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Work continues on U.S. 87 relief route

Estimated completion date of construction: Jan. 2019

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

The Texas Department of Transportation is hard at work on the U.S. Highway 87 truck relief route to the west of Big Spring.

Wayne Ekdahl, TxDOT's Abilene District director of construction, said that while the route is complete south of Interstate 20, connecting U.S. 87 south of Big Spring to I-20 west of Big Spring, construction on the northern part of

the project is less than half done.

"Probably about a third I would imagine," Ekdahl said. "I would say about one third. It goes from the railroad to 176, roughly with the first layer of pavement. It's not finished. It's still got a top layer to go. We still have some drainage to complete. We've got bridges to build. We've got a lot of pavement to still go down, and then we'll do the clean-up and all the aesthetics at the end to make

it look good when we walk away from it."

Ekdahl said the project is on schedule, and is set to wind up in about a year and a half.

"January of 2019 is the projected completion date," he said. "The entire project was \$67 million. We're at 33 percent complete, and roughly about \$28 million paid out right now. We do percent complete based on days, because we don't know how long it's going to take to

do the project. The money doesn't always parallel that. Some of the more expensive things tend to come at the end, so you may not exactly correlate money with time. But we're on schedule."

The cost of the entire route, including both south and north sections, is estimated at \$125 million.

When complete, the project will have exits at U.S. 87 on the north and the south of Big Spring, at State Highway 176, and at Interstate 20. While

trucks won't be required to use the route, they will have the option to do so to avoid the traffic and stop lights along Gregg Street, Ekdahl said.

"They won't be required," he said. "Just like any other vehicles, that will be their choice where they want to go. The route will be up here, and to go into Big Spring, you'll have to exit."

U.S. Highway 87 and its

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Water rate hike, spring grant on council agenda

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

At their Tuesday evening meeting, Big Spring City Council members will consider the second reading of a measure increasing water rates, and hear the first reading of another measure budgeting the increased revenue to pay for a hike in costs generated by the city's water supplier.

The council will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth Street.

At the previous meeting, held Oct. 10, the council approved on first reading the measure holding rates steady for residential customers using less than 10,000 gallons of water per month, while increasing other residential customers' rates by 5 percent, and the rates of all commercial customers by 6.5 percent.

The measure was a slight adjustment to the original plan, which would have kept rates level for customers using less than 2,000 gallons per month, and boosting everyone else's rate by 5 percent.

This meeting's agenda lists the second reading of the rate increase measure in the "Consent Items" section, which includes a list of several items which can be approved with a single vote, if no council members express a desire to pull individual measures from the list to discuss and consider separately.

Listed under the "New Business" section of the agenda is an item "Amending Ordinance Number 034-2017, Which Adopted the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018, Increasing the Utility Fund for the Purpose of Adjusting Water Rates in Response to an Increase from CRMWD..."

Both measures are in response to a rate increase from the Colorado River Municipal Water District, which supplies water to Big Spring as well as other West Texas cities. The new item increases the Water Revenue Account and the Raw Water Purchases Account by \$260,000. The item doesn't specify a source for the mandated funds, but presumably the water rate increase measure would provide the extra revenue needed for the account increases.

The council will also recognize a \$10,000 grant from H-E-B to Keep Big Spring Beautiful in support of the renovation of Big Spring's namesake Historic Big Spring in Comanche Trail Park.

Doing their part



Courtesy photo

Coahoma High School senior Joshua Yanez gives blood during the UBS/CHS blood drive held last week. Coahoma students and staff filled all of the slots to give the gift of life. According to UBS, blood transfusions save more than 4 million lives yearly and life-saving transfusions come only from donors like those who gave at this drive. Today Big Spring High School is hosting a UBS blood drive from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the library.

Tillerson says room for Taliban in Afghan government

By MATTHEW LEE and ALEX BRANDON
 Associated Press

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said Monday there is a place for moderate elements of the Taliban in Afghanistan's government as long as they renounce violence and terrorism and commit to stability. He also delivered a blunt warning to neighboring

Pakistan, insisting Islamabad must step up action against terrorist groups that have found safe haven within its borders.

Speaking on an unannounced trip to Afghanistan where he met Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah and other senior officials at Bagram Air Base north of



Tillerson

Kabul, Tillerson said the Taliban must understand that they will never win a military victory and should prepare to negotiate with the government.

"Clearly, we have to continue to fight against the Taliban, against others, in order for them to understand they will never win a military victory," Tillerson told a small group of reporters allowed to accompany him from the Qatari capital of Doha. "And there are, we believe, moderate voices among

the Taliban, voices that do not want to continue to fight forever. They don't want their children to fight forever. So we are looking to engage with those voices and have them engage in a reconciliation process leading to a peace process and their full involvement and participation in the government."

"There's a place for them in the government if they are ready to come, renouncing terrorism,

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Obituaries

Belton Atlee Brunson

Belton Atlee Brunson, 86, of Big Spring Texas, passed from this world Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Sept. 18, 1931 in Howard County, Texas to James Newton Brunson and Fannie Ella Brunson.

He retired from Texas Utilities with more than 30 years of service and was an avid golfer, a skilled woodworker and a fan of horse racing.

He is survived by his wife, Nona Brunson of Big Spring; a son, Daryl Brunson of Big Spring; two daughters, Karen Hays of Big Spring and Carol Burnham of Odessa. He is also survived by grandsons Jeremy Brunson of Odessa Texas, Jonathan Hays and sons, Grayson and Christian of San An-



gelo, Texas, Christopher Freeman and son, Trenton of Odessa Texas, Michael Freeman of Odessa, Texas and granddaughters Alicia Alaniz of Wau-tuga, Texas and Carlee Freeman and daughter, Courtney of Odessa, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Karl Allen Brunson and Curtis Lynn Brunson; one daughter, Denise Estelle Brunson; three brothers, Jimmie Newton Brunson, Dennis Odell Brunson, Ronnie Lee Brunson; and four sisters, Ida Lois Underwood, Myrtle George Burchett, Edith Estelle Jackson and Lena Francine Hogue.

The family suggests memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org/Donate or the American Cancer Society, in care of Vicki Stewart, 6 Coachmans Circle, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

• **KYLE ALBRETCH**, 30, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of evading arrest.

• **MATTHEW LUIS ALMAZAN**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant on theft of property in between \$750 and \$2,500 and charges on theft of property shoplifting, and resist arrest search or transportation.

• **JOE BARRON**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on charge of driving with invalid license with previous convictions.

• **THOMAS DEL BOLTON**, 35, was arrested by Glasscock on charges of hinder apprehension prosecution, and possession of controlled substance less than one gram.

• **SHAWN CARR II**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on charges of unlicensed carrying a weapon and possession

of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **GREGORY ANTOINE CARTER II**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of possession of controlled substance unhandled with two prior convictions, and three counts of charges of possession of controlled substance, and left of property in between \$100 to \$750.

• **SARA ESTELLA DE LA**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of driving under the influence of alcohol.

• **KEGAN RAY EARLS**, 19, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DAGAN ALEXANDER**, 19, was arrested by BSPD driving while intoxicated.

• **BYRAN DILWORTH HARP**, 40, was arrested by Glasscock on charges of hinder apprehension prosecution, possession of controlled substance, and a warrant of driving while intoxicated.

• **JESSICA MARTA HERNANDEZ**, 33, was arrested by BSPD of a warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **DAVID L. HUM-**

PHREY III, 53, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of a evading arrest detention with vehicle.

• **HOLLY DENISE JENNINGS**, 32, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **ADAM ABRAHAM JUAREZ**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous conviction.

• **LUCAS ANTHONY LOPEZ**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of possession of controlled substance less than one gram, and charges on possession of controlled substance less than 28 grams and tampering with physical evidence.

• **RAQUEL MARIN**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **BRANDY ANN MARTINEZ**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **CELESTINA NICOLE MARTINEZ**, 23, was arrested by HCSO on warrants of two

counts of capias disorderly conduct fighting.

