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Seliger to hold Town Hall meeting Oct. 1 in Big Spring

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Do you need to bring an issue to the attention of your state government officials? Big Spring's State Senator, Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo), will hold a Town Hall Meeting here Monday, Oct. 1. The meeting will be from 11 a.m. to noon at the Hall Center for the Arts at Howard College.

"I do 37 of them every year in every county that I represent," Seliger said. "I do a town hall meeting in every county that I represent, so everybody I represent has an opportunity to talk about the things that are of interest to them. So I learn a lot going forward developing a legis-

lative program for the next year. It's a great opportunity to see people, and that's what I'm doing."

Seliger said two of the major issues that are important to him are education and healthcare, and listed a few other issues as well.

"We talk a lot about the schools, the public schools; and, certainly when you're in West Texas, higher education," he said. "Then there's all the healthcare issues, from mental health and mental retardation, to criminal justice, and all those issues. The border continues to be a big concern for a lot of people, and the state spends a



HERALD file photo
 In a meet and greet held in February this year, Texas Senator Kel Seliger (second from left) addresses a concern raised by Big Spring resident, Jason Havens. The senator will hold a Town Hall Meeting from 11 a.m. to noon Oct. 1 at the Hall Center for the Arts at Howard College.

Disabled American Veterans MSO makes appearance at VA



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
 From left to right, Disabled American Veterans Department Service Director for the State of Texas Harry Carroll, Commander of the local DAV chapter Ed Meiser, and Senior National Service Officer with the DAV George Karns pose in front of the DAV's Mobile Service Office (MSO), a vehicle which travels around the state helping veterans with questions, claims, benefits, representation, etc. The MSO was at Big Spring's West Texas VA Health Care Center for most of the day Tuesday. Visit www.dav.org for more info.

SMMC's Auxiliary Fashion Fundraiser



Courtesy photo
 Members of the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary pose for a photo op. The hospital is seeking new volunteers to join the ranks of the Auxiliary.

Special to the Herald
 It's that time again! The Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC) Auxiliary's annual jewelry sale is set for tomorrow, Sept. 20 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sept. 21 from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m., in the West Texas Medical

Plaza lobby. Money raised from the sale will benefit the SMMC Auxiliary. "This is one of the biggest fundraisers that they have each year. It is a great opportunity to start working on your Christmas list for the year," Amy Miramontes, SMMC Auxiliary Coordinator, said. "This allows for an opportunity to pur-

chase some unique items and support a good cause at the same time." Throughout the year, the volunteers hold fundraisers and take in donations, which are then distributed back into the hospital and the community. In addition to the jewelry sale, they

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Alive After Five

By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer



Stacey Barr

nity to meet and connect with new people. The Chamber of Commerce agrees that it's important for your business to get out and do some networking, that's why they are presenting "Alive After 5" to the employers of Big Spring. "This is a time for businesses to mingle and get to know other fellow businesses, card swap and get your name out there," said Stacy Barr, board member of the Chamber. "This is a free event where you can bring a friend and introduce them to the Chamber." By regularly networking and pushing yourself to talk to people you don't know, you will get increased

Small business owners use networking as a means to form relationships with others, in like or related fields, that help to expand their business' ability to find new customers, partner and grow. A key element to effective networking is to make you known. The premise being that the more people you meet, the more people there will be to get to know and remember both you and your business. You should use every professional and social opportu-

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United Way Benefit Concert rescheduled for 10/13

By TYLER SCHELLIE
 Staff Writer

The Train Car and United Way of Big Spring and Howard County has found a day in the near future to host their first ever United Way Benefit Concert. This event was initially set to take place on September 8, but was postponed due to the weather. The 2018 Benefit Concert will now take place Saturday October 13, at 7 p.m. The line up of bands has slightly changed but still looks to be a very great show. With live music from the Mike Webb Band, J.R. McNutt, and Eddie Austin, to Big Spring's very own hilarious comic, Adrienne "The

Green Bean Comic" Green, it's sure to be a crowd-pleaser.

It is important to remember what the United Way Benefit Concert does for our community. The whole point of the United



Way in Big Spring and Howard County is to raise money for 14 Health and Human Service partner agencies. The goal this year is \$250,000. This event is free to attend, however

their will be contests, along with food, and drinks available to purchase while you enjoy all of the entertainment. All proceeds will go directly to the

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Obituaries

Sharon Frances Craver

Sharon Frances Craver, 60, of Big Spring, Texas, went to be with the Lord Friday, Sept. 14, 2018, after a lengthy illness. She was born Oct. 4, 1957, to SMSGT James Ignatius Craver and Shirley May (Allor) Craver in Lubbock, Texas at Reese Air Force Base. She moved to Big Spring Texas, in December of 1970 when her father, James, was stationed at Webb Air Force Base where he retired after 30 years of military service. She was a life-long resident of Big Spring, Texas, and a graduate of Big Spring High School in 1975. She resided in Mt. Clemens, MI; Lubbock, Texas, Aviano, Italy, and Big Spring, Texas. Sharon was a devout Christian woman who remained unwavering in her Christian belief. She loved her family dearly and was grateful for her parents, siblings, nieces, nephews, great-niece, and great-nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was an artist who took great pleasure in her artwork. She is survived by her brother, Reverend Jim Craver and sister-in-law Diana Craver of Seguin Texas; sister, Colleen Craver and sister-in-law Debbie Lain of Big Spring, Texas; niece, Stephanie Cross, nephew-in-law, Ben Cross; and great-niece Ryland Cross of New Branufels, Texas; nephew, James Craver, niece-in-law Ying-Xu Craver; and great-nephew, Jing-Yong Craver of Boston, Maine; niece Amanda Kroeker, nephew-in-law Anthony

Dr. "John John" Thompson

Dr. "John John" Thompson also known as Yo-hon, age 46, a resident of Lockesburg, Arkansas died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018, in Midland, Texas.

He was born Dec. 9, 1971, in De Queen, Arkansas. He was a superintendent at Guardian Energy Services and a member of the Old Union Missionary Baptist Church in Lockesburg.

John John was preceded in death by his father, John "Conoco" Thompson; and his grandparents, Leo and Mary Winer and Jack and Betty Thompson.

