, 2011 in Big Spring. Billie was known for her beautiful smile and a love of friendship that knew no boundaries. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to many. She served her Lord by serving those around her. Billie was a talented seamstress and enjoyed making clothes for family and friends. She was a charter member of Midway Baptist Church and was currently a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Rebecca Ann Smith



Rebecca Ann Smith, 89, of Arlington, TX, formerly of Big Spring, TX entered into Heaven's gates Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017, in Arlington. A consummate mother and homemaker, Rebecca was an excellent cook and enjoyed preparing meals for her family and friends. Her spiritual gift was teaching and for years she taught children in Sunday School at First Baptist Church, Big Spring. She was also a huge

sports fan and loved watching the Texas Rangers, Dallas Cowboys and San Antonio Spurs. She had an unwavering faith in God and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Arlington. Rebecca is survived by her husband, William Howard Smith; a daughter, Linda Russell and husband, Bill of

Survivors include her husband, Charles Porch of Big Spring; two sons, Tracy Frazier and wife, Linda, of Andrews and Tony Frazier and wife, Tina, of Lubbock; a step-son, Mike Porch and wife, Renae, of Allen; a step-daughter, Marjorie Hall and husband, Dave, of Joplin, Missouri; one brother, Teddy Merrick and wife, Donna, of Weatherford; seven grandchildren, Wendy Clements and husband, Larry, Brady Frazier and wife, Thuy, Daniel Melville and wife, Sara, Travis Frazier and wife, Lindsay, Joel Melville, Loriann Ryan and husband, Wes, and Ashlyn Frazier; four step-grandchildren, Scott VonMoss, Gena Vowels, Evan Porch and Zachary Porch; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; infant daughter, Nancy Elaine Frazier; daughter, Kay Davis; and brother, Sammy Merrick.

The family suggests memorials to Buckner Adoption Services, 700 N. Pearl St., Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas 75201 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org/donate.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Marietta, Oklahoma; two step-sons, John Howard Smith, and Will Thomas Smith both of Big Spring. She is also survived by five loving grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by a son, Stephen Daniel Foster; her parents, John and Belle Mae (Willis) McAnally, and sister's Imogene Greenwood and Lola Keel.

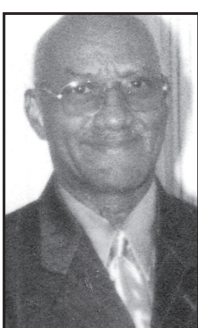
The family will receive friends 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 11, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. The family will celebrate her life with services at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017 at Mt. Olive Memorial Park Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mission Arlington, 210 W. South St, Arlington, TX 76010

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

William "Mac" McNorton



William "Mac" McNorton, Jr., 80, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017 at Canterbury South.

He was born May 7, 1937 in Philadelphia, PA to Beatrice Frazier McNorton and William McNorton, Sr..

He married Elaine Broddus on May 6, 1976 in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on January 1, 2003. He was a veteran of the United States Marines. He had been a resident of

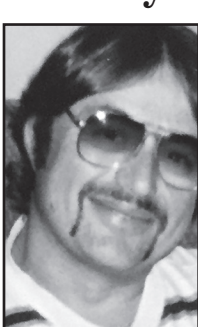
Big Spring since 1975 moving here from Philadelphia. He had worked at Cameo Homes and also in the oil field. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by three sisters: Hattie Morris of Philadelphia, PA, Ida Clark of Florissant, MO and Tamara Davis of Chesapeake, VA; three step-sons: Kearney Littlejohn, Charles Littlejohn and Morris "Ricky" Littlejohn, all of Florida and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife

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

Stanley O'Neil Johnson



Stanley O'Neil Johnson of Mannford, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, Texas, died Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017.

At Stanley's request, he was cremated. A memorial service in celebration of his life, along with Military Honors, is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017, at 2 p.m. at Grace Fellowship Church of God, 703 Tulane Street, Big Spring, Texas, with Pastor Steve Goud officiating.

Stanley was born on July 13, 1955, to Steve O'Neil Johnson, currently of Bakersfield, Calif., and the late Pauline Lou Tidwell-Leach of Bakersfield, Calif. Stanley grew up in Bakersfield, Calif., and Harrah, Okla. and graduated from Harrah High School in 1973. Upon graduation in 1973, Stanley joined the U.S. Air Force at the age of 17. Upon completion of his training, Stanley reported to active duty at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring, Texas. While living in Big Spring, Texas, Stanley attended College Park Church of God, where he met his future wife, Sylvia Ann Barber. Stanley was honorably discharged from the U.S. Air Force on Jan. 23, 1981. While in the service, Stanley was given the Vietnam Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon.

In 1981, Stanley moved back to Big Spring, where Stanley attended Howard College, earning his associates degree. He worked part time for Jerry Worthy Inc. and Fibertex. Stanley eventually started working for the U.S. Postal Service in Midland, Texas. After several years he would transfer to the Big Spring U.S. Post Office, retiring in 1995.

In 2001 Stanley moved to Oklahoma City, Okla.

Stanley is survived by a daughter, Sheryl Ann Johnson-Kitchens and husband Greg A. Kitchens of Big Spring; five grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; his parents, Steve and Betty Johnson of Bakersfield, Calif.; his siblings, sister Paula and husband Les White of Oklahoma City, Okla., brother Leon "Eddie" Toone of Oklahoma City, Okla., sister Karen and husband Gary Lopez, brother Stephen Johnson and wife Roxie, brother Bruce Johnson and wife Dawn, brother Brian Johnson and wife all of Bakersfield, Calif.; stepsons, Bradley Hildebrand of Big Spring, and Josh Hildebrand of Midland, Texas; and stepdaughter Brandy Sanderson and husband James and family, all of Llano, Texas.

Stanley was preceded in death by his mother, Pauline Lou Tidwell-Leach; stepfather, Tommy Leach; and grandparents, Thelma Burns and husband Henry, and Mattie Tidwell and Ray Johnson, all of Bakersfield, Calif.

An online memorial can be viewed at www.tul-sacremation.com.

Take Note

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.

School at Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson St., be-

gins Aug. 1 for the fall term. Maranatha uses Accelerated Christian Education curriculum, an individualized curriculum used internationally (see www.ace-ministries.com for more information). School and office hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. week days. Tuition is reasonable. For more information visit the office.

David Mitchem

David Mitchem, 79, of Big Spring, died Friday, Sept. 8, 2017 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

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HANGAR

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"The hanger is going to be there selling tickets and they will have their memorabilia and stuff there," said Miller.

Funds raised at the 75th anniversary celebration will be put right back into continuing to make the Hanger

25 Museum something Howard County citizens can be proud of.

"This will be used in the general fund," Miller explained. "We use it for the maintenance of the planes that we have and if we want to buy any. We just bought a few planes (earlier this year). We invite people to come out to the hanger and see them.

Hanger 25 was used during World War II as part of the Big Spring Bom-

bardier School and later as a part of Webb Air Force Base, which supposed the training of over 10,000 pilots from 1952 to 1977.

Webb Air Force, originally called Big Spring Army Field, opened in 1942. In 1951, it was renamed the Big Spring Air Force Base and in 1952, the name was changed to Webb Air Force Base to memorialize 1st Lieutenant James L. Webb, a Big Spring

native and World War II combat pilot who was killed during a training mission.

Miller encourages the entire community to come out and celebrate Big Spring's history with a little music and fun.

For more information about the Webb Air Force Base's 75th anniversary celebration, contact the Hanger 25 Museum at 432-264-1999.

CAMPOUT

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where to set up.

Life jackets will be provided for kayaking, as well as some tents and some sleeping bags, there is a limited number of tents and sleeping bags so call ahead of time and reservation a tent.

"We provide for people to camp who don't have the means or the know how to experience the great outdoors," said Kent Ivey, camp coordinator. "If you don't know, don't let it stop you. We have the local Boy Scouts and local Young Marines there to help and assist if needed."

Campers must provide their own meals(don't forget the s'mores fixings), however there will be help provided if assistance is needed with fires, cooking outside etc.

For additional any questions or concerns or donations please contact either Kent Ivey, camp coordinator, 432-816-7403; Ron Alton, camp coordinator, 806-241-5741.

Comanche Trail City Park has teamed up with Colorado City State Park, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to make the campout possible.

Donations will be greatly appreciated.

No strangers to displacement, Vietnamese recover from Harvey

By **JANIE HAR and GREGORY BULL**

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — As Harvey's floodwater rose quickly above cabinets, counters and toward the ceiling, Viet Dao scrambled to figure out how he would save his young children, wife and in-laws if the water wouldn't stop. What if he couldn't rescue them all?

"It hits you right there: We have nowhere to escape," Dao, 48, said by phone Wednesday. "If it was just me, it's OK, I can survive. But I just don't know how can I help my children and family get out. It's really frustrating."

Decades ago, it was Dao's parents who were trying to get him out of harm's way by sending him away from Vietnam on a crowded fishing boat when he was 18 so that he could make a better life for himself in America. The two situations are incomparable, but Dao says he now better understands the desperation of wanting to protect family.

Some of the more than 110,000 Vietnamese in the Houston area are among the tens of thousands of people whose homes were damaged or destroyed by Harvey. They share a common heritage in the United States that stems from leaving a homeland and starting anew.

Houston, an official resettlement site for refugees after the Vietnam War, is home to the largest concentration of Vietnamese Americans outside of California. The population includes recent newcomers whose limited English is dotted with "ma'am," and those who came decades ago after a city then called Saigon fell to the North Vietnamese in 1975.

Like the rest of the region, they have been shoveling debris from ruined homes, mopping up wet floors and pitching in however they can to help with recovery efforts from the devastating storm that killed more than 70 after landing on the Gulf Coast of Texas on Aug.

25 as a Category 4 hurricane.

The Lien Hoa Buddhist temple in Houston earlier this week bustled with dozens of upbeat adults and teenagers who unloaded crates of bottled water and filled a table with plastic supply bags to send to needy families. The teens cracked jokes. The elders finished lunch. Everyone worked.

People came by to pick up donated cleaning supplies and to seek help from English-speaking volunteers, said manager Lang Bui. Chau Ho, for example, was helping 48-year-old Lisa Nguyen file for unemployment after her nail shop in the town of Refugio flooded and lost electricity.

"She doesn't know. She doesn't know what she'll do," said Ho, 35, of Houston.

A popular local chain of restaurants, Kim Son, reopened its downtown location last week after minor damage, offering free buffet meals to first responders. It delivered egg rolls, crab puffs and broccoli chicken to hundreds of evacuees and police off-site.

The restaurant, which serves Chinese and Vietnamese cuisine, was founded by a couple who landed in Houston with seven children in 1980. Among them was Tina La, now 43, who says she is proud to give back to the city that took in her family.

"I've been here all my life and if it weren't for any of these people we wouldn't be where we are," she said.

Experts say the numbers of Vietnamese ramped up in the Houston area after early refugees gained U.S. citizenship and sponsored family members to live in America. They opened restaurants and other businesses catering to the community. By 2000, they numbered about 60,000 in the area.



Ryan Kaye loads sandbags into his truck at a makeshift filling station provided by the county as protection ahead of Hurricane Irma, Friday, Sept. 8, 2017, in Palm Coast, Fla.

AP photo

IRMA

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me that, that's all I needed to hear," said Scarborough, now a 37-year-old boat captain. "That one tore everything apart."

Their house in the Keys, up on 6-foot (1.8-meter) stilts, has flooded before.

"This isn't our first rodeo. Andrew was a wicked storm. Wilma was a wicked storm. This one is going to be worse. Then we'll go home and rebuild, like we always do," said Etmanczyk, a 29-year-old teacher.

Forecasters adjusted the storm's potential track more toward the west coast of Florida, away from the Miami metropolitan area of 6 million people, meaning "a less costly, a less

deadly storm," University of Miami researcher Brian McNoldy said.

Nevertheless, forecasters warned that its hurricane-force winds were so wide they could reach from coast to coast, testing the adequacy of the more stringent hurricane building codes adopted in the last decade or so.

Gas shortages and gridlock plagued the evacuations, turning normally simple trips into tests of will. Parts of interstates 75 and 95 north were bumper-to-bumper, while very few cars drove in the southbound lanes.

In suburban Palm Beach County on the state's Atlantic coast, the streets were nearly deserted early Saturday as the first squall from Irma dropped a brief shower over the area. Gas stations ran out of fuel, grocery stores were

closed and only a few fast-food restaurants were open.

Sherry Whiteside, a Palm Beach Gardens mental health counselor, had come to her neighborhood Publix because she was craving a cherry pie. The store was closed. She held out hope for the state.

"I am praying that it will somehow disintegrate or — what's that word? — dissipate," she said.

Andrew razed Miami's suburbs with winds topping 165 mph (265 kph), damaging or blowing apart over 125,000 homes. Almost all mobile homes in its path were obliterated. The damage in Florida totaled \$26 billion and at least 40 people.

Today, growing numbers of South Asians and Chinese are moving to Houston for jobs in mathematics and science, but Vietnamese remains the third most spoken language in Texas, said state demographer Lloyd Potter. It is a far distant third after English and Spanish.

Jannette Diep is executive director of Houston's chapter of Boat People SOS, an organization founded in the 1980s to rescue refugees escaping Vietnam. A refugee herself, she fled the country by boat when she was 6, with her parents and two baby brothers.

Diep has been keeping track of Vietnamese American fishermen outside Houston and helping elderly and non-English speaking victims fill out forms for aid in the aftermath of Harvey. She says it took years for families

along the coast to rebuild after 2008's Hurricane Ike wiped out shrimping and fishing boats along the Gulf Coast.

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A book about the Balloon Boy

About fifteen years ago I had a call from a woman who was writing an article for a major magazine about Mrs. Constance Wolf of Bluebell, Pennsylvania. In 1961, Mrs. Wolf set a number of world balloon records when she stayed aloft for some forty hours on a flight that originated in Big Spring. She said her mission was to take the record of women's free balloon flight away from the Russians. I was news director of a radio station in Big Spring then and accompanied her ground crew on that adventure and reported on the progress of the flight to the nation.

