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Budget, tax issues on commissioners agenda for today

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will consider several issues dealing with budgetary and tax issues at their meeting this afternoon.

The commissioners will meet at 3:30 p.m. in the second-floor conference room at the Howard County Courthouse, 300 S. Main St.

Among the issues under consideration is a proposed property tax abatement for the City of Coahoma. Also within the category of taxes, commissioners will consider the delinquent tax report and delinquent tax contract renewal.

Also on the agenda is consideration of the budget of the 9-1-1 Communications District. 9-1-1 Director Pepper Sullivan presented the budget at the most recent Big Spring City Council meeting, where it was approved by the council.

In other business, the commissioners will:

- Consider action on the county's agreement with the County Trapper;
- Consider a memorandum of understanding with A&M AgriLife Extension;
- Consider action on the Child Protective Services Title IV-E non-financial contract;
- Consider setting Commissioners Court dates and times, and county holidays, for 2019;
- Consider action on a master intergovernmental cooperative purchase agreement;
- Consider approval of bids on mineral rights on county land;
- Discuss and consider action on landscaping at the Howard County Library;
- Consider action on a bank resolution for a new account;

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County burn ban up for consideration Sept. 19

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

While the Howard County burn ban is still in effect, County Commissioners will listen to the recommendation of Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Chief Mitchell Hooper and consider whether to rescind the ban or leave it in place at their meeting Sept. 19.

"(Howard County) Judge (Kathryn) Wiseman just texted me and asked if we wanted to go ahead and put it on the agenda. I told her to go ahead and put it on there, but hopefully we get enough rain this week so that we can lift it and people can go ahead and burn some stuff off before we get the first freeze," Hooper said. "If we get enough rain this week...you know, we're still kind of bad on the drought monitor and the fuel moisture. Some places, like Coahoma and the east part of the county, got some pretty good rain Sunday; but the western and parts of the southern and cen-



Mitchell Hooper

tral parts of the county are still pretty dry." Hooper said that, while open fires are generally prohibited by the ban, some burning is still permitted if proper precautions are taken.

"You can still burn your trash, you just have to have it in a burn barrel with a small grate on top so that no paper can fly out of it. Usually they're a 55-gallon metal drum," said Hooper. "You can still cook out. Just like with the burn barrels, you still have to have an extinguishing agent there with you, like a water hose or fire extinguisher, or, you know, like a 5-gallon bucket with water in it. Just something so that if a fire starts, you can put it out."

Local property owners should make sure their land is fire-safe.

"Winter's coming and we'll start getting some cold fronts with some high winds. If we don't get some

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Memorial at the Plaza



HERALD photo/Tyler Schellie

Mike Tarpley, Senior Vice Commander of the D.A.V. (Disabled American Veterans) Chapter 47, hangs the last flag over the yellow ribbon for our Fallen Heroes in preparation for the 9/11 memorial service, which is scheduled to take place next Tuesday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Spring Town Plaza shopping mall.

Coahoma Lions Club Trade Day

By **TYLER SCHELLIE**

Staff Writer

The Coahoma Lions Club looks to host their fourth annual Trade Day on Saturday, October 6, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Coahoma. Sponsors and other residents looking to set up a booth can still reserve a lot. The deadline for lot reservations is Thursday, October 4.

"Vendors are very much still welcome to rent a location for their booth. There are plenty of lots available still," Lions Club Member and event organizer Lisa Duggan said.

The Trade Day is a great place to grab a bite to eat from numerous choices of food options, but not just that, it is a great way to find tons of unique antiques, collectibles, arts and crafts, clothing, jewelry and tons of

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Courtesy Photo

Coahoma residents in attendance at the 2017 Lions Club Trade Day shop from a variety of booths of unique antiques, collectables, clothes and much more in hopes to find a one-of-a-kind treasure, but most importantly, to help give back to their community.

Festival of Health

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**

Staff Writer

Health is something that shouldn't be overlooked for yourself or a loved one. As life goes, the older you get the more prone you maybe to getting more health problems. That's why the Senior Citizens Center will be putting on a Fun Festival that is themed all things health for the seniors and public of Howard County. The festival is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 2, at the Senior Center.

"We have had health festivals in the past," said Becky Letz Senior Citizens Center Coordinator. "Usually we have several booths set up to show and educate the public on what they have to offer. Scenic Mountain Medical has come before, Home Hospice, Parkview Nursing and Rehab are just a few that we have had come set up a booth."

Letz went on to say that she had just sent out flyers to surrounding health areas to seek those who would be interested in setting up a booth, to educate the public on what they have available, and to answer any questions that anyone may need answered.

"One reason why we do this is so that the public can see what's all available locally and in the surrounding areas as far as health care, nursing, home care and more," said Letz. "Although this event is for

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Obituaries

Arthur "Art" Dewey Dodds III



Arthur "Art" Dewey Dodds III, 80, died Monday, Sept. 3, 2018, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, at the First United Methodist Church with. Rev. Derrell Patterson, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, at the funeral home.

Art was born on Mother's Day, May 8, 1938, in Big Spring, Texas. He graduated from Coahoma High School and was active in FFA and raised hogs. He attended Texas Tech University for three years where he was the first music major to be given a track scholarship. He majored in both brass and voice and sat 1st chair tuba in the Tech band as a freshman. He graduated from University of Texas in Arlington with a degree in music education.

Art served in several Baptist churches as minister of music before becoming an ordained Baptist Minister, and he served as pastor in several Texas

Maurilio "Willie" Sotelo

Maurilio "Willie" Sotelo, 76, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, at his residence. A rosary will be held at 7 p.m., tomorrow, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Services will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, Sept. 7, 2018, at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment to follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Willie is survived by his wife, Leonor Sotelo of Big Spring; three sons, Jaime Sotelo, Paul Sotelo, and John Sotelo and wife, Anna Lisa, all of Big Spring; two daughters, Lorina Bradford and hus-

cities.

Art was the youngest boy at 13 to earn the Eagle Scout award and added 4 badges to that award. It included the pioneer badge that required him to live a great number of nights outdoors and live one week at the West Texas Scout Ranch for a week, living only on the native growth. While on a trip with the scouts on the Concho River, Art captured a baby raccoon. It became a special pet, and he named it Ginger because he loved Ginger Snaps. When let out of its cage Ginger climbed up Art and placed his front paws around his neck.

Art was a wonderful son and did all he could to help his mother. After his divorce he came back to Big Spring and eventually lived with his mother.

Art is survived by his mother, Mamie Lee Dodds of Big Spring; a daughter, Kerry Martin of Royce City; a son, Dennis Dodds of Greenville and wife Holly; three grandchildren, Amanda Mendoza and husband, Josh, Alison Pike and husband, Zeb both of Greenville and Chase Martin of Roanoke; and three great-grandchildren.

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

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band, Blaine of Midland and Cindy Castillo and husband, Reyes of Big Spring; two sisters, Connie Balderas and Anita Sotelo both of Big Spring; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Pedro and Matilde Sotelo; one daughter, Angela Denise Sotelo, and one brother.

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

Police, Sheriff Reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JOE LUIS RODRIGUEZ**, 25, of 604 Holbert, was arrested on charges of unlawful possession of firearm, two counts of controlled substance in between 4 and 200 grams, possession of controlled substance in less one gram, and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

- **KEEGAN LAIRD CLARK**, 44, of 2308 S Monticello, was arrested on a warrant of assault causes bodily injury.

- **JACKIE RAYMOND MOORE**, 30, of 106 Jonesboro Rd., was arrested on warrant of unlawful carrying weapon, and on intoxicated assault with vehicle.

- **MICHAEL ALCANTAR**, 33, of 506 NW 6th St., was arrested on

a charge of public intoxication.

- **ALLEN TRISTAN JACKSON**, 34, of 4101 Muir Sr., was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **GILBERT LEE GUZMAN**, 45, of 1503 S Johnson St., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

- **TRAVIS WADE COLLINS**, 51, of 806 S San Antonio St., was arrested on a charge of deadly conduct discharge firearm hab/building/vehicle.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

- **KEEGAN LAIRD CLARK**, 44, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of assault causes bodily injury.

Take Note

- Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018 @ 7 p.m., Social time @ 6:30 p.m. - Midland Quilters Guild meeting. PROGRAM: History of Singer Featherweight Sewing Machine and display of members "Featherweights" and their stories. There also will be a 'show and tell' of tote bags made to carry these vintage sewing machines. Anyone is welcome to bring their Featherweight sewing machines to share / display with the group.

Alamo Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1305 N Midland Dr, Midland. FREE. For more info, call 432-425-3476 or visit.

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Balsdua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

- The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation

(HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

- The Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in the Howard College Library.

