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## Prairie Dog Fly-In, free movie, planned this weekend

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

Y'all know Big Spring has an airport, right? This weekend, the McMahon-Wrinkle Airport is throwing its 12th annual "Prairie Dog Fly-In and Fly Market." This year, they're adding a free movie for the public to the mix. "We've been trying to get the community involved with it, because, if you talk to every fifth person, you might find somebody that knows we

have an airport," said Fly-In Coordinator Phillip Welch. "Most people don't know what we have out there, so we're trying to get a little boost on that. There's been a lot of investment at the airport. A lot of money's been spent to keep us up to date, and where we can bring businesses and folks into Big Spring." The Prairie Dog Fly-In has previously been all about the airport showing appreciation for pilots. "Saturday morning we crank up

about 8 o'clock with breakfast for the pilots coming in, and anybody else who wants to come out to the airport to see planes," Welch said. "We provide the pilots coming in with a free breakfast that only costs them \$150... when they fly in, that's how much they spend on gas. But the breakfast is free to them. It's \$5 for folks that want to come eat breakfast with us." In addition, Saturday will feature the "Prairie Dog Store," Welch said. "We have a little... what we call a 'fly

market,' a little fly store over there," he said. "We're selling some things people might be interested in. We call it the 'Prairie Dog Store.' Folks might find something they just can't do without, and that helps support our event as well." This year, the fly-in is adding a free public movie, a new event, which will be Friday night from 8 to 10 p.m. "It's on the west side just north of

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## Reaching for the sky

Two local teens awarded title of Eagle Scout



*Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)*  
**Local Boy Scouts Seth Hamby, left, and Daniel Sneed were recently awarded the title of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scout organization. The distinction requires several steps, including attainment of merit badges and a significant service project. Below, certificates of recognition from Texas Governor Greg Abbott and President Donald Trump honoring their achievement.**



By **AMANDA ELSTON**  
 Managing Editor

Two Howard County teenagers have been recognized by President Donald Trump and Texas Governor Greg Abbott for accomplishing something that only around 5% of Boy Scouts have ever done. This summer, Big Spring High School senior Daniel Sneed and Big Spring High School alumnus Seth Hamby were awarded the very high honor and rank of Eagle Scout. "I am very proud of them," said Scout Master Ricky Sneed. "Daniel and Seth have both been in Scouts since they were little boys. They did all the way through Cub Scouts and then joined the Scouts in 2011 and worked up all the way through and got their Eagle." The steps to becoming an Eagle Scout are lengthy. According to Ricky, the process to become an Eagle Scout took both of the boys about five years. "They have to earn lots of merit badges and work their way through the ranks," said

Ricky. In addition to earning merit badges, both Scouts had to do a service project of their choosing in order to reach the rank of Eagle. Seth chose to do a remodeling project at his church, Cornerstone Covenant Church, and Daniel did a dog food drive for the humane society. Seth is currently a freshman at the University of Texas and is majoring in history. Before graduating from BSHS in 2017, Seth was a member of the National Honor Society, a national qualifier in Speech and Debate, and came in 3rd in the state for Extemporaneous Speaking. Some of his favorite memories of scouting include hiking the Guadalupe Mountain, cooking outdoors, swimming in the river at Junction, hiking the Fort Davis Mountain and the Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch (BTSR), and hanging out with Troop 1. Seth is the son of Josh and Michelle Hamby.

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## Forsan ISD receives grant check from ag giant Monsanto



*Courtesy photo*  
**FISD board president Lewis Boeker accepts a grant check from Monsanto Fund representative Tyler Schwertner while administrators and local farmers look on.**

By **ERIN STEPHENS**  
 Staff Writer

Forsan ISD received a check in the amount of \$10,000 from multinational agrochemical and biotechnology corporation Monsanto to recently. Monsanto fund representative Tyler Schwertner presented the check to the FISD school board president Lewis Boeker on Sept. 22 immediately before one of the school's regular Friday night football games. The

company has a fund set up to support rural schools, which is used specifically to further math and science education. According to Forsan ISD Superintendent Randy Johnson, money from the grant will go towards the purchase of a 3D printer that will be used in conjunction with a program called Auto CAD, or computer aided design. AutoCAD is used to create blueprints for buildings, bridges, and computer chips, among

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## White House to seek \$29B disaster aid package

By **ANDREW TAYLOR**  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration is finalizing a \$29 billion disaster aid package that combines \$16 billion to shore up the government-backed flood insurance program with almost \$13 billion for hurricane victims, according to a senior administration official and congressional aides. Outlines of the request, expected to be sent to Congress on Wednesday, were characterized by officials who spoke on condition of ano-

nymity because the measure was not yet public. The government-guaranteed flood insurance program is on track to run out of money to pay claims during the week of Oct. 23. The Federal Emergency Management Agency is continuing to spend money for relief operations for hurricane Harvey, Irma and Maria at a high rate and requires

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## Obituaries

## Melba Paredes Chavez

Melba Paredes Chavez, 68, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at her residence. Vigil service was held at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, 2017, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service was at 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial was at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Melba was born Sept. 12, 1949, in Colorado City, Texas, to Aurelia Marquez Paredes and Gilbert Paredes Sr. She has been a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She was a homemaker but worked a number of years at Crossroads Tire, alongside her husband Manuel. She also worked for the Big Spring Independent School District in Food Service as a Cashier, where she retired after 30 years of combined service. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband Manuel Chavez

## J.C. Yarbrough

J. C. Yarbrough, 88, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017, in a Midland hospital. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Additional funeral services are pending with Hunter-Allen-Myhand Funeral Home in La Grange, Ga.

He was born Dec. 17, 1928, in Troup County, Ga. J. C. worked as a car salesman for Pollard Chevrolet, and retired from Shroyer Motor Company. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Yarbrough of Big Spring; one son, Darryl Yarbrough and wife,

## William Johnston

Mr. William Lloyd Johnston, age 88 of Winnfield, Louisiana passed away on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017.

Born Monday, Sept. 16, 1929, in Chatham, Louisiana, he was preceded in death by his wife, Elvie Dean Johnston; parents, Willie Matthew Johnston and Lena Stroud Johnston; daughters, Debi Lenard, Reba Kelley, Anita Fallis, and Lisa Jordan; Infant son, grandson, Jared Kelley, and granddaughter, Skye Lenard.

Those left to cherish his memory include his daughters, Karon Hawn and husband John, Rhon-

## Leonso "Lee" Jimenez, Sr.

Leonso "Lee" Jimenez Sr., 79, of Big Spring, died Monday, Oct. 2, 2017, at his residence. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Lee was born Aug. 25, 1938, in Odem, Texas, to Miquela Hernandez Jimenez and Manuel Jimenez. He had been a resident of Howard County for over 60 years. He was a retired carpet layer and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

## Vicente Calderon

Vicente Calderon, 73, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2017, at his residence. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, 2017, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Vicente was born Jan. 22, 1944, in Ojinaga, Mexico, to Isabel Mendoza Calderon and Enrique Calderon. He has been a resident of Big Spring for most of his life. He was a seismograph operator for Dawson. He was a mem-

ber of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife Refugia (Ruth) Calderon of Big Spring; one son: Fidel Calderon and his wife Yvette of Big Spring; six brothers: Librado Calderon of Big Spring, Fidel Calderon of Ojinaga, Ramon Calderon of Amarillo, Manuel Calderon of Ojinaga and Enrique Calderon of Big Spring and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister Ortensia Calderon and one brother Herbey Calderon.

