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County plans for National Adoption Day

By ERIN STEPHENS
 Staff Writer

National Adoption Day is a collective national effort to raise awareness of children waiting in foster care to get adopted and celebrate those that are being adopted. This is the first year that National Adoption Day has been planned for Howard County.

The celebration will be on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 1 p.m. in the third floor courtroom of the Howard County Courthouse. The Hon. Sylvia Chavez will preside over the five adoptions that will be finalized that afternoon with a reception immediately following.

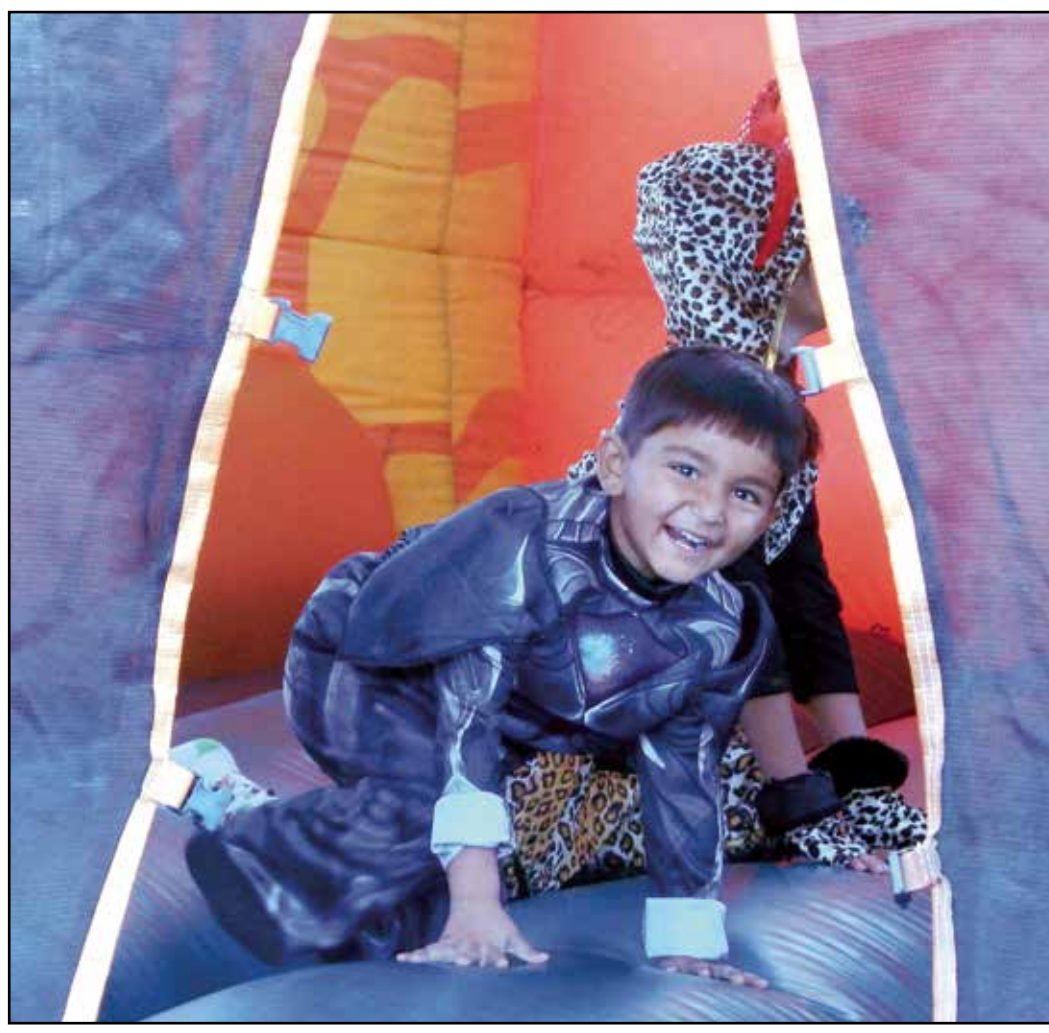
The Adoption Day festivities will be hosted by Howard County Child Welfare Board, Oil Patch Kids, CASA of West Texas, and Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (CPS). Kay's Jewelers and Wells Fargo have donated stuffed animals to be given to the children.

"We at CASA are so proud to be part of the celebration and our volunteers play a huge role in their advocacy for children to get out of foster care as soon as possible," said CASA marketing specialist Kathy Harmon.

According to the TDFPS statistics for Howard County, there were 11 children adopted during 2017 while 15 other children were waiting for their forever family. On average, children who were adopted last year in Howard County were in foster care 33.7 months prior to their adoption.

Currently there are 6999 children that are available for adoption in Texas and of those, 1477 are between the age of 14 and 17 years old. Last year more than 1300 children in Texas turned 18 and left foster care without ever having a new family to call their own.

This year, three Howard County youth turned 18 and left foster care without having an adoptive home. Children enter foster care through no fault of their own for



Ghouls, goblins, & ghosts!

Halloween fun in Howard County

HERALD photos/Roger Cline, Jennifer Cobos, Erin Stephens

At top, costume-wearing kids enjoy the inflatable bounce house at the H-E-B Halloween Safe Stop. In addition to the bounce house, kids received loot including candy and school supplies, and were treated to complimentary hot dogs and soft drinks by H-E-B staff. At bottom left, Connor Burnham prowls the streets in front of the Big Spring Herald as a dinosaur accompanied by his mother Dorothy Burnham. The city closed a portion of Scurry Street on Halloween night to make sure trick-or-treaters arrived safely to collect their candy. Wells Fargo, FUMC, the Heritage Museum, the Howard County Library, and Back in Motion, along with several other organizations, participated in the Safe Stop program along that route. At bottom left, Liam Stephens poses in a firetruck at Memorial Stadium. Liam went trick-or-treating as Marshall from Paw Patrol. Howard County First Responders hosted the HC campus Safe Stop and met with kids.



Coahoma Elementary decorates pumpkins



Courtesy photo
1st Place Student Created Pumpkins: Brandyn Cortez

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2nd Place Student Creative Pumpkins: Audina Mendez

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3rd Place Student Creative Pumpkins: Bralley Wilson

Special to the Herald

Coahoma Elementary School held its 2017 Pumpkin Decorating Contest Friday and students and staff dressed up as their favorite

storybook character. Entries from the Pumpkin Decorating Contest ranged from Winnie-the-Pooh, the Stay Puft Marshmallow Man, The Tin Man from the Wizard of Oz, a giant cupcake, and more. Final results are

as follows:
 Family Created Pumpkins
 1st Place: Kobi Olivas
 2nd Place: The Ortiz family - Zaydi, Angel, Ethan and Anne Marie
 3rd Place: Hydi Abrego
 Student Created Pumpkins:

1st Place: Brandyn Cortez
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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ABEL HERNANDEZ HINOJOS**, 45, of 100 N.W. Third St. was arrested on a warrant for terroristic threat/placing a person in fear of serious bodily injury.
- **RICHARD HERNANDEZ ARENIBAZ**, 51, of 1615 Cardinal St. was arrested on a charge of violation of the Clean Air Act.
- **RAY DELL MCDONALD**, 49,

of 807 E. 16th St. was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.

