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Seliger talks border control and education at meeting

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

The president of Howard College, Dr. Cheryl Sparks, introduced Senator Kel Seliger, Senator of District 31, at yesterday's town hall meeting.

"Senator Seliger represents our district very well," said Sparks. "We've been fortunate to have him represent us since 2004."

Seliger touched on several issues yesterday that impact the state and city of Big Spring. Some of the topics included border control, public

and higher education, and local control.

Border control has always been an issue for Texas, as Seliger knows all too well. There are many concerns with the problem but Seliger said the issues go beyond those who are financially unstable and want jobs, including the issues of human trafficking and sex trafficking.



Seliger

"This is horrible beyond belief and we have to work on this," said Seliger. "That's why we put another \$8 million in border security."

Seliger also went on to say Texas has added 250 additional DPS troopers, as well as an additional company of the Texas Rangers in El Paso. One member of the audience asked if more was being done about the border control issue, and Seliger said border control is controlled by the federal government; and while the president wants to build a wall, Seliger believes it's going to take not only the

wall, but manpower and technology as well.

Another issue that was discussed in depth was public and higher education. Seliger currently serves as chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee, and is a member of the Senate Education Committee. As such, education is one of his main priorities. His goal is for 60 percent of Texans to have a certificate or degree by the year 2030.

"We are making progress, 1.5 million people are in community colleges in Texas,"

said Seliger. "Not all of those people are young, which is great, and one of the best things about higher education is anyone can go."

Seliger went on to say that he figures all universities are similar, but one university in Texas told Seliger that 80 percent of their graduating students had a degree or attended a community college first. There are future plans to change the financial scheme for community colleges and an increase in core funding with the hopes of helping

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Former BSHS principal to receive recognition

By **ERIN STEPHENS**
 Staff Writer

This Friday night under the lights of Memorial Stadium during the coin toss, Big Spring High School will be recognizing former BSHS principal Mr. Kent Bowermon, who passed away on June 12, 2017.

Bowermon was the high school principal from 1987-2000. After 13 years as the principal of Big Spring High, he retired and moved to Rockdale, Texas, where he served on

the school board for many years.

Anyone who knew or worked with Mr. Bowermon is encouraged to attend a n d will be walking out on the field as a memorial statement is read.

Also on the field will be Mr. Bowermon's wife Kathy and their children. Current BSHS principal Mike Ritchey

would like for everyone planning to attend to meet him in the high school main office at 6:30 p.m. for instructions, and so everyone can go to the field at the same time.

In addition, Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan has deemed Saturday, Oct. 21 as "Kent Bowermon Day." The graduating class of '93, class of Bowermon's daughter Keely Dunn, has purchased a granite bench that will sit in the office of the high

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Bowemon

Movie premiere a success



HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield

The short film "I See Something" premiered yesterday at the Cinemark Cinema 4 last night. Pictured above are the stars of the film, Ryan Fite and Alyssa Wellner, children of the movie's director James Fite.

"I See Something" plays locally

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

There was hardly an empty seat to be found last night at the Cinemark Cinema 4 in the Spring Town Plaza mall, as a crowd of more than 100 gathered to watch the official premiere of the short horror film "I See Something," presented by Check Your Brain Productions and Cruiserfilms.

The suspense starts within minutes of the film's beginning, as Ryan Fite and Alyssa Wellner, the two young first-time actors and stars of the film, play big brother and little sister. The pair are relaxing together at home one night when they can't find their mom... and

they appear to be suddenly alone. After the pair think they may have seen something outside their living room window, things starts happening in and around the house: doors opening, lights going out, scratching on the roof.

"I got my inspiration from my own childhood experiences, growing up out in the country," said James Fite of Check Your Brain Productions, "I See Something's" writer and director. "When you're a child and hear something strange, your imagination goes wild; when, in all likelihood, there is a reasonable explanation behind it."

The short horror films ends in a

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Coahoma hosts FAFSA event for parents

By **ERIN STEPHENS**
 Staff Writer

Coahoma High School will host an informative meeting on how to apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday at the high school auditorium.

FAFSA is the official form used to request federal, state, and school assistance in paying for college. The form asks questions to determine the student's level of financial need and establish his or her expected family contribution, or the amount of money the student and parents are expected to pay out of pocket for the student's college expenses.

The federal government, the colleges the student is applying to, and the states those colleges are located in all use FAFSA in determining how much financial aid to

grant a student who applies for college financial aid.

The meeting at CHS will be for all parents of students who plan to attend college. Refreshments will be served and two \$100 scholarships will be given out during the evening

Representative from the Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center Ann Duncan will be speaking at the event along with Coahoma High School counselor Chandra Brooks. Panhandle-Plains Management and Servicing Corporation, doing business as Panhandle-Plains Student Loan Center, provides student loan services. It offers financial aid information, college planning, career/salary information, assessment tools, college admissions survival skills, and college survival information services for students and parents. The company was incorporated in 1999 and is based in Canyon, Texas. "

Most colleges do require a student to fill out the FAFSA even

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **RUSSELL LEE HENRY**, 39, of 801 W. FM 700 Apt. #15 was arrested on a charge of terroristic threat against a public servant.
- **DUSTIN COE NOBLE**, 26, of 204 S. First St. was arrested on warrants for defective stop lamps and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **ALANA DIANE SANCHEZ**, 40, of 1005 E. 16th St. was arrested

on a charge of assault/family violence (threat or offensive touch).

- **LATASHA QUIVITTE WOODSON**, 37, of 2512 Fairchild was arrested on warrants for no driver's license, speeding in a school zone, and speeding.
- **ISAAC RAY WILLBORN**, 34, of 2617 Ent was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1000 block of North Main Street.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Goliad and Fourth streets.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1000 block of the alley between 15th and 16th streets, and in the 2500 block of Fairchild Drive.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Goliad Street and FM 700.

Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report.
- **RUSSELL LEE HENRY**, 39, was booked by BSPD on a charge of terroristic threat against a public servant.
 - **DUSTIN COE NOBLE**, 26, was booked by BSPD on warrants for defective stop lamps and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
 - **PATRICK RIOS**, 28, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of service (\$750 to \$2,500).
 - **ALANA DIANE SANCHEZ**, 40, was booked by BSPD on a charge of assault/family violence (threat or offensive touch).
 - **ROBERT DWITE SCHAAF**, 33, was booked by BSPD on a parole violation.
 - **ISAAC RAY WILLBORN**, 34, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
 - **LATASHA QUIVITTE WOODSON**, 37, was booked by BSPD on warrants for no driver's license, speeding in a school zone, and speeding.

Take Note

• Calling all bridge players! A bridge club meets on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and Fridays at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club to play bridge. It is ACBL sanctioned but if you are not a member, you can still play but you just wont get your points. Everyone is welcome.

• The Salvation Army will take applications for its Angel Tree Christmas assistance program on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Wednesday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. from 8 p.m. This program is for children ages 13 and under, and seniors age 60 and up. Applications will be taken at the Salvation Army office building, 811 W. 5th St.

To apply for Christmas assistance, you will need to provide the following: picture I.D.(applicant), proof of address, birth certificates (children 13 and younger), and proof of government assistance (ex: food stamps, SNAP, housing, etc). If you do not receive any form of government assistance you will need to show proof of income. Also, please provide the ages, clothing, and shoe sizes of each child/senior. The Salvation Army asks that applicants not bring children to the application event.

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

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

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

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

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

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

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

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

• Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Support Groups

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• 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

• GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Weekly 10/5/17 through 01/11/18; 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

• 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.

SUNDAY

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

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those in college and for those who want to go to college, to make it more affordable. There was also an increase in funding to the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID).