What got people involved in following this 56 year old grandmother was the fact that we in the ground crew never saw her balloon after it left Big Spring, even though we were reporting on sightings we picked up from airports, news media and law enforcement agencies in Texas, New Mexico, Kansas and Oklahoma. We were watching the clock

and late in the flight I reported, "if Mrs. Wolf is still in the air, she has broken the Russian record." The uncertainty of whether Mrs. Wolf was still up there became a major story and attracted listeners and readers across the USA. It was the biggest story I've ever covered. She landed safely in a field near Boley, Oklahoma and broke the Russian record by four hours. Mrs. Wolf and I corresponded by mail until her death.

A few weeks ago I received a call from that same woman who had contacted me years ago.

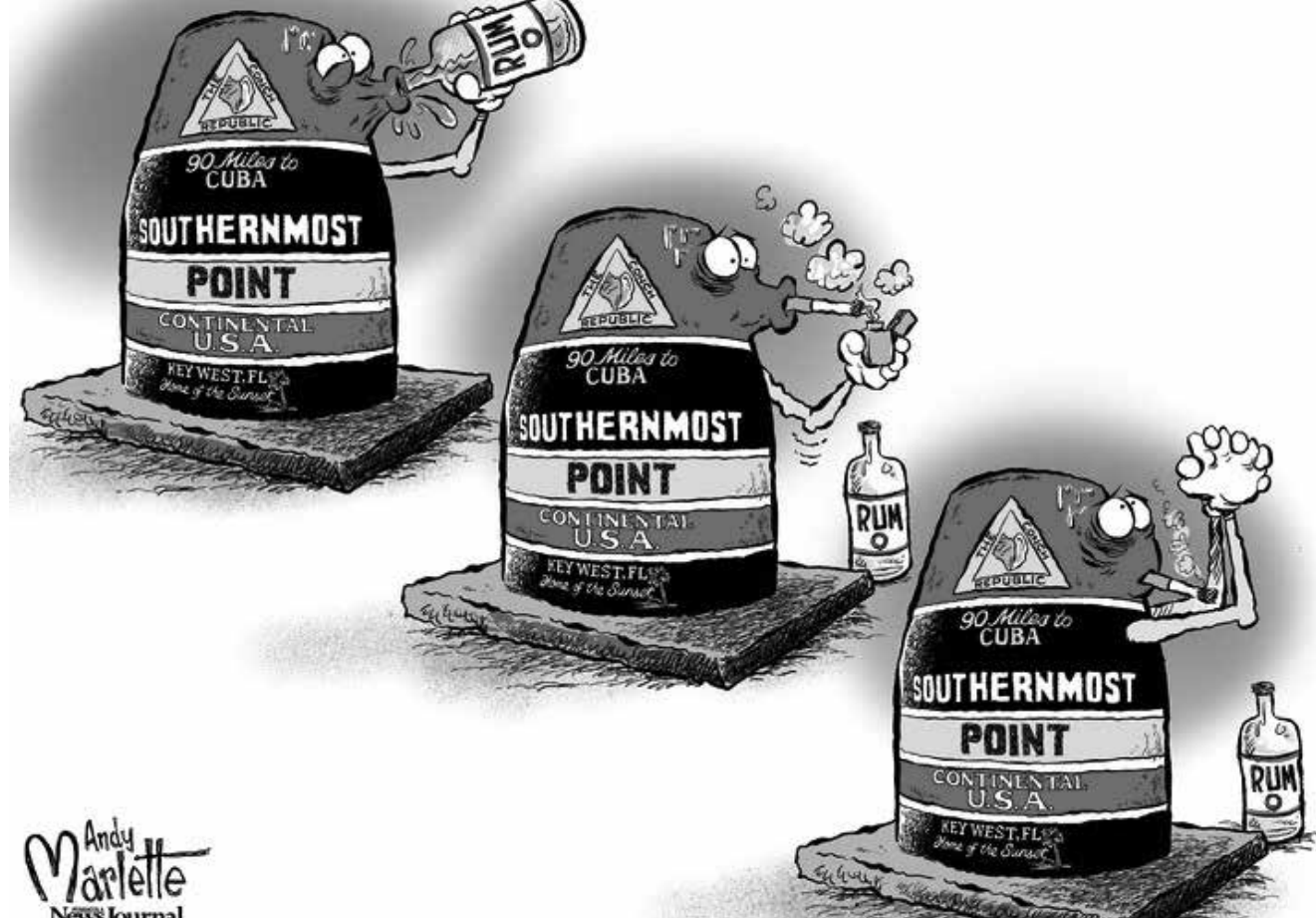
She is Jeanne Marie Laskas, who has written books that appear on the New York Times bestseller list. She wrote the book CONCUSSION about football injuries, which was made into a major movie starring Will Smith. She has won numerous writing and journalism awards for her work that has appeared in Esquire, The New Yorker, the Smithsonian, GQ, the Washington Post Magazine and others. She heads up the writing program at the University of Pittsburgh. She is writing a book about Mrs. Wolf. She previously wrote a book titled THE BALLOON LADY AND OTHER PEOPLE I KNOW.

She sent two researchers down

to interview me and to look at the material I have about Mrs. Wolf and her flight. One of them recorded my every word from hello to goodbye. Since the book will have an accompanying audio feature, the girl with the mike and recorder had me read some of the reports that I had sent to the station during the flight. They had me take them to the former Hamilton Flying Field, the place where the balloon launch occurred and to the site of the motel where Mrs. Wolf stayed.

I didn't know it at the time, but Mrs. Wolf was extremely prominent in Philadelphia society. She and her husband, an attorney who was a general in the armed services, had lavish parties on their estate. Occasionally they would require guests to arrive in their airplanes. Mrs. Wolf's balloon was used in the movie AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS.

Among other honors, she was the first woman to fly a balloon over the Alps. The researchers said I was the only person they had interviewed who actually knew Mrs. Wolf. They brought with them copies of letters I had written to the woman balloonist over the years. I still have some of her letters to me.



On unorthodox recruiting

This high school choir teacher maintains a high excitement level throughout the year, but it peaks with the beginning of school each fall. That's when she's on high alert to sign up new members.

And she does it with the zeal of a gal awarded a 10-yard head start in a Sadie Hawkins Day race.

Sandra Sanders Mattson, Killeen High School men's choir director, is ever "at the ready" to add another voice, and if it happens to be bass, that's all the better. She has found, at times, that the best way to a student's vocal chords is through the stomach, and if it involves an infrequent "made-from-scratch" kitchen assignment, so be it.

Consider this "chance" meeting recently when Timothy, a 17-year-old junior, stopped at a KHS hall intersection, where Sandra was meeting and greeting, as well as nibbling. Drooling at the prospect of a chip laden with spinach dip, Timothy asked for one.

Noticing Tim's humongous neck, she was happy to accommodate. Already she could see him rattling the rafters with his "booming bass."

"I love spinach dip, unless it's store-bought," he said, halting before the chip crossed his lips. That's when Sandra admitted

that her dip was, in fact, from the supermarket. "Next time, why don't you bring homemade spinach dip?" he asked.

"You have a deal," she said. "Come to choir Tuesday, and we'll have spinach dip galore."

A 26-year teaching veteran, she was certain that her mother would have dozens of spinach dip recipes, and she was right.

Sandra brought the snack; Timothy brought the appetite. She's hoping, of course, that he'll join up, perhaps even taking the choir to new contest heights. Maybe she'll nickname him "Popeye," the cartoon guy who'd "fight to the finish 'cause he ate his spinach."

With a personality several notches above gregarious, she gleefully (no pun intended) shared her story in the teachers' lounge and on Facebook.

Both revelations resulted in "cat calls." (Friends know the kitchen is not her favorite place. They say last year when she had a 24-hour virus, she got a get-well card from McDonald's.)

One colleague said, "He should have chosen the supermarket dip." Her brother Mike was even more caustic. "Just tell him to steer clear of her sushi."

Ms. Mattson's willingness to provide homemade dip reminds educators at all levels that off-the-wall requests can happen at any time.

During one of my presidential years at Howard Payne University, a freshman asked if I would care for her goldfish during the Thanksgiving Holidays. Quickly agreeing to do so, I told her the request was an answer to a prayer.

I explained. "Several times students have asked me to care for their goldfish during holidays, and without exception, I've either overfed or underfed, and not one of them survived. Thank you for giving me another chance." Stumbling as she backed away, she said, "Maybe I'll just take it home with me."

It may be a while, however, before anyone in any line of work faces as many unlikely requests as my late friend, Cecil Holman. A saintly Brownwood businessman for a half-century or so, he was owner of Holman's Funeral Service, "featuring coast-to-coast ambulance service."

His "coast-to-coast" feature probably never materialized. He said his ambulance had "may pop" tires that "may pop on any run."

What about the unlikely requests he sometimes faced? "Lots of folks call for an ambulance because they can't afford cab fare." Like Ms. Mattson, he preferred life "sunny side up." She embodies the quote attributed to my speaker friend, Riney Jordan. "Students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." That was "Uncle Cecil's" credo, too. Though he faced life without portfolio academically, Holman was as wise as any person I've ever known. He taught me much, and the thousands of folks who knew him, revered him.

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DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord,

Give us patience and wisdom when we are struggling. Amen.

In angry new book, Clinton defends campaign strategy

By **JONATHAN LEMIRE** and **BILL BARROW**

Associated Press
NEW YORK (AP) — In a candid and angry new book, Hillary Clinton relives her stunning defeat to Donald Trump, admitting to personal mistakes and defending campaign strategy even as her return to the stage refocuses attention on a race Democrats still can't believe they lost.

Clinton is unsparing in her criticism of Trump and also lays out some of the factors she believes contributed to her loss: interference from Russian hackers, accusations leveled at her by former FBI Director James Comey, a divisive primary

battle with Bernie Sanders, even her gender. She also addresses common criticisms of her campaign, including the idea that she didn't have a compelling narrative for seeking the presidency and that she ignored Midwestern turf where Trump picked up enough white working-class voters to win several battleground states. "Some critics have said that everything hinged on me not campaigning enough in the Midwest," Clinton writes in the book "What Happened." "And I suppose it is possible that a few more trips to Saginaw or a few more ads on the air in Waukesha could have tipped a couple of thousand voters here or there."

"But let's set the record straight: we always knew that the industrial Midwest was crucial to our success, just as it had been for Democrats for decades, and contrary to the popular narrative, we didn't ignore those states," she wrote. Clinton already is taking some criticism — complete with mockery from late-night television hosts — for planning book-tour stops in the Great Lakes and Midwestern states that ultimately cost her the election. But she writes that her campaign had more staff and spent more on advertising in both Michigan and Pennsylvania, two states she lost, than President Barack Obama did when he won them in 2012. She acknowledges that "if there's one place where we were caught by surprise, it was Wisconsin," saying that polls showed her ahead until the end. But while she did not visit the state in the fall, she noted that her surrogates blanketed the state.

In Wisconsin, Democratic pollster Paul Maslin called it a "bitter irony" that Clinton is now trying to reach voters — or consumers — in states he believes her campaign mostly ignored. But he said it's

ultimately a side show from a has-been.

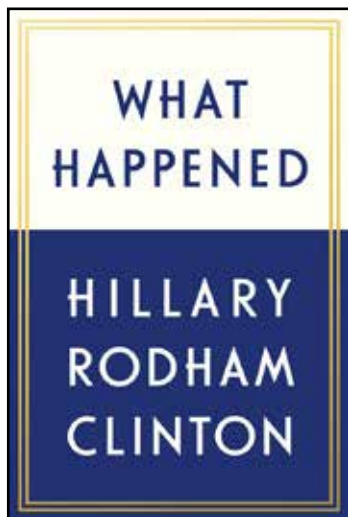
"Let her do whatever she's going to do for whatever reason she's doing it, but it doesn't matter. There's just so much else happening every day with Trump," Maslin said. He said he hopes Clinton understands that "most Democrats are beyond" blaming her for November. "For her sake, I hope she can sell enough books, but if she thinks she's affecting the debate in any way, I think she's more delusional than anyone thought."

Clinton's anger is most sharply focused on Comey. She said that all of the theories about why she lost need "to be tested against the evidence that I was winning until October 28, when Jim Comey injected emails back into the election."

She called her use of a private email server while serving at the State Department "dumb" but accused Comey of tarnishing her image and called him "rash" for publicly re-opening the probe in the campaign's final days. She also owns up to other mistakes, saying her comment about putting coal miners out of business was the mistake "I regret the most" and that her paid speeches to Wall Street banks were bad "optics."

Many Democrats have viewed Clinton's return to the spotlight with trepidation, fearing it could trigger another round of infighting over the future of the party between her more centrist supporters and Sanders' progressives.

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#2 Badger, drill, El: NA, API #42-227-39124
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
3.50 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-1663, Section 30, Block 32, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 2500 feet
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803' FNL, 297' FWL of the survey

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
3.80 miles southeast of Big Spring
A-1041, Section 10, Block 32, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9900 feet
X=789869.0, Y231214.6. Datum: NAD 27
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730' FNL, 600' FEL of the survey

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
7.37 miles southeast of Vealmoor
A-270, Section 15, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
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266' FNL, 422' FSL of 638.57-acre lease
266' FNL, 422' FSL of the survey

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252' FNL, 281' FEL of the survey

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39249
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Total Depth: 10,400 feet
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2395' FSL, 2533' FWL of the survey

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
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Irma's victims in the Caribbean brace for another hurricane



AP photo

A home is surrounded by debris brought in by Hurricane Irma in Nagua, Dominican Republic, Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017. Irma cut a path of devastation across the northern Caribbean, leaving thousands homeless after destroying buildings and uprooting trees. Irma flooded parts of the Dominican Republic when it roared by Thursday, just off the northern coast of the island it shares with Haiti.

By ANIKA KENTISH and MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN

Associated Press

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (AP) — Tens of thousands of Irma victims across the Caribbean fought desperately to find shelter or escape their storm-blasted islands altogether Friday as another hurricane following close behind threatened to add to their misery.