- **NICHOLAS GREGG MILLS**, 37, of 3005 Sherrod Rd. was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license/no insurance.
- **CHAD LEE PUGA**, 33, of 108 E. 16th St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **JOHN HOWARD SPENCE**, 60, of 2711 Central Drive was ar-

rested on an outstanding warrant.

- **ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ JR.**, 20, of 1510 Eubanks Rd. was arrested on a warrant for criminal mischief (less than \$100).
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Highway 87 and County Road 46.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 500 block of South Birdwell Lane.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 64 inmates at the time of this report.

- **RICHARD HERNANDEZ ARENIBAZ**, 51, was booked by BSPD on a charge of violation of the Clean Air Act.
- **REBECCA LYNN COM-**

STOCK, 33, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **ABEL HERNANDEZ HINOJOS**, 45, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for terroristic threat/placing a person in fear of serious bodily injury.
- **RAY DELL MCDONALD**, 49, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.

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- **ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ JR.**, 20, was booked by HCSO on a capias warrant for criminal mischief (less than \$100).
- **JOHN HOWARD SPENCE**, 60, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for official oppression.

Take Note

• The City of Big Spring Water Billing Office, located in the Polly Mays Annex at 501 Runnels St., will close an hour early this Friday, Nov. 4, for quarterly pesticide treatment.

The office will re-open as usual Monday morning at 8 a.m.

For more information contact the Water Billing Office at 432-264-2542.

• The Salvation Army will take applications for its Angel Tree Christmas assistance program today, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

• The 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.

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Obituaries

Daniel Clayton Holt

Daniel Clayton Holt, 38, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Support Groups

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.

• **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.

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.

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Halloween tricks and treats in Howard County



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reasons such as abuse, neglect or abandonment.

They will often be separated from their siblings and spend at least three birthdays waiting for their forever families. The longer children are in foster care, the more at risk they are of growing up in care and leaving without being adopted.

Local agencies would like to encourage everyone to participate in National Adoption Day by investing in the lives of these children through volunteering, advocating in court, mentoring, foster parenting/

adoption, donating to a local agency, or by participating in a local National Adoption Day event. Patty Pisklak, Executive Director of CASA of West Texas will be available for comments before or after the ceremony.

"We love seeing children joined with their forever families," said Harmon. "Volunteers are always honored to take part in events like this one."

The NAD celebration is open to the community and all are welcome to stay for the reception after the ceremony.

Contact Staff Writer Erin Stephens at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.



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Russia probe snags GOP, Democratic interests

By JEFF HORWITZ and JAKE PEARSON

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The indictment that alleges covert foreign lobbying by two former Trump campaign officials is casting shadows on three powerful Washington lobbying and legal firms, with Democratic as well as Republican ties.

The focus on those firms is broadening the stakes of the Russia investigation and drawing in the brother of Hillary Clinton's campaign chairman.

The Podesta Group, founded by Washington powerbroker Tony Podesta, was among the three firms cited by pseudonym or other references in the indictment. None is charged with a crime.

Prosecutors are implicating all three in covert work for pro-Russian Ukrainian interests, the heart of the criminal case against former Trump campaign officials Paul Manafort and Rick Gates.

The indictment suggests the companies were more involved in the matter than previously acknowledged, even as it stops short of leveling accusations of criminal wrongdoing against the three.

Manafort and Gates, meanwhile, face 12 felony counts, including money laundering,

conspiracy and acting as unregistered foreign agents. As described in the indictment, they led the covert lobbying, paying the three firms for performing some of the work.

Podesta stepped down from his namesake group following the indictment. His former partners are scrambling to recreate the firm under a new name and preserve its client base. His brother, John Podesta, ran the Clinton campaign.

Altogether, the episode demonstrates how fiercely competing political interests — Trump officials, the brother of his presidential rival's campaign chief, a former Republican congressman, a former Obama administration attorney and more foes in the public arena — will partner behind the scenes at the intersection of money and lobbying in Washington. In his campaign, Trump called that intersection the swamp and promised to drain it.

Trump seized on the development with the Podesta Group as a chance to divert attention from the alleged criminal culpability of his campaign associates as the investigation by special counsel Robert Mueller casts a wide net in its exploration of Russia's attempts to interfere with the 2016 election and of any col-

lusion between the Trump campaign and Moscow.

"The biggest story yesterday, the one that has the Dems in a dither, is Podesta running from his firm," the president tweeted. The other firms involved in the criminal case against Manafort and Gates are Mercury Public Affairs, a venerable Republican lobbying firm whose Washington office is headed by former Republican Congressman Vin Weber; and prominent law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, known as Skadden Arps.

Mueller's indictment focused in part on Manafort's and Gates' relationship with the firms and federal requirements requiring lobbyists for foreign governments to register with the Justice Department and disclose their activities.

"This is a textbook example" of undisclosed lobbying, said Joe Sandler, a Washington lawyer and expert on the U.S. Foreign Agents Registration Act, a Nazi-era law intended to reveal foreign influence in the U.S. "If there's reason for you to think that the shots are being called by a foreign agent, there are disclosure rules."

Mercury was cited in the indictment as "Company A," and the Podesta Group was cited as

"Company B." Skadden Arps was cited in the indictment but not by name.

The indictment said the firms were paid from accounts controlled by Manafort and Gates in Cyprus, the Grenadines and elsewhere.

In August 2016, AP revealed details about the covert lobbying campaign by Manafort and Gates that were among the foundations of this week's criminal indictments. The details included emails of Gates giving instructions to Weber — Mercury's managing partner —

and an associate at the firm.

Mercury's managing partner, Weber, flatly told AP in August 2016 that Gates and Manafort didn't arrange for Mercury's hiring for the lobbying effort and did not tell Mercury what to do. "I don't remember any call in which either Gates or Manafort was on it," Weber said then.

But according to the indictment, Manafort and Gates participated

in "weekly phone calls" with the lobbying firms — Podesta Group and Mercury — and routinely delivered orders to both.

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For all of you that enjoy western books, I finally processed some.

"A Partnership with Death" by Clifton Adams (LP W ADA C) finds Richter and his three buddies lucky to be among the few men from the Confederate Army who had been able to rebuild their lives disrupted by the war. They discovered an area rich in potential for raising cattle and worked hard to build their small spread into what could easily become a big cattle ranch. They needed

capital to grow and searched until they found a powerful, rich, and ruthless backer, Henry Udall. Richter had heard all about Udall's brutal attacks, but he was certain he could handle any that came his way. Although when he met Udall's daughter, he soon learned they had formed a partnership with death.