"We want education to be available for everyone who is willing to go," said Seliger. "And I'm proud to be a part of one the few places in the country that has an institution like SWCID."

Also during yesterday's meeting, Seliger commended the Big Spring community on working together to build the U.S. 87 reliever route.

"I don't know another community who has been more proactive than Big Spring was with the bypass," said Seliger. "Maintaining highways and farm roads will continue the prosperity of Texas, and Big Spring realizes this."

Seliger went on to say that another \$500 billion has gone into the Texas Department of Transportation.

One issue that is extremely impor-

tant to Seliger is local control. Seliger voted against four bills in a special session, where Seliger declared the agenda of the Governor as a wholesale assault on local control in a big government power grab.

"Local control by definition is a small government," said Seliger. "If you don't like who your leaders are, you can change them."

"His dedication on small government and local control is admirable," said Sparks. "He doesn't mind standing alone for the people in what's right." Sparks also thanked Seliger for being a willing component and standing alone and being the voice for the people. Seliger announced his intent to run for re-election and is hoping that if he survives his primary election it will be a testament that defying authority isn't always fatal if you do right by the people back home.

Seliger received two different gifts at yesterday's town hall meeting. One was from the building construction class who made the senator a wooden clock, and the other was a poster decorated and signed by the students of SWCID showing their thanks and support in our district Senator.



Courtesy photo

SWCID presents an art board drawn and signed by the SWCID students to Senator Kel Seliger at yesterday's town hall meeting to show their support and thanks for the money that was funded to the school.

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cliffhanger kind of way, leaving the audience to speculate as to what happens to the brother and sister in the end. "I've had some people who've told me they love the ending, and others that have criticized me for it," said James. "I ask them, 'Have y'all still been talking about the ending and its mystery, even though it's over?' and they said 'Yes.' Well, in my book, the movie has done its job, then."

"I See Something" took 3 months to film, and has a genuine cinematic quality despite its tiny \$4,000 budget. The two young young performers, who happen to be the son and stepdaughter of James, took their job seriously, sometimes acting in 28-degree weather. Both James' and the two young stars' hard work pays off, though, as they have already been accepted into three film festivals.

The festival scene is nothing new for Check Your Brain and Cruiserfilms; their short indie documentary "Project Mone't," created by Fite and Brandon J. Johnson won several festival awards.

And they're not stopping now. Movies commonly lead off with trailers advertising upcoming films before the movie starts. "I See Something" was no different. The film yesterday featured a trailer showcasing an upcoming project of Check Your Brain Productions and CruiserFilms called "Carnage Radio." It's a film about a late night radio show DJ in a small West Texas town, whose listeners start getting killed. Then one night, the DJ gets a call from a guy who confesses to the killings. The DJ gets wrapped up in the mystery and has no choice but to team up with local police and an ex-FBI profiler to try and solve the mystery and stop the murders.

"We are hoping to start production on this project in about a year," said James. "We want to show off Big Spring in a way that has never been done before."

"I See Something" was written and directed by James Fite, starring Ryan Fite and Alyssa Wellner, and was produced by Amanda Fite and Brandon J. Johnson.

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Trump and the new politics of honoring war dead

By CALVIN WOODWARD and RUSS BYNUM

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — After her Army son died in an armored vehicle rollover in Syria in May, Sheila Murphy says, she got no call or letter from President Donald Trump, even as she waited months for his condolences and wrote him that "some days I don't want to live."

In contrast, Trump called to comfort Eddie and Aldene Lee about 10 days after their Army son was killed in an explosion while on patrol in Iraq in April. "Lovely young man," Trump said, according to Aldene. She thought that was a beautiful word to hear about her boy, "lovely."

Like presidents before him, Trump has made personal contact with some families of the fallen, not all. What's different is that Trump, alone among them, has picked a political fight over who's done better to honor the war dead and their families.

He placed himself at the top of this pantheon, boasting Tuesday that

"I think I've called every family of someone who's died" while past presidents didn't place such calls.

But The Associated Press found relatives of two soldiers who died overseas during Trump's presidency who said they never received a call or a letter from him, as well as relatives of a third who did not get a call. And proof is plentiful that Barack Obama and George W. Bush — saddled with far more combat casualties than the roughly two dozen so far under Trump, took painstaking steps to write, call or meet bereaved military families.

The subject arose because nearly two weeks passed before Trump called the families of four U.S. soldiers who were killed in Niger nearly two weeks ago. He made the calls Tuesday. Meanwhile, Rep. Frederica Wilson said late Tuesday that Trump told the widow of a slain soldier that he "knew what he signed up for." Early Wednesday, the president called Wilson's version of the conversation a fabrication. The Florida Democrat said she was in the car with Myeshia Johnson on the way to Miami International Airport to meet the body of Johnson's husband, Sgt. La

David Johnson, when Trump called. Wilson says she heard part of the conversation on speakerphone.

When asked by Miami station WPLG if she indeed heard Trump say that she answered: "Yeah, he said that. To me, that is something that you can say in a conversation, but you shouldn't say that to a grieving widow." She added: "That's so insensitive."

Trump took strong issue with that recounting early Wednesday.

"Democrat Congresswoman totally fabricated what I said to the wife of a soldier who died in action (and I have proof). Sad!" he said on Twitter. Sgt. Johnson was among four servicemen killed in the Niger ambush.

Wilson said that she didn't hear the entire conversation and Myeshia Johnson told her she couldn't remember everything that was said.

The White House didn't immediately comment. Trump's delay in publicly discussing the men lost at Niger did not appear to be extraordinary, judging from past examples, but his politicization of the matter is. He went so far Tuesday as to cite the death of chief of staff John Kelly's son in Afghanistan to question whether Obama had properly honored the war dead.



Courtesy photo

Pictured above is the bench placed in honor of former BSHS principal Kent Bowermon at Big Spring High School by the Class of 1993. Bowermon passed away this summer.

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school. This Saturday morning, Oct. 21, at 10 a.m. at Big Spring High School, there will be a bench dedication ceremony and any ex-students and former co-workers of Bowermon are welcome to attend. The mayor will read the resolution for Bowermon Day during the ceremony. Mr.

Bowermon was not only a high school principal but a member of the Rotary Club, a well-known service organization.

"He impacted a lot of lives throughout years including past students and school faculty as well as members of the community," said Ritchey.

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if they don't think they qualify," said Brooks. "The FAFSA guides students towards different loans and grants they can apply for."

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To kick off our new hours, the library will have a "Read or Treat" on October 31, 2017. Bring the kids out from 4:30 to 6:30 for snacks, activities, prizes, and fun!! Last reminder...Friends of the Library book sale is this Friday, October 20, 2017 and Saturday, October 21, 2017 in the basement of the library from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Come by and check out their huge selection of books.

This week I'll finish the fiction books. "Undaunted" by Diana Palmer (F PAL D) has Emma Copeland falling in love with her boss's handsome millionaire neighbor. Emma gambles her heart on a desire that rocks them both, but Connor doesn't know that

Emma is responsible for an accident that changed his life forever. Connor lives by rules intended to protect both him and his vast wealth. Emma's innocence broke through his cold reserve, but now his trust is shattered. By the time he realizes how much he stands to lose, it might take a miracle to win her back.



MONICA MARTINEZ

"Little Girl Gone" by Gerry Schmitt (F SCH G) is an Afton Tangler thriller. On a frozen night, a baby is abducted from her home after her teenage babysitter is violently assaulted. The parents are frantic, the police are baffled, and the trail is getting colder by the second. It's Afton Tangler's job to deal with the emotional aftermath of terrible crimes, but she has never faced a case quite as brutal as this.