He is survived by two daughters, Katie and Ashlie Thompson of Blair, Nebraska; his mother, Susie Winer Thompson of Lockesburg; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Janna Thompson of Big

Kroeker, and great-nephew, Aedyn Kroeker of McAllen, Texas; brother-in-law Dero Shaw of Knott, Texas; nephew, Sloan Shaw of Canyon, Texas; cousin, Chuck and Nancy Maul of Florida and their children, and cousin, David and Brenda Maul of Big Spring, Texas and their children. Aunt Patricia Allor and her children; and Aunt Isabelle Allor and her children; and several cousins.

She is preceded in death by her father, SMSGT James Ignatius Craver; mother, Shirley May (Allor) Craver; sister, Jeanine (Craver) Shaw; grandmother, Helen Allor; uncle, Walter Allor Jr.; uncle, Robert (Bob) Allor; aunt, Louise Maul; and aunt, Virginia Kerbleski. Cousins, Ralph Maul, Walter Maul, Bill Maul, Rick Maul.

Visitation is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home and Chapel of Big Spring.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Sept. 21, 2018, at 11 a.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel 301 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas, with Chaplain Brad Daniels, Hospice of West Texas, officiating. Internment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Hospice of West Texas (formerly Compass Hospice) at 1900 S. Gregg, Suite C, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home and Chapel of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: <http://www.myersandsmith.com>.

Paid Obituary

Spring, Texas and Jimmy and Vanessa Thompson of Lockesburg; one sister and brother-in-law, Susie and Brent Carver of Lockesburg; his nieces and nephews, K'Leeh Holt and husband Joey, Cameron and Mason Kyle, Bryce and Jesse Keaton, Linnea and Izabelle Thompson, Marlee, John, Emily, and William James Carver; and a number of aunts, uncles, other relatives, and friends.

Funeral services for John John will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Sept. 21, 2018, in the Old Union Missionary Baptist Church with his uncle Danny White, Bro. Donny Davis, and Bro. Tate Keith officiating. Burial will follow in Old Union Cemetery under the direction of Wilkerson Funeral Home in De Queen.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m.-8 p.m., Thursday the 20th at the funeral home. Please come as you feel comfortable or wear camo, red, Razorback or Husker colors.

You may leave a condolence on-line at www.wilkersonfuneralhomes.com.

Timothy Thomas "Tim" Drinkard



Timothy Thomas "Tim" Drinkard, 66, of Big Spring, died Friday, Sept. 14, 2018, at Midland Memorial Hospital. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Tim was born Feb. 23, 1952, to Evelyn Fields Drinkard and Troy Ballard Drinkard in Melvin, Texas.

He is survived by one daughter, Sherida Drinkard of Big Spring; one sister, Jane Doane and husband Richard of Eden; a sister-in-law, Ronda Hooper of Big Spring; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Bertie Lee (Brown) Pinkard

Bertie Lee (Brown) Pinkard, age 75, died, Sept. 13, 2018. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Sept. 22, 2018, at the First Baptist Church of Hamlin. Visitation will be 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 21, 2018, at Adams-Foster-Ray Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Hamlin Memorial Cemetery.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Pine St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of S Anderson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Ohio. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **OUTSIE RUBBISH FIRE** was reported in the 1200 block of Douglas. It was contained.

Police, Sheriff Reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DOYCE RAY COYLE**, 49, of 3307 Auburn, was arrested on a charge of assault fam/house member impede.

- **CALEB JAMES LOVELESS**, 24, of 1517 E 17th St., was arrested on a warrant of theft less than \$100.

- **FOLLOW-UP REPORT** was reported in the 2000 block of S Gregg, on Gail Hwy and N FM 700, in the 1500 block of Dawson

Apartments, in the 100 block of Carey St., and in the 1900 block of S Gregg St.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.

- **BURGLARY OF VEHICLE** was reported in the 1600 block of E 17th St.

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 3200 block of E Hwy 350.

- **RUNAWAY** was reported in the 100 block of Carey St.

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the follow-

ing activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DOYCE RAY COYLE**, 49, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault fam/house member impede.

- **CALEB JAMES LOVELESS**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of theft less than \$100.

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- The Permian Basin Stand Down, an event for veterans sponsored by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Commemorative Air Force, will be held Wednesday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Commemorative Air Force Hangar, High Sky Wing, at 9612 Wright Drive in Midland. Food, services, and resources for veterans will be provided. If you served in the United States Armed Forces, you're invited to find out what VA and community resources are available to you and your family. If you have your DD214, Military ID or VA ID Card, bring them to the event. If you don't have any of those, you can still come to the event and the VA will help you obtain them. Volunteers are also needed for the event. For more information or to volunteer, call 432-263-7361 ext. 7456.

- 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 Basaldua 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.

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.

- 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.

- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. t 501 Birdwell Lane.

For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

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10 Things to Know for Today

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. WHAT KAVANAUGH ACCUSER IS INSISTING

Christine Blasey Ford wants the FBI to investigate her decades-old allegation that she was sexually assaulted by the Supreme Court nominee before testifying on Capitol Hill.

2. KOREAS SUMMIT PRODUCES SWEEPING AGREEMENTS

Kim Jong Un promises to permanently dismantle North Korea's main nuclear complex if the U.S. takes corresponding measures.

3. 'A NIGHTMARE THAT JUST WON'T END'

Those are the words of North Carolina's governor, who is pleading with thousands of hurricane evacuees to be patient and not return home just yet.

4. FEELING YOUR PAIN

When Trump visits hurricane-flooded North Carolina, he'll be just the latest U.S. president to tread the tricky politics of national disasters.

5. ELIZABETH SMART REASSURED BY AUTHORITIES

Wanda Barzee, who helped kidnap Smart when she was 14 and stood by as she was sexually assaulted, will be closely watched when she's released from prison.

6. TAX LAW LIMIT ON DEDUCTIONS A CAMPAIGN ISSUE

Democrats are focusing on the potential for the new GOP tax law to hurt certain voters in high-tax states such as California, New Jersey and New York.

7. TRUMP: DECLASSIFIED RUSSIA PROBE PAPERS EXPOSE 'BAD THINGS'

Experts say the president's decision may expose sensitive sources and methods and brush up against privacy law protections.

8. CHINA'S PREMIER APPEALS FOR FREE TRADE

Li Keqiang is advocating more open markets and promising to improve conditions for foreign companies amid the escalating U.S.-Chinese tariff battle.