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Wanda of Greenwood, S.C.; a stepdaughter, Janie Anderson of Stanton; a stepson, Jack Martin of Big Spring; two grandchildren, Nick Yarbrough and wife, Rene and Becky Yarbrough all of Greenwood, S.C.; five great-grandchildren, Kaily, Ashley, Davis, Seth, and Skye; and two sisters, Bessie McGouirk of Jonesboro, Ga., and Jennie Walker of La Grange, Ga.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; and five sisters.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

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

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da Simpson and husband Chris, and Nikki Smiley; son, Greg Johnston and wife Debbie; 19 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at Southern Funeral Home in Winnfield, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m., and again on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017, at Friendship Baptist Church in Sikes, from 10 a.m. until time of services.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017, at Friendship Baptist Church with the Rev. Jared Little officiating. Interment will follow in Friendship Cemetery, in Sikes.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.southernfuneralhome.com.

He is survived by his wife, Jovita Jimenez of Big Spring; two sons: Jose Alfredo Jimenez of Brownwood and Michael Jimenez of Dallas; four daughters: Kay Graham, Irene Hinojosa and Lafawn Cantu, all of Big Spring, and Summer Knutter of Kansas City, Mo.; two sisters: Dominga Cevallos of Big Spring and Lydia Guzman of Greeley, Colo.; seven brothers: Sammy Jimenez, Oscar Jimenez, David Jimenez, Ruben Jimenez, Daniel Jimenez, Roy Jimenez and Joe Jimenez, all of Dallas; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son: Leonso "Lee" Jimenez Jr., and one brother: Manuel Jimenez.

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## Michael "Mike" Brown

Michael "Mike" Brown, 51, of Big Spring died Monday, Oct. 2, 2017. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Gloria Jean Carmona Viau

Gloria Jean Carmona Viau, 68, of Emporia, Kan., formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017, at her residence. Cremation will take place in Kansas with private services at a later date.

Gloria was born Jan. 14, 1949, in Big Spring, Texas to Maria Isabel Carmona Mounkes and John R. Mounkes Sr. She was raised in Big Spring and began her 20 year career with Civil Service transferring to Emporia, Kan. She married Matthew "Boots" Viau in Emporia. She started "Gloria's Cleaning Services" and retired after 16 years. She was a Catholic.

Gloria is survived by her husband: Matthew Viau of Emporia, Kan.; one daughter: Liza Soto and husband Alfredo of Austin; one granddaughter; one grandson; and one brother: Desiderio "Desi" Carmona of Big Spring.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son: John R. Mounkes, Jr., four brothers and one sister.

## Police &amp; Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **PALADIO GARZA JR**, 35, of 1111 Pennsylvania Ave. was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **LYNDON TRENT FRALEY**, 57, of 1506 Stadium Ave. was arrested on a charge of driving with suspended/invalid license with a previous conviction.

• **DERRICK TODD DRAKE**, 31, of 1902 Settles Street was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• **BENTA KAY SALAZAR**, 44, of 105 W 18th Street was arrested on warrants for assault by contact and failure to appear.

• **APRIL FERN SMITH**, 36, of 3292 137 Hwy, Lenora, TX, was arrested on a charge of failure to identify (giving false/fictitious information).

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# FLY IN

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the terminal building, is the hangar we're going to use out there," said Welch. "So we have that event coming up, and we'd invite all the parents and kids to come out for that. We've got door prizes for the kids and parents, and free popcorn, free water, and a really good movie to show them. It's called 'Wings'; it's an animated movie."

When you drive in the front gate of

the Airpark, located on West Highway 80/Business 20 near the junction with Interstate 20 on the west side of town, take a right, and follow Airpark Drive and Rickabaugh Drive, said Welch.

"We'll have signs at the front gate pointing them...when they come in the front gate they'll go to the west, or the right," he said. "We'll have another sign up the road pointing them into where they need to come for parking."

Pilot turnout for the Fly-In has been good, and Welch said he hopes the community will get involved, despite

a scheduling conflict.

"We had about 30 planes last year. We hope to break that record this year if the weather cooperates with us," he said. "It's the first time with the movie, and we really don't know how many people will come out, being on the weekend that they're doing homecoming at the high school. We've got a little bit of conflict there, but we'll see how many people want to come out."

Sponsors for the event include Delek US Big Spring Refinery, Lone Star Aviation, Metal Solutions, Bull-

dog Steel and Metal Building Components, Floa Terra, Pollard Chevrolet Buick Cadillac, Parks Fuels, Burrito Express, Citizens Federal Credit Union, The Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information visit prairie-dogflyin.com or search for bigspring-prairiedogflyin on Facebook.

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- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2600 block of Carleton Drive, the 4200 block of Calvin Street, the 1100 block of N. Aylesford Street, the 2600 block of Carleton Drive, the 2100 block of Grace Street, the 2300 block of Morrison Drive, the 2800 block of Navajo Drive, and the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of W I-20 and the 2500 block of Hunter Drive.k
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Wasson and FM 700.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 800 block of W. I-20.
- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 900 block of W 6th.
- **BURGLARY IN PROGRESS** was reported in the 600 block of Dealey Road.

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 61 inmates at the time of this report.

- **CHRISTOPHER RYAN COLE-GROVE**, 25, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **DERRICK TODD DRAKE**, 31, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.
- **LYNDON TRENT FRALEY**, 57, was booked by the HCSO and the BSPD on a charge of driving with invalid license with previous conviction, and on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **PALADIO GARZA JR.**, 35, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **QUINCY LAMAR HENRY**, 28, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant of assault causing bodily injury.
- **DANIEL MARQUEZ**, 24, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for backed so as to interfere, and no driver's license (when unlicensed).
- **BENITA "KAY" PARDON SALAZAR**, 44, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for assault (Class C) and failure to appear.
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# EAGLES

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Daniel is a senior this year at BSBS and plans to go into a career of welding after he graduates. He is currently taking classes at Howard College for welding while attending BSBS. Daniel enjoys being involved in the Order of the Arrow, the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America. Daniel also has been the District Chapter Chief of the Lone Star District for several years, which includes Borden, Glasscock, Howard, Mitchell, Scurry, and Sterling counties. His favorite place is go with the Scouts is down around Junction in the Llano River. Daniel is the son of Ricky and Tamera Sneed.

The boys are Ricky's first scouts to make it all the way to their Eagle.

"I am very proud of them. We have had lots of great experiences and been on some long trails together camping," said Ricky.

The two new Eagle Scouts were sent awards by Governor Abbott in early September and by President Trump in late September.

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# GRANT

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other things.

"The second part of the money will go to the ag metals shop and will be used for a lift that will move large pieces of metal and lie them on platform for the computerized cutting torch," said Johnson. "Junior high math students all come up with some kind of ag-related tool and they sketch it out and then they work on measurements like length, width, volume, diameter on their own personal design."

Both high school and junior high students will be learning and using the AutoCAD program.

"The high school will select some of junior high students' projects and put them on the computer and everything will be digitalized meaning printed with the 3D printer," said Johnson.

The end goal with this program is to make sure students from junior high and high school are involved with projects completed using AutoCAD.