• **SAMANTHA BARBARA MUNOZ**, 24, was arrested by Glasscock on charges of possession of controlled substance less than one gram, evading arrest detention with vehicle, and failure to stop and render aid.

• **KATHERINE CHEYENNE RAWLS**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of driving while license is invalid.

• **DEMIS ROBERT TORRES**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **JOSEPH JONATHAN VAZQUEZ**, 22, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of unauthorized use of vehicle.

• **TRISTAN WARD**, 26, was arrested by DPS on a charge of failure to identify or giving false information.

• **TERRENCE ALI YOUNG**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of controlled substance less than 28 grams, and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

Take Note

•The Life Center-Big Spring supports your decision to parent with prenatal and parenting classes, material assistance and other resources. We are open Tuesday thru Thursday 9:00 - 5:00 and Friday from 8:00 to 3:00. You may come by The Life Center at 1801 S. Main or call 432-606-5041 for more information or to make an appointment.

• 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.

•Western Sportsman Club has a Sight-In Day which will be Oct. 28th beginning at 9 a.m. The club will furnish targets, sandbags and spotting scopes. For more information, call 432-267-1816

• 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 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.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

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• **SHAWN CARR II**, 36, of 3006 Cherokee, was arrested on charges of unlicensed carrying a weapon and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **TERRENCE ALI YOUNG**, 29, of 711 Abrams St., was arrested on charges of possession of controlled substance less than 28 grams, and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **SARA ESTELLA DE LA**, 23, of 1609 E 17th St., was arrested on a warrant of driving under the influence of alcohol.

• **BRANDY ANN MARTINEZ**, 20, of 1907 S Main St., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **MATTHEW LIUS ALMAZAN**, 31, of 3607 Dixon St., was arrested of a warrant on theft of property in between \$750 and \$2,500 and charges on theft of property shoplifting, and resist arrest search or transportation.

• **DAVID L HUMPHREY III**, 53, of 1317 Mulberry Ave., was arrested on a charge of a evading arrest detention with vehicle.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE**, was reported on the 1900 block of Martin Luther King.

• **DISTURBANCE**, was reported on the 800 block of W FM 700.

• **THEFT**, was reported on the 500 block of NE 10th, on 800 block of W 18th St., and the 1800 block of S Gregg St.

• **BURGLARY OF BUILDING**, was reported on the 2600 block of Coronado St.

Support Groups

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

• 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.

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CITY

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"H-E-B is pleased to provide you with assistance in the amount of \$10,000 in support of Keep Big Spring Beautiful's Historic Spring Restoration Project," reads a letter from H-E-B Director of Public Affairs Dya Celeste Campos to City Councilman and KBSB member Jim DePauw. "It is our sincere hope that our support will help to make your program a success."

Phase One of the Spring Restoration Project is nearing completion; Big Spring's Convention and Visitor's Bureau announced this week that a Grand Opening Ceremony, officially opening the renovated spring to the public, will take place Nov. 16.

Another measure up for consideration by the council would restrict usage of the money, donated to the project by KBSB after receiving it from H-E-B, to construct a covered pavilion near the spring as part of Phase Two of the project.

"If the \$10,000 grant from Keep Big Spring Beautiful /HEB has not been spent toward the Historic Spring Project Pavilion by fiscal year end 2018 it will be classified as 'Committed Fund Balance' of the Hotel Motel Fund in the financial statements ending September 30, 2018, and remain there each year until it is spent on the Pavilion or returned to Keep Big Spring Beautiful," reads the proposed ordinance regarding the matter.

In other business, the council will:

- Award a request for proposal for the Downtown Plaza to Caprock Holding LLC.
- Consider the first reading of a measure authorizing Mayor Larry McLellan to execute necessary documents for the purchase of 1.129 acres in Downtown Big Spring.
- Consider the first reading of a resolution authorizing the filing of two grant applications with the Permian Basin Grants Program.

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

BSI honored with TEA distinction



Courtesy photo

Big Spring Intermediate School has been honored with a Texas Education Agency distinction for scoring in the top 25 percent of their comparison group in the category of Student Progress. There are four indexes that the state measures academically, and one is called "student progress." On Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 4 p.m., BSI was honored in its library with the presentation of a banner in recognition of the accomplishment. "We're very proud of BSI and we're expecting even greater things from them in the future," said BSISD Executive Director of Human Resources George Bancroft.

TALIBAN

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renouncing violence and being committed to a stable prosperous Afghanistan," Tillerson said.

Tillerson outlined to Ghani and Abdullah the Trump administration's new South Asia policy, which the president rolled out last month and views the region through a lens that includes Afghanistan as well as Pakistan and India, both of which he will visit later this week. The approach is heavy on combatting and beating extremist groups in all three countries.

"We also want to work with regional partners to ensure that there are no threats in the region," he said. "This is very much a regional effort as you saw. It was rolled out in the strategy itself, demanding that others deny safe haven to terrorists anywhere in the region. We are working closely with Pakistan as well."

Tillerson will visit Islamabad on Tuesday and said he would be telling Pakistani officials that their cooperation in fighting extremists and driving them from hideouts on their territory is imperative to a good relationship with the U.S.

"It will be based upon whether they take action that we feel is necessary to move the process forward for both creating opportunity for reconciliation and peace in Afghanistan but also ensuring a stable future Pakistan," he said. "Pakistan needs to, I think, take a clear-eyed view of the situation that they are confronted with in terms of the number of terrorist organizations that find safe haven inside of Pakistan. So we want to work closely Pakistan to create a more stable and

secure Pakistan as well."

The administration's strategy for South Asia envisions it as part of what Tillerson referred to in a speech last week as Indian-Pacific Ocean platform, anchored by four democracies: India, Australia, Japan and the United States. The U.S. is placing high hopes on India's contributions in South Asia, especially in Afghanistan where Tillerson said New Delhi could have significant influence and presence by creating jobs and "the right environment for the future of Afghanistan."

Tillerson also met at Bagram with senior members of the U.S. military contingent, including Army Gen. John Nicholson, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan. He underscored the ongoing U.S. commitment to stabilizing Afghanistan but stressed it is "conditions based," meaning that the government must meet certain benchmarks. He praised Ghani for his efforts to curb corruption and prepare for the country parliamentary elections next year.

"It is imperative in the end that we are denying safe haven to any terrorist organizations or any extremists to any part of this world," Tillerson said.

He arrived in Afghanistan cloaked in secrecy and under heavy security. He had slipped out of Qatar in the pre-dawn hours and flew a gray C-17 military plane to Bagram, jettisoning his public schedule, which had him meeting with staffers at the U.S. Embassy in Doha.

Tillerson, a one-time private pilot, rode in the cockpit wearing a headset and chatting with the crew as the plane took off from the Al-Udeid Air Base outside Doha.

RELIEF

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truck relief route in Howard County is part of the federal Ports To Plains Corridor project, designed provide good highway connections north to south across the United States all the way from Canada to Mexico.

Work on the southern section of the route, renamed "William B. Crooker Memorial Highway" after longtime Howard

County Commissioner and Ports To Plains advocate William B. Crooker, was completed in Summer 2016. Construction of the northern section, which will connect to the southern section at Interstate 20 and continue approximately eight miles north and east, joining to U.S. 87 and North FM 700, started in February this year.

A press release issued by TXDoT said the purpose of the project is to relieve congestion along 87 in Big Spring.

"The route will alleviate congestion issues for downtown Big Spring while facilitating safer, more efficient freight and traffic flow," according to the release. "Travelers will be able to access downtown Big Spring via Business US 87, or continue at speed along the relief route to their destination."

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Well-known Moscow journalist stabbed at work, put in coma

MOSCOW (AP) — A well-known journalist for Russia's top independent radio station was stabbed in the throat Monday by an unidentified attacker who burst into her studio — the latest in a string of attacks on journalists and opposition activists in Moscow. The assailant broke into the Ekho Moskvy offices and stabbed deputy editor Tatyana Felgenhauer, editor-in-chief Alexei Venediktov said. She is best known for co-hosting a popular morning radio show.