9. NOT-SO-NICE CANADIANS INVADING US WATERS

Experts say aggressive green crabs migrating from Nova Scotia are a threat to the coastal ecosystem.

10. CALIFORNIA CITY LATEST TO REDO 'SEXIST' SCHOOL DRESS CODE

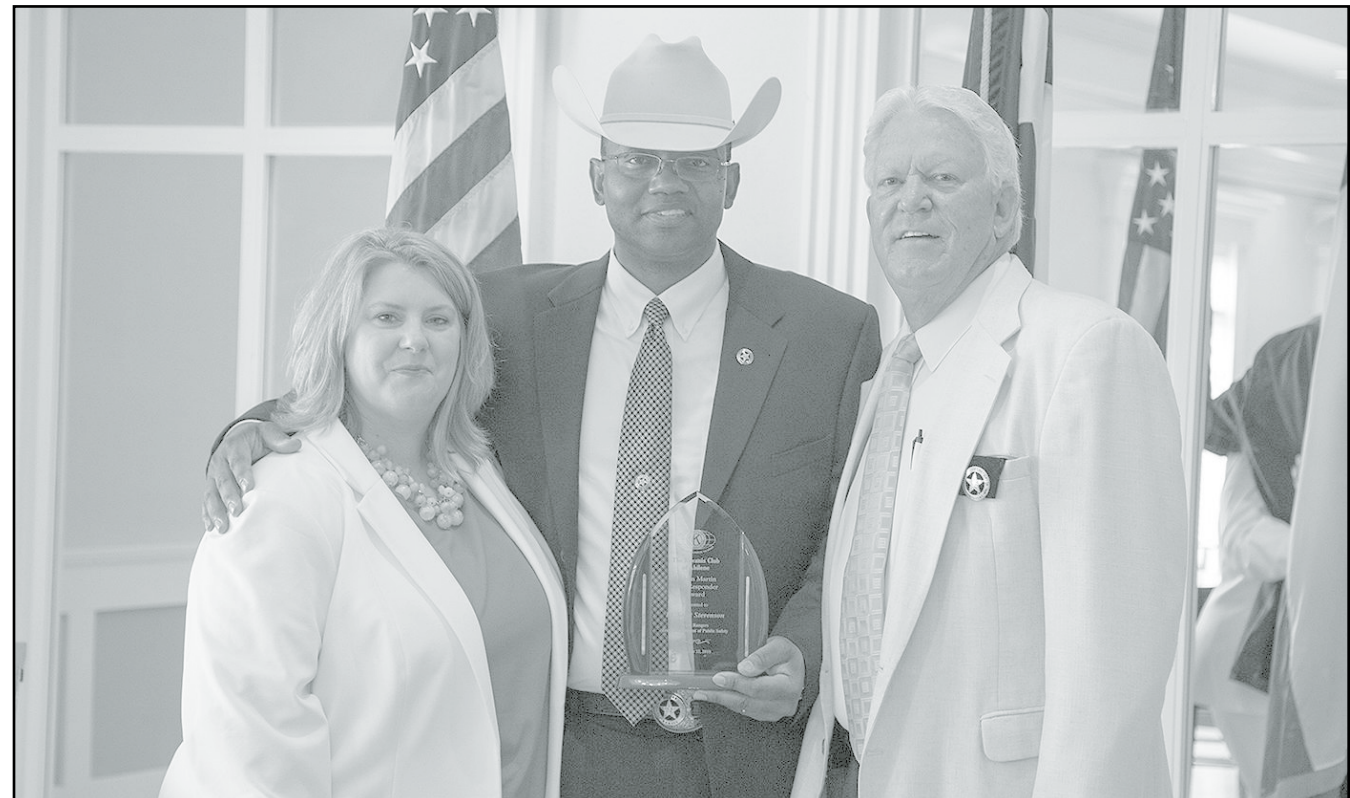
A school district near San Francisco becomes the latest to adopt a dress code allowing midriff-baring shirts and short shorts that it says is less sexist.



Augustin Dieudomme looks out at the flooded entrance to his apartment complex near the Cape Fear River as it continues to rise in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence in Fayetteville, N.C., Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018.

AP photo

Melvin Martin named First Responder of the Year



Courtesy photo

In the photo above, Ranger Scott Stevenson (center) and his wife Dwenette Stevenson (left) pose for a photo with retired Abilene Police Chief, Melvin Martin (right).

Special to the Herald

ABILENE - A Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Texas Ranger was selected to receive the Melvin Martin First Responder of the Year award. Texas

Ranger Scott Stevenson, of Lubbock, accepted the award Wednesday, Sept. 12, by the Kiwanis Club of Abilene.

The award is named after retired Abilene Police Chief Melvin Martin, who presented

the award. This honor is for first responders who have demonstrated great ability and dedication to their profession and community.

Ranger Stevenson graduated from Abilene High School in 1992. He

attended Hardin-Simmons University and later graduated from the DPS academy in 1996. Prior to becoming a Texas Ranger, Stevenson served in the Abilene district as a Texas Highway Patrol Sergeant.

SMMC

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have a bake sale, operate the gift shop and sell popcorn Monday through Friday.

"While the majority of the funds have been used to support different areas of the hospital, the outreach doesn't stop there. The ladies love to get involved and lend a helping hand wherever there is a need," Miramontes said. "You will often see these ladies helping volunteer at different hospital events and throughout the community."

Over the years, funds have been used to purchase new chairs, redo the gift shop and purchase new furniture for the lobby. The group has also provided scholarships for those who decide to go back to school to further their certifications, or for those who are entering the nursing program.

"We hope that the community will come out and see what they can find. There really is something for everyone included in the sale. We call it a jewelry sale, but there are clothes, children's items, purses and even some gift items for men," Miramontes said. "This is also a great time for anyone interested in volunteering to come out and speak to one of our volunteers and see some of the things that we do."

The West Texas Medical Plaza is located at 1601 W. Eleventh Place, next to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. For more information, or to find out how to donate to the SMMC Auxiliary, please call Miramontes at 432-268-4809.

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confidence. This is really important as a business owner, because your business growth is very dependent on talking to people and making connections.