In "Lightning of Gold" by Max Brand (LP W BRA M), Lefty Bill Ranger is offered a job from Menneval, a man who is widely feared through-

out the territory, to watch Peter Crosson and his son and report what he sees for a period of six months. Ranger, attracted by the money, accepts the assignment. Ranger pre-



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tends to be a trapper to keep the Crosson ranch under surveillance. One day, Ranger is amazed to witness a gigantic mountain lion being pursued by a pack of wolves and followed by a bronzed youth on horseback. The wolf pack seems to be under the guidance of the youth who carries only a hunting knife. Later, two hardcases fully armed with rifles and revolvers attempt to enter the Crosson range intent on rustling Crosson cattle. When Ranger next sees them, the men are afoot, covered with wounds, their clothes in tatters, fleeing in terror for their very lives. It is here that Lefty Bill Ranger will experience what is called the lightning of gold.

"Ride the Man Down" by Bill Brooks (LP W BRO B) is a John Henry Cole Story. John Henry Cole, working as

a deputy U.S. Marshal out of Judge Isaac Parker's court, was on assignment in the Indian Nations when he was shot and seriously injured. Fifteen years later, employed as a deputy for Judge Roy Bean, Cole receives a personal summons from Judge Parker to appear in his court within thirty days. Cole isn't inclined to go, but he knows whatever's on Judge Parker's mind is serious and decides he has to go. Caddo Pierce is operating with a small gang of Creek renegades in the Nations, systematically murdering Indian law enforcement officers, their wives, and families. Parker's court cannot send any officer in the Nations to pursue a killer unless he has killed a white man, since by treaty the Indian nations alone police criminals who commit crimes against Indians. However, Jimmy Wild Bird, head of the Cherokee police force, has petitioned Judge Parker for help. Cole accepts Judge Parker's assignment to join forces with Jimmy Wild Bird in riding down Caddo Pierce and his renegade Creek Indian Band.

In "Beyond Fort North" by Peter Dawson (LP W DAW P), Captain Dan Gentry did nothing to defend himself at the courts-martial held following the massacre of all but himself and Sergeant Tim McCune, as well as the loss of heard of sixty remounts to Apaches. Four weeks later he is escorted to the gate, his uniform in tatters, his saber broken in two, disgraced and scorned by nearly all at the fort. Gentry is convinced that the massacre of his men and the loss of the horses can be laid at the doorstep of Caleb Ash, a part-time civilian Army scout and livery man who sells horses to the Army at a huge profit, but he has no proof. Defeated, Gentry heads out leaving behind his only friends. When Gentry finds a young woman still alive at the site of yet another Apache attack, he finds himself more convinced than ever that Caleb Ash orchestrated the two Apache attacks.

I'll have to finish the rest of the western books next week. I leave you with a quote from Jiddu Krishnamurt: "There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass

an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning."

The library's new hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am to 6 pm; the internet/video room closes at 5:30. Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 7 pm; the internet/video room closes at 6:30. You may reach us at (432) 264-2260 and our fax number is (432)264-2263. Our website is <http://howard-county.ploud.net>.

The library will be closed on Friday, November 10, 2017 in observance of Veteran's Day.

"On this Veterans Day, let us remember the service of our veterans, and let us renew our national promise to fulfill our sacred obligations to our veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much so that we can live free." Dan Lipinski

"The valor and courage of our young women and men in the armed services are a shining example to all of the world, and we owe them and their families our deepest respect." Bill Frist

Roger's Retro Reviews: Superman

There were superhero movies before 1978, but none of the ones I had seen to that point were attempts at serious, not-overly-campy, storytelling in a comic book universe. Then, 1978 rolled around, and we all believed a man could fly.

Of course, I'm talking about the Richard Donner film "Super-

man," starring Christopher Reeve, Margot Kidder, Gene Hackman, and Marlon Brando.

"Superman" starts out on the planet Krypton, where Jor-El (Brando) presents evidence against the traitors General Zod (Terence Stamp), Ursa (Sarah Douglas), and Non (Jack O'Halloran); who are then condemned to the Phantom Zone, another dimension the Kryptonians use as a prison. Although Zod swears revenge on Jor-El and his family, we won't see them again until "Superman 2."

Next, Jor-El tries to convince the rulers of Krypton that the planet's red sun will soon go supernova, destroying the planet and killing everyone. They don't believe him, so he does the only sensible thing and sticks his infant son Kal-El in a crystalline, star-shaped spaceship, and points him at Earth.

Shortly after the launch, Jor-El's prediction comes true and the sun explodes.

During the three-year

trip, the automated spaceship cares for little Kal, teaching him and feeding him.

The ship crash lands near Smallville, Kan., and is discovered by Jonathan and Martha Kent (Glenn Ford and Phyllis Thaxter), who realize the boy isn't quite...normal when the three-year-old lifts their truck. They adopt him, name him "Clark," and raise him on their farm as their son.

Clark is encouraged to hide his superhuman abilities, although we do see him race, and outpace, a train.

When Clark Kent (teenaged Clark played by Jeff East) is 18, Jonathan suffers a heart attack and dies. A kind of psychic feeling leads Clark to the wreckage of his spaceship, buried in the barn. Taking a crystal from the ship, Clark is led to the North Pole, where he throws the crystal and it forms a crystalline structure - the Fortress of Solitude, where he spends some more time learning about his heritage.

Thirty-year-old Clark (Reeve) heads to Metropolis, where he becomes a reporter at the Daily Planet newspaper, and develops an attraction to his feisty co-worker Lois Lane (Kidder). Wearing the familiar Superman suit, he saves people in a crashing helicopter, including Lois, before continuing on to do several other good deeds.

Lois sets up an interview with Superman through Clark. Superman meets Lois on the roof of her penthouse (because of course all newspaper reporters are wealthy enough to afford New Y...er, Metropolis penthouses)

and performs a few magic tricks like looking at her underwear with his X-Ray Vision (hey, it was her idea), before taking her on a romantic flight over the city.

And then we meet the fly in the ointment: criminal mastermind Lex Luthor (Hackman), who has some sort of scheme to strike it rich in real estate by buying up desert land and causing the collapse of California into the Pacific Ocean, leaving his land as ocean front property. Hey, it could work.

I'll stop the summary there, but let me just say that if you think Luthor's plot is a bit far-fetched, wait til you see how Supes saves Lois from the devastation at the end of the movie.

Objectively, looking at it against a backdrop of other more modern superhero movies, Superman has a few problems. Although it's not Adam West "Bat Man" campy, it does retain a fair helping of cheese. Hackman's Luthor is definitely not the Teflon-coated, suave criminal genius he is in the comics; he's kind of an idiot who only looks smart when compared with his henchmen. There's a lot of bad sci-

ence. I'm not convinced that a single nuke would cause the kind of catastrophic collapse that Luthor was hoping for. Flying fast enough to turn back time would turn back time for the person flying that fast. It certainly wouldn't do it for the rest of the universe and not that specific person.