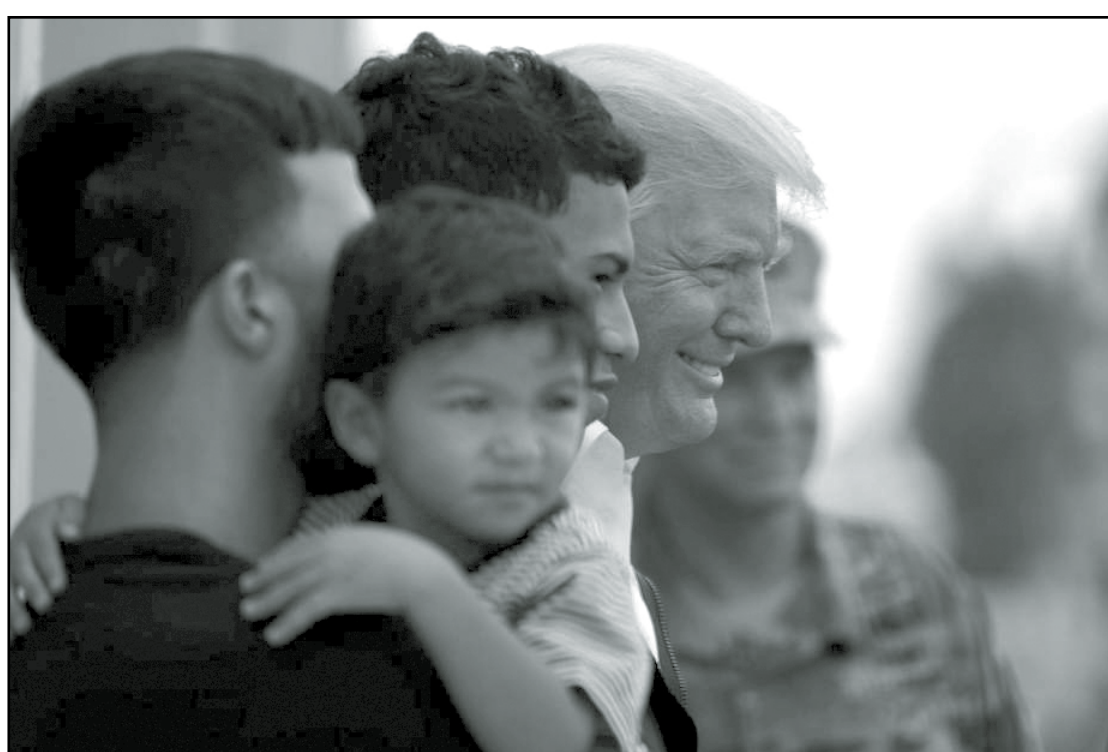
"We like the hands-on part and the student involvement part of math is great," said Johnson. "We want kids to enjoy math and see how it's used in real life and see how their work comes to fruition with an actual project. I think we'll see a lot of kids touched by this grant."

To receive a grant like the one

given to Forsan, the recipient must first be nominated. A request was made on their behalf by farmers in the community.

"Local farmers Noel Hoff, Brenna Hoff, Steve Cimino, and Diana Newton nominated us for this grant and we're very thankful to them and Monsanto for this," said Johnson. "I truly believe this project will be a positive on the academic side at Forsan. The timing is perfect because we're starting our ag program this year so it'll all mesh together nicely."

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AP photo President Donald Trump poses for a photo as he visits a disaster relief distribution center at Calgary Chapel in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2017. Trump is visiting Puerto Rico in the wake of Hurricane Maria.

# AID

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more money.

The flood insurance program is maxing out on a \$30 billion line of credit from Treasury. The upcoming proposal would wipe away \$16 billion of that debt and permit the program to pay claims from hurricane victims.

Almost \$13 billion is being requested for FEMA. Federal firefighting accounts would receive \$577 million as well to replenish them after a disastrous season of Western wildfires.

"This is going to be extraordinarily expensive and I think we need to get some money out there," said the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen, R-N.J.

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., said he had met with lawmakers from Texas and Florida on Tuesday to brief them on the White House request.

"Remember, this is emergency money. You've got to

deal with the problem," McCarthy told reporters. "So I think we'll be able to get this done."

The request could prove contentious, especially the infusion for the flood insurance program. Conservatives are likely to liken it to a taxpayer bailout, but the program is enormously important to homeowners in hurricane-ravaged Texas and Florida, as well as other coastal states.

Congress is in the midst of an effort to reauthorize the program, which critics say makes taxpayers subsidize properties that have repeatedly flooded. A bipartisan effort to reform the program was enacted in 2012.

It was significantly watered down just two years later after complaints of huge premium increases and resulting disruptions in coastal real estate markets.

gress last month approved a \$15.3 billion aid package that nearly doubled President Donald Trump's request. Senate Republicans added \$7.4 billion in community development block grant rebuilding funds to Trump's request for immediate cleanup, repair and housing costs.

Trump raised eyebrows in a Tuesday interview with Fox News when he said the Puerto Rican government's debt would have to be "wiped out."

"They owe a lot of money to your friends on Wall Street and we're going to have to wipe that out," Trump said.

But on Wednesday, White House budget director Mick Mulvaney told reporters that "we are not going to be offering a bailout for Puerto Rico or for its current bondholders."

Later this year, the White House is expected to require tens of billions of dollars more in long-term funds that would rebuild infrastructure, help people without insurance restore their homes,

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# Roger's Retro Reviews: Trading Places



This week's Retro Review falls into a special class of movies that I hold dear and feel must be preserved for future generations: Movies that would never, ever, in a million years be made if they were proposed today. And not for nefarious reasons, either. There's, perhaps, good reasons why some film classics wouldn't be remade; for instance, 1915's silent epic "Birth of a Nation," which glorifies the Ku Klux Klan and unironically presents them as a heroic force. That probably doesn't need to be replayed anytime soon. But there are others which, although heralded as great movies, just wouldn't be made again the same way today. I'm thinking of Mel Brooks' 1974 classic "Blazing Saddles," which, while an obvious satire roasting racist attitudes, does so while refusing to shy away from the "N"-word. Yes, all the racists are presented as bumbling buffoons, but any remake of "Blazing Saddles" would probably come with quite a few changes in word choice.

Today's film is 1983's "Trading Places," a comedy about Randolph (Ralph Bellamy) and Mortimer (Don Ameche) Duke, two rich old racist brothers who meddle in the lives of Louis Winthorpe III (Dan Aykroyd), an up-and-coming financial director; and Billy Ray Valentine (Eddie Murphy), a homeless con-man and street hustler. Mortimer believes in the "Nature" side of the old "Nature vs. Nurture" argument, while Randolph believes that people are a product of their environment. The two wager that they can take Billy Ray and make him into a successful businessman, and reduce Winthorpe to a common street criminal, simply by changing their circumstances.

After a few establishing scenes in which we see Winthorpe making plans with his English butler Coleman (Denholm Elliott) and his beautiful, shallow, fiancée Penelope (Kristin Holby), and pulling off a genius financial maneuver netting Duke and Duke (the Duke brothers' company) a lot of money; and Valentine pretending to be a crippled, blind Vietnam vet panhandling on the street; the two literally collide. Winthorpe drops his briefcase full of payroll checks; when Valentine innocently tries to hand it back to him, Winthorpe goes ballistic, accusing the homeless man of trying to steal the case. After a brief chase,

Valentine is apprehended by the cops and spends the night in jail.