Networking is great for people that aren't as confident, as it really pushes them to grow and learn how to make conversations and lasting connections with people they don't know. "Also during this event, there will be refreshments provided by the co-host, Connie Stickland, with Dickey's Barbecue Pit," said Barr. "The Alive After 5 is really a networking tool. We encourage others to come and see who else is out there, and to get a chance to know who they are and what they do."

It's not WHAT you know, but WHO you know. This old adage is

absolutely true when it comes to building successful businesses. To grow your small business quickly, you will need to have a strong source of relevant connections in your network that you can call on when you need them. The Alive After 5 can be a way to open the door to talk to highly influential people that you wouldn't otherwise be able to easily talk to or find.

Alive After 5 will take place at All Washed Up on Tuesday, Sept. 25. If you would like to host an Alive After 5, please call the Chamber and they will let you know the details at 432-263-7641.

MEETING

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lot of money and manpower on the border. And then, just whatever people want to talk about."

The Town Hall meeting will start with a brief speech by Seliger, followed by a question and answer period, he said.

"The format's generally that I'll come in and give an update on the last legislative session if necessary, and talk about what I see coming and what I think are some of the interests of the legislators coming in, and then just talk about things that interest people. Public schools and higher education will be a big part of that topic because of Big Spring and Coahoma schools, and Howard College and the Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, and so once we get past those, there will be the usual concerns that people have, and now and then people will surprise me with something I hadn't thought of."

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2019 United Way campaign. "Leading up to the new date, please keep in mind we are still selling contest entries that you can come by the United Way office, or call me at 816-3573, to purchase them," Director of United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, Christian Fair said. Contact Staff Writer Tyler Schellie at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

The series of town hall meetings is useful to Seliger to help develop his plan as a state legislator.

"Big Spring will be a good-sized town hall meeting. It's always very friendly but earnest exchange, because people have legitimate concerns or problems that they would like legislature to address," he said. "This has been a very important process for me."

For more information about State Senator Kel Seliger, visit senate.texas.gov/member.php?d=31.

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Ex-Texas sheriff gets sentence reduced for racketeering

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — A federal judge reduced the sentence of a former South Texas sheriff who headed a criminal enterprise that protected drug traffickers and took thousands of dollars in bribes.

Former Cameron County Sheriff Conrado Cantu's new release date, Sept. 28, 2020, is nearly six years earlier than his old one and is based on new sentencing guidelines, the Brownsville Herald reported. He was county sheriff from January 2001 until December 2004.

Cantu was originally sentenced in 2005 to more than 24 years in prison. He pleaded guilty to leading a criminal enterprise engaged in extortion, drug trafficking, obstruction of state and local law enforcement efforts, witness tampering and bribery. U.S. District Judge Marina Garcia Marmolejo in August ordered Cantu's sentence to be reduced to 17.5 years motion because the U.S. Sentencing Commission in 2014 changed how sentencing guidelines are calculated for drug offenses.

The federal commission has allowed the changes to apply retroactively, affecting Cantu's sentence. Cantu was previously scheduled to be released in 2026.

Cantu acknowledged that he solicited and extorted bribes from drug traffickers while serving as county sheriff in exchange for protection from investigations and raids. The former sheriff also admitted to protecting illegal gambling den owners.

Prosecutor: Texas man mistaken as thief shot with hands up

DALLAS (AP) — A prosecutor says a Dallas-area man mistaken for a thief last year as he tried to unlock his own truck had his hands in the air and was begging not to be shot when a police officer shot him twice.

Dallas County prosecutor Bryan Mitchell told jurors Tuesday during opening statements in the trial of former Mesquite officer Derick Wiley that Lyndo Jones was struck in the back as Jones backed away.

Wiley, who was subsequently fired from the department, is charged with aggravated assault in the Nov. 8 shooting. Jones sustained injuries that required repeated hospital stays.

Authorities have said Jones was shot after officers responded to a report of someone breaking into a vehicle, setting off its alarm.

An attorney for Wiley says he was forced to make a split-second decision.

Constable: Children, 12 and 11, suspects in Houston crimes

HOUSTON (AP) — Authorities say 12- and 11-year-old children arrested over the weekend in Houston are part of a group of juveniles responsible for a series of robberies, carjackings and other crimes.

Harris County Precinct 5 Constable Ted Heap said in a statement Tuesday that a 14-year-old was arrested a day earlier and that the investigation may yield additional arrests.

Heap says the three children were arrested for their involvement in an attack Sept. 9 on a 76-year-old man who was out for an evening walk. He says the man was beaten with his walking cane by suspects who demanded money at gunpoint before running away.

Authorities are not releasing the names of the suspects because they're juveniles.

Heap says the children may be connected to more than two-dozen crimes reported since May.

With declassification, Trump preps latest Russia probe punch

By **CHAD DAY** and **MARY CLARE JALONICK**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has opened a new front in his efforts to discredit the origins of the Justice Department's Russia probe, with the White House saying he will declassify a trove of documents and publicly release text messages of former FBI officials after calls from a small group of his Republican allies in Congress to do so.

The declassification announcement came as part of Trump's continued efforts to undermine special counsel Robert Mueller's probe in the wake of the guilty plea of his former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, and amid the ongoing grand jury investigation into a long-time associate, Roger Stone. The president also made the decision as he dealt with a separate firestorm surrounding his Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh, and a sexual assault allegation.

It was unclear how soon the documents would be released. The White House on Monday evening announced that Trump would declassify a portion of a secret surveillance warrant application and also direct the Justice Department to release text messages and

documents involving several top Justice Department and FBI officials whom he has attacked over the last year, including former FBI Director James Comey.

"Really bad things were happening, but they are now being exposed. Big stuff!" Trump tweeted Tuesday morning.

In comments later at the White House, the president said he wants "total transparency," returning to his usual refrain that the Russia investigation is a "witch hunt."

"The things that have been found over the last couple of weeks about text messages back and forth are a disgrace to our nation," he said, adding: "I think it's a good thing because we should open it up for people to see."

The move comes after a small group of Republicans in Congress, all staunch allies of Trump, held a news conference last week asking him to declassify the documents. Democrats criticized the effort, saying the GOP lawmakers were trying to discredit the Justice Department in an effort to protect Trump from Mueller's investigation.

Trump made a similar move in February when the

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AP photo

President Donald Trump speaks during a news conference with Polish President Andrzej Duda in the East Room of the White House, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018, in Washington.