There are strange little differences from the comics that I hate: The Phantom Zone is a shiny metallic plate that falls from space and carries its prisoners off screaming, rather than a movie projector looking device that turns people into invisible ghosts. Jonathan Kent doesn't die at the beginning of Superman's career. The Fortress of Solitude looks like a giant vault door, not a crystal-growing experiment gone haywire.

Brando didn't make a great Jor-El. He was 54 when "Superman" came out, but he looked older. While age isn't a huge barrier to fatherhood, he was older than the typical comic depiction of Superman's father.

All that said, "Superman" was the first movie I ever saw that took the creation of a superhero movie as a serious



endeavor for all ages, rather than strictly for kids. And it gets a lot right. Reeve's Superman is optimistic and likable. His smile was infectious. The special effects were great for the time. While I didn't literally believe a man could fly, I did think they made it look convincingly like one could in this movie.

Another great part of "Superman" was the score. That opening fanfare is right up alongside the "Star Wars" theme in the "Great Movie Music Museum" in my brain. Not surprising as they were written by the same person, John Williams. It's really heroic and captures the spirit of the character.

I'm going to give "Superman" seven and a half stars out of 10. A couple of those stars, at least, are because of it's "first" spot in my mind.

Superman
Director: Richard Donner

Writers: Screenplay by Mario Puzo, David Newman, Leslie Newman, and Robert Benton; story by Mario Puzo; based on characters created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster.

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El Paso program gives community service in marijuana cases

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A new program in western Texas could waive some marijuana charges for community service.

The El Paso Times reports that El Paso County commissioners on Monday unanimously approved the First Chance program.

The program will be open to first-time offenders who are found with 2 ounces or less of marijuana. Anyone caught with marijuana in addition to facing another charge won't be eligible.

El Paso Sheriff Richard Wiles says the program gives first-time offenders the chance to prevent a future of illegal drug use. He also says it frees up police resources.

District Attorney Jaime Esparza says there were more than 2,600 cases of possession of small amounts of marijuana in 2016.

The program is set to begin in November. El Paso County's move follows similar policies in Dallas County, Harris County and Dallas.

Oklahoma, Texas promote Houston affordable housing effort

HOUSTON (AP) — Officials in Oklahoma and Texas are collaborating to provide housing vouchers for low-income residents in Houston after flooding from Hurricane Harvey ruined many of the limited affordable-housing options.

The Houston Housing Authority said Tuesday that the Oklahoma City Housing Authority would provide dozens of vouchers that people in Houston can use for rental housing there or in another city.

The Houston Housing Authority is facing a funding shortfall that prompted it to stop issuing its own vouchers in April. Officials say there aren't enough public-housing units in Houston for tenants who need them.

Heavy rains that followed Harvey damaged several Houston Housing Authority properties, affecting more than 900 families.

The voucher program, formerly known as Section 8, relies on federal funding to provide rental housing in the private market at an affordable price.

Exxon settles pollution case with feds by upgrading 8 plants

DALLAS (AP) — Exxon Mobil is settling air pollution cases with the Trump administration by paying a \$2.5 million civil penalty and promising to spend \$300 million on pollution-control technology at several plants along the Gulf Coast.

Federal officials said Tuesday that the settlement will prevent thousands of tons of future pollution, including cancer-causing benzene, from eight petrochemical plants in Texas and Louisiana.

The settlement ends allegations that Exxon violated the federal Clean Air Act by releasing excess harmful pollution after it modified systems that burn off, or flare, waste gas. The allegations date back more than a decade.

Exxon says it will install and operate pollution-control and monitoring technology at five petrochemical plants in Baytown, Beaumont and Mont Belvieu, Texas, and three in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Exxon will also monitor for benzene outside four of the plants and spend \$1 million to plant trees in Baytown.

The Justice Department and the state of Colorado announced a smaller settlement over pollution charges against Denver-based PDC Energy Inc. The company will spend about \$20 million to upgrade equipment and on pay a \$2.5 million civil penalty to the federal government and Colorado. Up to \$1 million of the state's share can be forgiven if the company performs certain environmental projects.

Patrick Traylor, a former energy industry lawyer hired by new EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, said the settlement will allow the companies to continue driving economic growth. He said the administration will enforce environmental laws "with prudence and with excellence."

Texans with 6 special-needs children face Harvey challenges



AP photo
In this Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017 photo, Daniel and Beverly Brown stand with their niece Bambi, left, and their six adopted children, from left, Rudy, Lilia, Geronimo, Cesar, Matilda Rose and Xander in their flood-damaged Friendswood, Texas, house. Daniel and Beverly Brown evacuated their six special-needs children from their home near Mary's Creek on the Wednesday before Hurricane Harvey hit Texas. As soon as they heard about the potential for catastrophic floods, they packed their children and their medical equipment and left.

AP photo
In this Oct. 24, 2017 photo, Rudy Brown looks into the living room of his family's flood-damaged Friendswood, Texas, house. Daniel and Beverly Brown evacuated their six special-needs children from their home near Mary's Creek on the Wednesday before Hurricane Harvey hit Texas. As soon as they heard about the potential for catastrophic floods, they packed their children and their medical equipment and left.

By VALERIE WELLS

The Galveston County Daily News

FRIENDSWOOD, Texas (AP) — The Barbie house is gone, and it's important for Matilda Rose Brown, 8, to explain this.

The Galveston County Daily News reports her voice is a little raspy through her tracheostomy tube and her eyes are wide with a dreamy look as she walks through the skeleton of her Friendswood home, which flooded during Hurricane Harvey and took the Barbie house away.

The Browns' house

got 53 inches of floodwater, her father, Daniel Brown, said.

Daniel and Beverly Brown evacuated their six special-needs children from their home near Mary's Creek on the Wednesday before Hurricane Harvey hit Texas. As soon as they heard about the potential for catastrophic floods, they packed their children and their medical equipment and left.

"We're the first to leave and last to come back," Beverly Brown said. "There's too many things that could possibly go wrong."

Geronimo Brown, 8, lifts his shirt to show two tubes in his abdo-

men. "This is where I do my flush every night," he said as looked at his belly.

When the Browns bought their home on Shady Oaks Lane in Friendswood, 20 miles southeast of Houston, it was in a non-flood zone. Their insurance carrier told them in August, just days before Harvey hit, that a new flood zone map changed their status along with a new hefty payment due. They paid it days before Harvey made landfall Aug. 25 in Rockport.

The six children need constant attention. Five are on ventilators and feeding tubes during the night, and the family typically has five to six nurses who stay overnight, Beverly Brown

said. "We have to have electricity and running water," Daniel Brown said. "They could get more sick if we don't."