Each development is more heartbreaking than the last, and the only lead is a collection of seemingly unrelated clues. Afton begins to suspect that this case is not isolated. Whoever did this has taken babies before, and if Afton doesn't solve this crime soon, more children are sure to go missing.

In "The Red Hunter" by Lisa Unger (F UNG L), Claudia Bishop's perfect life fell apart when the aftermath of a brutal assault left her with a crumbling marriage, a newborn daughter, and a constant sense of anxiety about the world around her. Claudia takes on a home-restoration project in a dilapidated old house that hides an ugly history and some long-buried secrets. The defining moment of Zoey Drake's childhood was the horrific home-invasion murder of her parents. Years later, she has embraced the rage that fuels her. Training in martial arts has made her strong enough to face the demons from her past. Strangers to each other

and walking different paths, these two women are on a collision course when Zoey's past nightmare and Claudia's dreams of the future converge in the very same house. As Zoey seeks justice and Claudia seeks peace, both must confront the monsters at the door that are the most frightening of all.

In "Two Good Dogs" by Susan Wilson (F WIL S), single mom Skye Mitchell has sunk her last dime into a dream, owning the venerable if run-down LakeView Hotel. She believes she'll give her fourteen-year-old daughter, Cody, a better life. Being an innkeeper is more challenging than she imagines, and Cody still manages to fall in with the wrong crowd. In addition, Cody is keeping an earth-shattering secret that she's terrified to reveal. Skye is both desperate and helpless to reach her. When Adam March and his pit bull, Chance, check into the hotel, he and Skye form a tentative friendship. Adam knows the struggles of raising a diffi-

cult teenager, and Skye understands loneliness. When Cody discovers an overdosed Mingo, a street kid with a pit bull of his own, Adam takes the boy's dog for safekeeping. Adam soon realizes the dog isn't the only one who needs saving. A makeshift family begins to form as four lost people learn to trust and rely on one another, with the help of two good dogs.

That's all of the fiction books for now so until next week I leave you with a quote from Sidney Sheldon: "Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better."

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Columbus Crew owner may move soccer team to Austin, Texas



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In this Sept. 16, 2017, file photo, Columbus Crew's Ola Kamara reacts after missing a scoring chance during the first half of an MLS soccer game against the Vancouver Whitecaps in Vancouver, British Columbia. The owner of the Crew SC says the team will move to Austin, Texas, unless a new stadium is built in Columbus. Precourt Sports Ventures, owner of the Major League Soccer club since 2013, said it "is exploring strategic options to ensure the long-term viability of the club."

By MITCH STACY

AP Sports Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The owner of the Crew SC says the team is no longer sustainable and will move to Austin, Texas, unless a new, privately-financed stadium is built in downtown Columbus.

Anthony Precourt, whose Precourt Sports Ventures has owned the Major League Soccer club since 2013, said Tuesday the Crew need more fan and financial support to compete in the growing league, and a new stadium in the urban center is the only way to make it work. The Crew currently play in 17-year-old Mapfre Stadium, about 4 miles north of downtown Columbus.

The team will be back in Ohio's capital city for 2018, Precourt said, but its future beyond that depends on which city steps up first.

"Despite all the efforts to move the needle beyond on-the-field success, our business is struggling to keep pace with the rising standards of major league soccer," Precourt said in a conference call with reporters. "The club historically and presently

has challenges with match-day attendance, with growing our season-ticket base, with demand for corporate sponsorship and with relevance. The stadium and site are challenges in Columbus."

The Crew is 20th in attendance this season out of 22 MLS teams with an average of 15,439, despite making the playoffs. The capacity is 19,968.

Austin is the largest market in North America without a major league sports franchise, and the city is receptive. Precourt declined to comment about any talks that could result in a new downtown soccer-specific stadium there. He dispelled rumors that the team has an agreement to play temporarily at the University of

Texas stadium in 2019 while a new stadium is built.

"Exciting news because Major League Soccer would be a huge success in Austin, and the Crew would find tons of support," Austin Mayor Steve Adler said. "There is a lot of benefit that being in Austin would give a team, too — though not public funding of a stadium."

Precourt called Austin "the most attractive untapped market in the United States for MLS soccer." The city already has submitted a bid for an MLS expansion team.

Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther said he had met with team ownership about solutions to keep the team in the city but complained that he didn't get "full engagement." City officials didn't know about a potential move until the public announcement Tuesday, he said.

"We were surprised to learn of their decision in this way," Gin-

ther said in a statement. "Losing the Crew to another city would be a huge disappointment to their loyal and growing fan base in Columbus."

Alex Fischer of the Columbus Partnership, a consortium of CEOs and business leaders, told The Columbus Dispatch that a group of business leaders approached Precourt with offers to buy Crew SC outright and to

go into a 50-50 partnership, both of which were rejected. But Precourt said Tuesday that his discussions with potential investors in the team were all attached to a plan for a new stadium.

Precourt said he approached Columbus business leaders last year

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NTSB: Balloon crash pilot was as impaired as a drunk driver

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The pilot in the deadliest hot air balloon crash in U.S. history was probably impaired by opioids and sedatives when he ignored weather warnings and flew the ride into a power line, investigators said Tuesday.

Besides Valium and oxycodone, there was a high enough dosage of the over-the-counter antihistamine Benadryl in Alfred "Skip" Nichols' system to mimic "the impairing effect of a blood-alcohol level" of a drunken driver, said Dr. Nicholas Webster, a National Transportation Safety Board medical officer.

During a meeting in Washington, NTSB revealed its findings about the July 2016 crash near Austin that killed all 16 people aboard. Investigators scolded the Federal Aviation Administration for lax enforcement of the ballooning industry and recommended that balloon pilots submit to the same medical checks as airplane pilots.

Nichols, 49, had at least four prior convictions for drunken driving, though no alcohol was found in his system after the crash. Investigators said Nichols was told during a weather briefing before the flight that clouds may be a problem. He brushed off the warning.

"We just fly in between them," Nichols allegedly answered back, according to NTSB investigators. "We find a hole and we go."

Visibility was 10 miles about two hours before the balloon took off from a Walmart parking lot near the rural town of Lockhart but had diminished to just 2 miles before the ride began.

Investigators said Nichols told his psychiatrist three months before the crash that he was not using his antidepressant medication and that his psychiatrist documented his mood as "not good." Nichols was prescribed 13 medications and was also being treated for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, known as ADHD, which investigators say also was a contributing factor.

The final public hearing by the NTSB into the crash wasn't the first time the federal government's crash-site investigators have urged the FAA to more closely regulate the balloon industry. NTSB Chairman Robert Sumwalt ripped the FAA and questioned why the agency was endorsing voluntary pilot requirements written by the Balloon Federation of America instead of tightening regulations.

"Why is the FAA promoting it? It is not an FAA program," Sumwalt said. "The FAA is treating this as the be-all, end-all. They are abdicating their responsibility to provide oversight. They are saying, 'The BFA will take care of this so we do not have to do anything.' That is what is sad."

The FAA said in a statement that it will carefully consider the NTSB recommendations but did not address Sumwalt's criticism.

Before the Texas crash, Nichols' balloon-ride companies in Missouri and Illinois were the targets of various customer complaints dating back to 1997. Customers reported to the Better Business Bureau that their rides would get canceled at the last minute and their fees never refunded.

Aviation experts say the FAA might allow a recovering alcoholic to fly



AP photo
In this Aug. 1, 2016, file photo, National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) member Robert Sumwalt speaks during a news conference at the scene of the worst hot air balloon crash in U.S. history that killed 16 people in July 2016 near Lockhart, Texas. The crash could result in federal investigators to call for hot air balloon pilots to obtain medical certificates.

commercial jets if the pilot could show that he or she was being successfully treated but that the agency is unlikely to accept pilots with drunken driving convictions.