US again slashing number of refugees it will accept



AP photo

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo finishes speaking about refugees as he makes a statement to the media Monday, Sept. 17, 2018, at the State Department in Washington.

By **SUSANNAH GEORGE**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For a second straight year the U.S. will slash the number of refugees it will accept, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said, insisting amid criticism from human rights groups that the country is still committed to providing sanctuary to people fleeing the world's danger zones.

Up to 30,000 refugees will be allowed into the country next year, down from a cap of 45,000 this year. It will be the lowest ceiling on admissions since the program began

in 1980. The announcement Monday came despite calls from global humanitarian groups that this year's cap of 45,000 was too low.

The reduction drew harsh criticism from Democratic lawmakers.

"The Trump administration is not only abandoning America's long bipartisan history of humanitarian leadership, but also threatening national and regional security," Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California and Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois said in a joint statement on Tuesday.

Sen. Bob Menendez of New Jersey called the decision "truly repugnant" while Rep. Eliot Engel of New

York said it will "surely go down as one of the ugliest chapters" in Donald Trump's presidency.

An analyst with the CATO Institute, a libertarian think tank in Washington, also criticized the lower cap, saying the Trump administration is "shrinking the refugee program at exactly the moment when the number of people who need to flee violence has reached the highest level in decades."

David Bier said the new ceiling "simply cannot be justified" and pointed to a Trump administration analysis that "found that refugees are fiscally beneficial to the U.S. government, and the chance of a refugee killing a U.S. resident is less than 1 in 3.6 billion annually."

Pompeo sought to head off potential criticism of the reduction by noting that the U.S. would process more than 280,000 asylum claims in addition to more than 800,000 already inside the country who are awaiting a resolution of their claims.

"These expansive figures continue the United States' long-standing record as the most generous nation in the world when it comes to protection-based immigration and assistance," he said.

The 30,000 cap is the maximum number of refugees the U.S. will admit during the fiscal year that starts Oct. 1. The actual number allowed in could be lower. So far this year, the U.S. has only admitted 20,918 refugees for the fiscal year set to end in two weeks, according

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White House, over the objections of the FBI and intelligence community, cleared the way for the Republican-led House intelligence committee to release a partisan memo about the surveillance warrant on former Trump campaign adviser Carter Page. Democrats weeks later released their own memo.

The disclosures were unprecedented given that surveillance warrants obtained from the secret court are highly classified and are not meant to be publicly disclosed, including to defendants preparing for or awaiting trial.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders announced Trump's latest decision in a written statement Monday evening, saying the president had directed the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the Justice Department to declassify the documents. Those departments have since said they have begun a declassification review of the materials.

According to the White House, Trump declassified 21 pages of the 101-page June 2017 application to renew a warrant obtained under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, or FISA, to monitor Page's communications in 2016.

Those pages only make up a small part of the 412 pages of FISA applications and court orders related to Page released by the FBI earlier this year in heavily redacted format.

The June 2017 application was the last of four filed by the Justice Department in support of FISA court orders allowing the monitoring of Page. His communications were monitored for nearly a year starting in October 2016.

According to the redacted version, three of the declassified pages involve information included in a section titled "The Russian Government's Coordinated Efforts to Influence the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election." That section includes reference to potential coordination between people associated with Trump's campaign and the Russian election interference effort.

The other 18 pages appear to relate to information the government submitted that came from former British spy Christopher Steele before the presidential election. Steele was a longtime FBI informant whose Democratic-funded research into Trump ties to Russia was compiled into a dossier that has become a partisan lightning rod since its publication in January 2017.

Besides the FISA applications pages, the president is declassifying all FBI reports documenting interviews in connection with the Page surveillance warrant and those documenting interviews with senior Justice Department official Bruce Ohr, who was in contact with Steele.

According to Sanders' statement, Trump also directed the Justice Department to publicly release in full the text messages of Comey, Ohr, former acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe, former FBI lawyer Lisa Page and former FBI special agent Peter Strzok that are related to the Russia investigation.

The declassification decision and order for public release of the documents was quickly praised by Trump allies in Congress and attacked by Democrats.

"Transparency wins. This is absolutely the right call from @POTUS," said Rep. Mark Meadows, a North Carolina Republican, on Twitter.

Meadows, who had pushed for the documents' release, said it will allow the American people to decide "what happened at the highest levels of their FBI and Justice Department."

And the No. 3 Republican in the House, Louisiana Rep. Steve Scalise, tweeted that Trump made the right call.

"Americans deserve the truth about these egregious actions by government officials," Scalise said.

But Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the ranking Democrat on the House intelligence committee, called Trump's decision a "clear abuse of power" intended to advance a "false narrative" to help in his defense from Mueller's probe.

Schiff said the FBI and the Justice Department had said releasing the documents would cross a "red line" because doing so would compromise sources and methods.

Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland and Rep. Jerrold Nadler of New York, the ranking Democrats on the House Oversight and Judiciary committees, said in a statement that Trump's actions were a "direct and frantic response" to Manafort's recent guilty plea and cooperation agreement with Mueller.

Trade war escalates as China announces tariffs on US imports



In this July, 5, 2018, file photo, a jockey truck passes a stack of 40-foot China Shipping containers at the Port of Savannah in Savannah, Ga.

By **JOE McDONALD**

AP Business Writer

BEIJING — The U.S.-China trade war escalated further Tuesday, with China announcing retaliatory tax increases on \$60 billion worth of U.S. imports, including coffee, honey and industrial chemicals.

The increases are in response to the U.S. announcing it will impose tariffs on \$200 billion worth of Chinese-made goods starting next week. The tariffs will start at 10 percent, then rise to 25 percent on Jan. 1.

China's Finance Ministry said its tariff increases are aimed at curbing "trade friction" and the "unilateralism and protectionism of the United States."

There was no word on whether China would back out of trade talks it said it was invited to by the U.S., but a Chinese Commerce Ministry statement said the U.S. increase "brings new uncertainty to the consultations."

The two countries have already imposed import taxes on \$50 billion worth of each other's goods. President Donald Trump threatened to add an additional \$267 billion in Chinese imports to the target list if China retaliated for the latest U.S. taxes. That would raise the total affected by U.S. penalties to \$517 billion, covering nearly everything China sells to the United States.