Just as he's about to get roughed up by a couple of goons (Ron Taylor and James D. Turner, listed in the credits as "Big Black Guy" and "Even Bigger Black Guy") in the holding tank, Valentine is bailed out...by the Dukes. They tell him they're with an organization that tries to help poor people by giving them money, a car, a home, and a job. Not quite believing his good fortune, Valentine goes along with the spiel, and finally learns they're not playing around...they're really giving him all this stuff.

Meanwhile, Winthorpe is framed. At a meeting at Winthorpe's prestigious club, security officer Clarence Beeks (Paul Gleason) plants marked \$50s and a bag of PCP on him, and then says that the \$50s were stolen out of a jacket in the cloakroom.

Winthorpe is arrested and taken to jail, where officers discover the drugs. Penelope bails him out, and seems on the verge of believing his story about being framed, but then Beeks hires prostitute Ophelia (Jamie Lee Curtis) to accost Winthorpe outside the police station, begging for a hit of drugs, kissing him, and offering sexual favors. She goes along, thinking it's a big joke, but Penelope now firmly believes that Winthorpe is a drug dealer and storms off.

I'll stop the narration there; suffice it to say that the movie does not have an unhappy ending. The Dukes get their comeuppance and Winthorpe, Ophelia, Valentine, and Coleman make out like bandits.

So yeah. This movie would never get made today...at least, not without some major edits regarding the character of the Duke brothers. They are nasty, nasty racists. They (at least, Mortimer) use the "N" word repeatedly, and express prejudiced opinions about the qualities of black people. Even after their plan to make him into a talented commodities analyst and businessman succeeds wonderfully, they plan to fire Valentine simply because they don't want a black person running their company. They're bad folks.

This is a little odd to me. I would think more people would be down to see parodies of nasty racists getting what they deserve; but, for some reason, any portrayal as vociferously

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# Check it out at the Howard County Library

Don't forget to come "Meet and Greet" our new director today at 4:00 p.m. She is looking forward to meeting all of you. There will be a huge selection of books for sale, and they are still taking donations.

This week I'll tell you about the fiction books we just got in. "The Lace Makers of Glenmara" by Heather Barbieri (F BAR H) finds struggling twenty-six-year-old Kate Robinson fleeing to her ancestral homeland hoping to break free of old patterns and reinvent herself. She arrives in a charming, fading Gaelic village where she quickly develops a bond with members of the local lace-making society. Under Glenmara's spell, Kate finds the inspiration that has eluded her, and soon she and the lace-makers are creating a line of exquisite lingerie. The circle offers them the strength to face their long-denied desires and fears. Unfortunately not everyone welcomes Kate, and a series of unexpected events threatens to unravel everything the women have worked so hard for.

In "Any Day Now" by Robyn Carr (F CAR R), Sierra Jones is ready to put her troubled past behind her but the path forward isn't clear yet. A visit with her big brother and his new bride seems to be the best option to help her get back on her feet. Not wanting to burden or depend on anyone, Sierra is surprised to find Sullivan's Crossing offers so much more than a place to rest her head. When her past catches up with her, it's a special man and an adorable puppy who give her the strength to face the truth and fight for a brighter future. Sierra learns to cherish the family you are given and the family you choose.

Also by Robyn Carr is "The Life She Wants" (F CAR R). In the aftermath of her finan-

cial husband's suicide, Emma Shay Compton's dream life is shattered. Although Emma was never involved in the business, she now bears the burden of her husband's crimes and is left with nothing. Only a high school friend stands by her and encourages her to come home. Home is full of unhappy memories and people she'd rather not face, especially Riley Kerrigan. Riley and Emma were like sisters until Riley betrayed Emma, ending their friendship. Now, trying to stand on her own two feet, Emma can't escape her husband's reputation and is forced to turn to the last person she thought she'd ever ask for help—her former best friend. Only if they find a way to forgive each other and themselves can each of them find the life she wants.

"Insidious" by Catherine Coulter (F COU C) is an FBI Thriller. Savich and Sherlock are called in to solve a mystery surrounding a close family friend who also happens to run an international conglomerate. They soon find the danger may be closer to home than they ever expected when a powerful society icon believes someone is poisoning her. Savich and Sherlock must peel away the layers to uncover the truth about who would target her before it's too late. Meanwhile, Special Agent Cam Wittier with local Detective Daniel Montoya lead the hunt for the Starlet Slasher, a serial killer who has cut the throats of five young actresses, before he draws a bead on his next victim. When a sixth actress is

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racist as these two scumbags never seems to make it to the screen anymore.

One other non-PC scene comes as Winthorpe, Valentine, Ophelia, and Coleman are enacting their plan to get back at the Dukes. All four characters dress up in a disguise to ambush Beeks and steal a vital crop report from him. Valentine is an exchange student from Cameroon, Ophelia is a lederhosen-clad backpacker from Sweden, Coleman is a brandy-swilling Irish priest, and Winthorpe.... Well, Winthorpe is a Jamaican, dreadlock-wearing, cigar-smoking Rastafarian... in blackface. Ok, I can see what they were going for - Winthorpe has now completely shed his prejudices and gains understanding of what it's like to be poor, black, and homeless. But there are a lot of people who just don't like white people wearing blackface makeup, for any reason. I would think this scene would have to change in any modern remake.

The movie is hilarious and touching. There are great cameos by Henson puppeteer Frank Oz as a corrupt cop; soul musician and songwriter Bo Diddley as a pawn shop owner; former comedian and now-Senator Al Franken, and Saturday Night Live writer Tom Davis as a pair of dead-beat Amtrak baggage handlers, and comedy legend James Belushi as a gorilla-suit clad party-goer.

Aykroyd plays spoiled, effete, superior Winthorpe...and raging, incoherent Winthorpe in meltdown mode...to the hilt. Murphy is...well, Eddie Murphy. He's kind of born to play the hustling, fast-talking guy who always finds his way out of whatever jam he gets into and comes out smelling like a rose. Curtis is beautiful and always upbeat as the nurturing Ophelia, even finding a way to fall in love with Winthorpe as she witnesses his change from an entitled brat into a pretty nice guy.

I'm going to give "Trading Places" eight stars out of 10. Personally, I enjoyed it just the way it is.

*Trading Places*  
Director: John Landis  
Writer: Timothy Harris and Herschel Weinograd

Production companies:  
Cinema Group Ventures,  
Eddie Murphy Productions

R; 1 hr. 56 min.; Comedy; June 8, 1983

Residents say tests find toxic chemicals after plant fire

By REESE

DUNKLIN

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Tests detected toxic substances in soil, water and ash samples taken miles from a chemical plant that flooded during Hurricane Harvey, caught fire and partially exploded, nearly 20 Houston-area residents said.

The findings were disclosed Monday afternoon in a letter the residents' lawyers mailed to the chief executive of the plant's owner, France-based Arkema Inc., and several regulatory agencies, giving notice that they planned to sue.

The letter accused Arkema of violating multiple environmental protection laws because of unauthorized chemical spills and releases that happened when the company failed to properly store and contain its organic peroxides before and after 6 feet (1.8 meters) of water overwhelmed the facility.

Arkema representatives could not immediately be reached Monday evening. The company has refused to say which chemicals were released during the fire and has repeatedly declined to discuss how large its inventory quantities were prior to the incident. It provided only the names of its chemicals on its website last month after days of public pressure.

Arkema's legal troubles have widened in the last week, as the civil attorney and criminal district attorney for Harris County, home to Houston, announced a pending lawsuit and investigation.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and U.S. Chemical Safety Board announced last month that they were investigating.