The Browns evacuated to the Choctaw reservation in Oklahoma where Beverly Brown grew up. Her tribe got the family a hotel room and sent food. They helped all the children get their prescriptions filled, even though the adopted children aren't Choctaws. They are several different races.

The children needed to come back home, though, to see their regular doctors and therapists, Beverly Brown said.

The Browns are now staying with relatives

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in Deer Park, but space is cramped. The Browns are not sure when or if they will be able to move back into the Shady Oaks Lane house.

Several houses on their block have "for sale" signs in the pocked front yards.

Daniel Brown, who is a member of the Cocopah tribe in California, adapted the two-story home to fit his family's unusual needs. The Browns needed a space for nurses, outlets for medical equipment and strategically placed toilets.

"This is the only home they've known," Daniel Brown said. "It's looking more and more like this isn't going to work."

That's because if he has to repair more than 50 percent of the house, building codes will require him to raise the house, he said.

Combined with all the other needed repairs, he's looking at spending more than \$350,000, he said. Because the Browns had insurance, they won't be getting any Federal Emergency Management Agency assistance.

They also never got any assistance from the American Red Cross, he said.

It probably makes more sense not to move back because the house could flood again, Daniel Brown said.

"We're built on a drain," he said. "Friendwood is a bathtub, and you are built on a drain."

Even if their insurance pays their mortgage value, the Browns will lose equity.

"We don't want to walk away," Daniel Brown said. "We don't want to ruin our credit. And we agree, it's not safe to stay here. I don't want to go through this again."

Along with the furniture, the drywall, the carpet and the Barbie house, the Browns also lost their children's school.

The family home-schools, and the flood swept away all the textbooks, workbooks and records, Beverly Brown said.

Daniel and Beverly Brown adopted the six children after fostering them first.

None of the children have one single medical condition; they all have myriad conditions, Beverly Brown said.

Cesar, 12, was the first special-needs child the Browns took in when he was 16 months old. He was born prematurely, at just 23 weeks. He weighed only 12 ounces.

He was dependent on a ventilator and was abandoned. Until the Browns took him home, he had never been outside the hospital.

After Cesar, the Browns adopted Rudy, who is now 12. Then they adopted Xander, now 11. Next came Lillah, 10, and then Matilda, 8. Next came Geronimo, 8.

When Daniel and Beverly Brown were

dating, she talked about adopting babies with serious medical problems who were abandoned at hospitals.

"When I was finishing nursing school, they were putting a name on AIDS then," Beverly Brown said. "People would leave HIV babies in the hospital. I wanted a home to take them to."

The Browns got married, had their own baby, who is now an adult, and worked at their jobs, Beverly as a nurse and Daniel as a contractor.

In 2006, they decided it was time to take in an abandoned baby in need.

"We had done a lot of things we wanted to do by then," Beverly Brown said.

They started out as foster parents.

"We don't make good foster parents," Beverly Brown said. "We just adopt them. It's hard to take a child in your home, love them like they are yours and then let them go."

But the Browns did foster a special-needs baby once to help the mother.

"That is the goal, to reunite families," she said.

But their calling is to get the children with no families to go back to.

"Nobody else would step up," Daniel Brown said. "And they turn out to be the most needy, most medically fragile children. For a lot of people, it's too hard. We waited and we picked the hardest ones."

When they became foster parents, they got a license as an intense-level home to care for special needs children. It's not just the medical attention these children need, Beverly Brown said. Unmet emotional needs — such as love — contribute to a failure to thrive.

"Nurses don't have time to touch them and cuddle them," she said. "If no one is fighting for them, they just languish in hospitals or nursing homes."

The early years with Cesar, Rudy and Xander were hard and exhausting.

"I'd show you pictures, but all our pictures are gone," Beverly Brown said.

The Browns are teaching their children to understand their medical issues and to face adversity.

"Our goal is to push self-care," Beverly Brown said. "Understand why you had a tracheotomy. If they are going to have these conditions, they have to know how to take care of themselves. I push, push, push for independence."

One of her house rules is that everyone has to be able to walk by 3 if it's possible, she said. Another is not to sugarcoat things.

"We don't lie to them," she said. "We're honest. That's the easiest way. We help them to be strong enough to process truth. That's what life is about."

New fingerprint algorithm helps ID bodies found decades ago

By **SCOTT McFETRIDGE**

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Just after Thanksgiving Day in 1983, James Downey dropped off his older brother, John, at a Houston bus station, then quickly turned away so neither the police nor a motorcycle gang affiliated with his brother could later demand details about where the bus was headed.

For 34 years, he didn't hear a word about him. Then this spring Downey received a heart-breaking call, one that more than 200 families across the country have gotten in the last few months

since the FBI began using new fingerprint technology to resolve identity cases dating back to the 1970s.

Authorities reported that the remains of a man found beaten to death decades ago along a brushy path in Des Moines, 800 miles away, had been identified as his brother.

"We always figured something had happened to him," James Downey said from his home in Houston. "We all assumed he'd got killed somewhere or died in an accident."

Since launching the new effort in February, the FBI and local medical examiner offices have identified 204 bodies found between 1975

and the late 1990s. The cases stretch across the country, with the largest number in Arizona, California, New York, Florida and Texas.

"We didn't know the actual potential success. We were hoping to identify a few cases, maybe five or 10," said Bryan Johnson, a manager in the FBI's Latent Fingerprint Support Unit who proposed the effort. "We're really proud that we found another way of doing this."

Under the new program, Johnson and eight others in the FBI unit ran fingerprints from about 1,500 bodies through a new computer algorithm that could make matches from low-quality prints

or even a single finger or thumb. Previously, the standard algorithm typically needed quality prints from all 10 fingers to make a match.

The unit is now urging local authorities to search through other old case files and send in smudged or partial prints that couldn't previously be matched.

The FBI's newfound ability was key to the Des Moines case because by the time Downey's body was found in February 1984, it had been buried under snow and dirt for months and was severely decomposed. Authorities sought the public's help in identifying the body, including publishing drawings of distinctive tattoos.

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Dodgers beat Astros 3-1, force World Series to Game 7



By **RONALD BLUM**
AP Baseball Writer

LOS ANGELES — Joc Pederson sliced a drive over the left-field wall, pounded his chest and danced around the bases, taking as many twists and turns as this World Series itself.

Of course, the Los Angeles Dodgers forced the Houston Astros to Game 7.

Chris Taylor hit a tying double off Justin Verlander during a two-run rally in the sixth inning, Corey Seager followed with a go-ahead sacrifice fly and the Dodgers beat the Astros 3-1 on Tuesday night to push this dramatic Fall Classic to the ultimate game.

Pederson homered in the seventh against Joe Musgrove, connecting off the right-hander for the second time in three games and making it a record 24 long balls that have been hit in this Series. Pederson pranced all the way to the plate, pointing at the Dodgers'

dugout and rubbing his thumbs and index fingers together to indicate what a money shot it was.