- 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.

- 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.

Jason Diaz

Jason Diaz, 38, of Big Spring, died Monday, Sept. 3, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jose Hernandez

Jose Hernandez, 73, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Vergie Ruth Renfro



Vergie Ruth Renfro, 77, Big Spring, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018, in Mitchell County.

She was born on March 24, 1941, in Lake Worth, Texas, to Lloyd and Ruby Simmons Young.

Vergie was a quiet woman that kept to herself for the most part. She loved her family, and in turn they loved her. If they needed something and she was able to provide it, her family knew that she would help them.

She believed in hard-work having worked several jobs as a waitress, in the food industry, and helping out in a daycare taking care of children. Vergie was also a very independent woman, often determined to do things on her own even when it was a struggle. She will be dearly missed by those that loved her.

Vergie is survived by a son Steve Renfro of Big Spring, a daughter Debra Mathis and husband Joe of Big Spring, by a sister Dorothy Watkins of Colorado City, by grandchildren Gary Barbee, Amber Hill, Danny Barbee, Misti Mathis, Michael Mathis, and by ten great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her niece Lisa Rich and husband Steve of Colorado City and by her nephews Wally Watkins and wife Tammy and Lloyd Watkins both of Colorado City and by her dog Gypsy

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Renfro in 1983; her brother, Alfred Young; and by a sister, Jewell Katherine Young.

A graveside service for Vergie will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 4th at 2 p.m. in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kiker Seale Funeral Home in Colorado City.

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 500 block of NE 12th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Wildfire Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on 11th and E FM 700. No one was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Auburn. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4200 block of Hamilton. No one was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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.

THURSDAY

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

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Check it out at the Howard County Library

At the library, the Friends of the Library Association are getting ready for their annual Book Sale and are still accepting donations.

This year, the Book Sale will be held October 12 & 13, from 9 am- 5 pm. This week's reviews are a mixture of mystery, western, biography, and non-fiction.

In **"Princess," a Private novel by James Patterson (M PAT J)**, Jack Morgan drops everything to help Princess Caroline, third in line to the British throne. Princess Caroline relies on Morgan's skills and discretion to find her missing friend Sophie Edwards.

As the head of Private, the best investigation unit in the world and the most technologically advanced, Morgan is the best person to get the job done. Morgan, however, suspects that Princess Caroline is not telling him everything, and as he gets closer to the truth he learns that there are powerful people who will stop at nothing to keep Sophie from being found. Morgan is racing against the clock to find Sophie before the media figures out she's disappeared.

"Taos Lightning" by Johnny D. Boggs (LP W BOG J) is about fifteen year old Evan Kendrick, who has traveled from New Mexico Territory to Galveston, Texas to help his father in a horse race competition offering a \$3,000 prize.

A terrible accident injures his father and now Evan has to be the one

competing in the race. The race is an eighteen hundred miles or so between Texas and New England, and Evan will be riding an only half-broke mustang stallion named Taos Lightning.

It's a high stakes competition with professionals and amateurs from around the world. For six weeks leading up to the competition Evan will learn about horses and riding to try win the competition or at least survive it. During the competition Evan will get to see new country and discover what America can offer. Most importantly, Evan will learn about friendship, life and himself.

The death of singular and beloved entertainer Robin Williams shocked and saddened fans. Dave Itzkoff's **"Robin" (B WIL R)** allows us to get to know the brilliant performer.

A man of many talents, Robin came across as a man possessed shedding one character after another with lightning speed and tongue-twisting intensity. Films like Dead Poets Society, Good Morning, Vietnam, The Fisher King, Aladdin, and Mrs. Doubtfire showcased his limitless gift for improvisation to bring to life a wide range of characters.

Using material from a hundred original interviews with family, friends, and colleagues, as well as extensive

archival research, Itzkoff shows that William's comedic brilliance masked a deep well of conflicting emotions, self-doubt, addiction and depression. "Robin" is a fresh and original look at a man whose work touched so many lives.

U.S. Navy retired Admiral William H. McRaven addressed the graduating class of the University of Texas at Austin on their Commencement day, May 17, 2014, sharing the ten principles he learned during Navy Seal training. His speech went viral reaching over 10 million views.

In **"Make Your Bed, Little Things That Can Change Your Life...and Maybe the World," (158.1 MCR W)** McRaven builds on his speech and shares his life experiences as well as experiences from people he encountered during his military service who dealt with hardship and made tough decisions with determination, compassion, honor and courage. In his book McRaven shares simple wisdom, practical advice, and words of encouragement readers will be inspired to achieve more, even in life's darkest moments.

Boxing was once engrained in America's social and cultural fabric and heavyweight champions were larger-than-life men who held a central place in American culture.



Sandra Verdin

Gordon, never a hurricane, killed child in mobile home

By JAY REEVES

Associated Press
DAUPHIN ISLAND, Alabama — Tropical Storm Gordon never became a hurricane but it was deadly all the same, killing a child by blowing a tree onto a mobile home as it made landfall. The storm later weakened into a depression on Wednesday but remained dangerous, dumping rain, spawning tornadoes and kicking up heavy surf in its wake.



AP photo

Crew members with the Alabama Department of Transportation work to block off a flooded part of US Highway 98 while fighting rain from Tropical Storm Gordon on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, in Spanish Fort, Ala.

The National Hurricane Center said Gordon was weakening on a path into Arkansas after striking the coast at 70 mph, just shy of hurricane strength, near Pascagoula, Mississippi. The remnants will likely cause flash flooding across parts of seven states and as far north as Iowa in the coming days.

The storm was going out swinging: Forecasters said radar spotted possible tornados spun off by the storm overnight in southern Alabama and the Florida panhandle, and more were possible through Wednesday night in Mississippi and western Alabama.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or significant damage, other than the child killed by a large oak tree branch that fell onto a mobile home in Pensacola, Florida. Neighbor Amanda Ray told the Pensacola News Journal that she heard a crack and a scream as the limb fell around 9 p.m. Tuesday.

"It was just awful," she said, adding that the sounds were almost indistinguishable from the storm's howling winds. The Escambia County Sheriff's office posted on its Facebook page that responding deputies discovered the child had been killed. Officials haven't released the child's identity.

Escambia county received 10 calls overnight for downed trees in roadways, along with multiple reports of arcing power lines as the storm blew through with peak gusts of 61 mph (98 kph). Beach-

goers in the area were being warned Wednesday that it's too early to return to the water; dangerous rip currents prompted red-flag warnings, meaning it's illegal to enter the Gulf of Mexico.

Driftwood and other debris made for hazardous driving early Wednesday on the causeway to Dauphin Island, Alabama, which was partly flooded by seawater overnight, leaving people to drive over sand and around lawn furniture on the main

road. Siding was peeled off some houses, but Mayor Jeff Collier said "for the most part, we did OK."

Dominic Carlucci drove back to his home on the barrier island in his Hummer, and found no damage, just a sagging wooden fence. It wasn't nearly as bad as when Nate, the last hurricane to strike the U.S., came ashore last October in nearby Biloxi, Mississippi. "We're good," he said.

The center predicted total rain amounts of 4-8 inches (10-20 centimeters) in the Florida panhandle and parts of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa and Illinois. Rainfall could be even more intense in isolated places, dropping up to 12 inches (30 centimeters) through early Saturday.

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other items sold throughout the collections of vendors, a lot of which are hand crafted by the sellers themselves.

"Trade day is a blast, and also very beneficial to our community. We help raise funds for scholarships that go to our Coahoma seniors. This event also benefits those who struggle with their vision, as some people have inadequate insurance or no insurance at all, and that can make it very hard to get the prescription glasses they may need," Duggan said.

Partnerships and vision fundraisers, businesses have previously held their own donation booths that went to a cause they reached out to help. In the past, students of Coahoma have also participated in raising funds for certain events coming up in the school year as well. As if that wasn't enough, United Blood Services will also be there from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to hold a blood drive

for those interested in donating blood to help fight the constant battle and dire need for blood.

For lot reservation prices or any other additional information, please call Lisa at City Hall (432) 394-4287.

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

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moisture on the ground, we could have some bad wildfires again," Hooper said. "So I'd just kind of remind people to clear off around their house a minimum of 30 feet out to a maximum of, we always say 100, but if they want to go further, that's even better. If you have cedar trees around your house, just trim them up so that none of the limbs are touching the ground, and trim the grass as short as you can. That would help us out a lot."

And with cold weather on the way, make sure you're careful with fireplaces and furnaces, Hooper suggested.

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

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- Consider a request to purchase a 1994 Freightliner from the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department;
- Consider taking action to dispose of miscellaneous junked county equipment.