With Irma and its 155 mph winds taking dead aim at the Miami metropolitan area of 6 million people, the death toll in the storm's wake across the Caribbean climbed to 22.

Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and the eastern part of Cuba reported no major casualties or damage by mid-afternoon Friday after Irma rolled north of the Caribbean's biggest islands.

But many others were left reeling after the storm ravaged some of the world's most exclusive tropical playgrounds, known for their turquoise waters and lush green vegetation. Among them: St. Martin, St. Barts, St. Thomas, Barbuda and Anguilla.

Irma knocked out power, water and telephone service, trapped thousands of tourists, and stripped trees of their leaves, leaving an eerie, blasted-looking landscape.

On Friday, looting and gunshots were reported on St. Martin, and a curfew was imposed in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Many of Irma's victims fled their islands on ferries and fishing boats for fear of Hurricane Jose, a Category 4 storm with 150 mph winds that could punish some places all over again with high winds and heavy rain over the weekend.

"I don't think it takes a rocket scientist to know that further damage is imminent," said

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#105H Parks "NS 17-28 05", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
9.90 miles northeast of Stanton
A-527, Section 17, Block 34, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
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200' FNL, 964' FEL of 960-acre lease
2435' FSL, 964' FEL of the survey

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Petty "48" (Upper Strawn) Field
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A-572, Section 23, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
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475' FWL, 1560' FNL of the survey

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243' FNL, 831' FWL of the survey

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Congress sends aid bill, debt hike to Trump

By ANDREW TAYLOR

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress on Friday sent President Donald Trump a massive package of \$15.3 billion in disaster aid linked to an increase in the nation's borrowing authority that angered conservative Republicans who hissed and booed senior administration officials dispatched to Capitol Hill to defend it.

Hours later, Trump signed the measure into law.

The House voted 316-90 for the measure that would refill depleted emergency accounts as Florida braces for the impact of Hurricane Irma and Texas picks up the pieces after the devastation of the Harvey storm. All 90 votes in opposition were cast by Republicans, many of whom seethed after Trump cut the disaster-and-debt deal with Democratic leaders with no offsetting budget cuts.

"You can't just keep borrowing money. We're going to be \$22 trillion in debt," said Rep. Jeff Duncan, R-S.C.

The aid measure is just the first installment in government spending that could rival or exceed the \$110 billion federal response after Hurricane Katrina in 2005, though future aid packages may be more

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CLINTON

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Clinton lost by about 10,000 votes, said Clinton's book can help Democrats try to "learn the right lessons from 2016." But he said Democrats and other activists on the left should avoid using Clinton's re-emergence to rehash 2016.

"There's a clear difference between all Democrats and any of the Republicans. That's what we should be focusing on," Dillon said.

In a recent interview, Clinton campaign spokesman Brian Fallon argued that history will render a favorable verdict on Clinton and her approach to Trump.

"All of these things she tried to warn people about that were a theoretical concern, ... now it's real," said Fallon. "He's the president."

Clinton is unsparing in her assessment of the president, calling him "a clear and present danger to the country and the world." She says she considered saying to Trump: "Back up, you creep. Get away from me" when he loomed over her shoulder during a general election debate.

But Clinton, who has a reputation for avoiding blame for her failures, said she takes "responsibility for all" of her campaign's mistakes.

"You can blame the data, blame the message, blame anything you want -- but I was the candidate," she writes. "It was my campaign. Those were my decisions."

She also expressed frustration over what she felt was unfair media coverage.

"What makes me such a lightning rod for fury? I'm really asking. I'm at a loss," she asks her readers, before concluding: "I think it's partly because I'm a woman."

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difficult to pass. The legislation also funds the government through Dec. 8.

In a closed-door meeting before the vote, more than a dozen Republicans stood up and complained about Trump cutting a deal with Democratic leaders Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi instead of GOP leaders trying to deliver on the president's agenda.

Budget chief Mick Mulvaney, a former tea party congressman from South Carolina who took a hard line against debt increases during his House tenure, and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin faced a rough time in pleading for votes.

Mnuchin elicited hisses when he told the meeting of House Republicans "vote for the debt ceiling for me," said Rep. Mark Walker, R-N.C.

Republicans were in disbelief after Mnuchin argued that the debt ceiling shouldn't be a political issue in the future, said Rep. Mark Sanford, R-S.C.

Rep. Ryan Costello, R-Pa., described a surreal scene with Mnuchin, a former Democratic donor, and Mulvaney, who almost certainly would have opposed the very measure he was sent to pitch, pressing Republicans to rally around the legislation.

"It's kind of like 'Where am I? What's going on here?'" Costello said. "If it wasn't so serious it kind of would have been funny."

Mulvaney was booed when he stepped to the microphone, though lawmakers said it was good-natured. He defended the deal and Trump.

"It was absolutely the right thing to do," Mulvaney told reporters after the meeting. "The president is a results-driven person, and right now he wants to see re-

sults on Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma and tax reform. He saw an opportunity to work with Democrats on this particular issue at this particular time."

But Mulvaney further upset Republicans when he wouldn't promise spending cuts as part of a future debt limit vote.

Trump on Wednesday had cut a deal with Sen. Schumer and Rep. Pelosi to increase the debt limit for three months, rather than the long-term approach preferred by the GOP leaders that would have resolved the issue through next year's midterms.

Conservatives disliked both options. Voting on the debt limit is politically toxic for Republicans, and the deal will make the GOP vote twice ahead of next year's midterm elections.

Fiscal conservatives have clamored for deep cuts in spending in exchange for any increase in the government's borrowing authority. The storm relief measure had widespread support, but the linkage with the debt ceiling left many Republicans frustrated.

"Are we doing anything on fiscal sanity? No," said tea party Rep. Dave Brat, R-Va. "And so Mick (Mulvaney) came over today, the Treasury secretary came over today, and we said, 'Do you have a plan for fiscal sanity going forward?' No. Crickets. So that's the frustration."

Democratic votes are invariably needed to increase the debt limit — and avert a potential market-quaking default on government obligations — and Schumer and Pelosi successfully pressed to waive the debt limit through Dec. 8. Democrats are cautious about working with Trump, but hold out hope for legislation on the budget, health care, and shielding young immigrants brought to this country illegally from deportation.

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7.8 miles southwest of Knott
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Audit: US misuses taxpayer cash for California water project



AP photo

In this Oct. 2, 2009 file photo, in California's Westland Water District of the Central Valley, canals carry water to southern California. A new federal audit says the federal government improperly spent tens of millions of dollars on the California water project. An audit by the inspector general's office of the U.S. Interior Department says federal officials contributed the taxpayer money to Gov. Jerry Brown's plans to build two giant water tunnels.

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The U.S. Interior Department improperly contributed tens of millions of dollars in taxpayer money to help California and politically powerful state water districts plan for a massive project to ship the state's water from north to south, a new federal audit said Friday.

Federal officials contributed \$85 million to help finance the water districts' plan, backed by Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown, to build two giant water tunnels to re-engineer the state's water system, according to the audit by the inspector general's office of the U.S. Interior Department obtained by The Associated Press.

By California law and by an agreement by the water districts, Califor-

nia water districts and not taxpayers are supposed to bear the costs of the \$16 billion project, the audit said. Brown and the then-secretary of the Interior Department, affirmed that in a joint 2011 public statement supporting the tunnels plan.

The proposed tunnels are part of Brown's decades-long push for a project that would more readily carry water from green Northern California south, mainly for use by cities and farms in central and Southern California.

Voters rejected an early version of the proposal in a statewide vote in the 1980s.

California water districts are making final decisions on whether to go ahead with the controversial project.

Federal authorities did not fully disclose to Congress or the public that it was supplying \$84.8 million for the project planning, and waived reimbursement for \$50 million of it, the audit said. The federal Reclamation Bureau did not disclose the arrangement in its certified financial reports, the audit said.

"USBR could not provide us with a rationale for its decision to subsidize (California) water contractors, other than the water contractors asked USBR to pay," the audit noted.

The actions by the Bureau of Reclamation, which is part of the Interior Department, mean that federal taxpayers paid a third of the cost of the project's planning up to 2016, the audit said.

Meanwhile, Central Valley water districts that were supposed to pay 50 percent of the tunnels' planning costs contributed only 18 percent, the audit found.

California officials have consistently said no taxpayer money was being spent on the project.

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IRMA

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Inspector Frankie Thomas of the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda.

On Barbuda, a coral island rising a mere 125 feet above sea level, authorities ordered an evacuation of all 1,400 people to neighboring Antigua, where Stevet Jeremiah was reunited with one son and made plans to bury another.

Jeremiah, who sells lobster and crab to tourists, was huddled in her wooden home on Barbuda early Wednesday with her partner and their 2- and 4-year-old boys as Irma ripped open their metal roof and sent the ocean surging into the house.

Her younger son, Carl Junior Francis, was swept away. Neighbors found his body after sunrise.

"Two years old. He just turned 2, the 17th, last month. Just turned 2," she repeated. Her first task, she said, would be to organize his funeral. "That's all I can do. There is nothing else I can do."

The dead included 11 on St. Martin and St. Barts, four in the U.S. Virgin Islands, four in the British Virgin Islands and one each on Anguilla and Barbuda.

Also, a 16-year-old junior professional surfer drowned in Barbados on Tuesday while surfing large swells generated by an approaching Irma. Many victims picked through the rubble of what had once been Caribbean dream getaway homes. On St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands, power lines and towers were toppled, a water

and sewage treatment plant was heavily damaged, and the harbor was in ruins, along with hundreds of homes and dozens of businesses.

Opera singer Laura Strickling and her husband, Taylor, moved to St. Thomas three years ago from Washington, D.C., so he could take a job as a lawyer. They rented an apartment at the top floor of a house with a stunning view of the turquoise water of Megan's Bay, which is surrounded by low hills covered by trees.

Strickling huddled with her husband and their year-old daughter in a basement apartment along with another family as the storm raged for 12 hours.

"The noise was just deafening. It was so loud we thought the roof was gone. The windows were boarded up, so it was hot and we had no AC, no power," she said. She said she and the three other adults "were terrified but keeping it together for the babies."

Strickling, who used to visit her husband in Afghanistan when he worked there, added: "I've had to sit through a Taliban gunfight, and this was scarier."

When they emerged they found their apartment on the top floor was unscathed and the trees had no leaves.

"We're obviously worried the thought of having to do it all again with Hurricane Jose. It's a little, a little, well, it's not good," she said, her voice trailing off. Irma threatened to push its way from northward one end of Florida to the other in what many feared could be the long-dreaded, catastrophic Big One.

OIL

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Steers still finding their identity, lose to Mustangs 56-20

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers started out with momentum, but ended up losing their way against a talented and fast-paced Sweetwater team that is No. 4 in the state division rankings.

After winning the coin toss and choosing to defer, the Steers recovered a Mustang fumble during the kick-off return. This gave Big Spring the boost they needed to march down the field and score a touchdown on their opening drive. In just four plays, which included passes from quarterback, Jack Everett to CJ Harris for 24 yards, followed by a four-yard pass to Jeremiah Cooley in the end zone, Big Spring took a 6-0 lead. After a failed attempt at a two-point conversion, the Steers kicked the ball off to the Mustangs, who took over at the Big Spring 44 yard line.

Following a Big Spring off-sides penalty on the opening play of the Mustangs' first drive, Sweetwater managed to find the end zone after five plays for 39 yards. Their extra point went straight through the uprights, and the Mustangs grabbed a 7-6 lead.

After a Steer three-and-out, Sweetwater was able to, again, gain good field position and begin their second drive of the game from the Big Spring 43. They quickly moved the ball down the field, and in just three

plays they were able to add six points to their lead. The Big Spring defense held off their 2-point conversion try with a huge tackle for a loss, which kept the score at 13-6.

Following another Big Spring punt, the Mustangs moved 69 yards through the air in just three plays. They made up for their previous failed two-point conversion by successfully executing their next attempt, and with under five minutes remaining in the first quarter, the Steers trailed 21-6.

Sweetwater went for the on-side kick to test the Steers' speed and try to maintain possession of the ball, but it was recovered by Big Spring junior, Cade Wash. The Steers could not capitalize, and ended up turning the ball over on a fumble, which was recovered by the Mustangs on Big Springs' 15 yard line. Sweetwater took advantage and took it to the house once more after a Big Spring penalty, putting them at the Big Spring 8, and three runs to put them up 28-6.

Quarterback Abel Clark, entered the game in the last three minutes of the quarter and led the Steers in a ground game attack as they put together a 62 yard scoring drive in ten plays. Clark showed he can be a threat with his legs as half of those yards came on quarterback



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring receiver Jeremiah Cooley catches a pass for a touchdown early in the Steer's out-of-town football game at Sweetwater on Friday, Sept. 8, 2017.

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Bulldogs fall to Badgers 46-26

By **STEVE BELVIN**

Staff Writer

The Coahoma Bulldogs fell behind early and couldn't overcome the McCamey Badgers Friday night as McCamey came away with a 46-26 victory.

Coahoma spotted McCamey a 28-0 Halftime lead and the deficit was too much too make up. "We killed ourselves early on, turnovers, busted assignments," said Coahoma coach Fred Dietz.

Indeed they did; Coahoma fumbled twice in the first half, and the turnovers led to touchdowns by the Badgers. The dagger was a 53-yard touchdown return by McCamey's Nelson Bermudez of a fumble as the second quarter ran out. It gave the Badgers a 21-0 lead.

Bermudez was a stalwart all night. The senior corner backer wide receiver had a memorable night, in addition to his scoop and score, he caught touchdown passes of 20, 48, and 7 yards. He also found time to pick off two of Coahoma quarterback Mason Moore's passes. He and fellow WR/CB Trajan Johnson, were much more than the Bulldogs could handle. Johnson broke up several of Coahoma's attempts and scorched the Bulldogs' defense for touchdown passes of 15 and 40 yards.

With Moore leading the way, Coahoma scratched and clawed their way back into contention, once cutting the lead to 40-20 early in the fourth quarter. The teams traded touchdowns after that as time ran out on the Bulldogs.