Felgenhauer, 32, underwent surgery at a hospital and was put

in medically-induced coma as doctors determine the best course of treatment, he said. The attacker, after being apprehended, told investigators he had been in "telepathic contact with Felgenhauer" for five years.

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Jerry Leldon Mintz, 43, died Sunday. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Lana Kay Cox, 68, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Emma Sue Riffe, 69, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Immigrant teen seeking abortion asks court to reconsider

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorneys for a pregnant teen being held in a Texas immigration facility are asking a federal appeals court to reconsider its decision not to order the government to let her obtain an abortion.

Lawyers for the 17-year-old on Sunday asked the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia to hold another hearing before all the judges on the court.

A three-judge panel ruled against the teen Friday, giving the government until Oct. 31 to find a sponsor to take in the teen so she could get an abortion on her own.

Her lawyers have accused federal officials of unlawfully restricting the teen's rights. But the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services says it has a policy of "refusing to facilitate" abortions for minors in its care.

Child's body found near missing 3-year-old Texas girl's home

RICHARDSON, Texas (AP) — Police in a Dallas suburb say they've found the body of a small child not far from the home of a 3-year-old girl who's been missing since earlier this month.

Richardson police say the child's body was discovered in a culvert as authorities using dogs searched for Sherin Mathews on Sunday morning.

Her father, Wesley Mathews, has told authorities he ordered the child to stand next to a tree behind the fence at their home around 3 a.m. on Oct. 7 as punishment for not drinking her milk and she went missing. He is charged with child endangerment.

Police say the body hasn't been positively identified but that they have no reason to believe it's a different child.

Infection case during Harvey prompts shelter cleanup

BELTON, Texas (AP) — Officials in Central Texas' Bell County say they're cleaning a former school in Killeen that was used as a storm shelter and have had to destroy about 600 cots after a person housed there during Hurricane Harvey was found to have contracted a drug-resistant staph infection known as MRSA.

Bell County Public Health District Director Amanda Robison-Chadwell says while the victim's wound was covered and not exposed to the environment, every precaution has been taken. She says although the infection is fairly common, it takes a "perfect storm" for someone to get sick.

Bell County Commissioner John Fisher tells the Temple Daily Telegram state officials ordered the county to destroy the cots used during the storm evacuation. He says state will replace them.

West Texas councilman won't say where he lives or works

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — A councilman in Odessa in West Texas is refusing to disclose where he lives and works.

Malcolm Hamilton tells the Odessa American he's always resided in his district. He's listed his job as with the "oil and gas business" and says he's aware of conflict of interest requirements that mandate he abstain from voting on certain issues.

He says in the past when he's told people where he works, they show up and harass him and his employer.

City Secretary Norma Grimaldo says Hamilton has given city officials a home address but has ordered it not be released.

The issue has surfaced after Hamilton recently missed two meetings for what he said was a work-related trip, but wouldn't be more specific.

Senate presses ahead on \$36.5B disaster relief package



In this Sept. 28, 2017, file photo, debris scatters a destroyed community in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria in Toa Alta, Puerto Rico. The Senate is pushing ahead on a \$36.5 billion hurricane relief package that would give Puerto Rico a much-needed infusion of cash but rejects requests from the powerful Texas and Florida congressional delegations for additional money to rebuild after hurricanes Harvey and Irma. The measure is sure to sail through a Monday, Oct. 23, procedural vote and a final vote is expected no later than Tuesday.

By ANDREW TAYLOR

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is pushing ahead on a \$36.5 billion hurricane relief package that would give Puerto Rico a much-needed infusion of cash.

The measure also would replenish rapidly dwindling emergency disaster accounts and provide \$16 billion to permit the financially troubled federal flood insurance program to pay an influx of Harvey-related claims. But it rejects requests from the powerful Texas and Florida congressional delegations for additional money to rebuild after hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

The measure was certain to sail through Monday's procedural vote and a final vote was expected no later than Tuesday. That would send the measure to President Donald Trump for his

signature.

There is urgency to move the measure swiftly — rather than add more money to it at this time — because the government's flood insurance reserves are running out.

Still, members of the Texas and Florida delegations in Congress are unhappy because the measure failed to address extensive requests for additional hurricane rebuilding funds. Texas, inundated by Harvey in August, requested \$19 billion, while Florida sought \$27 billion.

"I'm pretty disappointed with what the House sent over," Texas GOP Sen. John Cornyn said Thursday. But later, after speaking to both Trump and White House budget director Mick Mulvaney, Cornyn said he was promised that the White House would issue another disaster aid measure next month that would

provide much-needed help for Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico. A fourth, and perhaps final, measure is likely to anchor a year-end spending bill.

The measure currently before the Senate contains \$577 million for wildfires out West that forced agencies to tap other reserves for firefighting accounts and FEMA money for the disastrous fires in northern California.

Republicans dragged their feet last year on modest requests by former President Barack Obama to combat the Zika virus and help Flint, Michigan, repair its lead-tainted water system. But they are moving quickly to take care of this year's alarming series of disasters, quickly passing a \$15.3 billion relief measure last month and signaling that another installment is coming next month.

West Texas woman gets life without parole for killing child

POST, Texas (AP) — A 38-year-old West Texas woman has been sentenced to life in prison without parole after she was convicted of capital murder for the fatal shooting of her 2-year-old daughter nearly

three years ago.

Ashlee Dean had contended she was innocent of the death of her child, Alexandria Dean.

She testified she remembered only hearing a loud boom and then saw her daughter

dead on the floor.

Evidence showed Dean had high levels of methamphetamine in her system at the time of the Feb. 20, 2014 shooting.

Testimony also showed Dean has a history of drug abuse.

Garza County sheriff's deputies who responded to Dean's 911 call testified during the weeklong trial that ended Friday they found drug pipes at the home in Post, about 40 miles southeast of Lubbock.




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Sgt. Bergdahl faces life in prison for endangering comrades

By JONATHAN DREW

Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl will appear Monday before a military judge who will determine his punishment for endangering comrades by walking off his post in Afghanistan. Before delivering his sentence, the judge will have to resolve a last-minute defense argument that new comments by President Donald Trump have tainted the case.

Bergdahl faces up to life in prison after pleading guilty last week to desertion and misbehavior before the enemy. Prosecutors made no deal to cap his punishment, so the judge has wide leeway to decide his sentence after a hearing expected to take several days.

The judge, Army Col. Jeffery R. Nance, is expected to weigh factors including Bergdahl's willingness to admit guilt, his five years of captivity in the hands of the Taliban and its allies, and the serious wounds that several service members suffered while searching for him.

Prosecutors are expected to put on evidence or testimony about soldiers and a Navy SEAL who were seriously wounded by gunfire during these search missions, including an Army National Guard sergeant who was shot in the head, suffering a traumatic brain injury that put him in a wheelchair, unable to speak.

Bergdahl, 31, from Hailey, Idaho, was captured soon after walking off his remote post in 2009. He has said he was caged, kept in darkness and beaten, and tried to escape more than a dozen times. He said his intention had been to alert other commanders to what he saw as problems with his unit. Still, when he pleaded guilty, he told the judge that his actions were inexcusable.

President Barack Obama brought Bergdahl home in 2014 in a swap for five Taliban prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, saying the U.S. does not leave its service members on the battlefield. Republicans roundly criticized Obama, and Trump went further while campaigning for president, repeatedly calling Bergdahl a "dirty, rotten traitor" who deserved to be executed by firing squad or thrown out of a plane without a parachute.

Nance ruled in February that those campaign statements were "disturbing and disappointing," but didn't amount to unlawful command influence, noting that Trump made the comments before he became president.

Defense lawyers argued last week that Trump's views haven't changed as commander in chief, citing his reaction to Bergdahl's guilty plea. Trump told reporters he couldn't say anything more about the case, "but I think people have heard my com-



AP photo

In this Sept. 27, 2017, file photo, Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl leaves a motions hearing during a lunch break in Fort Bragg, N.C. The fate of Bergdahl rests in a judge's hands now that the Army sergeant has pleaded guilty to endangering his comrades by leaving his post in Afghanistan in 2009. Sentencing for Bergdahl starts Monday, Oct. 23, at Fort Bragg and is expected to feature dramatic testimony about soldiers and a Navy SEAL badly hurt while they searched for the missing Bergdahl.

ments in the past."