And a group of about two dozen homeowners and first responders are part of a state lawsuit that seeks more than \$1 million. They also blame Arkema for sickening them and failing to fully warn them about the hazards of



AP photo

In this Sept. 1, 2017, file photo, smoke rises from a chemical plant in Crosby, near Houston, Texas. Nearly 20 Houston-area residents say test results have detected toxic substances in soil, water and ash samples taken miles from the chemical plant that flooded during Hurricane Harvey, caught fire and partially exploded. The findings were disclosed Monday afternoon, Oct. 2, 2017, in a letter the residents' lawyers mailed to the chief executive of the plant's owner, Arkema Inc., and several regulatory agencies, giving notice that they planned to sue.

breathing the contaminated air.

Arkema executives have insisted that they planned for flooding conditions, bringing in backup generators and moving containers with the chemicals to higher ground. Accident plans the company had filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in recent years noted hurricanes, flooding and power loss were potential hazards.

But despite a National Hurricane Center warning on Aug. 27 that areas around Houston could get 50 inches (130 centimeters) of rain, company officials said they couldn't have predicted the unprecedented flooding.

As Harvey dumped the rain, Arkema's power and generators at its Crosby facility failed, leading refrigeration systems to shut down. That caused its organic peroxides, used in a range of products from plastics and paints, to destabilize.

Arkema abandoned the site in Crosby, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) northeast of Houston, on Aug. 29. A mandatory 1.5-mile (2.4-kilometer) evacuation zone was created in anticipation of a fire and explosion, displacing hun-

dreds of residents for about a week.

After one container storing hazardous materials caught fire Aug. 31 and exploded, an Arkema executive claimed that smoke from that was a "non-toxic irritant." Fifteen responders were treated for exposure at local hospitals.

On Sept. 4, after a second container caught fire and then the remaining others were burned under supervision, an executive said Arkema's air-quality testing within the evacuation zone had shown "no evidence of any issues." But the lawyers' letter Monday said the residents had found "a strange ash material and a mysterious black residue on the ground" after each Arkema explosion sent black plumes of smoke in the air. Scientific testing of samples — some collected several miles outside the evacuation zone — found materials from multiple families of toxic chemicals, according to the letter signed by lawyer Mark F. Underwood.

The toxins identified include volatile organic compounds, which can cause cancer, and harmful polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons

formed during the incomplete burning of organic substances. The letters said tests also detected dioxins and furans, which the EPA has said may change hormone levels in those exposed.

"Given the toxic-

ity of the substances released," according to the letter, "the 1.5-mile perimeter was not far enough to adequately protect either first responders or those living beyond the perimeter who were not evacuated."

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murdered, Cam knows she must find another way to uncover who's behind these senseless killings.

I'm out of time so I leave you with a quote from Jim Rohn: "Learning is the beginning of wealth. Learning is the beginning of health. Learning is the beginning of spirituality. Searching and learning is where

the miracle process all begins."

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# Trump: Puerto Rico put budget 'out of whack' but lives saved

By JILL COLVIN

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — President Donald Trump highlighted Puerto Rico's relatively low death toll compared with "a real catastrophe like Katrina" as he opened a tour of the island's devastation Tuesday, focusing on the best of the reviews he and his administration are getting rather than criticism of the federal response to Hurricane Maria.

Trump pledged an all-out effort to help the island but added: "Now I hate to tell you, Puerto Rico, but you've thrown our budget a little out of whack because we've spent a lot of money on Puerto Rico. And that's fine. We've saved a lot of lives."

He said his visit was "not about me" but then praised local officials for offering kind words about the recovery effort and invited one to repeat the "nice things" she'd said earlier. Trump also singled out Gov. Ricardo Rossello for "giving us the highest praise."

"Every death is a horror," he said, "but if you look at a real catastrophe like Katrina and you look at the tremendous, hundreds of and hundreds and hundreds of people that died, and you look at what happened here ... nobody's ever seen anything like this."

In Washington, Rep. Luis Guterrez, D-Ill., noted that many people in more remote areas still in dire straits and in need of food and water. He told CNN, "Let's stop talking about the death count until this is over." It stands at 16 now, and 95 percent of electricity customers remain without power, including some hospitals.

The most prominent critic in Puerto Rico, San Juan Mayor Carmen Yulin Cruz, attended Trump's first event, in an airport hangar, shaking Trump's hand as he went around a table greeting officials before sitting in the shadow of a hulking, gray

military plane.

"How are you?" he asked. Her response could not be heard. He thanked her. Days earlier, Cruz said the Trump administration was "killing us with the inefficiency," pleading for more effective federal leadership in the crisis.

Air Force One brought the president, first lady Melania Trump and aides to Puerto Rico in late morning. They were expected to spend more than five hours on the ground, meeting first responders, local officials and some of the 3.4 million people whose lives have been upended by a hurricane that, in the president's words, left the island U.S. territory "flattened."

At least parts of the itinerary were drawn to ensure a friendly reception: Trump was visiting the houses of pre-selected families waiting on their lawns.

The president also handed out flashlights at a church, where 200 people cheered his arrival and crowded around him getting pictures on their cellphones.

"There's a lot of love in this room, a lot of love," Trump said. "Great people."

Asked by AP what he has to say to people still without power, food and water, he spoke of the generators brought to the island and said the electrical grid is being fixed.

"Again the job that's been done here is really nothing short of a miracle," he said.

In the Playita neighborhood in the heart of San Juan, a few miles from the air base where Trump gave his upbeat report on progress, people cleaned sewer water from their homes and businesses, stacked fouled clothes in shopping carts and piled them on street corners alongside wet mattresses and pieces of broken metal roofs.

They still lack power, got water back Sunday and said they have seen no federal of-



AP photo  
**President Donald Trump hands out canned goods and other supplies at Calvary Chapel, Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2017, in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico. Trump is in Puerto Rico to survey hurricane damage.**

ficials since Maria struck.

"What more do they want us to do?" asked Ray Negrón, 38, resting in the shade of a church after a morning collecting debris. "Nobody's come."

On approach to the airport, Air Force One descended over a landscape marked by mangled palm trees, metal debris strewn near homes and patches of stripped trees, yet with less devastation evident than farther from San Juan.

At least in his first moments on the island, Trump remained focused primarily on drawing praise. "He didn't play politics at all," he said of the governor, making clear that he considers those who have criticized him to be politically driven. Trump misstated Maria as a Category 5 hurricane; it was Category 4 when it hit Puerto Rico.

"I appreciate your support and I know you appreciate ours," he said. "Our country has really gone all out. It's not only dangerous, it's expen-

sive. But I consider it a great honor."

Before leaving Washington, he said Puerto Ricans who have called the federal response insufficient "have to give us more help."

Large-scale protests against Trump, talked about in advance, failed to materialize by early afternoon, with only a few knots of people gathering around San Juan to decry his criticism of local politicians.

As he headed out from the White House to visit the island, Trump told reporters that "it's now acknowledged what a great job we've done."

The trip is Trump's fourth areas battered by storms during an unusually violent hurricane season that has also seen parts of Texas, Florida, Louisiana and the U.S. Virgin Islands inundated by floodwaters and hit by high winds.

Nearly two weeks after the Puerto Rico storm, much of the countryside is still strug-

gling to access such basic necessities as food, fresh water and cash.