Scott Appelman, owner of the New Mexico-based balloon operator Rainbow Ryders Inc., said his pilots already meet the higher standard and

that federal requirements won't have an impact. He called Nichols a renegade who operated outside the rules anyway. He said the Texas crash has taken a toll on customers.

"It was a significant effect on the balloon industry. The industry has not recovered," Appelman said.

Houston-area "Tourniquet Killer" set to die

By MICHAEL GRACZYK

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A stick was used to tightly twist a cord from a window blind around the neck of a 21-year-old woman found strangled and dumped in the drive-thru lane of a Houston Dairy Queen in 1992.

Maria del Carmen Estrada's slaying went unsolved for more than a decade until a tiny particle collected from beneath her fingernail matched the DNA of convicted sex offender Anthony Allen Shore.

Shore, 55, whose signature killing method prompted him to be dubbed Houston's "Tourniquet Killer," was set for lethal injection Wednesday evening for her murder.

He'd be the seventh Texas inmate executed this year. He'd also be the 21st prisoner put to death nationally, one more than the total number carried out in the U.S. in 2016.

When police arrested Shore, who was on probation for his 1998 conviction for sexually assaulting two relatives, he confessed to killing Estrada and three others, including a 9-year-old and two teenage girls. All were Hispanic. Three had been sexually assaulted. "There were voices in my head that I was going to have her, regardless, to possess her in some way," Shore, a former tow truck driver, phone company repairman and part-time musician, told detectives about Estrada. She was walking to work about 6:30 a.m. on April 16, 1992, when he offered her a ride that she accepted. It wasn't until five years after Shore's DNA went into a state database following his 1998 sexual assault conviction that the match to Estrada's death was made.

At his trial in 2004, with the confession and DNA results in evidence, a jury convicted him of capital

murder. The next day, Shore's lawyers told jurors that against their judgment and advice, their client wanted it known he wanted the death penalty. Jurors then heard four days of prosecution evidence about the three other slayings and heard from three women who testified he raped them. The trial judge ultimately asked Shore directly if his lawyers' statements about him wanting the death penalty were accurate. Shore replied: "This is very accurate."

His Harris County jury decided he should die. In appeals, lawyers appointed for Shore argued he suffered from brain damage early in life that his trial attorneys didn't discover and the brain injury affected his decision about wanting the death penalty. A federal appeals court earlier this year turned down his appeal and two weeks ago the U.S. Supreme Court refused to review his case.

The six-member Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles unanimously rejected a clemency pe-

tion Monday. "I would describe Anthony's demeanor as that of any condemned man, that even though his life is severely altered by being in prison, especially on death row, he would rather have that than death," Knox Nunnally, one of Shore's attorneys, said. Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg

has described Shore as a "true serial killer" who terrorized young Hispanic females in the Houston area for years. Besides Estrada, Shore confessed to the slayings of Laurie Tremblay, 15, found beside a trash bin outside

a Houston restaurant in 1986; Diana Rebolgar, 9, abducted while walking to a neighborhood grocery store in 1994; and Dana Sanchez, 16, who disappeared in 1995 while hitchhiking to her boyfriend's home in Houston.

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and was clear about the problems.

"We have engaged the community privately since the beginning of 2016 about our business issues, and made it clear that we would potentially start to explore

strategic alternatives if the business didn't improve," he said.

He said three potential stadium sites have been identified in Columbus, but he declined to comment on them.

"We are not asking for public tax dollars, and we are not asking either city to build a stadium for us," he said.



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NFL players, owners hold talks on social issues

By **BARRY WILNER**
AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — NFL players and owners held an unusual meeting Tuesday to discuss social issues, a session both sides termed positive and productive.

What was not discussed at any length was the divisive topic of the national anthem that has caught the attention of President Donald Trump.

"We spent today talking about issues that the players are trying to bring attention to," NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said. "That was the entire focus."

Asked if the players com-

mitted to standing during the anthem, Goodell responded: "We did not ask for that."

Trump criticized the NFL again Wednesday on Twitter, writing that "The NFL has decided that it will not force players to stand for the playing of our National Anthem. Total disrespect for our great country!"

A group of 11 owners and more than a dozen players met for more than two hours at the league's headquarters. Among the topics discussed was enhancing the players' platforms for speaking out on social issues.

"We heard what they had to say and they heard us," Mi-

ami Dolphins owner Stephen Ross said. "It's open talks and that's a good thing."

The NFL's policy on the national anthem did not come up. That policy states that the players "should" stand for the anthem, and some have suggested the league would seek to change that to "must" stand. Goodell said in a memo to the teams last week that the NFL prefers for players to stand during "The Star-Spangled Banner."

"Very little of the meeting was about the actual anthem," Eagles safety Malcolm Jenkins said. "We were really more talking about solutions and how we get the results

that we want to get."

Ross called the session "constructive," and Colts defensive back Darius Butler termed it "positive."

Goodell spoke briefly before heading to further league meetings. He emphasized the commitment on the part of the players and the NFL "to work together on issues of social justice."

"Our players are men of great character," he added, "and they have a deep understanding and tremendous knowledge of the issues going on in all our communities. This is something our owners said we want to support you in."

Butler, who played Monday night in Nashville before attending the meeting hours later, said the right direction. He said the players delivered "our perspective. Obviously it's a different perspective. I think that's the most important thing when it comes to these issues is perspective and respecting everyone's rights regardless of how they feel."

The players' union and the league issued a joint statement just before the annual fall owners meetings. The owners meetings

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Judge HR sparks NY, Yanks beat Astros 6-4 to even ALCS at 2

By **JAKE SEINER**
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — With a soaring shot headed for Monument Park, Aaron Judge got New York back on course for another memorable October.

Yankee Stadium sounds like it's ready, too.

"That ballpark is alive," Judge said after this latest rousing rally.

Judge ignited a comeback with a home run, then hit a tying double during a four-run eighth inning to spur the unflappable Yankees over the Houston Astros 6-4 Tuesday night and tie the AL Championship Series 2-2.

The Baby Bombers trailed 4-0 against starter Lance McCullers Jr. until Judge homered leading off the seventh. He tied it with a line drive that nearly hit Sanchez in the eighth and scored when Gary Sanchez hit a go-ahead two-run double off loser Ken Giles.

"I didn't know what to do after I touched home plate," Judge said. "I can't describe it."

The Yankees overcame three errors and have roared back from a second straight 0-2 series deficit — they beat Cleveland in the Division Series by winning three in a row to take that best-of-five matchup.

Aroldis Chapman struck out two in a perfect ninth to cap a three-hitter and get the save. Before a sellout crowd of 48,804, New York improved to 5-0 at home in the playoffs and won for the 18th time in its last 21 home games.

"Every home game has been special," manager Joe Girardi said. "I just feel like the fans are back. And I see things that I haven't in a while, and it reminds me a lot of when I was playing here."

Yankee Stadium will be rocking again when Masahiro Tanaka pitches for New York against Dallas Keuchel in Game 5 Wednesday. It's a rematch of the series opener, when Keuchel outdid the Japanese right-hander in a 2-1 Astros win.

An AL MVP candidate mired in a sluggish October, Judge sparked the Yankees by chasing McCullers, who baffled the Yankees with his power breaking ball.

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Cowboys' Elliott gets reprieve



AP photo

In this Jan. 15, 2017, file photo, Dallas Cowboys' Ezekiel Elliott walks off the field after losing to the Green Bay Packers in an NFL divisional playoff football game in Arlington, Texas. The Cowboys return from their bye with Elliott suspended and on orders from the NFL to be away from the team. In New York, his legal team is trying again to get an injunction that would stop his six-game suspension.