In the second half, the com-



ination of Moore to Gage-Clark Burdell proved very effective. Burdell caught five passes for 122 yards, including two touchdowns of 25 and 12 yards.

Moore also tossed a 14 yard scoring strike to Adam Clark.

Dietz was optimistic about the passing game, but not so much with his run game. "We're going to find a way to throw to Burdell. He's a great wide receiver. McCamey had a good scheme. They saw how we ran the ball against Forsan and they took that away," said Dietz. "I give them credit, but we dug too deep a hole to climb out of."

The Bulldogs received a tough blow when quarterback, Braden Pearson, suffered an ankle sprain in the first half and didn't play after that. Dietz is happy he has depth at the spot, thanks to Moore.

"I plan on playing two quarterbacks anyway. Braden is a strong runner and he picks up tough yardage. Mason is a good runner as well, but his strength is in his arm. We'll just see how Braden's ankle sprain comes along."

The Bulldogs, 1-1 for the season, will host Reagan County Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Forsan dominates Eldorado 34-6

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Buffs were on fire on both sides of the ball in their match up vs. Eldorado on Friday. Forsan kept it relatively balanced in their offensive attack as they racked up 128 yard through the air, and 182 yards on the ground.

Forsan quarterback Bryce Hergert connected with wide receiver Garrett Evans four times, three of which resulted in touchdowns. Trey Brockman and Johnathon Gabehart were each able to take one to the house on the ground.

The Buffs defense had a heck of a night as they came away with five interceptions for the game. Three of those interceptions were made by Evans, one came from Hergert, and the oth-

er from Ehren Hillger.

"I thought the game went really well. While we did some pretty great things, there were still some things that we need to execute a little bit better on both sides of the ball," said head football coach Jason Phillips. "Overall, I thought the kids played really hard. Anytime you get a win, it's awesome. The kids are excited about the win, and they're excited about the opportunity to get better."

Bufs Receiving Leaders:

Ehren Hillger - 45 yards

Garrett Richards - 42 yards

Kobe Richardson - 24 yards

Bufs Rushing Leaders:

Trey Brockman - 74 yards

Jonathon Gabehart - 58

yards

Bryce Hergert - 53 yards

Forsan will make their way to Stanton on Friday, Sept. 15, where it will be the "battle of the Buffaloes." They are set to kick off at 7:30 p.m.



Lady Hawks kick off fall season with scrimmage vs. Odessa College



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Howard College right fielder Victoria Sorokina dives to catch a short fly ball during the first scrimmage game held with Odessa College at Foundation Field on Friday, Sept. 8, 2017.

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Judge blocks Elliott's 6-game suspension over domestic case

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

A federal judge blocked Dallas Cowboys star Ezekiel Elliott's six-game suspension over a domestic violence case Friday, setting the stage for a potentially lengthy legal fight with the NFL.

Last year's league rushing leader was already cleared to play in the opener against the New York Giants on Sunday night before the ruling by U.S. District Judge Amos Mazzant. It's uncertain whether an NFL appeal can get the suspension reinstated this season.

Mazzant agreed with players' union lawyers that Elliott didn't receive a "fundamentally fair" hearing in his appeal and he granted the NFL Players' Association request for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction blocking the league's punishment.

Elliott was suspended by Commissioner Roger Goodell in August after the league concluded he had several physical confrontations last summer with Tiffany Thompson, a former girlfriend. Prosecutors in Ohio didn't pursue the case, citing conflicting evidence.

The 22-year-old Elliott denied Thompson's allegations in sworn testimony during an appeal hearing last week. He also attended the hearing for the restraining order earlier this week in Sherman, about 65 miles north of Dallas.

"We are very pleased that Mr. Elliott will finally be given the opportunity to have an impartial decision-maker carefully examine the NFL's misconduct," Elliott's attorneys said in joint statement. "This is just the beginning of the unveiling of the NFL's mishandling as it relates to Mr. Elliott's suspension."

About the time of the ruling, Elliott posted a highlight video on Instagram with a message that read, "Momma told me if ya fall never stay down." He hasn't spoken publicly since the Cowboys reported for training camp in late July.

Arbitrator Harold Henderson turned down Elliott's appeal of the suspension the same day as the hearing in federal court. Henderson ruled that the NFL complied with its personal conduct policy in punishing Elliott and rejected any claims that Elliott's attorneys presented new evidence at the appeal.

Mazzant's ruling took aim at Henderson and the NFL, saying decisions not to allow Goodell and Thompson to testify at the appeal were among several factors unfair to Elliott.

The judge also faulted the league for what he saw as several efforts to conceal the opinion of co-lead investigator Kia Roberts. She testified at the appeal that she didn't think Thompson was credible and didn't support any punishment for Elliott.

Mazzant noted that Henderson allowed Roberts to testify at the appeal over the objections of NFL attorneys who claimed her testimony would be consistent with what was presented to Goodell when he made the decision to suspend Elliott.

"Luckily, the NFLPA found the fairness needle in the unfairness haystack and Henderson ordered Roberts to testify," Mazzant wrote. "The arbitration record shows that Roberts' testimony was everything but unnecessary, consistent, and cumulative."

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said the league was reviewing the decision and would discuss its next steps with attorneys, including possible appeals in district court and with the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. "We strongly believe that the inves-



AP Photo

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) hands off to teammate running back Ezekiel Elliott (21) during an NFL football practice in Frisco, Texas, Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017. (AP Photo/LM Otero)

tigation and evidence supported the commissioner's decision and that the process was meticulous and fair throughout," McCarthy said.

Mazzant also ruled that Henderson erred in not allowing some investiga-

tors' notes to be presented on appeal. "The NFL's actions demonstrate that from the very beginning of the decision-making process, a cloud of

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Big Spring's Cade Wash (32) and Domiono Cole (80) take down the Mustang runner early in the Steers' out of town football game at Sweetwater on Friday, Sept. 8, 2017.

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keepers. With a Clark-Harris connection on a fade route, Big Spring's two-point conversion try was successful and the score was set at a 28-14 Mustang lead.

Sweetwater responded with a 65-yard touchdown drive in five plays, set the extra point down the middle of the uprights and added seven points to their lead.

In the opening drive of the third quarter, Big Spring threw away what was a great drive when Clark threw a pick-six for 70 yards. The Mustangs sealed the deal with the extra point and took a large 42-14 lead.

"Clark will grow every game. Jack did a good job also, but we were short of defensive backs and we were trying to keep him from going both ways," explained head coach Mitch McLemore. "Abel will grow. He is getting better in every practice and in every game. He is very coachable, and Jack as well. It's just a question of us smoothing out a lot of rough edges, and there are a lot of rough edges to be touched on. You can't think of it all ahead of time. You have to act in real time when you see it, you have to address it as it happens."

Sweetwater was able to capitalize on a lost fumble and a punt error by Big Spring in two separate third-quarter drives and turn them into scores.

With under six minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, Clark found Cooley on a hitch route and with a wicked stiff arm to shed off defenders, Cooley was off to the races. The play was good for 36 yards and a touchdown, but the Steers couldn't convert on the two-point try.

The Steers ended the game with an aggressive defensive stop, but still took the tough defeat with a 56-20 final score.

Big Spring's youth showed throughout the game as they committed a total of 24 penalties that set them back 174 yards.

"They didn't need help from us, but we helped them a bunch with penalties and missed assignments. You know, it's just part of the process. I love them to death, but they're going to have to make some choices," said McLemore. "They're going to have to make choices about how they prepare themselves for football games, because we don't have any easy games on our schedule. The ones that are tough minded will walk it the way it's supposed to be walked. Like I told them just then, I'm going to walk my faith no matter what the score is, and that is what I expect them to do as well."

As far as preparation goes, McLemore says they need to work on executing the little things that only experience will help you get past; and also, to get in better shape both physically and mentally.

"We are going to simplify some things, and we are going to put our best personnel on the field. Early in the year you want to get a look at a lot of people, but ultimately we are going to have to get in better shape," said McLemore. "We have some players that may have to go two ways and things of that nature, and we knew that, But at the same time I am proud of all of them for a lot of things they did. We just need to clean up the little stuff. I basically told them just now in the huddle that I love them, but they need to decide. Are they going to hang on the rope, Or are they going to let go?"

Moving forward, Big Spring heads to Monahans to seek their first win for their third consecutive road game of the season. Not only is that difficult by itself, but they also have an extremely tough schedule this year.

"Well, it is what it is, and I knew it coming in. It's brutal. It's tough and tiring on both the coaches and the kids," said McLemore. Anybody playing our



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring quarterback Abel Clark rushes into the defensive secondary early in the Steers' out-of-town football game at Sweetwater on Friday, Sept. 8, 2017.

schedule alone, even if they had five home games instead of just four, would have such a tough road ahead of them. Being on the road the first three weeks in a row adds to it, but we are learning about our team and that is a positive I am taking away from the situation."

The Steers and the Lobos are set to kick off at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15, in Monahans, Texas.

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Perez wins 7th in a row; Rangers rally to beat Yankees 11-5



By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Texas left-hander Martin Perez has gained confidence from his recent success. Plus, the Rangers always seem to score a lot of runs when he's on the mound.

Perez won his seventh straight start even after two early four-run deficits as the playoff-hopeful Rangers rallied for an 11-5 victory Friday night over the AL wild card-leading New York Yankees.

"I'm just trying to stay in the game because we've been up the last month. We're hitting good," Perez said. "Five runs is not enough for us to lose a game."

After being down 4-0 and 5-1, the Rangers went ahead to stay with a four-run fifth that was capped by Elvis Andrus' tiebreaking two-run single that made it 7-5. He was the first hitter after Yankees starter Masahiro Tanaka left with two on and no outs.

Perez (12-10) became the first Rangers pitcher to win seven straight starts since Kenny Rogers set the club record in 2005 with eight in a row. The left-hander allowed five runs, only two earned, over 5 2/3 innings.

"There was no panic in his game, even when we got down. Continued to try to make pitches to get the outs that we needed," manager Jeff Banister said. "Kept us in the fight really. Something that early in the season we didn't see from him."

Nomar Mazara homered for Texas (71-69), which stayed within 2 1/2 games of Minnesota for the AL's second wild card. The Twins won at Kansas City to

AP Photo

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Martin Perez throws to the New York Yankees during the in the second inning of a baseball game, Friday, Sept. 8, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

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Texans' Watt recognized for Hurricane Harvey charity efforts



AP Photo

In this Sept. 3, 2017, file photo, Houston Texans defensive end J.J. Watt holds a box of relief supplies on his shoulder while handing them out to people impacted by Hurricane Harvey in Houston.

HOUSTON (AP) — J.J. Watt is being honored by the NFL Players Association after raising more than \$29 million for Hurricane Harvey relief efforts.

Watt was named the NFLPA's Community MVP on Friday for his work in the days since the hurricane and flooding devastated Houston and much of southeast Texas.

Watt announced the fundraising page with a video on Twitter after Houston's preseason game against the Saints in Aug. 26, with a goal of collecting \$200,000. As donations kept pouring in, he raised the goal again

and again. The number skyrocketed thanks to almost 200,000 donors including Jimmy Fallon, Ellen DeGeneres, Drake and Houston Rockets guard Chris Paul.

Watt also worked with his foundation to fill 12 semi-trucks with supplies, which were brought to Houston and distributed in part by Watt and his teammates on Sunday.

The NFLPA will contribute \$10,000 to Watt's foundation for the honor. He becomes a semifinalist for the Byron Whizzer White Award, given annually by the group to recognize charitable efforts of players.

Column: Baseball's power surge raises some troubling issues



AP Photo

Chicago White Sox's Jose Abreu hits a solo home run during the first inning of a baseball game against the Cleveland Indians, Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017, in Chicago. (AP Photo/Nam Y. Huh)

By PAUL NEWBERRY

AP Sports Columnist

ATLANTA — We've been through this before.

Everyone swinging for the fences. Balls flying out of the park.

Fans presumably gushing over the tape-measure spectacle (because, you know, chicks dig the long ball).

Sorry, we'll take a pass on this bandwagon.

As baseball heads toward a record-obliterating season for home runs — yes, a power display that eclipses even the height of the steroid era — one can't help but wonder if it's all on the up and up.

Granted, baseball now has a serious drug-testing plan, something that didn't exist at all during the heyday of Barry Bonds and Mark McGwire, but no one can ever know with certainty that it's weeded out all the chemically enhanced sluggers.

Doping is a battle that's never really won. The best one can hope for is maintaining a slight edge over the would-be cheaters.

"You don't want people to be skeptical," said Miami Marlins manager Don Mattingly, who has the game's top slugger at the moment,

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fundamental unfairness followed Elliott," Mazzant wrote. "Unfortunately, this cloud followed Elliott into the arbitration proceedings."

The union used the ruling to reiterate its complaint from almost three years ago. That's when the NFL stiffened its domestic violence policy with the six-game standard and more investigative power while the union objected that alterations should be part of a labor deal.

The NFL's changes came after the league was sharply criticized for its handling of a domestic incident involving former Baltimore running back Ray Rice.

"This 'imposed' system remains problematic for players and the game, but as the honest and honorable testimony of a few NFL employees recently revealed, it also demonstrates the continued

lack of integrity within their own league office," the union said.

After Henderson's ruling, the NFL filed a lawsuit asking a federal court in New York to enforce Elliott's suspension, but the Southern District of New York hasn't acted.

That court falls under the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which last year backed Goodell's four-game suspension of New England quarterback Tom Brady in the "Deflategate" case.

Brady won in federal court before the league prevailed, but the legal process delayed the suspension for a year. The five-time Super Bowl champion served the punishment at the start of last season.

New Orleans running back Adrian Peterson, who was suspended over a child abuse case in Texas while with Minnesota, had his punishment upheld by Henderson and later overturned by a federal judge.

According to the letter Elliott

received informing him of the suspension last month, the NFL believed he used "physical force" three times in a span of five days in a Columbus, Ohio, apartment last July resulting in injuries to Thompson's face, neck, shoulders, arms, hands, wrists, hips and knees.