Trump's visit follows a weekend in which he aggressively pushed back against critics, including Cruz. Trump responded angrily on Twitter, deriding the "poor leadership ability by the Mayor of San Juan, and others in Puerto Rico, who are not able to get their workers to help."

"They want everything to be done for them when it should be a community effort," he added, scoffing at "politically motivated ingrates" who had criticized the federal work, and insisting that "tremendous progress" was being made.

Cruz had begged the administration to "make sure somebody is in charge that is up to the task of saving lives."

Trump and his wife also visited Navy and Marine Corps personnel on the flight deck of the USS Kearsarge.

## Defense tries to cast doubt on case against Benghazi suspect

By DEB

RIECHMANN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense attorneys worked Tuesday to raise doubt that Ahmed Abu Khattala was the man who orchestrated the 2012 attacks in Benghazi, Libya, highlighting evidence about how local Libyan forces working for the Americans didn't defend the U.S. compounds.

The trial for Abu Khattala entered its second day with U.S. government prosecutors continuing to question a diplomatic security agent who tried unsuccessfully to save ambassador Chris Stevens and Sean Patrick Smith, a State Department in-

formation management officer, from a burning U.S. compound.

Nearly eight hours later, two more Americans, contract security officers Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty, died in a mortar attack on a CIA complex nearby.

The defense says Abu Khattala was not the ringleader and only went to the site of the attacks because he was curious about what was happening.

Defense attorney Michelle Peterson cross-examined the diplomatic security agent, Chris Wickland, who had testified about confronting members of a Libyan

security force who he thought let down the Americans during the attack.

"I remember looking at them dead in the eye and said 'Where were you?'" Wickland said he told them during a lull in the attack. After gunfire resumed, the disorganized local force "just started running."

Peterson, who sat next to Abu Khattala during the trial, highlighted the Libyan force's lack of response in helping defend U.S. personnel as part of a strategy to suggest that other local Libyans — perhaps former loyalists to former Libyan leader Moam-

mar Gadhafi or turncoats working at the compound — were to blame for the attacks.

The defense has called Abu Khattala a "Libyan patriot" who fought on America's side in the war against Gadhafi.

"You knew there were Gadhafi loyalists who still remained?" she

asked Wickland.

"Yes," he replied.

"By the time the revolution was over, there were still loyalists?" she asked.

"I would assume so," Wickland replied.

Wickland testified that the armed local Libyan force that scattered at one point during the

attack might have been disorganized, but did not show hostility toward the Americans. Two of the members of that force Wickland knew personally were so disturbed by what had happened that they had "tears in their eyes," he said.

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### Big Spring comes up short against Greenwood 3-1

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**  
Sports Editor

After coming off of a rough 3-0 loss to Sweetwater last week, the Lady Steers expected to have a comeback game on their home court against the Rangerettes of Midland Greenwood. Unfortunately, that wasn't the case in their match up on Tuesday night as the Rangerettes brought home a 3-1 victory over Big

Spring. The first of the four sets started out neck-and-neck between the two teams, but after clawing their way to a 15-16 lead, Big Spring used their momentum to turn it into a 25-19 set win. Kloe Gang had a monster set as she delivered four aces behind the service line. Key kills were also made by Gang, Kayleigh Penny, Logan Terrazas, and Keila Yanez.

The same could not be said about the second, third, and fourth sets. All of the momentum that the Lady Steers once had went to the opposing side of the court, and they just couldn't seem to dig themselves out of the holes they put themselves in.

Big Spring began set two trailing Greenwood from the get go and could never string together a series of rallies to gain a lead. They fell in that

set 14-25.

With the match tied at 1-1, both teams entered set three bound and determined to get their second set win to put the match victory in their reach. The Lady Steers and Rangerettes went back and forth in what was the most competitive set of the night. Both teams were aggressive on the net, hitting hard and getting blocks left and right. It was so close that it came down to

errors, and Big Spring's four missed serves for the set came to bite them in the rear as the Rangerettes didn't miss one. Greenwood snagged the 25-21 win, and went on to finish the Lady Steers in dominant fashion with a score of 25-15 for set four.

Terrazas lead the team with 11 kills and one ace, followed by Penny with nine kills,

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### Purple shade: No. 8 TCU still lot of goals left on pyramid

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**  
AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — TCU coach Gary Patterson has what he considers a perfect illustration to show his eighth-ranked Horned Frogs all they still have left to try to accomplish. They see it every time they go into the team meeting room.

The Frogs are 4-0, with road wins at Arkansas and then No. 6 Oklahoma State in the last game before their open date. They have gone from unranked in the pre-season to a top 10 team to start October.

But their pyramid of goals still has a lot of unblemished white space waiting to be shaded in purple.

"You guys see this. This pretty much sums it up," Patterson said, standing by the poster hanging at the front of the room. "You want to know how important the rest of the season is, and what Oklahoma State was. See that small sliver. See all the rest of this white. There's a lot of work to do."

They play their Big 12 home opener Saturday against No. 23 West Virginia (3-1, 1-0 Big 12), the school that TCU entered the Power Five conference with in 2012.

Nine levels of goals make up TCU's pyramid — yes, Patterson modeled his after UCLA and 10-time NCAA champion basketball coach John Wooden's pyramid of success. Goals reached are shaded in the school's color.

The bottom three levels for the Frogs

are already fully purple. The bottom two rows are based on off-season and off-field building blocks like attitude, chemistry and accountability, and the third is for the three non-conference victories.

On a row labeled "Don't Back Down" to mark the five Big 12 road games, the first of the five is listed as OSU. So there is only a thin strip of purple to signify the 44-31 win in Stillwater more than a week ago.

"Just a slice of what we need to fully accomplish," safety Niko Small said Tuesday. "It's a whole pyramid. Just winning one part of it, or not building a foundation, it could crumble. ... That's not really aesthetic to look at and just see a whole bunch of white through the purple. But once you see it, and there's a lot of purple on it, it looks a lot better."

The pyramid has been part of TCU's program throughout Patterson's time, from three years as defensive coordinator to his 17 seasons as head coach. Each player signs the poster before the season, making their commitment to do their part to help accomplish those goals.

"It basically gives you a road map," Patterson said.

While there have been some minor adjustments over the years, the pyramid always peaks with the same goal — #1 National Champions. There are two rows for the Big 12

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### Verlander to start for Astros in Game 1 of ALDS



AP photo

In this Sept. 27, 2017, file photo, Houston Astros starting pitcher Justin Verlander winds up to throw to the Texas Rangers during a baseball game in Arlington, Texas. The Astros will start Verlander in Game 1 of the AL Division Series against Chris Sale and the Boston Red Sox on Thursday, Oct 5. Manager A.J. Hinch announced the decision Tuesday, adding that left-hander Dallas Keuchel, who won the AL Cy Young Award in 2015, will start Game 2 on Friday against Drew Pomeranz.

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**  
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros will start Justin Verlander in Game 1 of the AL Division Series against Chris Sale and the Boston Red Sox on Thursday.

Manager A.J. Hinch announced the decision Tuesday, adding that left-hander Dallas Keuchel, who won the AL Cy Young Award in 2015, will start Game 2 on Friday against Drew Pomeranz.

"It's really deciding between two really deserving, really good guys," Hinch said. "So I didn't have a lot of stress about it other than we had to pick an order."