If you would like to address the commissioners, you should plan to arrive at the meeting early to fill out a brief form alerting them of your intent to speak.

For more information, contact County Judge Kathryn Wiseman at 432-264-2202.

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

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Jose Hernandez 73, died Sunday. Services are pending.

Jason Diaz, 38, died Monday. Services are pending.

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anyone interested in coming, it is aimed toward the elderly."

The Herald will keep you up to date with information and articles on the Fun Festival as we receive information. Anyone interested in setting up a booth at the Fun Festival, or for any other inquiries regarding the festival, please call the Senior Citizen Center at 432-267-1628.

Contact Staff Writer Amber Mansfield at 432-263-7331 ext. 234, or by email at life@bigspringherald.com.

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Editor's Note:

The Letter to the Editor that ran in the Sunday, September 2nd edition of the Herald had a portion of the letter that was missing. We do apologize for that omitted bit of information. Below is the full letter that was submitted, as we believe this is a very important piece of information for our community. Thank you.

What you can do to help bring I-27 to Big Spring

Dear Editor,

It could be said that Big Spring was politically covered by time and discovery of oil during its initial Big Spring phase. The end result was a refinery. It had its own born Big Spring citizen State Representative to promote water (CRMWD) and an area citizen to push for a government facility that naturally attracted another facility and jobs.

While we have Federal and State representatives, who all are good and fine people, none live or call Big Spring home. They owe allegiance to many other cities in addition to Big Spring. Sufficient it to remark, Big Spring may not be personally represented as it may have been in the past. Yet, we can make a difference with a pen, paper and visiting the voting box in great numbers.

Astute 1930's President Roosevelt just wanted to make jobs for 3,000 poverty-stricken people with the development of Bonneville Dam. Neither he or anyone present at the dedication ceremony could foresee the enormous economic, wonderful and massive social change to many Western states. Some were immediate, some decades away.

That, Big Spring neighbors, is how we should view the possibility of an interstate 27 to replace U.S. 87. It could take decades to develop, but we could likely center it if we were willing to work for it. We, absent of native representation, must tell every day the advantages of Interstate 27 through Big Spring to Federal and State representatives, the Texas Department of Transportation, and the four Highway Commissioners of Texas. (There will be 5, see below)

What exactly can an Interstate 27 connecting Canada, the US and Mexico do for us in Big Spring? There are so many good examples that it would strain the length of this article. But, I would like to mention a few.

The 18 cents or so of federal tax of every gallon of gas, even that in your lawn mower, would suddenly be dedicated in part to Big Spring. It would retain and remake Big Spring as a national crossroads, and attract the eyes of thousands of various businesses and investors as an important place to locate. It could even focal Big Spring as a form of a trade embassy to demonstrate products of three nations.

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Bobby McDonald
Big Spring, Texas

Oil boom in West Texas means challenges to transport crude

By RYE DRUZIN

San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Oil producers in the Permian Basin, dealing with a shortage of pipelines, are increasingly turning to trucks and rail to ship the flood of crude from the West Texas oil field to refineries and export terminals on the Gulf Coast.

The San Antonio Express-News reports these transportation shifts

are driven by two simple math problems. First, crude oil production in the Permian has reached 3.6 million barrels a day, while pipeline capacity out of the region is just 3.5 million barrels a day, according to the energy research firm Wood Mackenzie. Next, crude is selling for as much as \$10 more a barrel in South Texas, the Gulf Coast and other markets outside of West Texas, where inventories are building in part because of the lack of pipeline capacity.

The latest effort to move oil to more lucrative markets was launched last month, when the Houston oil transport company JupiterMLP signed a deal with Vista Proppants and Logistics of Fort Worth to ship West Texas crude by rail from Vista's loading terminal in Pecos. Vista plans to ship about 400,000 barrels a month from its Pecos terminal through 2019 and potentially

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'Don't mess with Texas' ad campaign seeks anti-litter song



AP photo

In this April 29, 2015, file photo, workers remove a large ball of trash from the lawn of the Texas Capitol in Austin, Texas. The ball of trash was used as a prop by the Texas Department of Transportation to launch new announcements as part of the "Don't mess with Texas" anti-litter campaign.

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Organizers of the iconic "Don't mess with Texas" advertising campaign are looking for a new tune to promote the anti-trash effort.

The Texas Department of Transportation on Tuesday announced the "Don't mess with Texas" original song contest. It's open to Texas residents, ages 18 and above, and runs through October. Contest rules are at Dontmesswithtexas.org.

The 30-second en-

tries will be collected online. Members of the public then vote for their favorites.

Two winners — in English and in Spanish — get the chance to be featured in a "Don't mess with Texas" TV spot with the Randy Rogers Band and Las Fenix, plus other performances.

The "Don't mess with Texas" ad campaign started more than 30 years and has featured entertainers including George Strait, Willie Nelson and LeAnn Rimes.

IndyCar to debut in Austin, return to Laguna Seca in 2019

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — IndyCar will make its debut at the Circuit of the Americas in Texas and return to Laguna Seca, California, as part of its 2019 schedule.

The 17-race schedule released Tuesday drops the oval track in Phoenix and the road course in Sonoma, California. Both COTA and Laguna Seca are road courses.

"IndyCar has worked to deliver a consistency and cadence to the schedule and that is reflected again in 2019," said Mark Miles, president and CEO of Hulman & Co., which owns IndyCar and Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"We've added races at a pair of tracks that know how to put on fantastic events, while returning to tracks where IndyCar has longstanding relationships on familiar race dates. The diversity of next year's schedule will continue to make what we believe is the most challenging and competitive championship in motorsports."

COTA, in Austin, replaces Phoenix in March as the second race on the schedule. The road course opened in 2011, hosts a Formula One race and, at 4.048

miles, becomes the second-longest circuit on IndyCar's schedule behind Road America in Wisconsin.

Circuit of the Americas founder and chairman Bobby Epstein said the track's fan base has been excited for an IndyCar "from Year 1." The permanent road course opened in 2011.

"It's going to be spectacular," he said.

The deal with COTA made for a brief hiccup with Texas Motor Speedway, an oval in Fort Worth that has hosted 30 IndyCar races since 1997. TMS general manager Eddie Gossage opposed a second race in Texas, but eventually agreed to a four-year contract extension and will host IndyCar in June.

Laguna Seca hosted 22 open-wheel races until 2004. The road course near Monterey was last the site for an Indy car season finale in 1996. It replaces Sonoma as the IndyCar season finale next season.

The only other changes to the schedule are a shift to two weeks earlier for the race at Barber Motorsports Park in Alabama and the race at Iowa Speedway returns to a nighttime start.

South Texas gets 9 inches of rain, not related to Gordon



AP photo

A man carries a barricade to block the street along The Strand after heavy rain flooded many roadways Monday, Sept. 3, 2018, in Galveston, Texas.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Parts of South Texas have been soaked with more than 9 inches of rain in a system that experts say is not related to Tropical Storm Gordon in the Gulf of Mexico.

A National Weather Service flash flood watch expired early Tuesday afternoon for the San Antonio and Austin areas.

Forecaster Nick Hampshire says some street flooding and high-

water rescues were reported Monday night and early Tuesday in the San Antonio area, but nobody was hurt.

Hampshire says parts of northern San Antonio received more than 9 inches of rain since Monday before the severe weather began tapering off Tuesday. Forecasters warned about possible lingering creek and river flooding.

Galveston received more than 10 inches of rain Monday.

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Former senator to replace McCain, at least until January

By MELISSA DANIELS

Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — Prolonging the uncertainty over who will fill the late John McCain's U.S. Senate seat, the governor of Arizona on Tuesday announced the appointment of former Sen. Jon Kyl but said he has only committed to serve until the end of the year.

Kyl, a Republican who retired from the Senate in 2012 to become a lobbyist and spend more time with his family, is currently shepherding President Donald Trump's nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. Kyl's appointment will make it possible for him to vote for the nomination.

It's unclear what more Kyl, 76, will do in the Senate. He said he agreed to serve briefly out of a "sense of duty" and will not run for the seat in 2020, when Arizona voters will decide who fills the seat through 2022. The seat will then be up again for a full six-year term.

Gov. Doug Ducey, also a Republican, said Kyl was "the best possible person, regardless of politics" for the job, and he hopes Kyl serves past the end of the year.

If Kyl does leave the Senate after the end of the current congressional term next Jan. 3, Arizona's governor can appoint another senator for the remaining year. By state law the senator will have

to be a member of the same party as the departing one, in this case the GOP.