Cowboys star Ezekiel Elliott will play vs 49ers

By **LARRY NEUMEISTER and SCHUYLER DIXON**

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Dallas Cowboys star Ezekiel Elliott was granted another legal reprieve Tuesday night in the running back's fight to avoid a six-game suspension over domestic violence allegations.

A New York federal judge issued a temporary restraining order blocking the league's suspension, clearing Elliott to play Sunday at San Francisco.

U.S. District Judge Paul Crotty's ruling came five days after a federal appeals court overturned a Texas court's injunction

that had kept Elliott on the field.

Crotty granted the request for the restraining order pending a hearing before the presiding judge, Katherine Polk Failla, who is on vacation.

The NFL was ordered to appear before Failla on or before Oct. 30 to argue why the suspension should not be blocked by a preliminary injunction — the next step in the legal process — until the court can rule on challenges the players' union brought against the suspension.

"We are confident our arguments will prevail in court when they are taken up again later this month," NFL spokesman

Brian McCarthy said.

Elliott, last year's NFL rushing leader as a rookie, was barred from the team's facility Tuesday as players returned from their off week. The NFL suspended him on the suspended list Friday, a day after the league's favorable ruling from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

The 22-year-old Elliott was suspended in August by Commissioner Roger Goodell after the league concluded following a yearlong investigation that he had several physical confrontations in the summer of 2016 with Tiffany Thompson, his girlfriend at the time.

Prosecutors in Columbus, Ohio, decided not

to pursue the case in the city where Elliott starred for Ohio State, citing conflicting evidence, but the NFL did its own investigation. Elliott denied the allegations under oath during his NFL appeal.

The suspension announcement in August led to weeks of court filings, with NFLPA lawyers contending that league investigators withheld key evidence from Goodell and that the appeal hearing was unfair because arbitrator Harold Henderson refused to call Goodell and Thompson as witnesses.

In an opinion accompanying the ruling, Crotty agreed with the Texas

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Bishop makes 27 saves, Stars beat winless Coyotes 3-1

DALLAS (AP) — Ken Hitchcock had been looking for scoring from somewhere besides the Dallas Stars' top line.

The third-winningest coach in NHL history got what he wanted Tuesday night, when Radek Faksa, Dan Hamhuis and Alexander Radulov each scored their first goal of the season in a 3-1 victory over the winless Arizona Coyotes.

The first two goals came with the line centered by Faksa on the ice.

"Faksa's line was great,"

Hitchcock said. "They created a lot of scoring chances. Faksa's line was on the same page from start to finish."

Coming into the game, Tyler Seguin and Jamie Benn from the first line had scored five of Dallas' 11 goals.

Arizona (0-5-1) remained the only NHL team without a win. The Coyotes tried to rally from a 2-0 deficit, beginning with a second-period goal by Jason Demers. They outshot Dallas 15-9 in the third, but goalie Ben Bishop stopped all 15 shots for his

third win.

Three of those saves came during the Coyotes' only two power plays, early in the third. They had a 5-on-3 advantage for 17 seconds, but Bishop saved both shots on goal during that stretch.

"The penalty kill was huge there in the third period," Bishop said. "The guys did a good job, and obviously you can't rest after killing off the 5-on-3. We killed off the 5-on-4 after that."

Adin Hill made his NHL debut in goal for the Coy-

otes and had 31 saves to keep them in the game.

"I thought Adin Hill did a nice job for us, was solid in the net," coach Rick Tocchet said. "The guys worked hard and just couldn't score."

Radulov, who skates with Seguin and Benn, scored into an empty net with 52 seconds left. It was Dallas' third empty-net goal of the season.

The Stars (3-3) have won two straight for the first time this season. They can equal their longest winning streak of 2016-17 with a victory

Thursday at Arizona.

Bishop finished with 27 saves.

Faksa scored 5:17 into the first period. Mattias Janmark skated from the left side around the net and tried for a wraparound goal. Hill stopped the shot, but Faksa backhanded the rebound over the prone goalie.

"It's a goal in the NHL, right?" Hill said. "There are goals nearly every game. Just got to focus on the next

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Smoking Around a Baby

Dear Annie: I love reading your column so much that I have decided to ask your opinion on a sensitive issue. I recently found out that I am expecting, which is exciting news! However, we have run into a situation with my mother-in-law, as she is a smoker. My husband has mentioned to her several times about quitting smoking and has gone as far as telling her she will not baby-sit this child if she continues to smoke. I do agree that I do not want my child around secondhand smoke, as it is dangerous to a baby's health, not to mention stinky. At this time, my mother-in-law has made no effort to quit the habit. My question is: Where do you draw the line? I don't want my child or mother-in-law to miss out on any time or memories together. -- Fume-Free

Dear Fume-Free:

The good news is that the pressure isn't on you here; it's on your mother-in-law.

Her grandbaby or a cigarette -- she has to decide which one she'd like to hold more often.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, secondhand smoke causes "numerous health problems in infants and children, including more frequent and severe asthma attacks, respiratory infections, ear infections, and sudden infant death syndrome." Studies have shown that secondhand smoke can linger in a house for hours, and there's a growing body of evidence to suggest that even tobacco residue on a smoker's hair and clothes can be harmful to children who are in close contact. Have your husband set some ground rules with his mother that take these factors into account. For example, no holding the baby for two hours after smoking. (This would most likely mean she couldn't baby-sit.)

He should also let her know that every cigarette takes about 11 minutes off her life

-- which could add up to hours, weeks and months she'd never see of her granddaughter's life. Perhaps the birth of your baby will be just the impetus she needs to kick this nasty habit once and for all.

Dear Annie: I would like to ask a favor. Could we all just try to stand in each other's shoes and gain an appreciation for what someone else is going through?

I am often bothered by what I perceive to be a lack of consideration in others. One recent example was when several "friends" canceled plans made two months in advance because something better had come along, even though I had carefully juggled several family members' medical appointments to accept their invitation. Another was when a medical provider canceled my appointment at the last minute to go golfing, even though I live two hours away and had made staff aware I was using my last day of vacation to schedule this date and

confirmed in advance.

Reading the responses you received regarding the woman who was criminally assaulted really got to me. None of us, as far as I can tell, has been the victim of such a harrowing and personal criminal sexual assault. Why the criticism of this poor woman for wanting to request a female nurse? You can't see a way for some people to receive extra consideration when that might not be necessary for everyone?

I'm glad you gave your original advice, Annie, and I'm glad the medical professionals supported that advice. I'm glad you keep repeating it, too. I'm just sad that you have to. -- Leave People Alone

Dear Leave

People Alone: Thank you for your letter. It is so frustrating when others are inconsiderate of our time -- but we can only control ourselves. The best we can do is to nurture in ourselves the qualities we wish to see in others. Try to be even more empathetic than you are

now and it might offset the frustration you feel with others' lack of thoughtfulness.

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By Steve Becker

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♥ K 6 5
♦ A Q 10 9 4
♣ J 8 3

WEST
♠ J 10 2
♥ A 9 7
♦ 6
♣ A K Q 9 4 2

EAST
♠ 9 8 6 5 3
♥ 10 3
♦ 8 7 5 2
♣ 10 7

SOUTH
♥ A Q 4
♦ Q J 8 4 2
♠ K J 3
♣ 6 5

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

He could hope to find his partner with either the king of diamonds or ace of spades, but that is a very far-fetched possibility. Since West can see 14 points in his own hand and 13 in dummy, declarer must have both of those cards to account for his opening bid.