"You kind of black out in a situation like that. So I'm going to have to re-watch it to see what I did," Pederson said.

It was the third homerun of the World Series for Pederson, demoted to the minors from mid-August until early September, then left off the NL Division Series roster. He had hit just one previous opposite-field homer in the big leagues this season, and teammates offered to pay him to go the other way.

"People are trying to get me encouraged to go the whole field," he said. "I'm not very good at it."

Yu Darvish starts Wednesday for the Dodgers, trying to win their first title since 1988, and Los Angeles ace Clayton Kershaw will be ready in the bullpen after getting knocked out in the

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Los Angeles Dodgers' Joc Pederson hits a home run against the Houston Astros during the seventh inning of Game 6 of baseball's World Series Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017, in Los Angeles.

AP Photo

Union seeks to block ruling so Cowboys' Ezekiel Elliott can play

By **LARRY NEUMEISTER and SCHUYLER DIXON**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The union for NFL players has turned to a federal appeals court in its quest to let Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott play Sunday at home against Kansas City as he fights his six-game suspension over domestic violence allegations.

Union lawyers say Elliott's suspension should be delayed until the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals considers the issue. League lawyers had no immediate comment.

The NFL Players Association first asked U.S. District Judge Katherine Polk Failla to suspend her Monday ruling reinstating the suspension during an appeal. But she refused Tuesday, so the file was moved to the appeals court.

The 22-year-old Elliott was suspended in August after the league investigated several alleged physical confrontations in the summer of 2016 with his then-girlfriend.

The union told Failla that she erred by ruling that the NFL's claims were supported by federal labor law because the league followed the collective bargaining agreement in suspending Elliott.

Lawyers for the NFLPA said Failla was the first judge ever to have "concluded that professional athletes with short career spans do not face irreparable harm" when

suspensions are enforced before appeals options have been exhausted.

The judge had concluded that some of the reasons for Elliott's claim that he'll suffer irreparable harm during a suspension were "far too speculative" given all the variables, including the Cowboys' overall offensive performance, his opponents' defensive showing and Elliott's health.

The union also said Failla made erroneous legal conclusions that deserve review by a three-judge appeals panel, particularly after an "unjust and fundamentally unfair arbitration."

If Failla's ruling is not blocked, Elliott will not be eligible to return until the team's final three games, starting Dec. 17 at Oakland. The Cowboys (4-3), defending NFC East champions, are in second place in the division.

Earlier in October, a federal appeals court threw out a Texas court's injunction and ordered the dismissal of Elliott's lawsuit there.

Before Elliott, Failla heard arguments Monday at a hearing attended by Elliott, a day after last year's NFL rushing leader ran for 150 yards and two touchdowns in a 33-19 victory over Washington.

Failla had based some of her rulings on the NFL's successful appeal in the same jurisdiction in the Deflategate case that ended with New England quarterback Tom Brady serving a four-game suspension.



Dallas Cowboys star Ezekiel Elliott, right, exits federal court after a hearing Monday, Oct. 30, 2017 in New York. Elliott is seeking to have his six game suspension by the NFL postponed.

AP Photo

Darvish: Meeting Gurriel not needed

By **BETH HARRIS**

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Yu Darvish didn't think it was necessary to meet with Yuli Gurriel after the Houston first baseman's racist gesture toward the Dodgers pitcher.

Gurriel contacted the Dodgers and told them he wanted to meet with the pitcher in person and apologize.

Major League Baseball suspended Gurriel for the first five games

next season for pulling on the corners of his eyes after homering off Darvish during Houston's 5-3 win Friday. The Cuba-born player also used a derogatory Spanish term in reference to Darvish, who was born in Japan.

"I told him, 'Hey, you don't have to do that, because you made a comment, and like I'm not that mad,'" Darvish said Tuesday through a translator. "So I really didn't care much about

that."

Darvish said a Dodgers employee informed him about Gurriel's gesture, which was caught on television, after the Astros' 5-3 win in Game 3 in Houston.

"I didn't think it was going to be this big of a deal," Darvish said. "But to me I wasn't that frustrated at that point when I saw it the first time."

After Friday's game, Darvish tweeted "let's stay positive and move

forward instead of focusing on anger."

But Dodgers fans weren't as conciliatory.

Fans booed Gurriel introductions, and got louder during his first at-bat in the second inning. Dodgers starter Rich Hill even stepped off the rubber before his first pitch to Gurriel, prolonging the booing.

"That was my silent gesture" to condemn Gurriel's insult, Hill said.

The choruses of boos only changed into a raucous cheer when Gurriel fouled out. He flied out to right field in the fourth.

Initially, Gurriel apologized in a statement released by the Astros.

"I made an offensive gesture that was indefensible," he said. "I sincerely apologize to everyone that I offended with my actions. I deeply regret it."

Gurriel will lose \$322,581 of his \$12 mil-

lion salary next year, which the Astros will donate to charitable causes. He also will be required to undergo sensitivity training during the offseason.

Darvish said he couldn't decide whether Gurriel's suspension was too much or too little, but that he understood why Commissioner Rob Manfred didn't impose it during the World Series.

Darvish will start Game 7 on Wednesday.

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Lease/Unit Well No. : 2444WA
Lease/Unit Acres : 640.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 660.0

Lease Lines : 304.0 F N L,
330.0 F E L
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2323.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location

Lease Lines: 500.0 F L
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Terminus Location

RH County:
Section: 25

Block: 323 T2N

Abstract:

Survey T4P RR

Lease Lines: 100.0 F L
330.0 F L

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#9573 October 25, 2017

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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0307486
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Oct 31, 2017 Status/Permit No. 830849
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Dec 5, 2017
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Lease/Unit Name : BIG DADDY A
Lease/Unit Well No. : 1844WA
Lease/Unit Acres : 639.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0

Lease Lines : 275.0 F N (offlease) L, 2472.0 F E (offlease) L
Survey Lines : 275.0 F N (offlease) L, 2472.0 F E (offlease) L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location
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Terminus Location BH County: HOWARD
Section: 25 Block: 31 T2N Abstract: 188 Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 100.0 F S L, 330.0 F E L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F S L, 2328.0 F W L

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ANSWER:

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



The Saints Go Marching in Aries

Move with the music of souls on this All Saints Day. The moon slips into the warrior realm of Aries with all of the celebratory feeling of the gospel hymn "When the Saints Go Marching In." The configuration should help us remember the joyful aspects of the lives of our loved ones who have passed to the other side.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Notice who takes your feelings into consideration. Notice who has your back. Notice who shows up, who offers first, who laughs at your jokes. You deserve a supportive team.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The fever of a retail crush, flirtation, love affair or seductive business deal is not a good state of mind for decision-making. The wanting makes you think irrationally. Cool down first. Come back to it tomorrow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you're hesitant about sharing things about yourself because you think it might be too boring or you might be opening yourself to judgment, it's a sign that you could use some more relatable friends in your life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Family will require more tending than usual. It's a good thing, because they

need you and you need to give, so all will feel better for it. Warmth is your speciality.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Of course, memory never tells the whole story. When looking back, people get fuzzy on the details of interacting with one another. What they tend to remember is how you made them feel.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's impossible to be permanently excited. Excitement is the top of of an arc of energy. Without the low of boredom or normalcy, there would be no high of excitement. You'll ride out an uneventful period. A higher energetic state is coming.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's a day of many tones and feelings. You'll pass through numerous states of mind -- twice as many as you usually would in the course of a day. It's a kind of workout for your feelings. You'll gain strength and balance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A good story is a family heirloom. A good story-

teller is the custodian of that treasure. Your heart and mind are open. You'll understand where the story is in the seemingly everyday events of you and yours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's too much at stake to leave an interaction to chance. Decide before going in what impression and message you want to relay. Get clear about what's in it for you and what you're willing to give in return.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As for those who monopolize the conversation, steamroll you when you're trying to express yourself and don't ask for your thoughts and ideas on the matter -- well, it's more than selfishness. It's a warning sign.

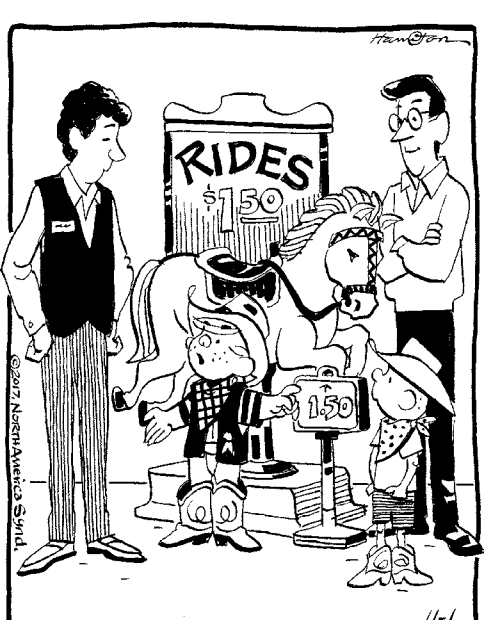
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're not in the most sensible mood, but there are some things that are better accomplished from an irrational state. If you're applying yourself to the right endeavor, it will all work out perfectly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Don't get too disillusioned. When the beautiful picture starts to crack as falsities are revealed, think of it as another phase. Keep looking. Get in closer until it's lovely again.

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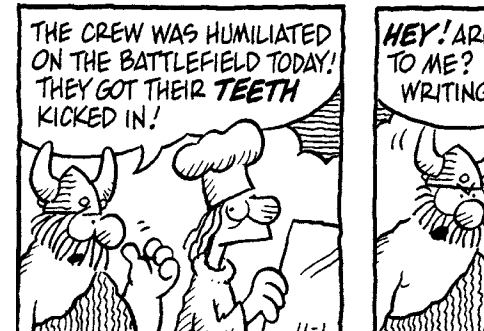


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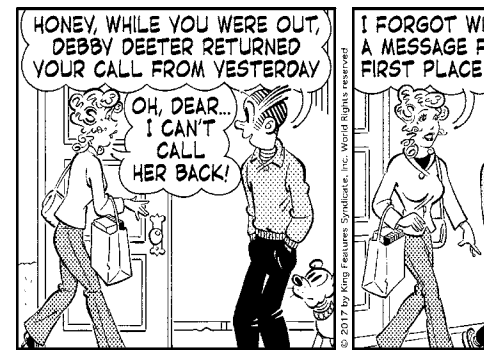
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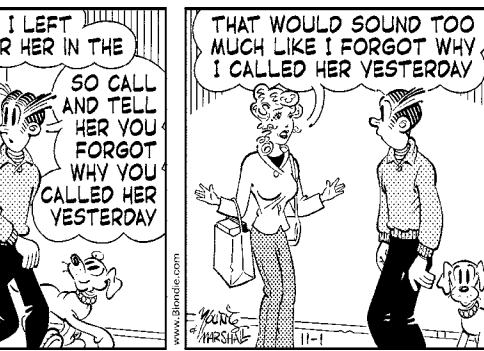
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 1, the 305th day of 2017. There are 60 days left in the year. This is All Saints Day. Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 1, 1512, Michelangelo's just-completed paintings on the ceiling of the Vatican's Sistine Chapel were publicly unveiled by the artist's patron, Pope Julius II. On this date: In 1478, the Spanish Inquisition was established. In 1604, William Shakespeare's tragedy "Othello" was presented at Whitehall Palace in London. In 1765, the Stamp Act, passed by the British Parliament, went into effect, prompting stiff resistance from American colonists. In 1861, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln named Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan General-in-Chief of the Union armies, succeeding Lt. Gen. Winfield Scott. In 1936, in a speech in Milan, Italy, Benito Mussolini described the alliance between his country and Nazi Germany as an "axis" running between Rome and Berlin. In 1949, an Eastern Airlines DC-4 collided in midair with a Lockheed P-38 fighter plane near Washington National Airport, killing all 55 people aboard the DC-4 and seriously injuring the pilot of the P-38. In 1950, two Puerto Rican nationalists tried to force their way into Blair House in Washington, D.C., in a failed attempt to assassinate President Harry S. Truman. (One of the pair was killed, along with a White House police officer.) In 1952, the United States exploded the first hydrogen bomb, code-named "Ivy Mike," at Eniwetok (en-ih-WEE'-tahk) Atoll in the Marshall Islands. In 1967, the prison drama "Cool Hand Luke," starring Paul Newman, was released by Warner Bros.-Seven Arts. In 1979, former first lady Mamie Eisenhower died in Washington, D.C., at age 82. In 1989, East Germany

reopened its border with Czechoslovakia, prompting tens of thousands of refugees to flee to the West. In 1991, Clarence Thomas took his place as the newest justice on the Supreme Court. Ten years ago: Retired U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Paul Tibbets, who piloted the B-29 bomber Enola Gay that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, died in Columbus, Ohio, at age 92. Less than a week after workers ratified a new contract, Chrysler announced 12,000 job cuts, or about 15 percent of its work force. Five years ago: Israel, lifting a nearly 25-year veil of secrecy, acknowledged it had killed Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's deputy in a 1988 raid in Tunisia. (Khalil al-Wazir, who was better known by his nom de guerre Abu Jihad, founded Fatah, the dominant faction in the Palestine Liberation Organization.) One year ago: Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon fired the commander of the peace-keeping force in South Sudan after an independent investigation sharply criticized the military response to deadly attacks in July on a U.N. compound housing 27,000 displaced people. Most of an African-American church in Greenville, Mississippi, was destroyed by an arson fire; the building was spray-painted with the words "Vote Trump." The Chicago Cubs forced a deciding Game 7 in the World Series as they defeated the Cleveland Indians 9-3. Today's Birthdays: World Golf Hall of Famer Gary Player is 82. Country singer Bill Anderson is 80. Actress Barbara Bosson is 78. Actor Robert Foxworth is 76. Magazine publisher Larry Flynt is 75. Country singer-humorist Kinky Friedman is 73. Actress Jeannie Berlin

is 68. Music producer David Foster is 68. Actress Belita Moreno is 68. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ronald Khalis Bell (Kool and the Gang) is 66. Country singer-songwriter-producer Keith Stegall is 63. Country singer Lyle Lovett is 60. Actress Rachel Ticotin is 59. Rock musician Eddie MacDonald (The Alarm) is 58. Apple