For now, Kyl will pad Republicans' margin in the narrowly divided Senate. They hold a 51-49 majority but that dwindled to a single vote while McCain stayed in Arizona for much of this year being treated for the brain cancer that killed him on Aug. 25.



AP photo
Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., right, answers a question after Gov. Doug Ducey, R-Ariz., announced the appointment of the former senator to fill Sen. John McCain's seat in the U.S. Senate at a news conference at the Arizona Capitol Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, in Phoenix.

The GOP is hoping Kyl will be a more reliable partisan vote than McCain, whose opposition to a partial repeal of President Obama's health care law pitched the party into turmoil last year.

Kyl is well-respected in Arizona and has been able to avoid many of the battles with activists that complicated McCain's career and that of the state's other senator, Jeff Flake, who is retiring because his feud with Trump made his re-election impossible.

Kyl's entire career in Washington overlapped with McCain's, and he served with the state's senior senator for three terms before stepping down. Kyl carved out a profile as a reliable conservative vote and a foreign policy expert.

McCain's widow, Cindy, tweeted: "Jon Kyl is a dear friend of mine and John's. It's a great tribute to John that he is prepared to go back into public service to help the state of Arizona."

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into 2020, depending on when pipeline projects are completed.

It's unclear how much of crude Vista will handle for JupiterMLP, which has completed permitting to build a processing and export terminal at the Port of Brownsville and plans a 670-mile pipeline from West Texas to the export terminal. Neither company immediately responded to requests for comment.

Pipeline capacity has become a particular problem in the Permian, as booming production of both crude and natural gas has exceeded capacity and created bottlenecks. Several companies, including Kinder Morgan and Phillips 66 Partners, both of Houston, are racing to complete pipeline projects, but most are not expected to begin operations until at least next year.

The bottlenecks, meanwhile, are not only having an impact on prices in West Texas prices, but also production. The Railroad Commission of Texas, which oversees the oil and gas industry, recently reported that oil production in the state — most of it concentrated in the Permian — declined about 2 percent in June, compared to the same month a year earlier, the first year over year decline since early 2017. Analysts attributed the decrease to the pipeline shortage.

A recent analysis by the London consultancy Westwood Global Energy Group estimated that pipeline constraints could delay as much as \$1.4 billion of investment in the Permian and keep 345 wells from getting completed in the second half of this year. That means the wells have been drilled, but not hydraulically fractured, or fracked, to begin producing oil and gas.

The number of these drilled but uncompleted wells, known as DUCs, have increased significantly in the Permian. The Department of Energy estimated 3,470 DUC wells in the Permian in July, up 80 percent from just over 1,900 a year earlier.

Production companies big and small are contracting for pipeline capacity on yet-to-be completed and cutting deals with trucking companies and rail carriers to get their crude out of West Texas to other markets. Union Pacific Railroad, one of the largest rail operators in the U.S., has seen a recent uptick in crude oil coming out of the Permian, said company spokesman Jeff DeGraff, though he wouldn't cite specific figures.

Oil companies have also turned to the trucking industry to transport their crude, potentially adding more stress on the industry, already under pressure from driver shortages and the demands of hauling record amounts of sand, water and equipment for fracking and moving drilling rigs from one site to another.

Matt Nevarez, the director of operations for the Midland trucking company TexStar Crude Transport in Midland, said demand for shipping crude is so strong that his company is hiring trucks out of San Antonio to carry oil West Texas to South Texas markets in Three Rivers, Cotulla and Victoria. When asked which companies were moving oil by truck, Nevarez said "all of them."

"The market spread for what they can sell a barrel for in South Texas versus Midland, it's huge, so everybody's wanting to get their oil down there," Nevarez said.

But environmentalists worry that all of these extra trucks on the road carrying crude oil and trains going through populated areas could pose a public health risk. Luke Metzger, the director of the advocacy group Environment Texas, pointed to the oil train accident and explosions in the Canadian town of Lac-Mégantic that killed more than 40 people when a train full of North Dakota crude oil derailed in the middle of town and exploded.

Metzger said he doesn't believe that many people in the state are aware of dangers posed by increased shipment of crude by truck and rail.

"I think that's unfortunate because these could be very dangerous and people need to know that this could be going to a neighborhood near them soon," Metzger said.

Relief may be coming in the form of what John Coleman, a senior research analyst at Wood Mackenzie calls three mega pipeline projects. Totaling 2.1 million barrels of capacity they are the EPIC Crude Oil Pipeline, the Gray Oak Pipeline, and the Cactus 2 Pipeline. All hope to be completed by the end of 2019.

Colin Kaepernick's Nike deal prompts flurry of debate online

By ROB MAADDI

AP Pro Football Writer

An endorsement deal between Nike and Colin Kaepernick is prompting a flood of debate online as sports fans react to the apparel giant backing an athlete known mainly for starting a wave of protests among NFL players of police brutality, racial inequality and other social issues.

The deal unveiled by Nike and the former San Francisco 49ers quarterback was a trending topic on Twitter and other social networks, with some fans urging a boycott of the company's clothes and sneakers — even burning cutting out the signature swoosh logos on their gear. Others pushed back, saying the backlash against Nike showed the polarizing debate has morphed well beyond whether NFL players should be allowed to demonstrate for social causes while the national anthem plays in stadiums before games.

Country music star John Rich tweeted a picture of one of his crew members holding the tops of a cut pair of Nike socks, with the caption: "Get ready @ Nike multiply that by the millions." The tweet garnered about 10,000 retweets and 30,000 likes, plus thousands of critical comments.

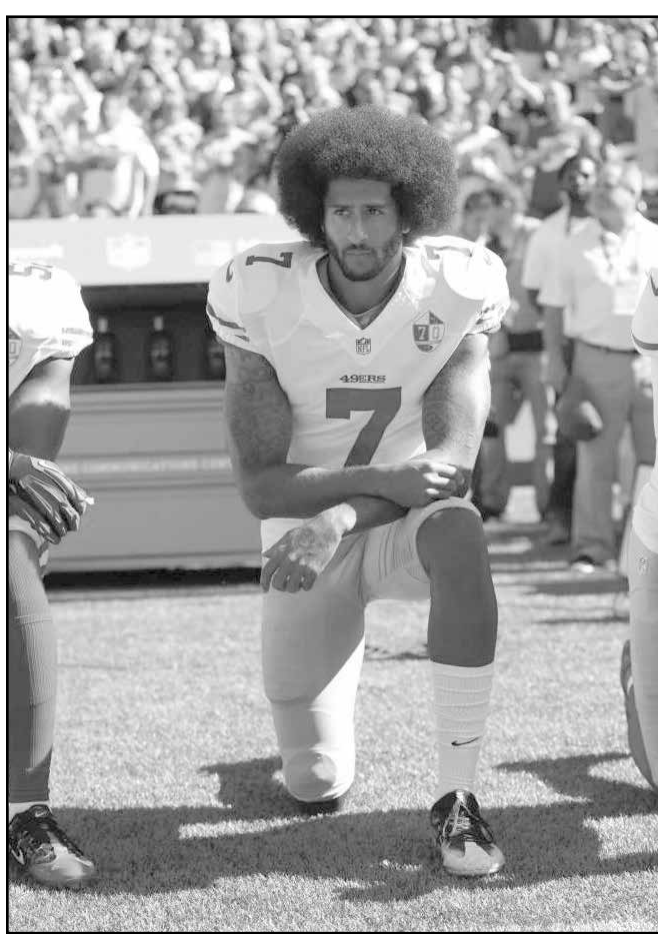
Rich, part of the duo Big & Rich and a former contestant of President Donald Trump's reality show "The Celebrity Apprentice," said he supported the right to protest but Nike lost his support when it endorsed Kaepernick.

Trump, a frequent critic of protesting NFL players, did not weigh in Tuesday morning even though he has loudly urged the league to suspend or fire players who demonstrate during the anthem, repeatedly diving into what has developed into one of the most contentious debates in the sports world.

Kaepernick's attorney Mark Geragos announced the endorsement deal on Twitter, calling Kaepernick an "All American Icon." Kaepernick also posted a Nike ad featuring his face and wrote: "Believe in something, even if it means sacrificing everything. (Hashtag) JustDoIt"

Kaepernick already had a deal with Nike that was set to expire, but it was renegotiated into a multi-year deal to make him one of the faces of Nike's 30th anniversary "Just Do It" campaign, according to a person familiar with the contract. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because Nike hasn't officially announced the contract.

The person said Nike will feature Kaepernick



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In this Sept. 25, 2016, file photo, San Francisco 49ers' Colin Kaepernick kneels during the national anthem before an NFL football game against the Seattle Seahawks, in Seattle.