The White House issued a statement Friday that, without mentioning Bergdahl by name, said any military justice case must be "resolved on

its own facts." Prosecutors cited that statement in opposing the latest defense arguments.

Fallen soldier's widow: 'Nothing to say' to Trump

MIAMI (AP) — The pregnant widow of a fallen U.S. soldier on Monday contradicted President Donald Trump's account of his phone call about her husband's death and said what he told her "made me cry even worse."

Myeshia Johnson told ABC's "Good Morning America" in an interview that Democratic Rep. Frederica Wilson was practically a member of their family and was among a group of people listening to Trump's call on a speaker phone as they drove to receive Sgt. La David Johnson's body.

"The president said that he knew what he signed up for but it hurts anyway," Johnson said. "And it made me cry because I was very angry at the tone of his voice and how he said it. He couldn't remem-

ber my husband's name. The only way he could remember my husband's name was he told me he had my husband's report in front of him and that's when he actually said La David." "Whatever Ms. Wilson said was not fabricated," Johnson said in her first interview since her husband's death. "What she said was 100 percent correct."

Sgt. Johnson and three comrades died Oct. 4 in Africa when militants tied to the Islamic State attacked them.

She said she also wants to know why she hasn't been allowed to see her husband's body. He was buried on Saturday.

"I need to see him so I will know that that is my husband," she said. "They won't show me a finger, a hand.

I know my husband's body from head to toe. And they won't let me see anything. I don't know what's in that box. It could be empty for all I know. But I need to see my husband. I haven't seen him since he came home."

Trump tweeted that Wilson "fabricated" his statement and the fight escalated through the week. Trump in other tweets called her "wacky" and accused her of "SECRETLY" listening to the phone call.

Johnson said everyone in the car was listening to Trump's call. "The phone was on speaker phone. Why would we fabricate something like that?"

Asked if she had anything to say

to Trump now, Johnson said, "No, I don't have nothing to say to him."

The war of words between the president and Wilson began Tuesday when the Florida congresswoman recounted Trump's conversation.

Wilson has been a friend of the Johnson family for years and Sgt. Johnson was in her 5000 Role Models program that pairs African-American boys with mentors who prepare them for college, vocational school or the military.

Johnson said she had known her husband since they were about 6 years old.

Johnson said she wants the world to know "how great of a soldier my husband was." She also said he was "a loving and caring father and husband."

She said she learned her husband was missing in action when military members came to her house.

"They told me there was a massive gunfire and that my husband, as of Oct. 4 was missing," she said. "They didn't know his whereabouts or they didn't know where he was or where to find him. A couple of days later is when they told me he went from missing to killed in action."

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Coahoma JH and JV football update



Courtesy photo

Pictured above is Coahoma JV's Steven Erives (4) running with the football in their game against Idalou on Thursday, October 19, 2017.



Courtesy photo

Pictured above is Coahoma JV's Isaac Murillo (33) running with the football in their game against Idalou on Thursday, October 19, 2017.



Courtesy photo

Pictured above is Coahoma JV's Damian Rains (24) taking down the ball carrier in their football game against Idalou on Thursday, October 19, 2017.

Special to The Herald

Coahoma's No. 33, Isaac Murillo, caught a Hail Mary pass from No. 7, Colt Redden, and turned it into a touchdown as the game clock ticked down to zero, but the score wasn't enough to beat the Idalou Wildcats in junior varsity pigskin play.

The Bulldogs lost to the Wildcats 32-12 at Bulldog Stadium Thursday night.

Idalou dominated the first half of the game putting 12 points on the board in the first quarter, but failed both times at the two-point conversion. The Wildcats third score came from an interception after the Bulldogs threw a pass on fourth down. At the end of the first half, Idalou was up 24-0. During the first half of the game, Coahoma's No. 4, Steven Erives, ran both 17-yard and 18-yard plays to help the Dogs out.

Coahoma began to come back in the second half as they added 6 points to the board from a one-yard touchdown pass thrown by Redden to Murrillo. Earlier, the Dogs were stopped by the Wildcats three times trying to run the

ball in from the 1 yard line, but this time they were finally able to take it in the end-zone.

During the fourth quarter, Idalou struck again with a touchdown and this time, for the first time of the night, completed the two-point conversion making the score 32-6.

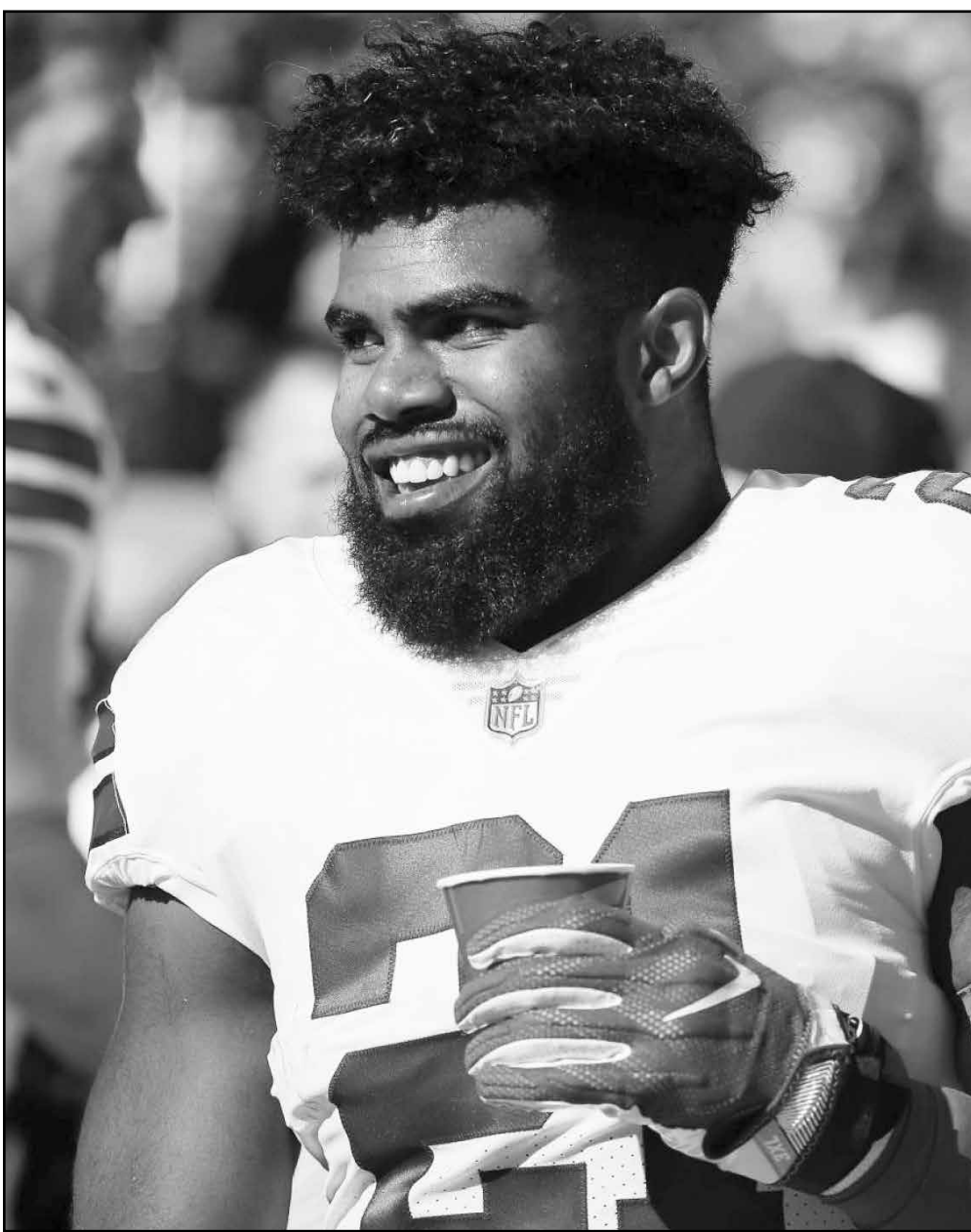
After getting possession of the ball, the Bulldogs worked their way up the field battling the Wildcats before Redden threw the Hail Mary pass. However, the Bulldogs were not able to complete the two-point conversion.