The only realistic chance of defeating the contract therefore lies in finding East with either the ten or jack of trumps, in which case a second trump trick can be manufactured for the defense. So West leads a low club at trick three, cooperatively ruffed by East with the ten, and as a result four hearts goes down one. There is no way declarer can recover from this sequence of plays.

The purpose of the low club lead (rather than the ace) is to make sure that East, who knows West still has the ace, understands what is expected of him. If West were to impulsively play the ace of clubs at trick three, East might not ruff at all, much less ruff with the ten. He would have no way of knowing that declarer had no more clubs, and he might mechanically discard rather than trump his partner's ace.

Once West returns the low club, East has no choice but to ruff with the ten, and declarer is a goner.

Tomorrow: Impulsive plays may be costly.
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ANSWER:

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Mercury and Jupiter Conjunction

Mercury just arrived in Scorpio yesterday, and already he's making deals, the first of which is with the big daddy of the zodiac, jolly Jupiter. This alignment in Scorpio is a sign that the truth will set us free. But since the truth can also be an upsetting or even dangerous implement to wield, try delivering it fast and light -- maybe with a wink.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Just because the solution is neat and plausible doesn't make it right. You'll investigate a little deeper, put theories to the test, ask opinions of the young, fresh faces and old-timers and, finally, get to the bottom of this.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You once felt so anchored into a certain belief system that you now, for reasons that are still forming, are starting to doubt. Let this be a sign that your mind is open, as great minds tend to be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your quickness to laugh might get you in trouble every once in a while, but usually it's an asset. You find that it's just easier to get things done when you have a sense of humor about them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Like a child who loads up a plate at the buffet table and then can't eat nearly the quantity, you've ambitions you may not be able to digest. So go in slowly. You can always go back for more later if you need to.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Every single person on the earth has had past misfortunes, even a newborn baby (birth is no picnic). So you'll be slow to call anyone out, honk your horn in traffic or get overly frustrated with the general inconvenience of (SET ITAL)other

nothing is. A new sense of purpose will help you prioritize and focus accordingly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Measure the distance between you and the outcome you now desire to see if it's even possible to get there in one move, because today's problem isn't like a ladder; it's more like a chasm. It can't be bridged in two steps.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are many things you can give a person that do not cost money and are in fact more valuable than money. Hope, kindness, attention and affection are free, and you'll wisely be generous with them now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The advances in thought come when you mix categories. This could mean genres, disciplines, cultures, genders, ages and more. Cross-pollination will bring the best solutions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're at a crucial juncture in a project or relationship. You can't stay where you stand now, but there's something blocking the path, too. Still, you can either find a way to move forward or find an excuse not to.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Some of the work you've been doing is unnecessary. That's OK! You couldn't have known what was necessary before you started. As you drop the superfluous actions, you'll get faster and more elegant.

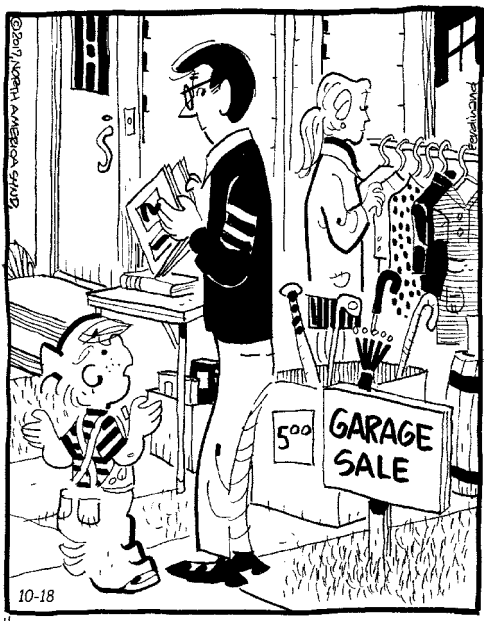
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Just because a person isn't unkind doesn't mean that person is good or right for you. Neglect is often worse than meanness. You deserve respect, attention and support. Are you getting enough of that?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Even though there are so many miracles around for you to appreciate, not everything can be profound, because that would mean that

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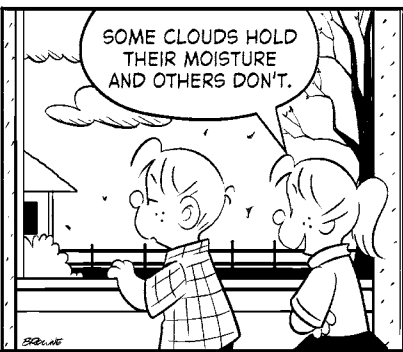
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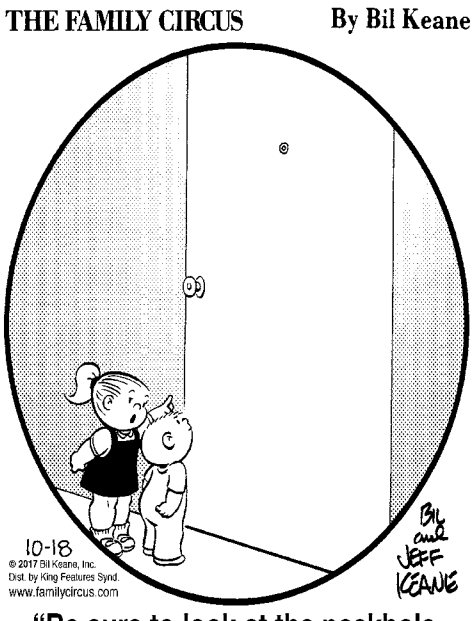
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"SOME CLOUDS HOLD THEIR MOISTURE AND OTHERS DON'T."

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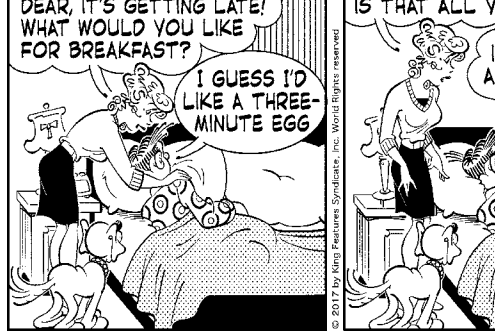


"Be sure to look at the peekhole before you open the door."

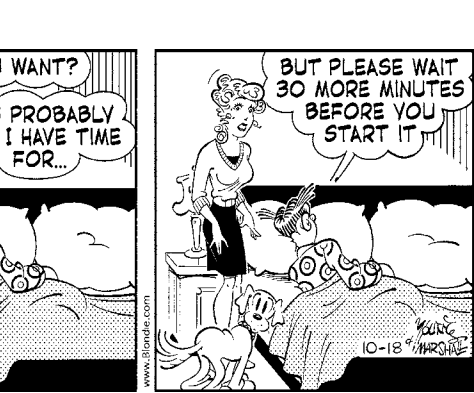
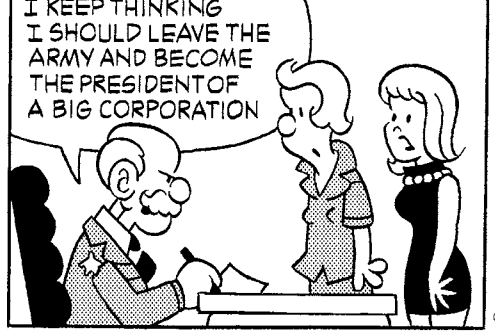
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 18, the 291st day of 2017. There are 74 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 18, 1767, the Mason-Dixon line, the boundary between colonial Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware, was set as astronomers Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon completed their survey.

On this date: In 1685, King Louis XIV signed the Edict of Fontainebleau, revoking the Edict of Nantes that had established legal toleration of France's Protestant population, the Huguenots.

In 1867, the United States took formal possession of Alaska from Russia. The cornerstone was laid for Baltimore City Hall.