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on several platforms, including billboards, television commercials and online ads. Nike also will create an apparel line for Kaepernick and contribute to his Know Your Rights charity, the person said. The deal puts Kaepernick in the top bracket of NFL players with Nike.

Nike also provides all NFL teams with game-day uniforms and sideline apparel, a partnership that was extended in March to run through 2028.

Last week, Kaepernick scored a legal victory in his grievance against the NFL and its 32 teams when an arbitrator allowed his case to continue to trial. The quarterback claims that owners conspired to keep him out of the league because of his protests of social injustice.

Kaepernick contends the owners violated their collective bargaining agreement with players by conspiring to keep him off teams. His case hinges on whether owners worked together rather than decided individually to not sign Kaepernick.

A similar grievance is still pending by former 49ers teammate Eric Reid, a Pro Bowl safety who joined in the protests.

On Friday night, Kaepernick and Reid, also now out of the league, were each given huge ovations when they were introduced and shown on the big screen during a match between Serena and Venus Williams at the U.S. Open.

Meanwhile, the league and players union still haven't resolved whether players will be punished this season if they choose to kneel or demonstrate during the national anthem. Owners approved a policy requiring players to stand if they are on the sideline during "The Star-Spangled Banner," allowing them to stay off the field if they wish.

But the league and union put that on hold after the Miami Dolphins faced backlash for classifying the protests as conduct potentially detrimental to the team — putting players at risk of fines or suspensions.

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Doug Cole, a veteran Republican consultant and former McCain aide, said Kyl was a safe pick.

"I think McCain would be very happy with the pick. Honors his legacy while putting some major horsepower for Arizona in the seat, at least for now," he said.

An attorney, Kyl speaks in a formal, reserved manner that is a sharp contrast to President Trump, and he belongs to an older, less populist vanguard of the GOP. At a news conference where he was introduced as McCain's replacement, Kyl said in a response to a question that he's only met Trump once, though he noted he is working for the White House by serving as Kavanaugh's so-called "sherpa."

With a nod toward McCain, Kyl said the president's "desire to jump into the middle of or be in the middle of a fight — and by the way that reminds me of somebody — can be detrimental in the end to what he's trying to achieve."

During his time back in the Senate, Kyl will have the opportunity to vote on several issues that have been in-

Amazon is 2nd US company to reach \$1 trillion market value

By JOSEPH PISANI and MARLEY JAY

AP Business Writers

NEW YORK — Amazon on Tuesday became the second publicly traded company to be worth \$1 trillion, hot on the heels of iPhone maker Apple.

Launched as an online bookstore in 1995, Amazon.com has changed the way people shop for toilet paper, TVs and just about anything else. In its two decades, the company has expanded far beyond those bookseller beginnings, combining its world-spanning retail operations with less flashy but very profitable advertising and cloud computing businesses. It's now expanding into the health care industry and increasing its brick-and-mortar presence.

The company's rise has boosted the fortunes of its founder and CEO, Jeff Bezos: His 16 percent stake in Amazon is now worth about \$160 billion. Forbes magazine placed him at the top of its 2018 billionaires list for the first time, surpassing Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates and billionaire investor Warren Buffett.

Amazon stock has increased almost 600 percent in the last five years, including a 70 percent surge so far in 2018 alone. On Tuesday, the stock climbed enough to push the company's valuation past the \$1 trillion mark, although it dropped back slightly after that.

Apple topped the \$1 trillion mark in early August. Saudi Arabia's national energy company, Aramco, is widely believed to be worth much more than either Amazon or Apple.

Bezos left a hedge fund job in 1994 to start an internet business. He decided to sell books, and called Amazon "earth's biggest bookstore." It quickly added more products, and then eventually opened up a marketplace where others could sell their products. Amazon has cemented customer loyalty through its Prime membership program, offering fast, free shipping as well as music and video streaming perks. In April, Bezos disclosed for the first time that Amazon had more than 100 million paying Prime members around the world.

Wall Street has become very enthusiastic about Amazon's other businesses. Amazon Web Services provides cloud computing services to companies and governments, and Amazon's advertising division makes billions by selling ads to companies that want their products to show up when shoppers search on the site.

Those profitable businesses have helped offset the high costs associated with running its online store. Amazon saw its quarterly profit soar past \$2 billion for the first time earlier this year as the online shopping, cloud computing and advertising businesses all kept growing.

More recently, Amazon has started to build up its physical presence. Last year's purchase of the Whole Foods grocery chain gave Amazon hundreds of stores at which to promote its gadgets and offer discounts tied to Prime memberships. It has also formed partnerships with many old-line retailers, selling the Kenmore washing machines traditionally found at Sears and opening shops inside Kohl's stores where people can bring returns and look at Ama-



AP photo

In this June 16, 2014, file photo, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos walks onstage for the launch of the new Amazon Fire Phone, in Seattle. On Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, Amazon became the second publicly traded company to be worth \$1 trillion, hot on the heels of Apple.

zon devices.

Amazon also has opened more than a dozen brick-and-mortar bookstores, and has plans for more cashier-less Amazon Go convenience stores.

It's also been looking for a while to find a way to have more control over how its packages are delivered. Under a program announced this summer, contractors around the country can launch businesses that deliver Amazon packages. The move gives Amazon more ways to ship its packages to shoppers without having to rely on UPS, FedEx and other delivery services.

The company is moving into health care. It has formed a venture with JPMorgan Chase and Berkshire Hathaway to figure out ways to attack rising health care costs for their U.S. employees and possibly for many more Americans. It also announced plans to buy the online pharmacy PillPack.

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Bulldogettes lose to Lady Falcons



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Julia Mashburn, No. 2, sets the ball during the Coahoma Bulldogettes game against the Veribest Lady Falcons held at Veribest ISD Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018.

Special to the Herald

The Bulldogettes lost to the Lady Falcons in three sets Tuesday night at Veribest ISD.

The Veribest squad dominated the first set winning 11-25, but the Bulldogettes fought back in the next two games. The Coahoma varsity squad

came from behind both times in set two and three to pull within 4 points before the Lady Falcons ended the match 21-25.

Sophomore Ashley Romero led the Bulldogettes senior Julia Mashburn had six assists for the game.



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

Paige Atkins, No. 12, spikes the ball over for a point during the Coahoma Bulldogettes game against the Veribest Lady Falcons Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, at Veribest ISD.

Earlier in the evening, the JV Red team lost to the Lady Falcons JV team in three sets 25-8, 10-25, 12-25

Up next, the Bulldogettes are on the road again this time traveling to Dimmitt on Saturday. The JV teams will both play at 1 p.m. followed by the varsity at 2 p.m.

Set 1: 11-25; Set 2: 21-25; Set 3: 21-25
Individual Stats
Kills: Julia Mashburn, 2; Ashley Romero, 3; MaKynlee Overton, 2; Kira Kimball, 1; Sydney Rinard, 1; Jovi Gonzalez, 1; Paige Atkins, 2.
Ace: Atkins, 1
Assists: Mashburn, 6; Corley 2.

CHS Cross Country team fares well at Andrews meet

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma High School Cross Country team turned in a solid performance against a large field of competitors at the Andrews meet held Saturday, Sept. 1.

In this particular contest, competitors raced in two-person teams instead of individually.

"It was a different format this week, but the kids really liked it and competed well," said Head Coach John-Michael Leggett. "I was proud of the effort, and we are looking for even more improvement in our next race which will be in Snyder on Sept. 15."

Overall, the team of CJ King and Hector Colon-Rivera led Coahoma finishing 27th out of 46 competi-



tors. The duo posted a time of 39:39.50. Teammates Ethan Biddison and Nick Biddison closely followed ending the race in 28th with a time of 40:03.50.

The teams of Chance McMurray and D'Kota Harrison and Tanner Atkins and Christian Klug finished 32nd and 37th respectively. McMurray-Harrison posted a time of 41:28.89 while Atkins-Klug came in at 42:37.47.

At the junior level, Coahoma's Keiston Harrison and Braden Bitner ran the race in 23:03.43. That was good enough to finish 30th out of a field of 42 competitors.

The Coahoma Cross Country team will be back in action on Saturday, Sept. 15, to race in the Western Texas Invitation Meet in Snyder.

11u Titans win San Angelo Championship



Courtesy photo/Richard Gomez

Coaches left to right - Richard Gomez, Bullet Burchett, Cenebio Gutierrez, Josh Mireles, not pictured-Mark Lozano. Players left to right - Adrain Yanez, Rj Gomez, Jestin Burchett, Andrew Garcia, Isaiah Mireles, Jacobi Lozano, Justice Gutierrez, Izaak Nunez, Urijah Jasso and Ayden Melendez. The titans posing together after winning another big tournament.