Prosecutors in Columbus decided about a year ago not to pursue the case in the city where Elliott starred for Ohio State, but the NFL kept the investigation open. The league said its conclusions were based on photographs, text messages and other electronic evidence.

Elliott rushed for 1,631 yards as a rookie to help the Cowboys to the best record in the NFC at 13-3. He was a full practice participant throughout training camp but played in just one preseason game, same as a year ago when Elliott missed significant time in camp because of a hamstring injury.

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AP Photo

Texas Rangers' Delino DeShields (3) and Shin-Soo Choo celebrate scoring on an Elvis Andrus single during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees on Friday, Sept. 8, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.



AP Photo

Texas Rangers' Shin-Soo Choo kneels on the ground after fouling a ball off his right leg in an at-bat in the first inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees on Friday, Sept. 8, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

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Giancarlo Stanton. "I think what fans really want to know — they love greatness, they love seeing the ball go out of the ballpark, you love seeing athletes in all sports do great and do great things — but I think as a fan, and I include myself in that, you want to know it's coming through hard work and dedication and talent. Not any other help."

Beyond that, the emphasis on hitting the ball out of the park — by everyone from mammoth outfielders to light-hitting shortstops — raises another issue that is troubling to the long-term health of the national pastime.

A game that should be filled with nuance and infinite possibilities has become something akin to slow-pitch softball, the lineups filled from top to bottom with beefy guys who do nothing more than swing from their heels on every pitch.

If everyone is hitting the long ball, it's it really all that exciting?

Take the Texas Rangers, who heading into Friday were leading the majors with 218 homers and, in an interesting twist, stopped by Atlanta this week for a series against Braves.

This, of course, is the home of Hank Aaron, whose statue adorns a place of honor in new SunTrust Park and remains the true home run king in our books. So perhaps it wouldn't have seemed out of place to say the Rangers are faithfully carrying on the Hammer's power-hitting legacy.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

The Rangers' lineup features Joey Gallo, who leads the team with 37 homers but is hitting barely above the Mendoza Line (.211) with a whopping 162 strikeouts. He's hardly alone. Texas also has Mike Napoli (.196, 29 homers, 155 strikeouts) and Rougned Odor (.213, 28 homers, 137 strikeouts), who are following much the same blueprint every time they step to the plate.

Knock it out of the park or go down swinging as hard as you can.

Compare that with Aaron, who in addition to 755 homers finished with a career average of .305 and never struck out as many as 100 times in any of his 23 seasons.

"Nobody worries about average or striking out. They don't care about that," said Hall of Famer Tony Perez, a slugger in his era but someone who hit as many as 30 homers only twice in his career. "They just want to hit home runs. I guess that pays better."

The Rangers were followed into Atlanta by Stanton, who is on a home run quest himself. The 6-foot-6, 245-pounder went into Friday's game with 53 homers and still has a shot at reaching Roger Maris' non-steroid season record of 61. That mark appeals to Stanton the most, certainly more so than Bonds' almost-comical 73 homers in 2001 during the steroid era.

"When you grow up watching all the old films of Babe Ruth and (Mickey) Mantle and those guys, 61 has always been that printed number," Stanton said a few weeks ago.

Yet any admiration for Stanton's brilliant season is at least partly offset by the reality that all these sluggers are making the game even more unwatchable than it already was, the game slowing to a pace that makes chess seem action-packed by comparison. You've got overly cautious pitchers laboring over every throw, knowing they can't afford any mistakes. You've got one-dimensional hitters flailing away at anything close to the plate, willing to whiff most of the time for the chance to occasionally knock one into another ZIP code.

When Atlanta's Julio Teheran faced the Rangers this week, he had a season-high five walks in five innings.

He wasn't really wild.

Just careful.

"They're hitting .212 with 28 homers," Teheran explained. "They don't care about striking out."

move within 1 1/2 games of New York (75-65).

Tanaka (11-11), who had won his last three starts, struck out seven. But the right-hander allowed seven runs and eight hits, and had a wild pitch that allowed Robinson Chirinos to score the tying run.

"I feel responsible for the loss. I felt like I let it slip away," Tanaka said through an interpreter. "The offense gave me a comfortable lead. I just wasn't able to keep that lead and hold on. I feel responsible for it."

Texas has scored 61 runs during Perez's winning streak. The 11 runs Friday matched the most allowed by New York this season.

The Yankees led 4-0 after Gary Sanchez had a two-run single in the second, a four-run outburst when only one of the runs was earned after an error by second baseman Rougned Odor.

After Mazara's 19th homer in the Rangers second, Didi Gregorius hit a solo homer in the top of the third for New York for a 5-1 lead.

"You feel pretty good about that situation," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "They grinded out some at-bats and got some key hits and knocked (Tanaka) out and then they took over the game."

SHORT HOPS

Three Rangers relievers combined for 3 1/3 no-hit innings, with six strikeouts and no walks. ... Andrus had three hits, including two doubles to give him 40 for the season. Andrus is hitting .400 (28 of 70) over his last 16 games. ... Chirinos was 2 for 2 with two walks, and has reached base in 23 consecutive games. ... The homer by Gregorius was his seventh in 79 career at-bats against Texas.

BACK TO NEW YORK

After the weekend in Texas, the Yankees will return to New York. Hurricane Irma forced their series at the Tampa Bay Rays to be moved from St. Petersburg, Florida, to Citi Field, home of the New York Mets. The Rangers last week played their road series against the Houston Astros in St. Pete in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Yankees: Gregorius was a bit gimpy after fouling a ball off his foot in the eighth inning. ... CC Sabathia said the lubricating injection in his right knee was routine and scheduled. He plans to throw Saturday and is on track to start the series opener Monday against the Rays.

Rangers: Mazara was back in the lineup after leaving the second game of Wednesday's doubleheader at Atlanta with tightness in his left quad.

UP NEXT

From night to a noon start local time for the second game of the series, with Game 2 scheduled to start only about 13 1/2 hours after the end of the opener. Yankees RHP Luis Severino (12-6), who has allowed one earned run or fewer in eight of 10 starts since the All-Star break, going 7-2 in that span. RHP Andrew Cashner (9-9) goes for the Rangers. He is 6-2 in his last 10 starts.

Without question, the increase in homers borders on alarming. After Thursday's games, with a little over three weeks left in the regular season, teams had combined to hit 5,329 homers and were on pace to finish with 6,169. That would shatter the record of 5,693 homers set in 2000, when we know plenty of hitters were juicing.

More dramatically, it would be a 47 percent increase over the 4,186 homers that were hit just three seasons ago, when power numbers bottomed out after a steady decline undoubtedly spurred along by tougher and tougher drug-testing rules. By comparison, it took hitters a full decade to pull off a similar increase to reach that tainted 2000 total.

There are plenty of explanations for the stunning increase, from an increased emphasis on hitting fly balls — which certainly has lots of merit — to an unconfirmed belief that the ball is livelier.

"You can just tell it's harder. You can feel it," Braves shortstop Dansby Swanson said. "It's pretty easy to tell the difference for someone who plays."

Whatever the case, we all hope this power surge is legit.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jones celebrate 50 years



Hebrew and Vivian Jones celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 29, 2017. They were married in the North Side Church of Christ. July 28, 1967, in Big Spring, Texas.

Hebrew and Vivian have four children: Monique Jones, Bruce Jones and wife Kimberly, Minnie Jones, and Marquel Hickey and husband Jo Lee. They are the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Fifty golden years ago, Vivian's cousin and Hebrew's brother introduced the couple, which led to us dating and marriage.

The couple say they have experienced joy and pain, have felt the weight of life's heavy burdens, and the simple daily pleasures of life. Through tears, trails, fears, sorrows, and the heartache of losing loved ones, they found peace and comfort in each others arms during the most difficult times in their lives.

The Jones' celebration was Saturday July 29, 2017, at the Big Spring Country Club, hosted by their children with family and friends.

Flores and DeLeon unite in marriage



Anna Flores and Israel De Leon were married Aug. 12, 2017, at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish with Monsignor Gully officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Tina Flores and the late Jessie Flores. The groom is the son of Robert and Christina De Leon.

Given in marriage by her brother Jason Flores, the bride was attended by Vanessa Parra as maid of honor; bridesmaids Morgan Holloway, Melissa Guerra, Linda Gutierrez, Allison Jansa, Leslie Robbins; and junior bridesmaid Christina De Leon.

The best man was Rudy De Leon; along with groomsmen Marcus De Leon, Manuel Gonzales III, Gilbert Lopez, Frank Davila, Dominique Gonzales; and junior groomsman Michael De Leon. Tyler Bednar served as an usher.

Israel Jr. (IJ), son of the groom, served as the ring bearer.

Ellie and Kendall Flores, twin nieces of the bride, served as flower girls, and were escorted by Kannon Flores, nephew of the bride.

Vocalists were Cindy Chavez and Jessica Brown. Lectors were Reina Cisneros and Andrea Phinney.

Eucharistic ministers were Linda Hirt and Tibby Niehues.

Religious gift sponsors were: Manuel and Norma Hilario (Arraz), Robert and Tina Hernandez (Bible and Rosary), Ricardo and Mari Hernandez (Bouquet of Flowers for the Virgin Mary), and Clemente and Hermelinda Gutierrez (Lazo).

The bride is a graduate of Angelo State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She is employed as an Accounting Supervisor for Pioneer Natural Resources.

The groom is attending college to earn an engineering degree, and is employed by Home Depot.

The couple will make their home in Big Spring, Texas.

Rush Limbaugh evacuates studio ahead of hurricane

NEW YORK (AP) — Rush Limbaugh, who has suggested that the "panic" caused by approaching hurricanes actually benefits retailers, the media and climate change activists, abandoned his south Florida studio ahead of Hurricane Irma.



Limbaugh

On his show Thursday from his fa-


cility in Palm Beach, the conservative radio host said airing his show Friday would be "problematic" and "legally impossible."

Limbaugh said his show would be back on the air next week "from parts unknown." Mark Steyn filled in for Limbaugh on Friday.

The radio personality had been criticized for complaining about the hype attached to the storm and has questioned some of the forecasts.

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Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage sandwich, fresh apples, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, corn, diced peaches, sliced carrots, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast slider, fresh pears, milk. Lunch: Fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, diced pears, campfire pinto beans, fresh celery sticks, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage breakfast pizza, fresh bananas, milk. Lunch: Chili mac, corn, fresh celery sticks, fresh cantaloupe, applesauce, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, fresh apple slices, milk. Lunch: Cheese pizza, Mandarin oranges, broccoli, fresh cucumber slices, milk.

Elementary Schools

Monday: Breakfast: Lucky charms cereal, string cheese, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Salisbury steak, dinner or diced chicken salad, fresh grapes, mixed fruit cup, buttered peas and carrots, fresh tomato wedges, side salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Pork rib sandwich or popcorn chicken bowl, fresh bananas, diced peaches, fresh roasted carrots, fresh Jicama sticks, side salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage breakfast pizza, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Chili mac, breadstick or corndog, fresh apples, diced pears, fresh zucchini squash, fresh celery sticks, side salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Bagel with strawberry cream cheese, fresh apples, cherry star juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger or roasted turkey with gravy, fresh oranges, applesauce, kickin' pinto beans, fresh baby carrots, side salad.

Friday: Breakfast: Apple strudel, fresh banana, apple juice. Lunch: Beef taco salad or pepperoni pizza, fresh cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits, fresh buttered broccoli, fresh cucumber slices, side salad.

Intermediate School

Monday: Breakfast: Cheerios cereal, graham crackers, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Hot dog or Salisbury steak or cheeseburger or diced chicken salad, dinner roll, fresh

grapes, mixed fruit cup, roasted Brussels sprouts, fresh tomato wedges, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich or cheeseburger or chicken nugget bowl, fresh bananas, diced peaches, fresh roasted carrots, fresh Jimica Sticks, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast sandwich, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Chicken sandwich or hot dog or chili mac pasta, breadstick, fresh apples, diced pears, fresh zucchini squash, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Strawberry PBJ, fresh bananas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger or popcorn chicken salad with crackers or Philly steak sub, fresh oranges, applesauce, kickin' pinto beans, fresh baby carrots, garden salad.

Friday: Breakfast: Bagel with strawberry cream cheese, raisins, apple juice. Lunch: Pork Rib Sandwich or hot dog or Cheese pizza, pineapple tidbits, buttered broccoli, fresh cucumber slices, fresh cantaloupe, garden salad

Junior High School

Monday: Breakfast: Fruit loops cereal, string cheese, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger or Salisbury steak, dinner roll or diced chicken salad, fresh grapes, mixed fruit cup, roasted Brussel sprouts, fresh tomato wedges, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich or popcorn chicken bowl or ham/turkey Cobb salad, dinner roll, fresh bananas, diced peaches, fresh roasted carrots, fresh Jicama sticks, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast taco, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger or chili mac, breadstick or pork rib sandwich, fresh apples, diced pears, fresh zucchini squash, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Strawberry PBJ, fresh bananas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich or popcorn chicken salad or roasted turkey with gravy, dinner roll, fresh oranges, applesauce, kickin' pinto beans, fresh baby carrots, garden salad.

Friday: Breakfast: Waffles, fresh grapes, apple juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger or bean taco salad or stew with rice, fresh cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits, fresh buttered broccoli, fresh cucumber slices, garden salad.

muffin or waffles or warm cinnamon apples or raisin bran cereal, string cheese, fresh apples, diced pears.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage cheese quesadilla or egg bacon muffin or waffle or warm cinnamon apples or trix cereal, animal crackers, fresh oranges, mixed fruit cup.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon raisin bagel or egg bacon sandwich or waffles or warm cinnamon apples or fruit loop cereal, string cheese, fresh pears, applesauce.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache or egg bacon sandwich or waffles or warm cinnamon apples or apple jack cereal, animal crackers, fresh bananas, raisins.

Friday: Breakfast: French toast sticks or potato egg casserole or waffles or warm cinnamon apples or frosted flakes cereal, string cheese, fresh grapes, diced peaches.