Verlander has been at his best since being acquired from the Detroit

Tigers in a trade on Aug. 31. He's 5-0 with a 1.06 ERA in five starts since the deal and 15-8 with a 3.36 ERA in 33 starts overall this season.

"Verlander has pitched extraordinarily well since he got here," Hinch said. "The five starts we've seen have been exceptional. Dallas has pitched very well recently as well and obviously has a long history here. So for us, matching up we decided to go 1 Verlander, 2 Keuchel, which leaves open the option at the back end to do whatever we want if it ends up being a Game 5."

Verlander is a six-time All Star who has appeared in the playoffs five times. He is 7-5 with a 3.39 ERA and 112 strikeouts in 16 career post-season starts. He faced Boston twice this season

while with Detroit but did not get a decision either time.

Verlander didn't speak with reporters on Tuesday, but his teammates raved about him after going through an afternoon workout that lasted about 90 minutes.

"He's meant a lot to this team," All-Star shortstop Carlos Correa said. "He's a game-changer not only when he's on the mound but when he's outside talking to the pitchers and talking about the hitters they've got to face and how to approach them. It's just fantastic to watch. He's an unbelievable pitcher ... and he's helping our rotation in a big way."

Keuchel has bounced back from a tough 2016 with a solid season, going 14-5 with a 2.90 ERA. He was limited to 23

starts because of a neck injury that landed him on the disabled list twice. But he has looked good recently, posting a 2.87 ERA in five September starts after compiling a 5.05 mark in six starts during August.

Hinch didn't reveal his entire roster for the best-of-five ALDS, but did say the Astros sent reliever Reymin Guduan, outfielder Colin Moran and third baseman J.D. Davis home because they won't be used in the post-season. Additionally, the club sent reliever Francis Martes, outfielder Tony Kemp and catcher Max Stassi to the instructional league in Florida to stay sharp. They won't be needed down the road if the Astros advance.

### Texans look to improve after scoring 57 points on Sunday



AP photo

Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson (4) runs for a touchdown against the Tennessee Titans during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017, in Houston.

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**  
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans scored a franchise-record 57 points in a win over the Titans on Sunday.

If you ask the players, the best part about that big win is that they believe the team can get much better.

The biggest reason for Houston's success on Sunday was the dynamic play of rookie quarterback Deshaun Watson. The 12th overall pick in this year's draft threw four touchdowns passes and ran for another in his third NFL start.

Watson became the first rookie to throw four touchdown passes and run for another one since Fran Tarkenton in 1961 and he tied an NFL record for most TDs by a rookie quarterback.

He's one of many who think this team has only scratched the surface of how good it can be.

"I have a long way to go," Watson said. "And it's still early in my career and just hope to build on it."

His big performance was helped by the return of receiver Will Fuller, who missed the first three games after breaking his collarbone early in training camp. The pair connected for two touchdowns as the Texans scored the most points in the NFL since Seattle scored 58 on Dec. 9, 2012, against Arizona.

"That was just our first time playing together," Fuller said. "It's only going to get better, and I'm looking forward to that."

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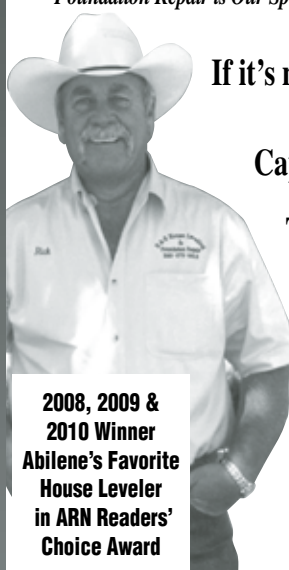


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Mom Seemingly Plays Favorites

Dear Annie: I am a 13-year-old girl in Montreal. I go to a private high-tech school with nice friends and teachers. I have divorced parents and an elder brother, "Edward."

My mom and I spend quality time together pretty often. We go out and have fun, and she buys me things. The thing is that she does these nice things -- such as taking me for ice cream or shopping -- and then uses them against me later. She also says I'm rude when I'm just doing my thing. I am sick and tired of having

my mom use the fun times and activities we do as leverage to make me feel bad. Why does she do these things? Is it my fault? Is it hers? Should I talk about it again with her?

Also, my mom tells me not to bully Edward, when he lies more than I do and often starts the problems. She doesn't believe me when I tell her the truth, though.

Does she like him more than me? I must admit that I get along better with my father and Edward gets along better with our mother. But Mom always tells me we're equal in her eyes. I don't believe her.

Please help me; I have no one else to turn to. I do believe

this could help others with the same problem who are afraid to speak up. -- Lost and Unloved

Dear Lost and Unloved: Though we do our best as parents, we're not perfect, and sometimes we don't realize the impact of our words. The next time you and Mom are out together, tell her how much you enjoy the quality time. Then explain that you're feeling anxious about doing these outings together because you're afraid she'll bring the memories up in a negative context. Rest assured your mom loves you and your brother equally, my dear. You both will always be No. 1 in her heart, no matter what. Regarding your is-

sues with your brother, here's the bad news: Elder siblings have been blaming younger siblings for things since the dawn of time. The good news: They eventually grow out of it. In the meantime, when Edward starts to bug you, just ignore him.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "First-Time Heart Patient." I'm not a physician, but I'm a retired open-heart surgery nurse who specialized in critical care. I want to assure "First-Time Heart Patient" that it sounds as if he received excellent care. Apparently, the doctors thought his situation was so critical that rather than discharge him from the hospital, they sent

him for cardiac intervention as soon as it could be coordinated. This would be considered an urgent heart catheterization and intervention.

Perhaps he was too overwhelmed or too ill at the time to remember the nurses explaining the medication to him, or perhaps the meds had to be given very quickly to prevent further problems. That happens. However, it should all have been in the printed copy of his discharge instructions, which should have been given to him and reviewed with him before he went home.

I understand his anxiety and concern about this life-threatening condition. Mended Hearts is a

great support group for heart patients after heart attacks and beyond. He can check with his hospital to see whether this is available in his area. Good luck! -- J.P.

Dear J.P.: I so appreciate your taking the time to write in and share your expertise and experience. Thank you.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Let there be light

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

<b>NORTH</b>			
♠	K Q		
♥	A K 7		
♦	A 8 7 5 3		
♣	Q 10 4		
<b>WEST</b>			
♠	J 10 9 5 3		
♥	J 9 5		
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<b>EAST</b>			
♠	A 8 7 6 2		
♥	Q 10 6 4		
♦	9		
♣	8 6 3		
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠	4		
♥	8 3 2		
♦	K J 4		
♣	A K J 9 7 5		

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1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♣	

Opening lead — jack of spades.

It is not a good idea to separate the play on a particular trick from the play on the hand as a whole. Playing to a trick in isolation is like playing a hand with the lights out.

For example, take this deal where East won the opening spade lead with the ace and returned a spade to dummy's king. Declarer discarded a heart on this trick, reasoning that since his third heart was a loser, he would dispose of it then and there.

South then drew trumps, led a diamond to the ace and returned a

diamond, planning to finesse the jack if East followed low. But when East showed out on the second diamond, the contract collapsed, and the slam went down one.

South's failure to make six clubs is directly attributable to his play at trick two. While it is true that discarding a heart assured not losing a heart trick, and also kept a diamond finesse in reserve, the simple fact is that declarer should have kept the heart and discarded a diamond instead. Had he done that, he would have raised his overall chances from about 50-50 to a near certainty.