Beltre, Andrus back Minor in Rangers' 4-2 win over Angels

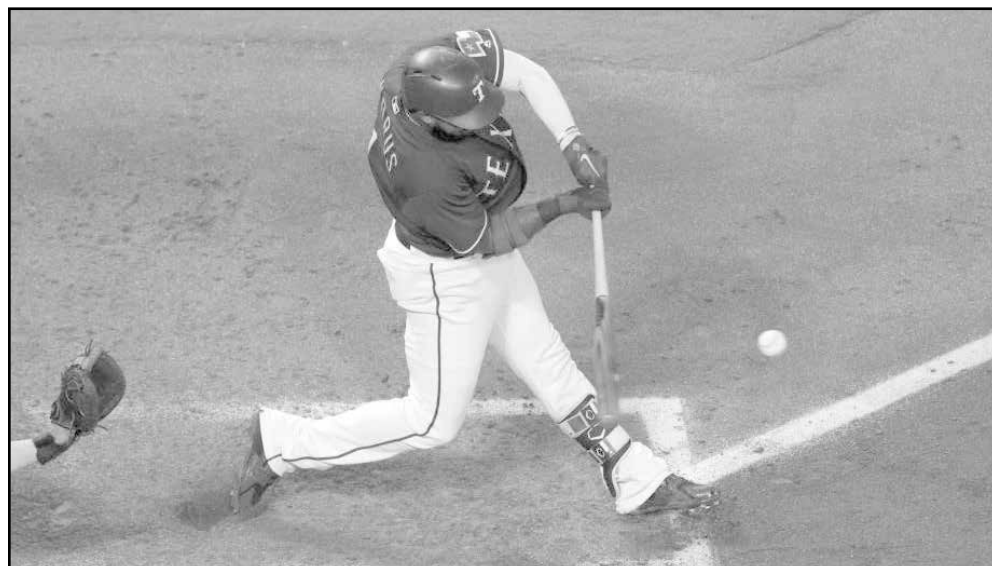
By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — It was another Minor victory for the Texas Rangers, after they went ahead on solo homers by Adrian Beltre and Elvis Andrus.

Mike Minor, a full-time reliever for the Royals last season after missing 2 1/2 years because of surgery for a torn labrum, won for the fifth time in his last six starts as the Rangers beat the Los Angeles Angels 4-2 on Tuesday night.

"I think people at the beginning didn't expect me to have a good season. I think they thought I should go to the bullpen, wasn't cut out to be a starter anymore in my career," the 30-year-old left-hander said. "It does feel good to end like this. A couple of



AP photo

Texas Rangers' Elvis Andrus (1) connects for a home run in the fourth inning in a baseball game against the Los Angeles Angels Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, in Arlington, Texas.

more starts to go."

Andrus hit the first pitch of the fourth inning against Andrew Heaney (8-9) to tie the game at 1. Two batters later, Beltre went deep for the ninth time this season and 471st time in his career to put Texas ahead to stay. He has 3,147 career hits, the most among active players, after that homer and a single in the eighth.

"Huge for those two guys to step up in that situation," manager Jeff Banister said.

Minor (11-7) pitched into the sixth, striking out seven with one walk and a hit batter while allowing two runs and three hits. He has thrown 140 innings in 25 starts for Texas, which has done its best to manage his time on the mound.

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By Steve Becker

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♥ 7 4 3 2
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♥ —
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Tomorrow: The right time to lose a trick.

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This did not really bother him much, since it looked as if at least 11 tricks — five trumps and six spades — were there for the taking. But things took a potential turn for the worse after South took the spade with the king and cashed the king of hearts, on which East showed out.

This caused South to alter his initial plan. Since he was not about to let West ruff one of his good spades, he felt that his only real hope was that West had another spade.

So he drew West's trumps and then led the jack of spades, planning to overtake it with dummy's queen. When West failed to follow suit, there was no way South could come to 10 tricks. He took the jack with the queen, discarded the king of clubs on the ace and led a diamond to his king. West won with the ace, and South finished down two.

There was a simple solution to South's problem, but he failed to see it because it required doing something unusual. All he had to do was to draw two more rounds of trump, leaving a high trump in dummy, and lead the jack of spades.

If West ruffed, the defenders could collect their two aces, but dummy's spades and remaining trump would take the rest of the tricks. And if he didn't ruff, the jack would win and South would then draw the last trump to finish with 11 tricks.

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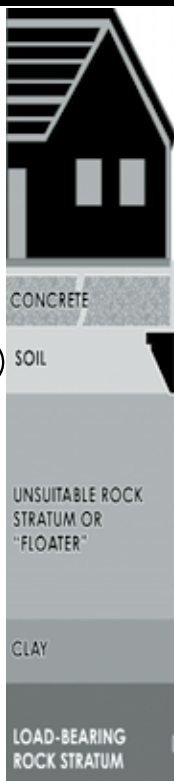
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury Enters Virgo

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



The people who aren't criticized are the ones who aren't doing anything. The moment you decide to put something in the world, you also agree (though perhaps unconsciously) to the comment of others, as it's an inextricable part of the deal. As Mercury enters critical Virgo, bear comment proudly. It means you're doing something.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you enjoy wholesome things, you don't have to choose between a good reputation and a good time. Of course, most people need some spice on their vegetables. This explains the afternoon.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If it's Venus who lends the special stardust of super-attraction, then the lady of the sky practically empties her purse over you today. You're so attractive that you need reminding

to wield that power responsibly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). How important is it to you that the ones you share space with also share your aesthetic sense? Answer: It's just important enough for you to get bothered over a little something tonight. Be cool, be nice, and it all gets worked out.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's nothing that will make you feel more loved than someone listening to you, really giving you their full attention instead of just waiting for their turn to talk. Humor, fun and play all start with listening.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your heart is hungry. Feed it by seeking to connect

with quality people. Romance comes to your life like a cat. Chase it and it runs away. Ignore it and it purrs at your feet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your inner drive for material success will connect you with others who either want the same thing, or who can provide it. If there's one thing that will help, it's a philosophical acceptance of life and its many changing states.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Does it feel like opposing forces are fighting for your soul? More likely it's just a sign that you could do more to help yourself follow your own rules. Is there a way to be happier with what's good for you?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're on a social hot streak. Work the phone, throw a party, take advantage of your popularity. The best relationships start with a solid basis of friendship.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll appreciate the range of people in your life today. Some folks are a par-

ty, some a dirge, and most are a mixed bag of spoils. No one is better than another, and all have their proper place in your scene.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Self-criticism can be constructive if you're fair and if you focus on what you want to improve. Self-bullying isn't the same thing. Recognize the difference.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're usually the giver, so when loved ones take care of you for a change today, it will feel a little strange. Allow it anyway. Balance must be restored.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Mentally trade viewpoints with those you want to influence. What's in it for them? Ask this over and over, as the first answers are likely to be only a small part of the entire dynamic.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 5). This solar return reveals secret answers to life's big questions, many of which were in plain sight all along. For instance, the secret

to finding love is to see it everywhere you look. The secret to a good relationship is to make the other person feel important every day. With these answers, you'll create wonders. Libra and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 44, 42 and 11.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "Can someone born March 1, 1961 be a superstar? Is it too late to be an actor?"

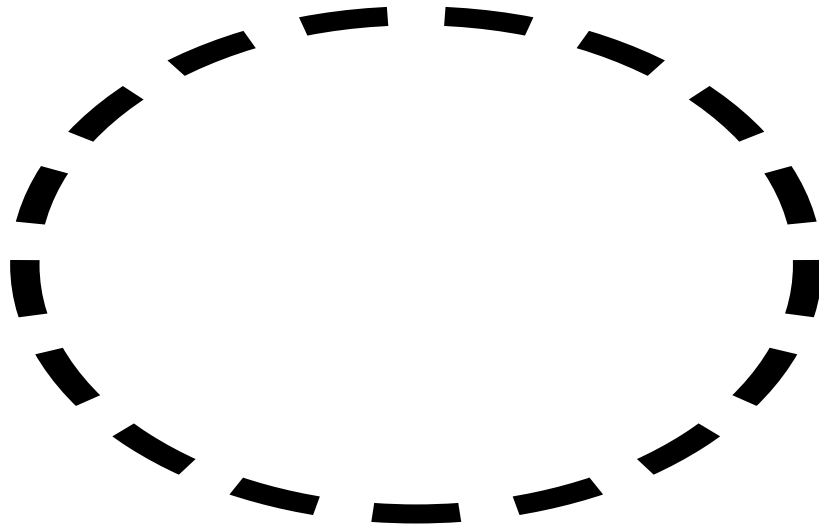
It's never too late to pursue your dreams, though making it in Hollywood could require more stamina, faith, hard work and talent than many other choices. Look seriously at what you are willing to do to make these dreams real, and let that dictate your pursuit. That said, Pisces is a wonderful sign for actors because they can easily wear the persona of others. They come from a wider base of compassion for the human condition than most people and often use their psychic perception to capture the essence of characters on a basic level. They don't intellectualize

while performing but they do understand the concept of "just be" the character. Pisces is the summation of all the other 11 preceding signs. That's why Pisceans are so spiritual -- they really have the ability to see things from another's point of view. Pisces can truly "walk in the shoes of others" as they pick up vibrations from the ground. Being happy in a day job (at least part time) will make you feel at ease while you hone your craft.