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

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Pancakes and sausage. Lunch: Chicken salad, croissant or corn dog with tater tots or oven roasted chicken with broccoli bites, baked beans, apple-pineapple d'lite.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito and hash browns. Lunch: Santa Fe salad or nacho grande with beans and salsa or taco soup with corn bread, tiny tomato cup, cucumber slices, peaches, sherbet cup.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Biscuits with scrambled eggs and bacon. Lunch: Caribbean salad or chicken sandwich with fries or extreme burrito with salsa and corn.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache and yogurt or homemade spice muffins and yogurt. Lunch:

Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast club or egg and cheese sandwich. Lunch: Chef ham salad or pizza or ham and cheese melt with chips, baby carrots, crunchy broccoli salad, fresh fruit cup, brownie.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Cherry strudel with Colby jack cheese stick or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets with mac-n-cheese, or sweet-n-sour chicken Asian bowl with egg roll, cheesy potato Au gratin, ranch-style beans, carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Mini sausage

biscuits or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait with peach cup fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Country fried steak or steak fingers or popcorn chicken, savory green beans mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast with sausage patty or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger or mini corndogs, spicy fries, baby carrots, garden salad, fresh fruit milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, or cereal and toast, or yogurt parfait, strawberry cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken sandwich or chicken parmesan, tater tots, seasoned corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Dutch waffle with bacon or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, applesauce cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Cheese or pepperoni pizza or vegetable beef soup with corn bread, Italian vegetables, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

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Monday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache, yogurt, mil, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken legs,

Texas toast, baby carrots, seasoned corn, grapes, cookie, fruit variety, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Taquito, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Crispy tacos, Spanish rice, fresh, veggie cup, charro beans, salsa, apple/pineapple d'lite, fruit variety, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffles and sausage, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Lasagna, garden salad, Tuscan veggies, roll, pears, fruit variety, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger, hamburger garnish, fries, baby carrots, orange smiles, fruit variety, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Donuts, sausage, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Pulled pork sliders, multigrain chips, coleslaw, savory green beans, chilled pineapples, fruit variety, milk.

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday: Glazed ham, sweet potato casserole, cauliflower, Waldorf salad, sugar cookie, bread, milk.

Tuesday: BBQ chicken, potato salad, pinto beans, pineapple and oranges, cornbread, milk.

Wednesday: Nachos with beef and beans, lettuce-tomato-cheese, sour cream-salsa, peanut butter cookie, jell-o, milk.

Thursday: Hamburger steak, mushroom gravy, new potatoes with Cr. Sauce, broccoli, banana, milk.

Friday: Chopped BBQ on a bun, onion-pickle, zucchini and yellow squash, citrus cup with whipped topping, milk.

Roger's Reviews:

It



Stephen King's horror opus "It" is a hefty tome. One edition of the paperback weighs in at 1,184 pages, while the hardcover clocks a mere 1,168. There's no way that the whole thing can fit satisfyingly into a two hour, 15 minute movie... and it doesn't. As the end credits reveal, the recent "It" movie from New Line Cinema is "Chapter One" of the story. For those familiar with the novel...or the previous televised mini-series incarnation, the new film focuses solely on the children's side of the story, presumably leaving their adult selves' tale for a later release.



ROGER CLINE

Normally at this point I'd give a brief narrative of the early part of the movie. I think such a plan would do a disservice to folks who aren't familiar with the story, so I'll skip that part, and instead talk about the movie in relation to the book, and to the previous mini-series, which starred Tim Curry.

First though, a bare-bones synopsis and list of the cast. The story focuses on a group of kids in the town of Derry, Maine, where people - especially children - go missing at an alarming rate. The kids come to realize that a malevolent supernatural force is responsible for the missing people, and band together to do something about it. The central group of kids includes Jaeden Li-

eberher as stutterer Bill Denbrough; Jeremy Ray Taylor as chubby new kid Ben Hanscom; Sophia Lillis as Beverly Marsh, a girl with a soiled reputation; Finn Wolfhard as the group's jokester, Richie Tozier; Jack Dylan Grazer as hypochondriac Eddie Kaspbrak; Wyatt Oleff as about-to-be-barmitzvahed Stanley Uriss; and Chosen Jacobs as Mike Hanlon, a homeschooled African-American whose family raises and slaughters sheep. Other kids include Bill's younger brother Georgie, played by Jackson Robert Scott; Henry Bowers (Nicholas Hamilton) and his group of bullies, Belch Huggins (Jake Sim), Victor Criss (Logan Thompson), and Patrick Hockstetter (Owen Teague). Beverly's creepy dad is played by Stephen Bogaert; and, of course, Pennywise the clown is played by Bill Skaarsgard.

As a simple movie version of the novel "It," the film does a lot of things very well, but then inexplicably changes some things. There are plenty of scenes in the movie that you'll recognize, if you've read the book: The opening scene with Georgie, the paper boat, and the sewer drain, for instance. A scene involving Beverly and her bathroom drain. The rock fight between the "Losers" (Bill, Ben, Beverly, etc.) and Henry's gang. These are all done well.

There are some mysterious changes though. One aspect of both the book and the movie is that Pen-

nywise, the evil clown, appears to each person (especially the main kids of the story) as something different. For instance, Bill sees his brother Georgie. Germaphobe Eddie sees a decaying leper, and Beverly sees, well, something in her bathroom drain. Oddly, though, those are the only "Losers" whose visions of Pennywise are the same as the book. For instance, in the book, Stan is scared by a couple of drowned kids. In the movie, he sees a distorted woman from an off-kilter painting come to life. Richie sees a werewolf in the book; but in the movie, he's got a phobia of clowns, and so just sees Pennywise as himself (or, in one scene, as a bunch of toy clowns). The resulting tale isn't bad, but it just makes me scratch my head and wonder, "Why?"

There's no mention of some of the more esoteric stuff that the kids - particularly Bill - go through in the book; stuff like the Macroverse, giant creator turtles, or the Ritual of Chud. Maybe they're saving that for a future movie, but some of it certainly did take part in the book during the narrative represented in this film.

The movie is a good bit creepier than the 1990 mini-series. 1990's Pennywise - Tim Curry - is a fan favorite, but Skaarsgard does a fine, creepy job as the evil clown in the new film. His take is always sinister, but that creepiness varies between playful, like a cat toying with its food; to downright vicious.

The kids are all well-cast, and fit their roles well. Of particular note is the cute 15-year-old Lillis as Bev Marsh. She portrays a wide range of emotions throughout the film, and they're all quite believable. Hamilton does quite well as Henry Bowers: a surprisingly complex role for a high-school bully. In fact, all the kids put in admirable performances.

The film falls down slightly on depth. While I realize that it's only part of the tale, it feels like some of the elements are glossed over. We hear



stuttering Bill mutter his speech practice phrase "He thrusts his fists against the posts, and still insists he sees the ghosts" (A line from the 1942 sci-fi novel "Donovan's Brain," incidentally), but it's never explained and we never hear it fully. He certainly doesn't use it as a weapon against Pennywise, as he does in the novel. The movie mentions a massacre at the Black Spot nightclub, but doesn't go nearly as in-depth as the book, which explains all the mobster backstory, etc. And there's just a lot of stuff like that - places where there's an Easter egg to trigger memories for those who read the book, but a lack of the real depth that the book provides. I guess that's going to be a problem when the source material is more than 1,100 pages.

I enjoyed "It," but I felt a little frustrated at times at the rush to constantly scare the audience with effects or quick jump-scares; and the lack of the lush slow burn that makes the book such a comfortable, dreadful masterpiece. Seven stars out of 10.

It
 Director: Andy Muschietti
 Writers: Screenplay by Chase Palmer, Cary Fukunaga, and Gary Dauberman; based on the novel by Stephen King.

Production companies: New Line Cinema, RatPac-Dune Entertainment, Vertigo Entertainment, Lin Pictures, KatzSmith Productions.
 R; 2 hrs. 15 min.; Drama/Horror; Sept. 8, 2017

Roger saw this film at Big Spring's own Cinemark Cinema 4, located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. For more information, visit www.cinemark.com and enter the ZIP Code 79720.

Who's who in Howard County
 Megan Lane



Where do you work, and what do you do? I am the classifieds representative for the Big Spring Herald.
 Where were you born? San Angelo, Texas.
 What city do you live in? Big Spring, Texas.
 Who is in your family? My parents are Amy and Ben Lane.
 What hobbies/organizations/clubs do you enjoy? I enjoy riding my horses and eating tacos.
 What is your favorite book? "Still Missing" by Chevy Stevens.
 What is your favorite TV show? "Criminal Minds."
 What is your favorite movie? Any movie with John Wayne in it.
 What type of music do you enjoy? Country and rock music.
 Where would you visit if you could go anywhere? Bora Bora in French Polynesia.

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BBB warns consumers of price gouging at the pump



The destruction left by Hurricane Harvey has caused many Texas residents to rush to the pump, resulting in long lines and in some cases supply shortages. Unfortunately, some gas stations may take advantage of the high demand of fuel.

According to the Texas Attorney General, the agency received 500 hundred complaints last week regarding allegations of high gas prices in Dallas, including amounts ranging from \$6-\$8 dollars per gallon. The Attorney General warned gas stations against any attempt to take advantage of Texas consumers by fraudulent action in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.



HEATHER MASSEY

Price gouging is illegal, and the Office of the Attorney General has authority to prosecute any business that engages in price gouging after a disaster has been declared by the Governor. The Texas Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act forbids selling or leasing fuel, food, medicine or another necessity at an excessive price.

The AG's office has stated in most cases the price at the pump is not due to price gouging. However, they are prepared to act if gas prices in a Governor declared disaster area spike beyond what the normal market forces set.

If you or someone you know has experienced price gouging, BBB has the following advice.

- Contact law enforcement. Victims of the fraud can call the attorney general's Consumer Protection Hotline at 1-800-621-0508, emailing consumeremergency@oag.texas.gov, or filing a complaint online at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov. Consumers are encouraged to submit photos or copies of their gas receipts along with their complaint.

- Report it on BBB's Scam Tracker. In addition to contacting the attorney general, consumers are encouraged to report scams to BBB's Scam Tracker. BBB's Scam Tracker allows consumers to keep track of scams in their area. It also helps BBB investigate and warn others by reporting what you know.

Heather Massey is the regional director for the Permian Basin office of Better Business Bureau serving the Heart of Texas. Heather is available for media interviews and speaking engagements. You can reach her by phone: (432) 741-2592 or email: hmassey@permianbasin.bbb.org.

Send your business news and photos in at life@big-springherald.com

Permits

Nancy Lynn Rios, 1906 Winston St., res plumb, Val.: \$1,500, Fee: \$32
Sylvia Rocha, 607 N.W. Eighth St., structure (fence), Val.: \$1,500, Fee: \$25
The GEO Group Inc., 1701 Apron, commercial alteration/addition, Val.: \$5,891,000, Fee: 0
Super 8, 2900 E. Interstate 20, res gas, Val.: \$3,000, Fee: \$32
Kelly Howard, 1201 Runnels St., res HVAC, Val.: \$5,000, Fee: \$45
Manuel O. Iturralde, 801 N. Runnels St., res addition (siding), Val.: \$600, Fee: \$25
Jarmco Inc., 3200 E. Interstate 20, com re-roof, Val.: \$165,000, Fee: \$654
Donnie Baker, 711 W. Fourth St., demolition, Val.: \$50, Fee: \$50
BSISD, 2000 Goliad St., res gas, Val.: \$500, Fee: 0
BSISD, 2101 Wasson Dr., res gas,

Val.: \$500, Fee: 0
BSISD, 3200 Fordham, res gas, Val.: \$500, Fee: 0
BSISD, 1201 Birdwell Lane, res gas, Val.: \$500, Fee: 0
BSISD, 2500 Merrily Dr., res gas, Val.: \$500, Fee: 0
BSISD, 624 E. Sixth St., res gas, Val.: \$500, Fee: 0
BSISD, 801 E. 10th St., res gas, Val.: \$500, Fee: 0
BSISD, 811 E. 10th St., res gas, Val.: \$500, Fee: 0
BSISD, 707 E. 11th Pl., res gas, Val.: \$500, Fee: 0
BSISD, 707 E. 11th Pl. Gym, res gas, Val.: \$500, Fee: 0
BSISD, 707 E. 11th Pl. P.E. Gym, res gas, Val.: \$500, Fee: 0
BSISD, 707 E. 11th Pl. Vocational, res gas, Val.: \$500, Fee: 0
BSISD, 708 E. 11th Pl., res gas, Val.: \$500, Fee: 0

BSISD, 229 Airbase Rd., res gas, Val.: \$500, Fee: 0
BSISD, 3600 E. 11th Pl., res gas, Val.: \$500, Fee: 0
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BSISD, 3602 E. 11th Pl., res gas, Val.: \$500, Fee: 0
BSISD, 3705 E. 11th Pl., res gas, Val.: \$500, Fee: 0
BSISD, 1107 N.W. Seventh St., res gas, Val.: \$500, Fee: 0
BSISD, 2406 Kentucky Way, res gas, Val.: \$500, Fee: 0
BSISD, 2306 Kentucky Way, res gas, Val.: \$500, Fee: 0
Hilda Uribe, 909 Runnels St., res gas, Val.: \$500, Fee: 0

Public Records

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Anthony Anderson, 3401 Camellia Dr. #707, Temple
Steve Antoine, 1425 E. Sixth St. #19, Big Spring
Corina Avila, 1800 Winston St., Big Spring
Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring
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Joshua Bell, 1962 Tuscola, Snyder
Elda Melina Bernal, 1311 Mobile, Big Spring
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Ruann R. Martinez, 1005 N.W. 2nd St., Big Spring
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Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd.

Apt. #28, Big Spring

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George Allen Younger, 66, of Colorado City, and Maria Del Rosario Lopez Escobar, 54, of Colorado City.
Travis Wade Collins, 50, of Big Spring, and Bertha Rubio, 46, of Lubbock.
Cory Andrew Bustamante, 26, of Big Spring, and Destiny Alisha Adams, 28, of Big Spring.
Milciades Holguin, 31, of Big Spring, and Martha Favila, 30, of Big Spring.
Finis Richard Yarbar, 74, of Big Spring, and Cindy Ann James, 47, of Big Spring.
Timothy James Workey, 31, of Big Spring, and Kaela Leann Strickland, 27, of Big Spring.
Richard Corey Keaton, 24, of Big Spring, and Marisol Lupe Starr, 19, of Big Spring.