CEO Tim Cook is 57. Actress Helene Udy is 56. Rock singer Anthony Kiedis (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 55. Pop singer-musician Mags Furuholmen (a-ha) is 55. Rock musician Rick Allen (Def Leppard) is 54. Country singer "Big Kenny" Alphin (Big and Rich) is 54. Singer Sophie B. Hawkins is 53. Rapper Willie D (Geto Boys)

is 51. Country musician Dale Wallace (Emerson Drive) is 48. Actress Toni Collette is 45. Actress-talk show host Jenny McCarthy is 45. Rock musician Andrew Gonzales is 45. Actor David Berman is 44. Actress Aishwarya Rai (ash-WAHR'-ee-ah rye) is 44. Rock singer Bo Bice is 42. Actor Matt Jones is 36. Actress Natalia Tena is 33.

Actor Penn Badgley is 31. Actor Max Burkholder is 20. Actor-musician Alex Wolff is 20. Thought for Today: "God give me strength to face a fact though it slay me." Thomas Huxley English biologist (1825-1895).

Newsday Crossword

LET'S BE FLYING by Carolyn Stewart Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

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Crossword grid with numbers 1-70 indicating starting positions for words.

Answer to previous puzzle: LEASH CHUM ROBE, ANGLIO HATE EKED, STAIN ADAM DRAG, TRICKOFFTHETRADE, SYNE CEO MOO, RUT SEESAWS, BOA NEATO ECHO, ORSOITWOULDSEEM, REIN APPLE DEE, NOTEASY AMA, NRA ARM LPGA, TREATLIKEAQUEEN, HARM ACRE UMPED, ERIE MOOD INUSE, MEND INNS PIPES

SERIES

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fifth inning of Game 5. "I can give you 27 innings," Kershaw said. "I'll be ready to go, whatever they need." Lance McCullers Jr. gets the ball for the Astros in the first World Series Game 7 ever at Dodger Stadium and the first since 1931 between teams that won 100 games during the regular season.

Darvish was chased in the second inning of Game 2, when McCullers pitched Houston to a 5-3 victory.

"You've got two teams with a bunch of dogs in the clubhouse. No one is afraid," McCullers said.

Two nights after a 13-12, 10-inning slugfest under the roof at Minute Maid Park, pitching dominated.

George Springer's third-inning home run against starter Rich Hill had given a 1-0 lead to Verlander and the Astros, trying for the first championship in their 56-season history. On Halloween night, a title for a team with orange in its colors seemed appropriate.

But it served only to set up the 10th blown lead of the Series, the fifth by Houston, as Verlander fell to 9-1 with the Astros.

Dodgers relievers combined for 4 1/3 scoreless innings. Brandon Morrow retired Alex Bregman on a grounder to strand the bases loaded in the fifth, winner Tony Watson got Marwin Gonzalez to line out to leaping second baseman Chase Utley with two on and two outs in the sixth, and Kenta Maeda escaped two-on trouble in the seventh when third baseman Justin Turner gloved Jose Altuve's grounder and made a short-hop throw that first baseman Cody Bellinger scooped just in time.

"The pick is big," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said.

After wasting a ninth-inning lead in Game 2 and losing Game 5, Kenley Jansen retired six straight batters on 19 pitches for the save and ended it by striking out 40-year-old pinch-hitter Carlos Beltran.

This will be the third World Series Game 7 in four years. The home team had won nine straight since 1979 before San Francisco triumphed at Kansas City in 2014 and the Chicago Cubs captured their first title since 1908 at Cleveland last year.

Ten of the last 12 teams that won Game 6 to force a seventh game also won the title, but the Dodgers lost the previous six World Series in which they trailed 3-2. They have won just one of their six championships at home, in 1963.

A heat wave over and the skies overcast, the temperature dropped to 67 degrees at game time from 103 for last week's opener, and there was a slight drizzle in the middle innings.

Los Angelenos with a laid-back reputation were on their feet for two-strike counts against Astros batters, a wave in Pantone 294 — also known as Dodger blue.

"We feed off the crowd, for sure," Taylor said. "We feel we have a huge home-field advantage."

Yuli Gurriel, who made a racist gesture toward Darvish in Game 3, was booed loudly during introductions and each time he batted, and Hill stepped off the rubber to allow the crowd extra time to jeer.

Verlander has 11 postseason wins but dropped to 0-4 in the Series with Detroit and Houston, which acquired him from the Tigers on Aug. 31 to win on nights like this. He allowed just one baserunner before Austin Barnes singled leading off the sixth. Verlander bounced a pitch that hit Utley on the front of his right foot, and Taylor sent a 97 mph fastball down the right-field line as Barnes came home. Seager followed with a sacrifice fly to the warning track, a ball that likely would have landed in the pavilion in last week's hot air.

Verlander prevented

more damage when Turner fouled out and the right-hander fanned Bellinger, who struck out four times for the second time in the Series.

Springer homered for the third straight game and fourth time in the Series, one shy of the record set by Reggie Jackson in 1977 and matched by Utley in 2009.

Brian McCann singled leading off the fifth and Gonzalez doubled past Turner and down the left-field line. Hill struck out Josh Reddick and Verlander, and Springer was intentionally walked to load the bases.

Morrow relieved as the crowd booed manager Dave Roberts' decision, and Hill slapped at four cups of liquid in the dugout, sending them spraying against the wall.

"With Verlander on the mound, that was going to be the game," Roberts said.

Appearing in his sixth straight Series game, Morrow got Bregman to ground to shortstop on his second pitch.

Watson walked Reddick leading off the seventh, Evan Gattis pinch hit for Verlander and Maeda relieved. Gattis bounced to shortstop, just beating Utley's throw from second to avoid a double play. Springer reached on an infield single, and Bregman's fly to deep center allowed pinch-runner Derek Fisher to tag up and advance to third, bringing up Altuve.

Walking down the dugout steps after his groundout, Altuve slammed his helmet.

Afterward, attention quickly turned to Wednesday.

Rattlers basketball underway



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

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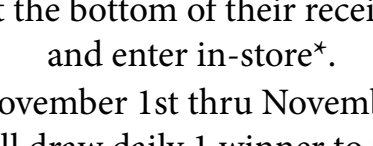
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