The American Chamber of Commerce in China warned Tuesday that Washington is underestimating Beijing's determination to fight back.

"The downward spiral that we have previously warned about now seems certain to materialize," said William Zarit, the chamber's chairman.

At the root of the trade war are U.S. complaints about China's plans to try to overtake U.S. technological supremacy. Those plans include "Made in China 2025," which calls for creating powerful Chinese entities to compete in robotics and other fields. The U.S. says the plans are based on

stolen technology, violate China's market-opening commitments and might erode American industrial leadership.

American companies and trading partners including the European Union and Japan have longstanding complaints about Chinese market barriers and industrial policy. But they object to Trump's tactics and warn the dispute could chill global economic growth and undermine international trade regulation.

Trump has strained relations with potential allies including the European Union, Canada and Mexico by raising tariffs on imported steel and aluminum. He demanded Canada and Mexico renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement to make it more favorable to the United States.

Trump has also complained about America's gaping trade deficit — \$336 billion last year — with China, its

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to State Department records.

President Barack Obama raised the ceiling to 110,000 in 2017, but the pace slowed dramatically after Trump took office and issued an executive order addressing refugees. In 2016, the last full year of the Obama administration, the U.S. welcomed nearly 85,000 refugees.

Pompeo said the lower ceiling reflected commitment to aiding families forced to flee their homes by war, persecution or natural disasters while "prioritizing the safety and well-being of the American people." He cited the case of an Iraqi refugee who was arrested in California for killing a policeman in his homeland while fighting for the Islamic State organization.

"This year's proposed refugee ceiling must be considered in the context of the many other forms of protection and assistance offered by the United States," he said, citing U.S. contributions to foreign aid and other forms of humanitarian assistance.

Amnesty International accused the Trump administration of "abandoning" refugees with the lower cap.

"This is the lowest goal in the history of the program, and compounded by this administration's history of creating road block after road block for refugees to arrive, this must be perceived as an all-out attack against our country's ability to resettle refugees both now and in the future," said Ryan Mace of Amnesty International.

Worldwide, there were some 25.4 million refugees last year, according to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, with many more people internally displaced within their home countries. Most aid groups and governments advocate resettlement as a last resort, preferring to allow refugees to return to their homes if conditions improve, rather than permanently moving to another country.

During the ceiling announcement Monday Pompeo advocated U.S. efforts "to end conflicts that drive displacement in the first place and to target the application of foreign aid in a smarter way."

Trump has made limiting immigration a centerpiece of his policy agenda. The Trump administration's "zero-tolerance" policy that forcibly separated families at the U.S. southern border sparked outrage among Republicans and Democrats alike.

Last year Trump temporarily banned visitors from a handful of Muslim-majority nations, and he insists he'll build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Trump has linked increased immigration to increased crime in the United States. Yet, according to resettlement agencies in the United States, the U.S. vetting process is one of the world's toughest. Of the 3 million refugees admitted to the U.S. since 1975, not one has been arrested for carrying out a lethal terror attack on U.S. soil, according to resettlement agencies.

Most applicants to the U.S. refugee program spend at least three years being interviewed, undergoing biometric checks and medical exams, and filling out paperwork. Cases are screened by the Defense Department, FBI, the Department of Homeland Security and other agencies.

After they are resettled, refugees continue to undergo security checks in the United States for five years or more.

The Trump administration added requirements, including longer background checks and more screenings for females and males between 14 and 50 from certain countries, including Iraq.

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1st private moon flight passenger to invite creative guests



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SpaceX founder and chief executive Elon Musk, left, shakes hands with Japanese billionaire Yusaku Maezawa, right, after announcing him as the first private passenger on a trip around the moon, Monday, Sept. 17, 2018, in Hawthorne, Calif.

CHRISTOPHER WEBER

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — After announcing that he'll take the first-ever commercial rocket trip around the moon, Yusaku Maezawa said he wants company for the weeklong journey. The Japanese billionaire said he plans to invite six to eight artists, architects, designers and other creative people to join him on board the SpaceX rocket "to inspire the dreamer in all of us."

The Big Falcon Rocket is scheduled to make the trip in 2023, SpaceX founder Elon Musk announced at an event Monday at its headquarters near Los Angeles.

Maezawa, 42, said he wants his guests for the lunar orbit "to see the moon up close, and the Earth in full view, and create work to reflect their experience."

Musk said the entrepreneur, founder of Japan's largest retail website and one of the country's richest people, will pay "a lot of money" for the trip but declined to disclose the exact amount. Maezawa came to SpaceX with the idea for the group flight, Musk said.

"I did not want to have such a fantastic experience by myself," said Maezawa, wearing a blue sports jacket over a white T-shirt printed with a work by the late painter Jean-Michel Basquiat. He said he often mused about what artists like Basquiat or Andy Warhol might have come up with if they'd traveled into space.

"I wish to create amazing works of art for humankind," Maezawa said.

Maezawa didn't immediately say who will be on his guest list for the spaceflight, but in response to a question from a reporter he said he'd consider inviting Musk.

"Maybe we'll both be on it," Musk said with a smile.

Musk said the BFR is still in development and will make several unmanned test launches before it takes on passengers. The reusable 118-meter (387-foot) rocket will have its own dedicated passenger ship, and its development is expected to cost about \$5 billion, Musk said.

The mission will not involve a lunar landing.

The average distance from Earth to the moon is about 237,685 miles (382,500 kilometers). Astronauts last visited the moon during NASA's Apollo program. Twenty-four men flew to the moon from 1968 through 1972, and half of them made it to the lunar surface.

NASA is planning its own lunar flyby with a crew around 2023. The space agency also aims to build a staffed gateway near the moon during the 2020s. The outpost would serve as a stepping-off point for the lunar surface, Mars and points beyond.

Maezawa, a former musician, founded the retail firm Start Today in 1998 and built it into one of Japan's most successful companies. In 2012, he started the Tokyo-based Contemporary Art Foundation to support young artists. He made headlines in 2016 when he paid more than \$57 million at auction for an untitled work by Basquiat. A year later, he paid more than \$110 million auction for another piece by the same artist.

Musk outlined a somewhat different SpaceX lunar mission last year. He said then that two people who know each other approached the company about a weeklong flight to the moon and back. Musk did not name the clients last year or say how much they would pay.