In 1892, the first long-distance telephone line between New York and Chicago was officially opened (it could only handle one call at a time).

In 1922, the British Broadcasting Co., Ltd. (later the British Broadcasting Corp.) was founded.

In 1931, inventor Thomas Alva Edison died in West Orange, New Jersey, at age 84.

In 1944, Soviet troops invaded Czechoslovakia during World War II.

In 1954, Texas Instruments unveiled the Regency TR-1, the first commercially produced transistor radio.

In 1967, the first issue of Rolling Stone magazine (which carried a cover date of Nov. 9) was published.

In 1969, the federal government banned artificial sweeteners known as cyclamates (SY'-kluh-maytz) because of evidence they caused cancer in laboratory rats.

In 1977, West German commandos stormed a hijacked Lufthansa jetliner on the ground in Mogadishu, Somalia, freeing all 86 hostages and killing three of the four hijackers.

In 1982, former first lady Bess Truman died at her home in Independence, Missouri, at age 97.

In 1997, a monument honoring American servicewomen, past and present, was dedicated at Arlington National Cemetery.

Ten years ago: Former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto returned to Pakistan,

ending eight years of self-imposed exile; a suicide bombing in a crowd welcoming her killed more than 140 people, but Bhutto escaped unhurt. (However, she was slain in Dec. 2007.) Former Joint Chiefs chairman William Crowe (krow) died in Bethesda, Maryland, at age 82.

Five years ago: In a case that would reach the U.S. Supreme Court, the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York ruled that a federal law defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman was unconstitutional and said the gay population had "suffered a history of discrimination." The Detroit Tigers completed a four-game sweep of the New York Yankees, winning the finale of the American League Championship Series 8-1. The St. Louis Cardinals beat the San Francisco Giants 8-3 to take a 3-1 lead in the National League Championship Series.

One year ago: President Barack Obama hosted his final state dinner as he welcomed Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi and his wife, Agnese Landini, to the White House. The Toronto Blue Jays staved off elimination in the American League Championship Series, beating the Cleveland Indians 5-1 in Game 4. In the National League contest, the Los Angeles Dodgers took a 2-1 series lead by defeating the Chicago Cubs 6-0.

Today's Birthdays: Sportscaster Keith Jackson is 89. Actress Dawn Wells is 79. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Mike Ditka is 78. Singer-musician Russ Giguere is 74. Actor Joe Morton is 70. Actress Pam Dawber is 67. Author Terry McMillan is 66. Writer-producer Chuck Lorre is 65. Gospel singer Vickie Winans is 64. Director-screenwriter David Twohy ('TOO'-ee) is 62. International Tennis Hall of Famer Martina Navratilova is 61. International Hall of Fame boxer Thomas Hearns is 59. Actor Jean-Claude Van Damme is 57. Jazz musician

Wynton Marsalis is 56. Actor Vincent Spano is 55. Rock musician Tim Cross is 51. Tennis player Michael Stich (sh-teek) is 49. Singer Nonchalant is 44. Actress Joy Bryant is 43. Rock musician Peter Svenson (The Cardigans) is 43. Actor Wesley Jonathan is 39. Rhythm-and-

blues singer-actor Ne-Yo is 38. Country singer Josh Gracin is 37. Country musician Jesse Littleton (Marshall Dyllon) is 36. Olympic gold medal skier Lindsey Vonn is 33. Jazz singer-musician Esperanza Spalding is 33. Actress-model Freida Pinto is 33. Actor Zac Efron is 30. Actress Joy

Lauren is 28. TV personality Bristol Palin is 27. Actor Tyler Posey is 26. Actor Toby Regbo is 26.

Thought for Today: "I do not prize the word cheap. It is not a badge of honor ... it is a symbol of despair. Cheap prices make

for cheap goods; cheap goods make for cheap men; and cheap men make for a cheap country!"

President William McKinley (1843-1901).

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Gemstone measure
- 6 Relative of the apple
- 10 Donkey sound
- 14 Fill with joy
- 15 Stone of La La Land
- 16 Display of anger
- 17 First Greek letter
- 18 Stated
- 19 Church affirmation
- 20 Bad-luck bringer, e.g.
- 23 Eve's home
- 24 Remain hidden
- 25 Finance deg.
- 28 Tranquil
- 30 View a film online
- 32 WWII sub
- 36 Artist Warhol
- 37 Alligators in sewers, e.g.
- 41 Ship of 1492
- 43 Fencing swords
- 44 Newspaper bigwig
- 47 Distinctive periods
- 52 Two-year-old
- 53 Works with a loom
- 57 Small talk
- 58 Toads cause warts, e.g.
- 60 Elongated pasta
- 63 Hamster's home
- 64 Canned tomato product
- 65 Clickable image
- 66 ___ to (just like)
- 67 "Come in!"

- DOWN
- 1 Discontinues
- 2 Make reference (to)
- 3 Struck, as a door
- 4 Wise Greek goddess
- 5 Pull apart
- 6 Green sauce
- 7 Internet messages
- 8 Ever so slightly
- 9 Half a diameter
- 10 Grain husk
- 11 Sheep with horns
- 12 Distinctive period
- 13 Strong desire
- 21 Queen of ___ (Old Testament figure)
- 22 Pick, with "for"
- 25 Repair
- 26 Behaving poorly
- 27 Poehler of Parks and Recreation
- 29 Butter container
- 31 Scooted away
- 33 Small bill
- 34 Austrian peak
- 35 Golf peg
- 37 Subsidiary company
- 38 Double-crosser
- 39 V-shaped fliers
- 40 Sixth sense, for short
- 41 After-tax amount
- 42 Bachelor's last words
- 45 Night bird
- 46 Baggage handler
- 48 Stat on gas pumps
- 49 Totally virtuous
- 50 Stopped marching
- 51 Controls the wheel
- 54 Fully conscious
- 55 Continuous watch
- 56 Social gathering
- 58 Sty sound
- 59 Gush forth
- 60 Read quickly, with "through"
- 61 Polar formation
- 62 Tip of a sock

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AP photo

New England Patriots NFL football team owner Robert Kraft arrives for meeting at the league headquarters in New York, Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017.

ISSUES

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continue Wednesday, when the anthem could be discussed.

"Today owners and players had a productive meeting focused on how we can work together to promote positive social change and address inequality in our communities," the statement said. "NFL executives and owners joined NFLPA executives and player leaders to review and discuss plans to utilize our platform to promote equality and effectuate positive change. We agreed that these are common issues and pledged to meet again to continue this work together.

"As we said last week, everyone who is part of our NFL community has a tremendous respect for our country, our flag, our anthem and our military. In the best American tradition, we are coming together to find common ground and commit to the hard work required for positive change."

On hand at the meeting were Goodell and the league's football operations chief, former player Troy Vincent; and owners Michael Bidwill (Arizona), Arthur Blank (Atlanta), Terry Pegula (Buffalo), Robert McNair (Houston), Shad Khan (Jacksonville), Ross, Robert Kraft (New England), John Mara (New York Giants), Art Rooney (Pittsburgh), Jeffrey Lurie (Philadelphia) and Jed

York (San Francisco).

Representing the players were NFLPA Executive Director DeMaurice Smith, union president Eric Winston, former player Anquan Boldin, and current players Butler (Indianapolis), Russell Okung (Los Angeles Chargers), Kenny Stills, Julius Thomas and Michael Thomas (Miami), Mark Herzlich (New York Giants), Kelvin Beachum and Demario Davis (New York Jets), Jenkins and Chris Long (Philadelphia), Eric Reid (San Francisco) and Josh Norman (Washington).

Jenkins has been one of the leading spokesmen among the players, as well as highly active in the community.