In junior high play, the 8th grade Coahoma team lost their first game of the season 48-38 at Idalou. The 7th grade team also lost to the Wildcats at Idalou.

Junior varsity and junior high football returns to action next Thursday. The JV team travels to Colorado City to take on the Wolves. The game begins at 6 p.m. Both, the 8th grade and 7th grade teams, will be playing at home this Thursday at Bulldog Stadium. The 7th grade game will start at 5 p.m., and the 8th grade game will start at 6:30 p.m.

Elliott's 3 TDs, 219 yards lead Cowboys past 49ers 40-10

Safety-turned-kicker Heath highlights Cowboys win



AP photo

Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott smiles on the sideline after scoring a touchdown during the second half of an NFL football game against the San Francisco 49ers in Santa Clara, Calif., Sunday, Oct. 22, 2017.



AP photo

Dallas Cowboys strong safety Jeff Heath, right, kicks a point after try from the hold of Chris Jones (6) during the second half of an NFL football game against the San Francisco 49ers in Santa Clara, Calif., Sunday, Oct. 22, 2017.

By JOSH DUBOW

AP Pro Football Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — On a day that Ezekiel Elliott had the most productive game of his career, Dak Prescott threw three TD passes and ran for another and Dallas' defense dominated San Francisco, little-known safety Jeff Heath might have put up the most impressive performance of the day.

Forced into emergency kicking duties after Dan Bailey went down with a right groin injury in the second half, Heath made two of three extra points in the Cowboys' 40-10 victory over the 49ers on Sunday.

"I saw Morten Andersen go into the Hall of Fame in Canton. I don't know if he has anything on Jeff Heath," Cowboys tight end Jason Witten said. "The guy is a really special athlete. Those are big kicks. Guys were having a lot of fun with it, too."

It was a historic performance for Heath, who hadn't kicked in a game since high school. He became the first non-kicker or punter to make

multiple extra points in a game since former Houston linebacker and current Packers GM Ted Thompson made four in 1980.

Heath had to make his from the more difficult distance of 33 yards — 13 yards longer than PATs were back then.

"That was fun," Heath said. "That was the most fun I've had playing football in a really long time. We kind of prepared for something like that last year one game. I never really thought I was really going to have to do it in a game, but it was a lot of fun."

Heath even performed well on kickoff duties, recording two touchdowns and sending two more kicks inside the 5. His other kick went to the 13 as San Francisco's average starting point after his kicks came at 23.4 yards from the end zone.

"The kickoffs, I didn't even know where the ball was going to go," he said. "My guys did really good going down and covering for me."

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Family Members Not Invited to Wedding

Dear Annie:
Your help is needed to resolve a family problem. One of my granddaughters, "Mackenzie," called to say she is getting married in a few weeks. This will be a small wedding, as she and her fiance do not have a lot of money. Only 45 guests are invited. Now the problem: Mackenzie is not inviting my son and daughter-in-law, as they do not have a close relationship and she has not seen them in two years. I

was upset with the news; he is her uncle. She also said that she will not be notifying him to tell him he is not invited and that if I want, I can call him to inform him.
I understand this is her wedding, but this exclusion is really upsetting me. Now the question to you, Annie: What does one do in this situation? -- Angry in Connecticut
Dear Angry: As you said, this is your granddaughter's wedding, so she can invite whomever she'd like. But she's also in charge of informing family members that they're not invited. Don't let that fall to

you.
That said, if the issue is truly just the expense and you have the means financially to help, you could offer that option to your granddaughter. She might really appreciate the help, and your son and his wife would no doubt appreciate being included in their niece's special day.
Dear Annie: I'm 64, so in six more years, I'll be in my 70s (if all goes well). Writing from that perspective, I disagree with your advice. Telling people our age to "lose (themselves) in helping others" is a way of suggesting that our own interests don't

have value or validity.
I'm not saying there's anything wrong with volunteering; people of any age are free to do so. But the belief, often stated, that old people should putter around doing volunteer work and focus solely on helping others is selling us short. It's like telling someone who's dissatisfied with being a housewife and raising kids who are almost grown that she just needs to have more kids or adopt foster kids or something along those lines.
A sense of purpose can also come from doing creative work. We could

paint, draw or sculpt; write stories, novels, screenplays or memoirs; spend time with friends and family; hike and build our health; travel and explore this wonderful world; or join groups that are working to "heal the world."
None of these activities is focused on giving up on our own interests. Call me selfish if you will, but I'd like to go on living my own life for as long as I'm around. The notion that we need to lose ourselves in helping others suggests our lives aren't fun anymore or aren't worth living. A strange attitude, in my estima-

tion. -- Sarah M.
Dear Sarah M.:
I'm printing your letter because you make a great point. There are plenty more ways for retirees to spend their time than just volunteering, and self-enrichment isn't selfish in the least. Thanks for writing.

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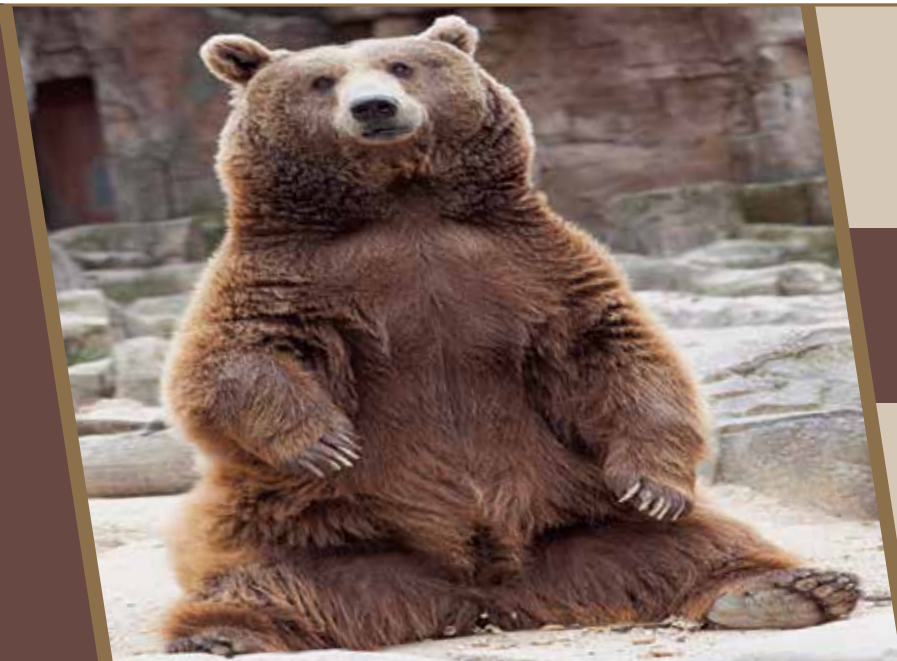
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Famous Hand

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	1 NT	Dble	5♣
5♥	Pass	6♥	7♣
Pass	Pass	7♥	

Opening lead — two of diamonds.

It is often difficult to reach the best contract when your opponents cramp the bidding space with nuisance bids. However, such tactics occasionally boomerang, which is what happened on this deal from the 1966 World Pair Championship when a Spanish pair crossed swords with a French pair.

The Spanish South opened the

bidding with one heart, and the French West overcalled with one notrump! This type of overcall — indicating a long suit and a weak hand — is known in France as the comic notrump (*le sans about comique*). North doubled to show a good hand, and East added spice to the goings-on by leaping to five clubs.

South bid five hearts, thus indicating much more than a minimum opening bid, and North raised him to six. Perhaps East should have passed — the bidding surely would have died then and there — but he bid seven clubs as a sacrifice against the small slam he felt sure the opponents could make.