That original mission would have used a Falcon Heavy rocket — the most powerful rocket flying today — and a Dragon crew capsule similar to the one NASA astronauts will use to fly to the International Space Station as early as next year.

The era of space tourism began in 2001, when California businessman Dennis Tito paid for a journey on a Russian rocket to the International Space Station. The trip was organized by the Virginia-based company Space Adventures, which has since sent several more paying customers on spaceflights.

SpaceX already has a long list of firsts, with its sights ultimately set on Mars. It became the first private company to launch a spacecraft into orbit and safely return it to Earth in 2010, and the first commercial enterprise to fly to the space station in 2012 on a supply mission.

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biggest trading partner.

"China has had many opportunities to fully address our concerns," Trump said in a statement. "I urge China's leaders to take swift action to end their country's unfair trade practices."

The trade gap means China will run out of U.S. imports to tax while the U.S. still has plenty of Chinese imports to target. But Beijing has other ways to retaliate. American companies say regulators are already starting to disrupt their operations.

Last week, the American Chambers of Commerce in China and in Shanghai reported 52 percent of more than 430 companies that responded to a survey said they

have faced slower customs clearance and increased inspections and bureaucratic procedures.

The U.S. taxes are targeting Chinese goods that Washington says have benefited from improper industrial policies. Beijing's tariffs have hit soybeans and other farm goods from states that voted for Trump in 2016.

"Contrary to views in Washington, China can — and will — dig its heels in and we are not optimistic about the prospect for a resolution in the short term," said Zarit of the American Chamber of Commerce. "No one will emerge victorious from this counter-productive cycle."

In the first two rounds of tariffs, the Trump administration took care to try to spare American consumers from the direct impact of the import taxes. The tariffs fo-

cused on industrial products, not on things Americans buy at the mall or via Amazon.

By expanding the list to \$200 billion of Chinese products, Trump may spread the pain to ordinary households. The administration is targeting a bewildering variety of goods — from sockeye salmon to baseball gloves to bamboo mats — forcing U.S. companies to scramble for suppliers outside China, absorb the import taxes or pass along the cost to their customers.

The U.S. government did withdraw some items from its preliminary list of imports to be taxed, including child-safety products such as bicycle helmets. And in a victory for Apple Inc., the administration removed smart watches and some other consumer electronics products.

Putin seeks to defuse downing of Russian plane off Syria

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV
Associated Press

MOSCOW — A Russian reconnaissance aircraft was shot down by Syria forces responding to an Israeli airstrike, killing all 15 people aboard, in what President Vladimir Putin said Tuesday was "a chain of tragic accidental circumstances."

The downing of the Il-20 highlighted the dangers posed by the conflicting interests of various powers in the crowded skies over Syria and threatened the close security ties between Russia and Israel.

In an effort to maintain that relationship, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu quickly called Putin to express sorrow over the death of the plane's crew, blamed the plane's loss squarely on Syria and offered to send Israel's air force chief to Moscow to share information about the incident.

The Russian military said the plane was hit 35 kilometers (22 miles) offshore late Monday night as it was returning to the Russian air base in Syria.

The incident triggered testy exchanges of blame between Israel and Russia.

The Israeli military said its fighter jets were targeting a Syrian military facility involved in providing weapons for Iran's proxy Hezbollah militia, noting that it warned Russia of the coming raid in line with de-confliction agreements. It said the Syrian army launched the missiles that hit the plane when the Israeli jets were already inside Israeli airspace.

But the Russian Defense Ministry said the Israeli warning came less than a minute before the strike, leaving the Russian aircraft in the line of fire. It pointedly accused the Israeli military of deliberately using the Russian plane as a cover to dodge the Syrian defenses and threatened to retaliate.

"The Israeli pilots were using the Russian aircraft as a shield and pushed it into the line of fire of the Syrian air defense," said Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov.

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu called his Israeli counterpart, Avigdor Lieberman, to declare that "the Israeli side bears full responsibility" for the plane's downing and to warn that Russia "reserves the right to retaliate."

But Putin took a more cautious tone, describing the incident as "a chain of tragic accidental circumstances." At the same time, he said Russia will respond by "taking additional steps to protect our servicemen and assets in Syria."

"It will be the steps that everyone will notice," he said without elaboration.

Netanyahu, who has maintained warm personal ties with Putin and frequently traveled to Russia for Syria-focused talks, noted the need for Russia and Israel to continue coordinating their action in Syria. At the same time, he emphasized Israel would not tolerate the Iranian military presence in Syria.

Putin told Netanyahu that the Israeli raid violated Syria's sovereignty and breached the Russian-Israeli de-confliction agreement. He urged the Israeli side "not to allow such situations to happen again," according to the Kremlin.

Israel has refrained from taking sides in the Syrian civil war, but it has carried out scores of airstrikes against arch-enemy Iran and its Shiite proxy Hezbollah.

Israel has acknowledged attacking Iranian targets some 200 times, and Israel and Russia have maintained a hotline to prevent clashes between their forces in Syria. Israeli military officials have previously praised its effectiveness.

"Until now, Russia's armed forces have granted Israeli jets the freedom to strike targets in Syria at will, on the condition that a sufficiently early warning is provided to Russia," said Charles Lister, a Syria expert with the Washington-based Middle East Institute. "The glue binding this gentleman's agreement — the Putin-Netanyahu personal relationship — will likely tide this issue over for the time being."

Moscow has played a delicate diplomatic game of maintaining friendly relations with both Israel and Iran. In July, Moscow said that it struck a deal with Tehran to keep its fighters 85 kilometers (53 miles) from the Golan Heights to accommodate Israeli security concerns.

In response to Israeli worries, Russia also has shelved plans to arm Syria with sophisticated air defense assets, such as the long-range S-300 systems that could pose a significant threat to Israeli aircraft.

The downing of the plane could change that.

Sima Shine, a former senior Mossad official and ex-deputy director-general at Israel's Strategic Affairs Ministry, told Israel Army Radio that the incident could have "strategic implications" for Israel's freedom of action in Syria.

"I think it will impose very serious restriction on Israel's freedom of activity," she said.

Some Russian lawmakers and retired military officers called for a forceful response, saying Russia should provide Syria with the S-300 air defense systems and other sophisticated weapons to prevent any further strikes.