He said the discussion was about "everything to do with the state of the NFL now, obviously anthem protests, activism that players have been doing, and how we can move this forward to really amplify players' voices and amplify these issues and make some long sustainable changes."

"I'm not sure we're close to a resolution, but conversations are ongoing," he added. "It went from just phone calls to obviously this is the first time meeting. So I don't think we could come up with a whole plan and solution in two hours, but we are happy that these things are happening. We're looking forward to the opportunity to really put a good plan together."



AP photo

Former NFL football player Anquan Boldin, left, Philadelphia Eagles' Malcolm Jenkins, second left, Miami Dolphins' Kenny Stills, third left, and San Francisco 49ers' Eric Reid, leave NFL headquarters after meetings, in New York, Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017.

Earlier, outside of the hotel where the owners are meeting, two dozen supporters of Black Lives Matter New York held a rally backing the players for speaking out — particularly former 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick for kneeling during the anthem last year in protest of racial injustice in America.

Demonstrations during the anthem increased when Trump called the players unpatriotic if they knelt during the anthem, with both players and league executives saying the meaning of the protests has been misconstrued by the president and his supporters.

At a game earlier this month, Vice President Mike Pence walked out of Indianapolis' Lucas Oil Stadium after several 49ers knelt during the anthem.

Jenkins said after the meeting that Kaepernick had been invited by the players but didn't attend.

Also Tuesday, Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones was confronted by two people in the lobby of the Manhattan hotel

where the owners are meeting.

The protesters shouted at him about the issue of white supremacy while Jones was surrounded by bodyguards. Jones stopped to listen but said nothing, and the protesters were peacefully led away.

STARS

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shot. That's all it is, wipe it from your memory."

Dallas' lead grew to 2-0 at 10:48 of the second, when Tyler Pitlick found Hamhuis low in the left circle and fed him a pass from the right corner. Hill couldn't react fast enough to stop the defenseman's slap shot. Faksa received an assist on the play.

"We wanted to be strong on the puck," Faksa said. "We had the rebound, and a great pass by (Pitlick) and an even better shot by (Hamhuis). It was a nice goal."

Demers scored for Arizona at 14:40. He picked up the puck from teammate Max Domi, skated to the middle of the left circle and lifted a wrist shot inside the right post.

With goalie Antti Raanta out because of a lower-body injury, the 21-year-old Hill was recalled from Tucson of the AHL.

His parents and 9-year-old brother traveled from Western Canada for the game. ... The Stars have won their last 10 home games against Arizona dating to Feb. 7, 2012. ... Coyotes D Oliver Ekman-Larsson played in his 500th NHL game. ... Dallas' Antoine Roussel and Arizona's Luke Schenn fought just 1:26 into the game.

... The Stars have not been outshot in a game this season. ... Demers is one of three Coyotes defensemen, who played for Dallas.

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AP photo

New York Yankees' Aaron Judge hits a home run during the seventh inning of Game 4 of baseball's American League Championship Series against the Houston Astros Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017, in New York.

ASTROS

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Except for the last one.

Judge launched a curveball into the netting above center field's Monument Park for New York's second hit.

"I thought Aaron's home run just lit a little spark," Girardi said.

Houston manager A.J. Hinch pulled McCullers after 81 pitches, Didi Gregorius tripled off Chris Devenski and Sanchez brought Gregorius in with a sacrifice fly.

Todd Frazier led off the eighth with a single to left, and pinch-hitter Chase Headley, in a 1-for-18 postseason slide, singled.

He lost his balance stepping on first, fell en route to second, then took a step back before continuing on and getting his left hand in ahead of Jose Altuve's tag.

"Just stumbled and stumbled and stumbled and finally went down," Headley said. "I went from one of the best feelings of my career to one of the worst in just a matter of seconds."

Headley was awarded second after a video review, and the ballpark boomed when crew chief Gary Cederstrom gave the signal. It got so loud that on-deck hitter Brett Gardner said he "kind of blacked out for a second."

Gardner brought in Frazier on a groundout, and Judge came to bat

with the bundled, buzzing crowd on its feet.

He lunged for a low slider and drilled a double high off the left-field wall as a fan in a long-sleeve yellow shirt reached down and touched the ball. Pinch-runner Jacoby Ellsbury came home with the tying run, and Gregorius grounded a single just beyond shortstop Carlos Correa's reach to put runners at the corner. Sanchez, who had been 0 for 13 in the series, scored them both with a slicing drive that skipped to the wall in right-center.

"Those guys came up big for us today," Girardi said.

Judge had multiple hits for the first time since the AL wild-card game against Minnesota. He's still just 7 for 37 with 22 strikeouts in the playoffs, but he's 4 for 13 (.308) with three walks in the ALCS. He also homered in an 8-1 Game 3 win.

Judge said he used to dream about postseason at-bats in Yankee Stadium as a minor leaguer.

"The dreams aren't the same as reality," he said. "To be out with the crowd and the atmosphere, it was unbelievable."

The 35-minute bottom of the eighth was the latest stunning comeback for New York, which has overcome deficits of three or more 11 times this year, including in the wild-card game against Minnesota.

Houston had not lost consecutive games since Sept. 8-10 at Oakland and had the major leagues' best road record during the regular season. The Astros are hitting .153 in the series.

"We're not going to hit the panic button because we lost two games in a row," Correa said. "We got Keuchel going tomorrow."

McCullers cruised in his first start since Sept. 30 and turned over a 4-1 lead to his bullpen.

"He was awesome," manager A.J. Hinch said. "And really proud of him because I know how important this start was for him."

Yankees starter Sonny Gray pitched one-hit ball through five innings.



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ELLIOTT

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judge who had backed the claims of Elliott's attorneys. Crotty wrote that Henderson's denial of testimony from Goodell and Thompson was significant because of credibility issues related to Thompson.

"In effect, (Elliott) was deprived of opportunities to explore pertinent and material evidence, which raises sufficiently serious questions," Crotty wrote.

Attorney Daniel Nash, arguing for the NFL, accused Elliott's legal team of seeking relief from courts in Texas to evade courts in New York and the effect of the April 2016 ruling that reinstated a four-game suspension of New England quarterback Tom Brady in the "Deflategate" scandal.

Nash warned Crotty that allowing the union to continue to delay the suspension would invite "every player who's suspended" to go to court for relief.

"They know under the Brady decision they have no chance of success. None," Nash said.

Attorney Jeffrey Kessler, representing the players' union, said the harm to a player's short career was serious when a suspension is served.

"He can never get that back," Kessler said, arguing that the irreparable harm — among issues of law considered before a temporary restraining order is granted — faced by a player is much greater than harm claimed by the league when a suspension is delayed. In his opinion, Crotty agreed.

Nash suggested during the hearing that the union was overstating its claims of irreparable harm.

"In their view, an NFL player missing six games is the end of the world," he said.

Brady managed to delay his suspension for a year through the union's court challenges. He served it to start last season, when the Patriots went 3-1 without him and later won the Super Bowl.

Elliott's case shifted to New York after the appeals court ordered the Texas court to dismiss Elliott's lawsuit, which Judge Amos Mazzant did earlier Tuesday.

A three-judge panel of the New Orleans court ruled 2-1 last week that Elliott's attorneys filed the Texas lawsuit prematurely because Henderson had yet to decide on the running back's NFL appeal. Elliott's legal team indicated it intended to pursue rehearing before a larger panel of the appeals court while also filing for the restraining order in the Southern District of New York.

The NFL filed in the New York court after Elliott's NFL appeal was denied because the league considers it the proper venue as the home of its headquarters and the site of the hearings before Henderson. It's also where the NFL won the Brady case in the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

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