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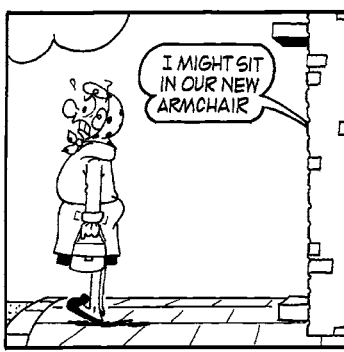
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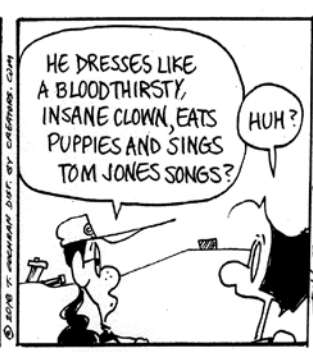
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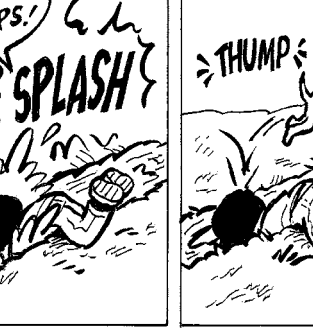
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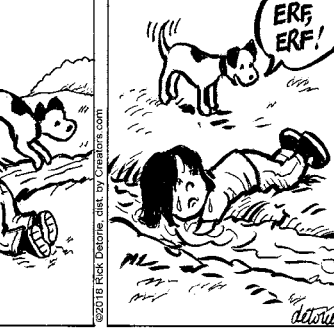
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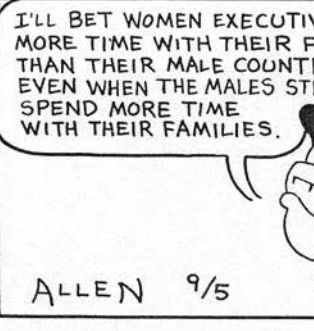
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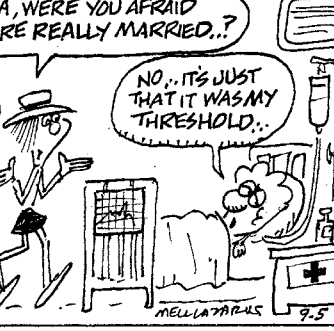
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 5, the 248th day of 2018. There are 117 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Sept. 5, 1972, the Palestinian group Black September attacked the Israeli Olympic delegation at the Munich Games; 11 Israelis, five guerrillas and a police officer were killed in the resulting siege.

On this date:

In 1698, Russia's Peter the Great imposed a tax on beards.

In 1774, the first Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia.

In 1882, the nation's first Labor Day was celebrated with a parade in New York. (Although Labor Day now takes place on the first Monday of September, this first celebration occurred on a Tuesday.)

In 1939, four days after war had broken out in Europe, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a proclamation declaring U.S. neutrality in the conflict.

In 1945, Japanese-American Iva Toguri D'Aquino, suspected of being wartime broadcaster "Tokyo Rose," was arrested in Yokohama. (D'Aquino was later convicted of treason and served six years in prison; she was pardoned in 1977 by President Gerald R. Ford.)

In 1960, at the Rome Olympics, American boxer Cassius Clay (Muhammad Ali) defeated Zbigniew Pietrzykowski (zuh-BIG-nee-ehf pee-eh-cha-KAHF'-skee) of Poland to win the light-heavyweight gold medal; Wilma Rudolph of the United States won the second of her three gold medals with the 200-meter sprint.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy signed legislation making aircraft hijackings a federal crime.

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford escaped an attempt on his life by Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a disciple of Charles Manson, in Sacramento, California.

In 1984, four hijackers who had seized a Pan Am jumbo jet on the ground in Karachi, Pakistan, opened fire when the lights inside the plane failed; a total of 20 people were killed before Pakistani commandos stormed the jetliner.

In 1997, breaking the royal reticence over the death of Princess Diana, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II delivered a

televised address in which she called her former daughter-in-law "a remarkable person." Mother Teresa died in Calcutta, India, at age 87; conductor Sir Georg Solti (johrj SHOL'-tee) died in France at age 84.

In 2002, Afghan President Hamid Karzai (HAH'-mihd KAHR'-zy) survived an assassination attempt in Kandahar, hours after an explosives-packed car tore through a Kabul market.

In 2005, President George W. Bush nominated John Roberts to succeed the late William Rehnquist as chief justice of the United States. An Indonesian jetliner crashed, killing 149 people, including 49 on the ground; 17 passengers survived.

Ten years ago: Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice became the highest-ranking American official in half a century to visit Libya, where she met Moammar Gadhafi. Europe's Rosetta space probe flew by the Steins asteroid 250 million miles from Earth. Publishing giant Robert Giroux, who'd guided and supported dozens of great writers from T.S. Eliot and Jack Kerouac to Bernard Malamud and Susan Sontag, died in Tinton Falls, New Jersey, at age 94.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama, in St. Petersburg for a G-20 summit, pressed fellow world leaders to support a U.S. strike on Syria; however, he encountered opposition from Russia, China and even the European Union, who said it was too soon for military action.

One year ago: President Donald Trump announced that he was phasing out the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, program protecting young immigrants who were brought to the country illegally, but said he was giving Congress six months to come up with an alternative; he later tweeted that if Congress couldn't do so, he would "revisit" the issue. Hurricane Irma strengthened to a Category 5 storm as it approached the northeast Caribbean on a path toward the United States.

Today's Birthdays: Former Federal Reserve Board chairman Paul A. Volcker is 91. Comedian-actor Bob Newhart is 89. Actress-singer Carol Lawrence is 86. Former NFL All-Pro quarterback and college football Hall of Famer Billy Kilmer is 79. Actor William Devane is 79. Actor George Lazenby is 79. Actress Raquel Welch is 78. Movie director Werner Herzog is 76. Singer Al Stewart is 73. Actor-

director Dennis Dugan is 72. College Football Hall of Famer Jerry LeVias is 72. Singer Loudon Wainwright III is 72. Soul/rock musician Mel Collins is 71. "Cathy" cartoonist Cathy Guisewite (GYZ'-wyt) is 68. Actor Michael Keaton is 67. Country musician Jamie Oldaker (The Tractors) is 67. Actress Debbie Turner-Larson (Marta in "The Sound of Music") is 62. Actress Kristian Alfonso is 55.

Rhythm-and-blues singer Terry Ellis is 55. Rock musician Brad Wilk is 50. TV personality Dweezil Zappa is 49. Actress Rose McGowan is 45. Actress Carice Van Houten is 42. Rock musician Kyle O'Quin (Portugal. The Man) is 33. Actor Andrew Ducote is 32. Actress Kat Graham is 32. Olympic gold medal figure skater Yuna Kim is 28. Actor Skandar Keynes is 27.

Thought for Today:

"Those who foresee the future and recognize it as tragic are often seized by a madness which forces them to commit the very acts which makes it certain that what they dread shall happen."