This tactic backfired when it gave South a chance to make a forcing pass and in that way invite partner to go on to seven hearts with a suitable hand. Had South held a weaker hand, he would have doubled to stop his partner from bidding a grand slam.

Under the circumstances, North had no real problem. He realized that his three aces were exactly the kind of medicine South needed for a grand slam. So he bid seven hearts, which was easily made for a score of 2,210 points, and the comic notrump did not prove to be so comical after all.

Tomorrow: Precision defense.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Cosmic Light Change

The first full day of the Scorpio sun will be marked by a green light on a relationship idea. This could be as narrow as making a plan to get together with someone or as broad as making up a new set of rules for your personal life in general. Just remember that you're in charge, that you have choices and that decisions become destiny.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There will be no shortage of wisdom in your realm. Quotations and sayings abound! The current zeitgeist involves much pretty advice. Applying a frame is a popular option; applying the actual advice, far less so.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You know where you want to go, and you thought you knew how to get there, too. But something about the route has changed. As much as you hate to stop and ask for directions, it will be the smart thing to do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're feeling rather driven. There is much work to be done, and that includes forging relationships, both professional and personal. To play this right, stay open and helpful without offering up so much as to seem overeager.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In the current cosmic shift, you're like a hermit crab outgrowing its shell. You know you're changing, yet in a strange way, you also know you're becoming more like who you really are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It will be easier to influence the group when the members of the group trust you. They'll trust you when you seem to be more or less like them -- at least in a few ways that matter. Show them why you're a good fit and then you can lead them in

new directions.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be dealing with people who are more fragile than they seem. So be sure not to overestimate their confidence or the thickness of their skin. You'll definitely be doing some coaxing and encouraging today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You offer a combination of traits that can't be found in any other person. So though many could fill the role you fill, do the job you do and so forth, you are still, in many other ways, completely irreplaceable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll find other people's routines very interesting. In the study of this, there's something in it for you -- a life hack or practical tip that will make an area of your life run much more smoothly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you encounter something beautiful, you'll want to protect it with all your might and light. Just make sure it really needs your help. Do your homework, because some causes are not what they seem.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're trying to learn the social lay of the land. It starts with figuring out each person's motive. Seeing as no one will tell you what his or her real purpose is, you'll have to figure it out from clues.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This day comes with a built-in assignment for you -- and the added bonus of all the motivation, inspiration and resources you need to do a fantastic job.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You either are not in the mood to go by the book or simply see a better way. In your defense, "the book" was written a very, very long time ago; things have really changed since then.

TURN THE DOWNSIDE OF YOUR SIGN INTO AN ASSET: Not-

ed for popularity, AQUARIUS is a sign for the people. The water-bearing symbol of Aquarius speaks to the serviceable nature of this sign. Admirably, Aquarius will go out of the way to make sure that everyone is cared for. But Aquarian generosity can also begin a cycle of codependence. How can Aquarius natives avoid becoming enablers? The key is to give the kind of help that allows people to help themselves. It is better to teach someone a skill than to provide the kind of assistance that fosters weakness and dependence.

PISCES is among the most sensitive and impressionable signs of the zodiac; therefore, Pisces is susceptible to all kinds of influences -- good and bad. This susceptibility is precisely how Pisces empathizes with others -- by entering their world, sharing their feelings, taking on their beliefs and joining their experience. It is what makes Pisces great artists and wise souls. For this gift to be purely an asset, Pisces must be extremely careful in choosing good company. One rule of thumb for Pisces: Never hang out with anyone you wouldn't want to be, because chances are you will, in some way and in some moment, try on the identity of whomever you are with.

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SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

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

Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

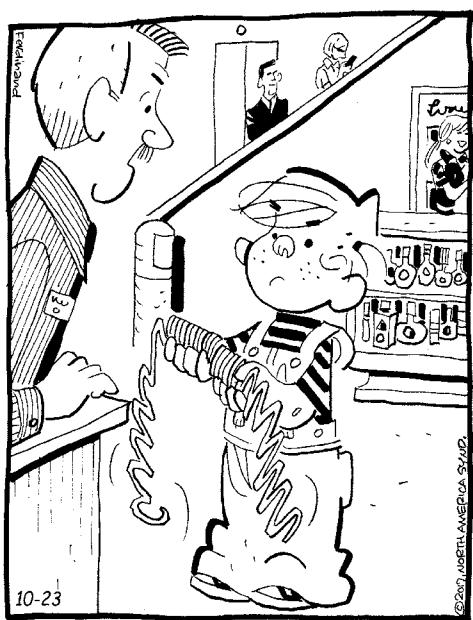
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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

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

ANSWER:

	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	KWWT (14) Odessa	KWES2 (15) Midland	WTBS (33) Atlanta	TNT (34) Atlanta	ESPN (35) Sports	ESPN2 (36) Sports	FSN (38) Sports	USA (55) New York	A&E (58) New York	DISC (60) Discovery
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6 :30	Jeopardy!	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	CBS 7	Caso Cer-rado	News	Families	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Movie: Remember the Titans (DVS)	Baseball Tonight	C'boys	Mod Fam	Killer Kids	Fast N' Loud	
7 :30	Dancing With the Stars	Enamorámome	Lucifer (DVS)	Big Bang	Jenni Rivera	The Voice	News	Antiques Roadshow	Griffith	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Movie: Remember the Titans (DVS)	(:15) NFL Football: Washington Redskins at Philadelphia Eagles.	Fútbol Americano de la NFL: Washington Redskins en Philadelphia Eagles.	College Football: Teams TBA.	WWE Monday Night RAW	Juvenile Lifers	Fast N' Loud
8 :30	The Good Doctor	Caer en tentación	News	Scorpion	El Señor de los	(:01) The Brave	Light of Southwest	POV	Heroes	Page Six	American	(:31) Movie: Remember the Titans (DVS)	Spotlight Focused	Poker	Mod Fam	Killer Kids	Fast N' Loud	
9 :30	Local 2	Impacto	Mom	CBS 7	Tele	News	News	News	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Conan	Movie: Remember the Titans (DVS)	SportsCenter W/Van Pelt	SportCtr E:60	Cowboys	Mod Fam	Killer Kids	Fast N' Loud
10 :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Titulares	Tonight Show	House	Emery	Rules	Rules	Seinfeld	Movie: Remember the Titans (DVS)	NFL Prime-Time	SportsCenter	UFC Re-loaded	CSI: Crime Scene	Behind Bars	Fast N' Loud
11 :30	Nightline	Quiero Amarte	How I Met	James Corden	El Señor de los	Extra	Light of Southwest	Today-Kathie	Light of Southwest	King	Broke Girl	(:01) Law & Order	Jalen SC Feat.	Law & Order: SVU	Kids Behind Bars: Lost for Life	Fast N' Loud		
12 :30	Paid Prg.	Las amazonas	Simpsons	Paid Prg.	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa

DENNIS THE MENACE



LIKE I TOLD YOU BEFORE, KID, THAT TOY IS MEANT TO GO DOWN STAIRS NOT ESCALATORS!

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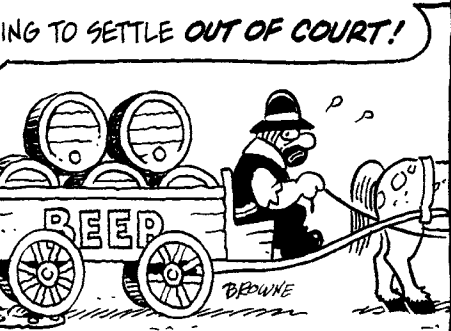
"We don't have to say grace, Jeffy. Daddy is paying for this."

HAGAR



HAGAR! A WAGON JUST RAN OVER YOUR NEW BATTLE SHIELD!