Observe what happens if South discards a diamond at trick two. After drawing trumps, he cashes the K-A of diamonds and ruffs a diamond. If the missing diamonds are divided 3-2, there is nothing further to the play.

But even in the actual case, where the diamonds are divided 4-1, declarer still gets home safely. He crosses to dummy with a heart and ruffs another diamond. Dummy is then re-entered with a heart, and South's heart loser is discarded on the fifth diamond.

By adopting this approach, South makes the slam whenever the diamonds are divided 3-2 or 4-1 — a 96 percent chance. That's a lot better than the 50-50 shot he gave himself by discarding a heart at trick two, when, in effect, he was playing the hand in the dark.

Tomorrow: An artistic culmination.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By Holiday Mathis



Ramp-Up to Harvest Moon

This is the ramp-up to the harvest moon. Once you get some momentum going the hard things become easy. Momentum can be dangerous, too, as speed can have an adverse effect on awareness and control. So cherish the hard, slow part of the process for what it allows you to see, and the fast-blur part of the process for where it takes you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A completely peaceful and quietly powerful frame of mind will allow you to control what you can and ignore the rest. It's a brief and fleeting state for sure, but take these kinds of lucky breaks as they come.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You envy people who have the luxury of being able to follow their whims. It takes free time, after all, and disposable income. You could make more of both of those things if only you had, well, the luxury to follow your whims. Today brings a lucky break.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Be proactive as you look ahead to the weeks to come. Block out large chunks of time that you can dedicate to what you want to do. If you don't do this now, your time will be quickly booked up with what you're only mildly into.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The scientists suggest that the secret to science is asking the right question. Of course, this is the secret to everything else as well. Start with what's relevant, and expand to the question that covers more than that.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The situation seems a little boring,

but there's something very important happening here, and if you don't tune in you'll miss it and waste time going back to pick up what you missed. So tune in. Awareness now will prevent problems later.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Fear, when channeled well, is better than coffee at keeping you alert and focused. Fear will elasticize time for you. You'll experience the power of nanoseconds! Your performance will be better for it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Coming up with a good plan means recognizing a bad one. You may blow through hours making plots that fill the wastebasket but it's nothing compared to what you'd waste following a bad plan. Back to the drawing board.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's not foresight or hindsight but insight that will serve you the best. Examine your reactions to experience -- how you're interpreting this and what meaning you're assigning to it. Insight is the easiest kind to change.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). This is an ideal time to clear the air and balance unbalanced relationships. Listen to what's said: That's a no-brainer, though it's even more important to understand what's not being said.

people believe what they tell themselves. The truth will matter less to people than the source.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Irresistible things are not rational things. They tug at a part of the mind and spirit where logic's never stepped -- a place of magic and memories and happenings that defy the rules of economics and commerce.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There will be selfish attention-stealers out there -- marketers, companies and people who want your focus but will not repay you for it in any meaningful way. Stay self-directed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 4). Heart connections drive the action this year. Changing one habit will lead to favorable results in many areas of life. Your reach broadens through efforts of the next five weeks. You could take your work international, add many new friends to your life or touch people far away with your message. Taurus and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 12, 3, 30 and 17.

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Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

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

1	5	7	9	4	6	2	3	8
9	8	6	3	1	5	7	2	4
6	3	2	4	8	9	1	5	7
2	4	3	5	8	6	9	7	1
4	8	9	1	6	2	7	3	5
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	9
2	9	7	8	1	3	4	5	6
7	6	8	2	9	3	5	1	4
9	4	8	7	6	5	2	4	3
3	2	1	9	8	7	6	5	4

ANSWER:





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**Big Spring's Ashley Gonzalez runs down the ball to pass to a teammate during the Lady Steers' match with Greenwood on Tuesday, October 3, 2017.**



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**Big Spring's Courtney Myers passes to the front row during the Lady Steers' match with Greenwood on Tuesday, October 3, 2017.**

## STEERS

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Gang with six kills and four aces, Trinity Galloway with four kills, and Amber Martinez and Keila Yanez with three kills each. Setter Ashley Gonzales also recorded one ace.

Head coach Katie Voss implemented a new rotation for the team this week that she felt was necessary after

they were swept by Sweetwater.

"At first I thought it went really well. I was actually really nervous because we didn't work on the new rotation yesterday, but we did work on it today. I just thought after the Sweetwater game something had to change. I'm giving these younger kids an opportunity to play and see the floor, and those kids hustle their rears off which is what we need to lead us," said Voss. "They did that,

and they still continue to do that, but we stopped talking and communicating. That is what kills us every single game, is our mouth and not talking to each other. We did well in the first set, and obviously in the next three, we just shut down. It's over and done with, so we come back in tomorrow and we prepare. We have two days to prepare for Snyder. so we

will get busy doing that a hope for the best."

The Lady Steers will look to gain some momentum heading deeper into district play when they host Snyder on Friday at 4:30 p.m. in Steer Gym.

## TEXANS

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The Texans not only believe they can get better, but that they must do so with a Sunday night game against Kansas City coming up this week. The Chiefs were the NFL's only undefeated team heading into their Monday night matchup against Washington.

"There were a lot of good things that happened (Sunday), quite obviously," coach Bill O'Brien said. "But there were some things that we need to clean up, and we need to get going on that and clean those things up and have a really good week of practice because Kansas City's one of the best teams in football."

O'Brien was unhappy at a couple of false start penalties in the red zone on Sunday and is looking for the team to improve on punt and kick return coverage after allowing some longer runs in that area against the Titans.

A big change in Houston's offense this season has come from the confidence of Watson, who won a national championship at Clemson last season.

The Texans have had problems at quarterback for years, and believe Watson could finally be the player to provide stability there and run O'Brien's offense the way he's always envisioned.

In years past and particularly last season, the Texans often settled for field goals instead of touchdowns.

The Texans never scored 30 points last season and were held to fewer than 15 in six games.

"Guys aren't think-

ing: 'All right, we've got to have good field position to score.' They think: 'Let's go 90 yards. Let's go 80 yards,'" receiver DeAndre Hopkins said.

"Every time we touch the ball we're trying to score it. We're not happy with three.

"We need seven. So just that mentality that we have, and obviously it helped having a quarterback in the backfield that can keep the plays alive."

Houston has won the AFC South the past two years in large part because of its solid defense. The unit has continued to play well this season and forced five turnovers on Sunday to provide a boost to the offense.

The group, led by J.J. Watt and 2014 top overall pick Jadeveon Clowney, has enjoyed watching Watson develop and transform the offense into a much more potent unit.

"It's incredible how fast they've been able to make it all work," Watt said. "I'm very excited to see where it goes in the future, and I'm very excited to obviously be able to put up a performance like that. If they want to score 57 every week, that's fine by me. I'll take it."

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## TCU

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schedule, one for the home games and another for the road games, with postseason goals on top of that.

"We want to see that thing full purple," receiver Ty Slanina said.

"We know it takes little bits and pieces every time."

# Pigskin Picks Football Contest

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  10. Kansas City Chiefs
- Tie Breaker: Greenbay Packers



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- Tie Breaker: Greenbay Packers



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  9. Reagan County
  10. Houston Texans
- Tie Breaker: Greenbay Packers

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Team

1. _____	Name: _____
2. _____	Address: _____
3. _____	Phone Number: _____
4. _____	
5. _____	Tie Breaker - Circle the winner and note total points scored
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