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Ally Bank
Respondent: Rujnaldo Herrera, Teresa Serrato
Type of Case: Contract - consumer/commercial/debt
Date: Aug. 31, 2017

Plaintiff: Ally Financial Inc.
Respondent: Greg Kitchens
Type of Case: Contract - consumer/commercial/debt
Date: Aug. 31, 2017

Plaintiff: Felicia Hospitality LLC dba Scottish Inns Motel
Respondent: Nautilus Insurance Co., Jimmy Lindsey
Type of Case: Contract - consumer/commercial/debt
Date: Aug. 31, 2017

Plaintiff: Ally Financial
Respondent: Ronda Holguin
Type of Case: Contract - consumer/commercial/debt
Date: Aug. 31, 2017

Plaintiff: Capital One Bank (USA) N.A.
Respondent: Laurie Petersen
Type of Case: Contract - consumer/commercial/debt
Date: Sept. 1, 2017

Plaintiff: Riley Industrial Services Inc.
Respondent: Target Oilfield Services LLC
Type of Case: Contract - consumer/commercial/debt
Date: Sept. 1, 2017

Plaintiff: Nu Star Permian Transportation and Storage LLC
Respondent: V&O Realty LLC
Type of Case: Eminent domain
Date: Sept. 1, 2017

Plaintiff: Israel Martinez
Respondent: Lucinda Martinez
Type of Case: Divorce
Date: Sept. 5, 2017

Plaintiff: Discover Bank
Respondent: Danja Gonzales
Type of Case: Contract - consumer/commercial/debt
Date: Sept. 5, 2017

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US stocks wobble again as energy companies fall

By **MARLEY JAY**

AP Markets Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Technology and energy companies are skidding Friday while banks and insurance companies recover some of their recent losses, leaving U.S. stock indexes little changed overall. Credit monitoring company Equifax is plunging after it disclosed a data breach that affects 143 million Americans. Grocery stores and household goods companies fell as Kroger said stiff competition forced it to cut prices.

KEEPING SCORE: The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 2 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,462 as of 3:15 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 19 points, or 0.1 percent, to 21,804. The Nasdaq composite fell 35 points, or 0.6 percent, to 6,362. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks rose 1 point, or 0.1 percent, to 1,400. Stocks are on track to finish the week with a loss. More stocks fell than rose on the New York Stock Exchange.

DATA DISASTER: Equifax slumped in heavy trading after the credit monitoring company said a data breach exposed Social Security numbers and other information from 143 million Americans. It said the breach occurred between mid-May and July. Equifax shares tumbled \$19.40, or 13.6 percent, to \$123.32. Competitor TransUnion fell \$1.87, or 3.8 percent, to \$47.52 and Experian fell 0.7 percent in London.

Data security companies rallied as investors expected more demand for their services. Symantec leaped \$1.01, or 3.3 percent, to \$31.61 and FireEye rose 28 cents, or 1.8 percent, to \$16.05.

EYE ON THE STORM: Hurricane Irma left at least 21 people dead and thousands

homeless on a devastated string of Caribbean islands and was spinning toward Florida for what could be a catastrophic blow this weekend.

While insurance companies made a small recovery Friday, investors expect steep losses from Irma as well as Hurricane Harvey. Reinsurance companies, which sell policies that cover catastrophic losses like those caused by storms and floods, are down about 10 percent since early August.

On Friday Chubb rose \$6.07, or 4.5 percent, to \$140.95 and XL Group regained \$2.23, or 6.1 percent, to \$38.71.

THE QUOTE: Experts think the storms will slow down U.S. economic growth in the third quarter. While that's likely to be temporary, David Chalupnik, head of equities at Nuveen Asset Management, said the effect on the stock market could last for a while because it will be hard for investors to tell how much of any company's problems are caused by the weather.

"The next couple of months are going to be pretty cloudy," he said. He said insurance companies, cruise lines, and oil refiners based in the Gulf Coast or Southeast could take losses and bad debt at credit card companies will increase, and since the storm will push the Federal Reserve to keep interest rates lower for a bit longer, that will hurt banks by keeping interest rates low



This Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016, file photo shows the New York Stock Exchange at sunset, in lower Manhattan. U.S. stock indexes were wavering between tiny gains and losses in early trading Friday, Sept. 8, 2017. Losses among technology and consumer-focused companies offset gains by financial and health care stocks.

AP photo

on loans.

GROCERY WOES: Grocery store chain Kroger said intense competition with Target and Wal-Mart forced it to cut prices in the second quarter, which hurt its profits. Making matters worse, after the quarter ended Amazon.com completed its purchase of Whole Foods and immediately cut prices on many items. Kroger didn't change its annual forecast, but that projection doesn't account for the hurricanes, which may hurt its sales.

Kroger dropped \$1.73, or 7.6 percent, to \$21.04. Supervalu fell \$1.35, or 6.4 percent, to \$19.74. Wal-Mart and Target, which also said it's cutting prices, took smaller losses.

TECH SLUMP: Information technology company Sci-

ence Applications International came up short of Wall Street estimates in the second quarter and SAIC shares slid \$12.93, or 17.3 percent, to \$61.73. Elsewhere, Apple shed \$2.32, or 1.4 percent, to \$158.94. Chipmaker Advanced Micro Devices sank 41 cents, or 3.3 percent, to \$12.22 and Qualcomm fell 81 cents, or 1.6 percent, to \$49.57.

BONDS: Bond prices dipped. The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 2.06 percent from 2.05 percent.

ENERGY: Energy companies fell as benchmark U.S. crude skidded \$1.61, or 3.3 percent, to \$47.48 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, lost 71 cents, or 1.3 percent, to \$53.78 a barrel in London.

Wholesale gasoline de-

clined 1 cent to \$1.65 a gallon. Heating oil fell 2 cents to \$1.77 a gallon. Natural gas sank 9 cents, or 3.1 percent, to \$2.89 per 1,000 cubic feet.

METALS: Gold rose 90 cents to \$1,351.20 an ounce. Silver added 1 cent to \$18.12 an ounce. Copper retreated 10 cents, or 3.2 percent, to \$3.04 a pound.

CURRENCIES: The dollar fell to 107.79 yen from 108.65 yen on Thursday. The euro strengthened to \$1.2028 from \$1.2003.

MARKETS OVERSEAS: The German DAX picked up 0.1 percent and the FTSE 100 index in Britain lost 0.3 percent. In France, the CAC 40 declined less than 0.1 percent. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 slid 0.6 percent after the country's economic growth

RECORDS

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Plaintiff: Velocity Investments LLC
Respondent: Mary Cahoon
Type of Case: Contract - consumer/commercial/debt
Date: Sept. 5, 2017

Plaintiff: Tammy McFadden
Respondent: Lamond McFadden
Type of Case: Divorce
Date: Sept. 6, 2017

Plaintiff: Krysha Mize
Respondent: Jason Mize
Type of Case: Divorce
Date: Sept. 6, 2017

County Court Judgements
(The State of Texas is listed as the prosecutor in all county court judgements)

Defendant: Zachary D. Alexander
Offense: Fail to identify intent give false information
Sentence: \$500 fine, \$467.10 court costs, 19 days in jail.
Date: Aug. 21, 2017

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Charles Stephen Thomas, aka Charles S. Thomas, aka Charlie Thomas and Lynelie H. Thomas, aka Lynelie Thomas
Grantee: Charles Stephen Thomas, as Trustee of the Charles Stephen Thomas Revocable Trust under agreement dated July 24, 2017
Property: Section 18, block 33, T-1-S, T. and P. Railroad Co. Survey
Date: Aug. 31, 2017

Grantor: Charles Stephen Thomas, aka Charles S. Thomas, aka Charlie Thomas and Lynelie H. Thomas, aka Lynelie Thomas
Grantee: Charles Stephen Thomas, as Trustee of the Charles Stephen Thomas Revocable Trust under agreement dated July 24, 2017
Property: Lot number two (2) in Block number one (1), Kentwood Addition unit one
Date: Aug. 31, 2017

Grantor: Charles Stephen Thomas, aka Charles S. Thomas, aka Charlie Thomas, both individually and in his capacity as Manager of Bar-T Water Services, L.L.C., a Texas limited liability company, and Lynelie H. Thomas, aka Lynelie Thomas
Grantee: Lynelie H. Thomas, as Trustee of the Lynelie H. Thomas Revocable Trust under agreement dated July 24, 2017
Property: Lot number one (1), block number one (1),

Kentwood unit number one.
Date: Aug. 31, 2017

Grantor: Steve Girby
Grantee: Ishmel Mesta
Property: Lot 8, Blk. 3, Wright's Airport Annex Addition
Date: Aug. 31, 2017

Grantor: Ishmel Mesta
Grantee: Steve Girby
Property: S/22 feet Lot 10, and N/32 feet Lot 11, Blk. 1, Wright's First Addition
Date: Aug. 31, 2017

Grantor: Raul Mendez Cordova
Grantee: Silvestre Becker Naranjo
Property: Lot 12, Blk. 4, Cedar Crest Addition
Date: Sept. 1, 2017

Warranty Deeds with Vendors' Liens

Grantor: Don B. Estill
Grantee: Tina M. Patterson
Property: Being lot nine (9), block eight (8), Kentwood unit number one (1).
Date: Aug. 31, 2017

Grantor: Seth M. Mansfield
Grantee: Zachary Chesworth and Becky Chesworth

Property: Being a 9.21 acre tract (tracts 14-A and 14-B) in Silver Heels Subdivision, out of Section 18, Block 32, T-1-S, T and P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: Aug. 31, 2017

Grantor: Matthew Franks
Grantee: Quarra Holdings LLC
Property: E/40 feet of Lot 5, and W/15 feet of Lot 10, Blk. 13, Douglass Addition
Date: Aug. 31, 2017

Grantor: J. Hopper Homes Inc.
Grantee: Christopher Wade Dunbar and Mackenzie Dunbar
Property: A 5.0-acre tract in NW/4 Sec. 10, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: Sept. 1, 2017

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Apple embarks on Emmy quest with big bet on video streaming



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In this Sept. 9, 2015 file photo, a man walks past the Apple logo during a product display for Apple TV following an Apple event in San Francisco. Television is one of the few screens that has Apple hasn't conquered, but that may soon change. The world's richest company appears ready to set out to produce Emmy-worthy programming along the lines of HBO's "Game of Thrones" and Netflix's "Stranger Things."

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Television is one of the few screens that has Apple hasn't conquered, but that may soon change. The world's richest company appears ready to aim for its own Emmy-worthy programming along the lines of HBO's "Game of Thrones" and Netflix's "Stranger Things."

Apple lured away two longtime TV executives Jaime Erlicht and Zack Van Amburg from Sony Corp. in June and has given them \$1 billion to spend on original shows during the next year, according to a Wall Street Journal report quoting unnamed people.

The programming would only be available on a subscription channel, most likely bundled with the company's existing Apple Music streaming service. Apple declined to comment.

While \$1 billion is a lot of money, it's a drop in the bucket for Apple and its \$262 billion cash hoard. But it's still enough to vault Apple into the top tier of tech-industry outsiders producing their own slates of television shows.

Hollywood has long shuddered at the thought of Apple training its sights on TV the way it once did on the music business.

Almost 15 years ago, Apple's then-CEO Steve Jobs convinced record labels to let the company sell digital music on its iTunes store for 99 cents a single, a deal the music industry was happy to take in the face of growing music piracy enabled by Napster. Over time, though, Apple's dominance in digital music chafed music executives, who saw the company siphoning off a chunk of their profits.

Movies and television have proven much harder for Apple to crack. The company's interest in transforming television has been an open secret for years, but Hollywood has so far spurned Apple's efforts to make itself an indispensable digital middleman for video.

In a way, Netflix beat Apple to the punch with its ground-breaking video streaming service. Launched in 2007, that service

pioneered "binge watching" of entire TV seasons on any device with an internet connection. That gave new life to existing shows such as "Breaking Bad," whose creator credits Netflix with its survival, and spawned the creation of other series tailor-made for bingeing.

Netflix also helped unleash a crescendo of creativity in Hollywood. Follow-on rivals Amazon and Hulu also boast popular video streaming services, and mainstream broadcasters such as CBS and Walt Disney Co. — the owner of ABC and ESPN, among other networks — are also jumping in.

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All of that has increased the pressure on Apple to step up its game in TV — not least because the increasing popularity of streaming is hurting its business of renting and selling video from iTunes.

Apple "doesn't want to be left behind," said Debby Ruth, senior vice president of consumer research firm Magid. "This is a way for them to put a stake in the ground."

This year, the company released its first two original series — "Planet of the Apps" and "Carpool Karaoke" — on its Apple Music service, which has 27 million subscribers. But neither show has generated much buzz or critical acclaim.

The recent hiring of Erlicht and Van Amburg signaled Apple's intent to make bigger splash. The executives have helped orchestrate several TV hits, including AMC's "Breaking Bad," and more recently branched out into video streaming with "The Crown," which landed on Netflix last year and is up for 13 Emmy nominations in the Sept. 17 ceremony.

Apple also has a not-so-secret weapon: hundreds of millions of iPhones and iPads already in the hands of faithful fans. It could easily transform those into a marketing platform to lure users to its TV service.

But the company has a steep hill to climb.

Netflix has more than 100 million worldwide subscribers and a video library that will add 1,000 hours of

original programming this year alone. And HBO has become the Emmys' pacesetter since branching into original programming 20 years ago.

Both companies vastly outspend Apple's reported \$1 billion production budget. HBO spends about \$2 billion annually on its programming, which garnered 111 nominations in this year's Emmy Awards — more than any other network. Netflix, which boasts the second most Emmy nominations with 91, expects to spend \$6 billion on programming this year.