BLONDIE



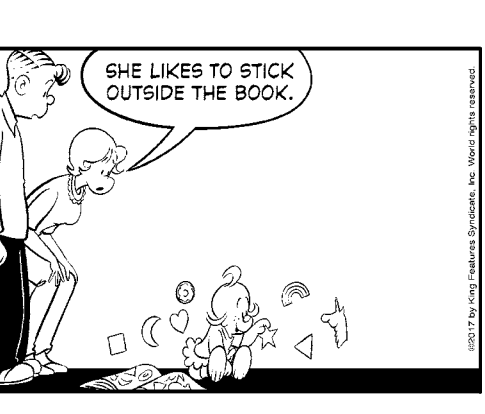
I'M WILLING TO SETTLE OUT OF COURT!

HI AND LOIS



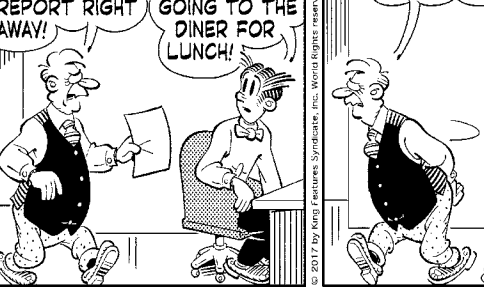
I PROBABLY SHOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN TRIXIE THAT STICKER BOOK.

BEETLE BAILEY



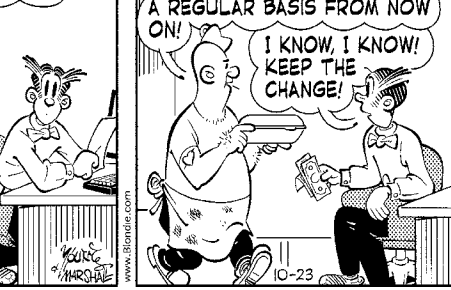
WHY AREN'T YOU IN UNIFORM FOR TODAY'S INSPECTION, BEETLE?

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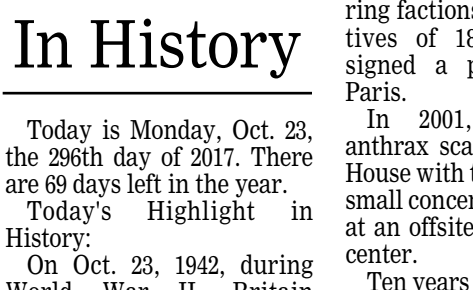
BUMSTEAD, I NEED THIS REPORT RIGHT AWAY!

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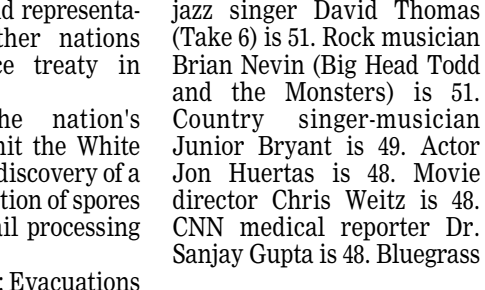
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HI AND LOIS



WHY?

BEETLE BAILEY



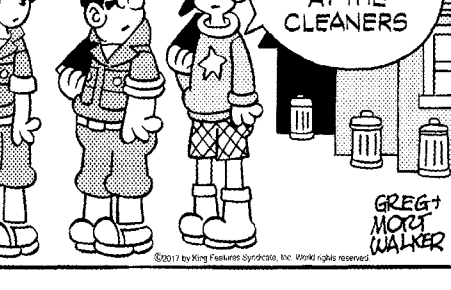
SHE LIKES TO STICK OUTSIDE THE BOOK.

BLONDIE



IN THAT CASE, YOU'D BETTER CHANGE YOUR PLAN

BLONDIE



I KNOW, I KNOW! KEEP THE CHANGE!

This Date In History

Today is Monday, Oct. 23, the 296th day of 2017. There are 69 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 23, 1942, during World War II, Britain launched a major offensive against Axis forces at El Alamein (el ah-lah-MAYN) in Egypt, resulting in an Allied victory.

On this date:

In 1864, forces led by Union Maj. Gen. Samuel R. Curtis repelled Confederate Maj. Gen. Sterling Price's army in the Civil War Battle of Westport in Missouri.

In 1915, tens of thousands of women paraded up Fifth Avenue in New York City, demanding the right to vote.

In 1935, mobster Dutch Schultz, 34, was shot and mortally wounded with three other men during a gangland hit at the Palace Chophouse in Newark, New Jersey. (Schultz died the following day.)

In 1941, the Walt Disney animated feature "Dumbo," about a young circus elephant who learns how to fly, premiered in New York.

In 1944, the World War II Battle of Leyte (LAY-tee) Gulf began, resulting in a major Allied victory against Japanese forces.

In 1946, the United Nations General Assembly convened in New York for the first time, at an auditorium in Flushing Meadow.

In 1956, a student-sparked revolt against Hungary's Communist rule began; as the revolution spread, Soviet forces started entering the country, and the uprising was put down within weeks.

In 1963, the Neil Simon comedy "Barefoot in the Park," starring Elizabeth Ashley and Robert Redford, opened on Broadway.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon agreed to turn over White House tape recordings subpoenaed by the Watergate special prosecutor to Judge John J. Sirica.

In 1983, 241 U.S. service members, most of them Marines, were killed in a suicide truck-bombing at Beirut International Airport in Lebanon; a near-simultaneous attack on French forces killed 58 paratroopers. NBC News reporter and anchorwoman Jessica Savitch, 36, and New York Post executive Martin Fischbein, 34, died in a car accident in New Hope,

Pennsylvania.

In 1991, Cambodia's warring factions and representatives of 18 other nations signed a peace treaty in Paris.

In 2001, the nation's anthrax scare hit the White House with the discovery of a small concentration of spores at an offsite mail processing center.

Ten years ago: Evacuations due to out-of-control wildfires in Southern California topped half a million; President George W. Bush declared a federal emergency for seven counties. Shuttle Discovery and its crew of seven thundered into orbit for a complex space station construction mission.

Five years ago: During a debate with Democratic rival Joe Donnelly, Indiana Republican Senate candidate Richard Mourdock said that when a woman becomes pregnant during rape, "it is something that God intended to happen." (Other Republican candidates moved to distance themselves from Mourdock, who went on to lose the November election to Donnelly.)

One year ago: A tour bus returning home to Los Angeles from a casino trip plowed into the back of a slow-moving semi-truck on a California highway, killing 13 people. Bill Murray received the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Former student radical turned California lawmaker Tom Hayden, 76, died in Santa Monica, California.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Philip Kaufman is 81. Soccer great Pele (pay-lay) is 77. Rhythm-and-blues singer Barbara Ann Hawkins (The Dixie Cups) is 74. ABC News investigative reporter Brian Ross is 69. Actor Michael Rupert is 66. Movie director Ang Lee is 63. Jazz singer Dianne Reeves is 61. Country singer Dwight Yoakam is 61. Community activist Martin Luther King III is 60. Movie director Sam Raimi is 58. Parodist "Weird Al" Yankovic is 58. Rock

musician Robert Trujillo (Metallica) is 53. Christian/jazz singer David Thomas (Take 6) is 51. Rock musician Brian Nevin (Big Head Todd and the Monsters) is 51. Country singer-musician Junior Bryant is 49. Actor Jon Huertas is 48. Movie director Chris Weitz is 48. CNN medical reporter Dr. Sanjay Gupta is 48. Bluegrass

musician Eric Gibson (The Gibson Brothers) is 47. Country singer Jimmy Wayne is 45. Actress Vivian Bang is 44. Rock musician Eric Bass (Shinedown) is 43. TV personality and host Cat Deeley is 41. Actor Ryan Reynolds is 41. Rock singer Matthew Shultz (Cage the Elephant) is 34. Rhythm-and-blues singer Miguel is 32.

Actress Masiela Lusha (MAH-see-ella loo-SHA') is 32. Actress Emilia Clarke is 31. Actress Briana Evigan is 31. Actress Jessica Stroup is 31. Neo-soul musician Allen Branstetter (St. Paul & the Broken Bones) is 27. Actress Taylor Spreitzer is 24. Actress Amanda Stenberg is 19.