Dame Rebecca West
Irish author and journalist
(1892-1983)

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Censoring sound
 - 6 Put a limit on
 - 9 Church donation of 10%
 - 14 Petroleum-carrying ship
 - 15 Need to pay
 - 16 Very pale
 - 17 "Follow the ___" (Wizard of Oz instruction)
 - 20 Novelist Grafton
 - 21 Damp, as morning lawns
 - 22 Red card suit
 - 23 Shape of some coffee sugar
 - 24 Hydrant attachment
 - 25 Follow ___ (keep up with via social media)
 - 29 Eyelid hair
 - 33 Shingle installer
 - 34 Profound
 - 36 Get the ___ of the land
 - 37 Informal restaurant
 - 38 Commercials, for example
 - 39 Monarch's domain
 - 41 Superlative suffix
 - 42 A few of
 - 44 Minister's speech
 - 45 Take five
 - 47 Follow ___ (do as told)
 - 49 Swelled heads
 - 51 Quick-witted
 - 52 Sign displayed by spectators
 - 55 Actor Sean
 - 56 Luau side dish

- DOWN**
- 1 Lads
 - 2 In ___ of (instead of)
 - 3 Fashion magazine whose name is French for "she"
 - 4 Electrified fish
 - 5 People funding a play
 - 6 Spider's trap
 - 7 Out of kilter
 - 8 Architect I.M.
 - 9 Accepts
 - 10 Tel Aviv's land
 - 11 Norse god of thunder
 - 12 What a furnace provides
 - 13 Concludes
 - 18 Barbecue grill brand
 - 19 Fail in a crisis
 - 23 Informal restaurant
 - 24 Farm implements
 - 25 Command
 - 26 What earplugs cut down on
 - 27 Typefaces
 - 28 More peculiar
 - 30 San Antonio shrine
 - 31 Beauty parlor
 - 32 Religious songs
 - 35 False claims
 - 38 French friends
 - 40 St. Patrick's land
 - 43 Clues for hounds
 - 44 Clue for a hound
 - 46 Two fins
 - 48 Barely manage
 - 50 V-formation fliers
 - 52 Crumbs of food
 - 53 Author unknown: Abbr.
 - 54 Prohibited thing
 - 55 Apple or pear
 - 56 Mexico City money
 - 57 Unlock
 - 58 Spot of land in a sea
 - 60 Hardly any
 - 61 Art on an arm, for short

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Bregman, Gurriel, Astros beat Twins 5-2 for 4th win in row



Houston Astros' Alex Bregman, right, hits a ground-rule double in front of Minnesota Twins catcher Chris Gimenez during the fifth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, in Houston.

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Alex Bregman knows he doesn't have to do too much in a Houston Astros lineup that also features George Springer, Jose Altuve and Carlos Correa.

And that, he says, is what has allowed him to put together the best year of his young career.

Bregman hit three doubles and Yuli Gurriel homered for the second game in a row, leading Justin Verlander and the Astros over the Minnesota Twins 5-2 on Tuesday night for their fourth straight win.

"Just having the guys that I have around me in that lineup allows me to just relax and try to put together a good at-bat," Bregman said, playing down the fact that he's leading the team in almost every offensive category.

Manager A.J. Hinch had no trouble raving about his 24-year-old third baseman, who's in just his second full season in the majors.

"He's just locked in," Hinch said. "When that happens, he leaves very little margin for the pitcher to get him out. And we're seeing that come pretty regularly for him."

Verlander (14-9) yielded one run and three hits while fanning eight over seven innings.

Jorge Polanco homered off reliever Chris Devenski to begin the ninth. After Robbie Grossman walked, Roberto Osuna took over and gave up a single to Tyler Austin with one out. Gurriel then caught Max Kepler's liner and stepped on first to complete the double play and give Osuna his 13th save.

"Obviously, if that ball went through it would have been extra bases," Gurriel said. "So to be able to make that play was very, very important to win that game."

The Astros got to Trevor May (3-1) immediately when Springer hit a leadoff single and scored on a one-out double by Bregman. Tyler White hit an RBI single with two outs to score Bregman and a short mound visit came next.

On the second pitch after the visit, Gurriel sent a ball into the seats in left field for his 10th homer to extend the lead to 4-0.

Twins rookie Kohl Stewart, who was born and grew up in Houston, took over for the second inning and pitched well in front of a large group of friends and family sitting behind the visitor's dugout. He allowed just three hits over five scoreless innings.

"Kohl did a really nice job," manager Paul Molitor said. "I was a little concerned about him with all the peo-

ple he had here at the ballpark, but he made them happy."

Verlander ran into some trouble in the second inning when Grossman singled before Miguel Sano and Kepler drew consecutive walks with one out to load the bases. But Verlander retired Ehire Adrianza before striking out Chris Gimenez to end the threat.

Sano was carted off the field in the inning after injuring his surgically repaired left leg sliding into second base. The team said X-rays were negative and he was listed as day-to-day with a bruise on his lower left leg. Sano had a rod inserted in his left leg in November.

"He was in a lot of pain," Molitor said. "It kind of radiated down to the ankle."

Molitor said Sano would be on crutches for a day as a precaution but that he was optimistic that he wouldn't be out for "too long."

Grossman, who previously played for the Astros, hit an RBI double with two outs in the third that made it 4-1. Verlander started rolling after that, retiring the last 13 batters he faced, with six strikeouts, before Ryan Pressly took over for the eighth inning.

Tony Kemp hit a bunt single to start Houston's seventh and the Astros pushed the lead to 5-1 when Bregman

hit his major league-leading 46th double with two outs.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: RHP Charlie Morton (shoulder discomfort) threw a bullpen session before the game. If he feels good in the next couple of days, he'll come off the disabled list to start against Boston on Saturday. ... INF/OF Marwin Gonzalez was out of the lineup after leaving Monday's game with discomfort in his oblique and is listed as day to day. ... RHP Hector Rondon probably won't pitch for a few days after taking deflecting a line drive off his right hand on Monday.

HOMETOWN GUYS

Stewart became the second pitcher born in Houston to throw five scoreless innings in relief at Minute Maid Park with his performance on Tuesday night. The other player to do it was Matt Albers, who was playing for the Astros when he did it on July 27, 2006.

UP NEXT

Houston rookie LHP Framber Valdez (2-1, 1.26 ERA) opposes Jake Odorizzi (5-9, 4.41) when the series wraps up on Wednesday night. Valdez allowed just two hits and one run in five innings in his last start but took the loss in a 3-0 defeat by the Angels. Odorizzi looks to get back on track after losing his last two starts.



Houston Astros starting pitcher Justin Verlander throws against the Minnesota Twins during the first inning of a baseball game Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, in Houston.

RANGERS

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"Probably couldn't ask for it to work, to this point, any better," Banister said.

Jose Leclerc struck out two in a perfect ninth for his ninth save — all in nine chances since Aug. 4, after the Rangers traded closer Keone Kela to Pittsburgh.

Minor wasn't sure he would ever pitch again during the seasons he missed. The former first-round pick for Atlanta, who started 110 games for the Braves from 2010-14, got over that hurdle with 65 relief appearances for Kansas City last year, then turned down a \$10 million option to stay with the Royals for a three-year deal with Texas and the chance to start again.

Shohei Ohtani hit his 16th homer for the Angels leading off the sixth to end Minor's night. It was Ohtani's first major league homer off a left-handed pitcher, after striking out in his first two at-bats against Minor.

"Just that one home run I hit. I had a couple other opportunities with runners on base and couldn't come through there, so I'm not fully satisfied with my results," Ohtani said through a translator. "But I do think I'm getting better when I'm facing left-handers."

ADRIAN AGAINST THE ANGELS

Beltre played in his 254th career game against the Angels, second only to Hall of Famer Carl Yastrzemski's 280. Beltre has 46 homers and 165 RBIs against the Angels, his most against any team — only Alex Rodriguez (70) and Rafael Palmeiro (49) have more homers, and only A-Rod has more RBIs (169). ... Beltre is 8 for 14 with three homers in his career against Heaney.

CLOSING IT DOWN

Leclerc has thrown 15 consecutive scoreless innings, the longest streak by a Texas pitcher this season. Opponents have 25 strikeouts with only two hits in their last 43 at-bats against Leclerc.

OTHER RUNS

Nomar Mazara had a two-run double for the Rangers in the fifth. ... Andrelton Simmons, the Angels shortstop playing on his 29th birthday, had an RBI groundout in the first.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Angels: Ohtani, the two-way rookie who was in the lineup as the DH, will throw a light bullpen Wednesday. He is then scheduled to throw another one Friday that will determine if he will make his next scheduled pitching start Sunday at the Chicago White Sox. ... CF Mike Trout was hit by a pitch on the right knee when batting in the first inning. He remained in the game and iced his knee afterward. The Angels don't consider it serious.

Rangers: Bartolo Colon, the 45-year-old right-hander, will make his first start since Aug. 20. He was on the disabled list from Aug. 24 to Sept. 1 because of a lower back strain.

UP NEXT

The Angels and Rangers wrap up their second series in Arlington in less than three weeks Wednesday. The two teams at the bottom of the AL West standings still play two more series this season, both in California — next Monday through Wednesday, and then Sept. 24-26 during the last week of the regular season.

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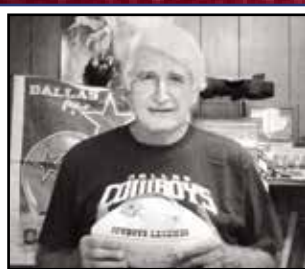
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