Apple is still experimenting in TV, said Gene Munster, a longtime Apple watcher and managing partner with the research and venture capital firm Loup Ventures. "In five years, I bet Apple will either be investing \$10 billion a year in content or zero," said Munster. "It's going to be one or the other."

Jobs discussed his ambitions to shake up TV with his biographer Walter Isaacson shortly before his death in 2011. "He very much wanted to do for television sets what he had done for computers, music players, and phones: make them simple and elegant," Isaacson wrote.

But no Apple television ever materialized. Instead, Apple has periodically upgraded its Apple TV, which isn't a television — just a video streaming player that connects to TVs. That device has been losing market share to other streaming players made by Roku, Amazon and Google, according to the research firm Park Associates.

Building a successful programming line-up could give Apple more leverage to license shows from other Hollywood production houses. It might even embolden the company to finally release its own streaming TV set.

Apple will presumably also want to emulate Netflix's ability to exploit usage data to determine what it thinks audiences want to watch. Netflix's data analysis has helped it attract 25.5 million more subscribers in the U.S. alone since the February 2013 debut of its first original series, "House of Cards."

AP Sources: Feds probe Uber's tracking of Lyft drivers

By TOM KRISHER and TOM HAYS

Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — The Justice Department in Manhattan is investigating whether Uber illegally used software to track drivers for Lyft, its main ride-hailing competitor, to gain an advantage in attracting and recruiting drivers, according to two people familiar with the probe.

The FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Office in New York's Southern District want to know if use of the software, which created fake customer accounts, broke any federal laws, said the people, who didn't want to be identified because they were not authorized to discuss the case publicly.

An Uber spokeswoman said Friday it is cooperating in the probe and that use of the software has been discontinued. The U.S. Attorney's Office would not comment on the case.

The investigation adds to mounting legal problems for Uber, including allegations of corporate espionage involving autonomous vehicle technology and at least one other federal investigation into use of software to thwart local government efforts to monitor its operations. Earlier this year, Uber's board ousted co-founder and CEO Travis Kalanick in a move to fix cultural problems within the company. Last month it replaced him with former Expedia CEO Dara Khosrowshahi, who has inherited the legal troubles. The latest probe apparently centers on software known inside Uber as "Hell." A federal class-action lawsuit filed by a Lyft driver in San Francisco alleges that Uber developed the "spyware" that allowed it to pose as Lyft customers and gain access to its computer systems. The software let Uber access the location of up to eight Lyft drivers at one time and get their unique Lyft identification number. Uber then used that number to track the drivers' locations, the

lawsuit alleged.

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The lawsuit, which Uber said was recently dismissed, alleged that the practice violated the federal Wiretap Act.

No dismissal paperwork is listed in federal court records, and attorneys for the plaintiff, Michael Gonzales, could not be reached Friday.

Uber attorneys, in a legal response to the lawsuit, said that Gonzales is alleging only that Uber used "commonly available software" to collect data that would be accessible to anyone using the Lyft app. "The communications were therefore 'readily available to the general public' and the Wiretap Act does not apply," the Uber lawyers wrote.

News of the investigation was reported earlier Friday by The Wall Street Journal. Uber's other legal problems include a lawsuit filed by Waymo, the autonomous car unit spun off from Google, alleging that Anthony Levandowski, a former Google engineer, stole trade secrets before departing in January 2016 to found a robotic vehicle startup that Uber acquired seven months later. The lawsuit maintains that Uber then transplanted the property into its own fleet of self-driving vehicles — a charge that Uber has adamantly denied.

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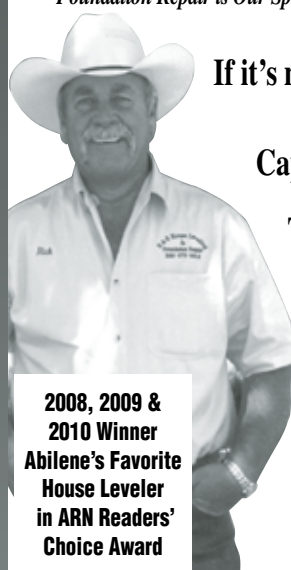
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♠ A 7
♥ Q J 9 6 3
♦ A J 9
♣ 8 4 3
WEST
♠ K Q J 9 6 2
♥ 5
♦ 8 7 4
♣ K Q 6
EAST
♠ 10 8 5 4 3
♥ 8
♦ K Q 6 2
♣ 7 5 2
SOUTH
♠ —
♥ A K 10 7 4 2
♦ 10 5 3
♣ A J 10 9

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♥ 2♠ 4♥
4♠ 5♥

Opening lead — king of spades.
Declarer does not have the advantage of seeing the defenders' cards at the start of a hand, but he will usually do just as well in most deals as if he saw all 52 cards from the outset. Many hands play themselves, and declarer achieves par without much bother.
But other hands require considerable skill in the play, and these are the ones that not only pose a distinct challenge, but are enormously satisfying for the real student of the game.

Take this case where South is in five hearts and West leads the king of spades. How should declarer play the hand?
If you look at all four hands, it seems South must go down one due to the poor lie of the cards. He tries two club finesses, both of which lose, and since he cannot avoid a diamond loser also, he finishes down one.
This result could be attributed to bad luck, of course, but actually, South has a way of assuring the contract from the beginning. He should not stake the outcome on winning one of two club finesses, but should adopt the only line of play that will win regardless of where the club honors are located.
The key play occurs at trick one. When West leads the king of spades, declarer plays low from dummy and discards a diamond from his hand! West's next play does not really matter, so let's assume he leads another spade to dummy's ace, on which South discards another diamond.
Declarer draws a round of trumps, cashes the ace of diamonds, ruffs a diamond, returns to dummy with a trump, ruffs the jack of diamonds, re-enters dummy with a trump and takes a club finesse.
West wins, but must return a club or yield a ruff-and-discard. Either way, South is home.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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6	1	2	3	4	7	9	8	5

Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Plutonian Perspective

It takes a lot of energy to overturn the status quo, and right now that would be energy wasted. What's needed is not a revolution but an exploration. In the spirit of yesterday's fortunate solar position to Pluto, the big-picture perspective will connect us with a profound purpose. You'll have to hike the proverbial mountain to see it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's not the situation that's stumping you; it's the way you're looking at it. Which belief is causing you trouble? Root it out. Misconceptions are obstacles greater than any physical barrier to your happiness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll get quite a lot done in short bursts of time. It's a matter of being organized enough to have your task close at hand when things get slow -- the equivalent of bringing your book to the waiting room of the doctor's office.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Tourism isn't just for travel. In a way, making a friend is like visiting a place you don't live. And each visit, you get to know your way around that place a little better.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're deeply in love with the essence of someone, although the rest could be driving you bonkers today. Don't take it too seriously. This is just a natural part of being close to someone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You won't have as much time to solve a problem as you might like. Given the restraints, you'll have to either opt out or shoot from the hip. If you choose the improvisational option, it

will be uncomfortable, but you'll learn more.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Though hard work can accomplish much, so much more will be accomplished as a direct result of your confidence, ease and a laid-back attitude. Start by asking yourself what is really worth doing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Building relationships effectively will require a certain coolness in your approach. Don't be in a rush to add to other people's lives. Find out what they really need first.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Words can be like keys. Some fit better than others, depending on the lock. You'll learn what to say to express yourself more precisely and be received with more openness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People open up for different reasons. Some want attention. Some want sympathy. The best reason to open up is that it's part of the natural,

slow progression of a relationship headed for a more meaningful connection.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Instead of just mentally noting the improvements you want to make, also write them down. There's no harm in accounting for the fantasy version, too. It's better to think too big than too small.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). One thing that will stop you from wanting to spend time with people in the future is sharing too much with them in the present. For today, keep your cards close to the vest. There's no good reason to divulge.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People will want to know your story, so you'll get the chance to talk about yourself. Be sure to give a positive takeaway to the ending of your personal anecdotes -- easier to do when you've thought it through and assigned one.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 10). As for that old tie that

was holding you back, you get out of it this year, and it's not even difficult, really; you just shake it off. A health kick in October will increase your vitality. A special relationship inspires you to achieve, but soon it becomes more than just impressing someone. A personal quest has begun. Capricorn and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 14, 44, 18 and 20.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: In life and music, one rhythm is not inherently better than another; rather, there are different moods produced by different beats. The start of the month had a more syncopated rhythm, and then things straightened out with Mercury's U-turn last week. This turn, combined with a preponderance of Virgo planets, draws a more logical correlation between cause and effect, action and reaction, cost and benefit, etc. We ride into this week on the confidence of that logical rhythm. There has

never been a better time to become an essentialist in the sense of getting disciplined in your focus on the essentials in the situation. Progress will be swift and tidy indeed when you engage the following line of questions in whatever situation you face:

Am I making it more complicated than it has to be?

How can I edit to simplify?

What's the bottom line?

Where is the point of diminishing returns?

Is there a shorter way to the goal?

What is essential here?

Wishing you the best of luck in your application of the practical earth sign energy. I believe you may find that with the power of less on your side, you'll be ever more effective.

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Annie's Mailbox

The Sleeping Tyrant

Dear Annie: When he is awake, my husband is a mild-mannered person who rarely raises his voice. He is not very talkative and reads most of the day.

However, when he sleeps, he becomes someone else. He talks; he laughs; he

sings; he argues; he flings his arms around as if trying to fight and talks in a slurred voice as if he were inebriated. Last night, he sat up in bed and talked a blue streak to the dog, who ran off scared. He has pushed, poked and prodded me in his sleep, which of course awakens me. I am then unable to get back to sleep for

hours and am miserable the next day. I fear that his behavior will escalate and become violent. During his episodes, I give him a push, and he usually rolls over and goes back to sleep.

Before bed, he usually drinks one beer, and to help him sleep, he takes one 3-milligram tablet of melatonin. This be-

havior has evolved over the past year. He is retired and over 80 years old.

We have only one bedroom, making it impossible for him to sleep elsewhere. Could this be a medical problem? Should he speak to his general practitioner? Or does he have a split personality that only emerges at night? Any suggestion would be most welcome. -- Tired of Living With Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

Dear Tired: There are a few possible explanations here, but rest assured that none of them involves your husband's having a split personality. It could be the melatonin. Some people report having extremely vivid and bizarre dreams after taking the sleep aid. If this is the case for your husband, intense dreams could be causing him to act things out physically in his sleep. It's also possible that he suffers from REM sleep behavior disorder or night terrors.

Whatever the cause, the fact that he screams and flails is reason enough to discuss the issue with his doctor, who can refer him to a sleep specialist. If he's resistant to getting help, remind him that this impacts your health, too (lack of sleep can cause a host of health problems) -- and he's scaring the poor dog.

Dear Annie: I read your column every day. I'm always impressed that such a young person can give such good advice,

and I'm hoping you can help me. Here's my problem. I'm in a group that goes from house to house every month bringing people in need gourmet meals. One member plugs in his electric car at my house so he has enough juice to get home. To me, that is like asking for a couple of gallons of gas.

Am I being petty about it? It seems that if he can afford an electric vehicle and pays no gas taxes to maintain the roads, I shouldn't be paying for his fuel. I'm thinking of putting a meter on it next time and asking him to pay for the electricity. -- Drained

Dear Drained: You're not being petty. You're being overly polite. Really, this man should offer you some cash without being prompted, but seeing as it doesn't seem as if that's going to

happen, you'll have to take charge. Tell him you're happy to let him continue charging his vehicle at your house; you just ask that he cover the cost of the electricity. It might only be a few bucks each time, but that adds up, and you're the one footing the bill.

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Summer-suit accessories
 - 11 Oblong edible
 - 15 Big name among smart speakers
 - 16 Youngest of a Yorkshire literary trio
 - 17 Couple in a canoe, maybe
 - 18 Not at all ludicrous
 - 19 Two-handed face
 - 20 No longer pressing
 - 21 Shoestring source
 - 22 Polishing team: Abbr.
 - 24 Lisa Marie's acting ex
 - 26 Very, to Vivaldi
 - 29 Actualized
 - 31 Many a river's destination
 - 32 "___ kept flocks . . .": Genesis
 - 34 Stands at conventions
 - 36 No paragon of polish
 - 37 Millions of Angelenos
 - 39 It may be a hip design, informally
 - 40 Puts into words
 - 42 Yam-shop lineup
 - 43 Control-tower figure, for short
 - 44 Sacramental symbol
 - 46 Wasn't true
 - 48 Symbol of Scotland
 - 49 797-episode franchise
 - 50 Carried off spiritually
 - 51 What to aim at
 - 54 Large manufacturer of car brakes
- DOWN**
- 1 Merrill Edge offerings, briefly
 - 59 Polka-band staple
 - 61 Ordinary
 - 62 Vampire Aristocrats, in Dungeons & Dragons
 - 63 Wine brewed like beer
 - 64 Cause of coastal erosion
 - 1 Spread mate
 - 2 *Quant* (personally, in Paris)
 - 3 Zip
 - 4 Pretty-but-poisonous plant
 - 5 Jamaican guy
 - 6 *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* setting
 - 7 Daughter of Titans
 - 8 Terrific
 - 9 "Case closed"
 - 10 Keep plugging away
 - 11 Presents with a ring?
 - 12 Effortlessly
 - 13 Compounding base
 - 14 Gratifies
 - 23 Pekinese or Bavarian
 - 25 Interferes with
 - 26 Beginning
 - 27 Range getting scoured
 - 28 Site of San Diego's Lemur Walk
 - 29 Made good on
 - 30 Courtroom clearer, perhaps
 - 33 Pilgrimage destinations
 - 35 Opposite of "highly"
 - 38 Refuse
 - 41 Essential attraction
 - 45 What covers Sinatra on many album covers
 - 47 Rising figure?
 - 48 Crops
 - 49 Art on some sopranos' stationery
 - 52 Acct. statement, at times
 - 53 A third of *vierundzwanzig*
 - 55 2008 compilation album that includes "GoldenEye"
 - 56 ___ car
 - 57 Wisecracks and zingers
 - 60 Washington's ne'er-do-well Dutchman

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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