Thought for Today:

"You can fool too many of the people too much of the time."
James Thurber
American humorist
(1894-1961).

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Altitudes: Abbr.
 - 5 Remove the rind from
 - 9 Egyptian snakes
 - 13 ___ Antoinette (French queen)
 - 14 Utilizes
 - 15 Casual conversation
 - 16 Windowsill cactus, for example
 - 17 "Please reply" invitation letters
 - 18 Make do somehow
 - 19 Breakfast potatoes
 - 21 Tube for sipping a soda
 - 22 Castaway's escape vehicle
 - 23 Industrious insect
 - 24 High ___ (elite group)
 - 28 Takes a stand against
 - 32 "Lucky" four-leaf find
 - 33 Buddies
 - 34 Small amt. of sugar
 - 35 Not doing anything
 - 36 Major blood vessel
 - 38 Computer input
 - 39 Provided with a meal
 - 40 Land measure
 - 41 Dish under a teacup
 - 43 Where pet hamsters live
 - 45 Swimming movements
 - 46 Superlative suffix
 - 47 Injure seriously
 - 48 School grades
 - 50 Eye-opening breakfast beverage
 - 55 Triple-decker cookie
- DOWN**
- 1 Angel topper
 - 2 Nutrient measure
 - 3 Fork prong
 - 4 Let loose or release
 - 5 Filter for drinking, as water
 - 6 Selling point
 - 7 Guns, as an engine
 - 8 Sixth sense, for short
 - 9 Credit card ID: Abbr.
 - 10 Small pancake order
 - 11 Largest of the Three Bears
 - 12 Souplike beef dish
 - 13 Speedometer letters
 - 20 Hectic daily routine
 - 21 Drains of energy
 - 24 Spaceship story genre
 - 25 ___ days (long ago)
 - 26 Corn flakes or raisin bran
 - 27 "Now ___ seen everything!"
 - 28 Grain in Cheerios
 - 29 What credit cards are made of
 - 30 Lauder of cosmetics
 - 31 Practices boxing
 - 33 Opposite of post-
 - 37 Surgeons' workplaces: Abbr.
 - 38 Musical twosome
 - 40 FBI or CIA workers
 - 42 Covered in steel, as a tank
 - 44 Invite on a date
 - 45 Shiny fabrics
 - 47 Lodging near a highway
 - 48 Unruly crowds
 - 49 Vicinity
 - 50 Bee's home
 - 51 Generic dog name
 - 52 Aluminum wrap
 - 53 Suffix with luncheon
 - 54 Superman's insignia
 - 56 Alphabet's end

FOR BREAKFAST by Sandy Fein
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Answer to previous puzzle

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World Series patches in place, Dodgers prepare for Astros



AP photo

Houston Astros' Jose Altuve holds up the championship trophy after Game 7 of baseball's American League Championship Series against the New York Yankees Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017, in Houston. The Astros won 4-0 to win the series.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers love their analytics, collecting so much data that manager Dave Roberts proudly proclaims: "I don't see any team that's more prepared than we are."

All the numbers, video and advanced scouting reports are great. But firsthand looks are nice, too.

So Curtis Granderson, what do you know about your World Series opponent, the Houston Astros?

"I saw them a couple times in spring training, when I was with the Mets," the outfielder said.

OK, then.

Funny, in a way. The Astros and Dodgers have played more than 700 times over the years, but these clubs know very little about each other.

"A lot of it is going to be learning as you go," Granderson said.

Los Angeles ace Clayton Kershaw is

set to pitch Game 1 on Tuesday night against Dallas Keuchel at Dodger Stadium. Rich Hill will start Game 2 for the Dodgers vs. AL Championship Series MVP Justin Verlander.

Yu Darvish will start Game 3 for the Dodgers when the Series shifts to Houston on Friday night. Acquired from Texas on July 31, he's the most familiar with the Astros.

Darvish is 5-5 in 14 career starts against them, including 1-1 this season.

Keuchel has never faced the Dodgers. Verlander beat Los Angeles on Aug. 20 with eight dominant innings, shortly before he got traded from Detroit.

"It's hard to dismiss the two guys at the top of the rotation," Roberts said, also praising Houston's "athleticism" and "ability to slug."

The Astros showed off all facets Sat-

urday night, beating the New York Yankees 4-0 in Game 7 of the ALCS.

The Dodgers haven't played the Astros since 2015, when they dropped a three-game series at Houston. The previous time they met was 2012, back when Houston was still in the National League and stuck in the midst of three straight 100-loss seasons.

Boosted by Jose Altuve and Carlos Correa, the Astros are now among the elite teams in the majors.

Hill also knows how quickly things

can turn around. Wearing a hat that had a World Series emblem on the side, the 37-year-old reflected on where he was fairly recently.

In 2015, beset by injuries, no team in the big leagues wanted him and he wound up pitching for the Long Island Ducks.

"A couple years ago, I was using a bucket in independent ball as a toilet," he said.

Not anymore.

Hill became a valuable member of the Dodgers' staff, signed a rich contract and has helped them make it back to the World Series for the first time since 1988.

Like Hill, All-Star shortstop Corey Seager is expected to make his first World Series appearance. Seager got there a bit faster — at 23, a season after he was the NL Rookie of the Year.

Seager didn't play in the NL Championship Series against the Cubs because of a back injury. But Roberts said team was "very confident" Seager was ready to return.

Seager hit .295 with 22 home runs and 77 RBIs this year. He went 3 for 11 with four walks in the NL Division Series against Arizona, but tweaked his back during a slide in Game 3.

Charlie Culberson did well while filling in for Seager during the NLCS. Chris Taylor also saw action at shortstop against the Cubs and was the co-MVP of the series.

It is possible Seager could be the designated hitter for the Dodgers when the Series moves to Houston.

"In a perfect world, he would play shortstop and hit second," Roberts said.

DALLAS

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from the game:

BIG-PLAY ZEKE: The Cowboys weren't sure they'd have Elliott for this game until he was granted his second temporary restraining order Tuesday, putting his six-game suspension over domestic violence allegations on hold. Elliott made the most of his opportunity. He ran for 147 yards and two touchdowns and added a 72-yard TD catch as he set career bests in yards from scrimmage (219) and tied his best for TDs (three).

"He just went out there and played the game, put everything behind him," Prescott said. "Stayed within himself. Stayed within the game. Stayed within each and every play and did what he does best."

BEATHARD'S DEBUT: Rookie C.J. Beathard struggled in his first start for the 49ers as the Cowboys brought heavy pressure to get him off his game. Beathard was sacked five times, lost two fumbles and was hit six other times. He finished 22 for 38 for 235 yards and didn't lead a TD drive until he scored on a run midway through the fourth quarter with the game far out of reach. He said the Cowboys brought much more pressure than they showed on film.

"When you're a rookie, obviously, you're new to

a system. Trying to see what you know. Puts you on your heels a little bit," he said.

DAK'S DAY: Prescott was extremely efficient all day. He completed 16 of 25 passes for 234 yards and three touchdowns and ran for 26 yards, including a 2-yard score. He joined Tony Romo (three times) and Don Meredith (twice) as only Dallas players with three TD passes in three straight games.

FOSTER'S RIBS: The 49ers were hoping for a boost defensively with the return of rookie linebacker Reuben Foster, who had been out since the opener with a sprained ankle. But Foster did little to help the Niners run defense as he was often overpowered by Dallas' line and was unable to catch Elliott on his long TD catch. Foster then left the game with a rib injury that coach Kyle Shanahan hopes won't keep him out of next week's game at Philadelphia.

ANTHEM PROTESTS: About a half-dozen 49ers kneeled during the national anthem led by Eric Reid, Marquise Goodwin, Foster, Eli Harold, Adrian Colbert and K'waun Williams. All the Dallas Cowboys stood, but defensive tackle David Irving raised his fist after the anthem ended.

"I know that he was very deliberate during the anthem, and of course that's the issue with me," said Cowboys

owner Jerry Jones, who had threatened to bench players who protested the anthem. "I'm very proud of the way they all handled themselves."



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