Shoigu, the defense minister, warned his Israeli counterpart that "we won't leave such action without response."

Russia's dramatic entry into the Syrian civil war in September 2015 to support Syrian President Bashar Assad after a year of airstrikes by the U.S. and its allies against the Islamic State group increased the possibility of dangerous confrontations over Syria.

The downing of a Russian warplane by a Turkish jet in November 2015 put Moscow and Ankara on the verge of military confrontation, but they later negotiated a series of de-escalation agreements for Syria together with Iran.

"The implementation of de-escalation across Syria a year ago introduced a new reality to Syria, in which foreign states are now actively competing to assert their own influence over overlapping territorial space," Lister said. "Though appropriate measures have been put in place to manage this, the risk of state-on-state conflagrations like we saw overnight has never been higher. With a meaningful political settlement in Syria an increasingly far-fetched objective, this could well be the new reality we live with for years to come."



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Gonzalez's homer helps Astros down Mariners 7-0

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — If rookie Josh James keeps throwing this way, he might just pitch himself onto Houston's postseason roster.

James struck out seven and scattered four hits over 5 1/3 innings to help the Astros to a 7-0 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday night for his first major league win.

Houston eliminated the Mariners from AL West contention and moved five games in front of second-place Oakland, which lost 9-7 at home to the Angels.

It was just the second start and fourth career appearance for the 25-year-old James (1-0), who made his debut on Sept. 1. He has a 2.81 ERA with 24 strikeouts.

"I'm really impressed by how he's handling it," manager AJ Hinch said. "There's no panic in him. And that pays dividends moving forward

when we're starting to make decisions. Of course, he's factoring in."

James said he isn't focused right now on whether he'll get to pitch for the defending World Series champions in October.

"I'm just trying to contribute and pitch as well as I can," he said. "Post-season roster's really not on my mind right now. I just really want to perform."

Marwin Gonzalez hit a two-run homer in a four-run third for the Astros. Four relievers completed the shutout.

Seattle starter Mike Leake (10-10) yielded six hits and five runs in 6 1/3 innings to snap a two-game winning streak.

"Mike Leake for the most part threw the ball really well," manager Scott Servais said. "It was that one inning."

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AP photo

Houston Astros' Marwin Gonzalez, right, hits a two-run homer as Seattle Mariners catcher Chris Herrmann watches during the third inning of a baseball game Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018, in Houston.

Snell wins 20th, ties Rays record in 4-0 victory over Texas



AP photo

Texas Rangers pitcher Alex Claudio (58) throws against the Tampa Bay Rays during the seventh inning of a baseball game Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2018, in Arlington, Texas.

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — For Blake Snell, all the setbacks set up all these victories.

Snell became the major leagues' first 20-game winner in two years, helping pitch the Tampa Bay Rays past the Texas Rangers 4-0 Tuesday night.

Snell (20-5) threw one-hit ball for five innings and tied the Tampa Bay record for victories in a season. David Price also won 20 in his Cy Young Award season of 2012.

Little more than a year ago, things were much different.

Snell, Tampa Bay's 2011 first-round draft pick, was demoted to Triple-A Durham during last season with a 6-14 career record. Since returning to the Rays on Aug. 8, he's 25-6.

"Knowing what it's like to struggle, that helps me a lot," Snell said. "It's always in the back of my head."

Snell won his eighth straight start. The 25-year-old lefty struck out five to

reach 200 this year, walked two and threw 92 pitches, exiting with a 1.97 ERA.

No one in the big leagues won more than 18 games last season. Rick Porcello won 22 in 2016, with Max Scherzer and J.A. Happ each winning 20.

Tampa Bay has won four straight and 13 of 16 this month in a last-ditch attempt to wrest the AL second wild-card playoff berth from Oakland. The Rays trail the A's by 5 1/2 games.

"It feels good being counted on," Snell said, "because I know what it's like to not be counted on."

"We've just been playing good team baseball when I pitch. The guys are helping me swinging it, playing defense, and I've been doing well as well," he said.

Manager Kevin Cash didn't even pretend he knew Snell would win 20 games or strike out 200 this season.

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Lady Steers' 7th and 8th grade volleyball results

Special to the Herald

The 7th Lady Steers A Team lost a close game to Sweetwater in three sets (16-25, 25-23, 24-26). In the first set, Alandra Juarez and Kendall Brooks stood out on offense while Julianna Fraser played well on defense. In the second set, Jailla Groage and Karina Limon made some great digs. The third set was filled with superb net play by Kendall Brooks, Cloe Viasana, and Brooklyn Hyatt. Abigail Davila, our libero, played outstandingly well on the back row. She made many key plays which led to several points. We are so proud of how well our Lady Steers played as a team and showed an extensive amount of progress.

The 7th Lady Steers B Team lost to Sweetwater in a well-played two sets (13-23, 27-29). In the first set Kylee Haynie stood out on both offense and defense scoring 5 Aces and a Kill for the team. In the second



set Elena Seracho, Addison Rubio and Maddison Hamm led the team on offense with multiple Aces amongst them. The team fought gallantly in the second set and made a great comeback in defense! They continue to work as a team and showed a great amount of progress!

The 8th Grade A

Team defeated Sweetwater in two sets. They played a great game last night. Kortney Moore had killer serves. Jalen Sykes and Marlie Kennedy led out on offense. While Monica Gutierrez and Taylor Partlow led out of defense. A great team effort was given by all! We are looking forward to a great tournament this weekend!

8th grade B Team got their first win against Sweetwater last night in 3 sets--(25-16) (19-25) (15-10). Kaydence Canales, J'onyce Evans, and Lora Otto had aces in their serves. And J'onyce Evans and Daniah Wrighter had kills at the net. All of the girls worked together on both defense and offense!

Dogettes' 7th and 8th grade volleyball results



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

The 7th Grade A Coahoma Bulldogettes shake hands with the Coleman volleyball squad after the game Monday night, Sept. 17, 2018, in Coahoma. The Coahoma Junior High volleyball 7th and 8th grade teams swept Coleman at home. Scores were: 7th A (25-8, 25-9); 8th A (25-10, 25-9); 7th B (25-4, 25-8); and 8th B (25-5, 25-10). Next: the junior high squads will travel to Clyde to take on the Lady Bulldogs on Monday, Sept. 26.

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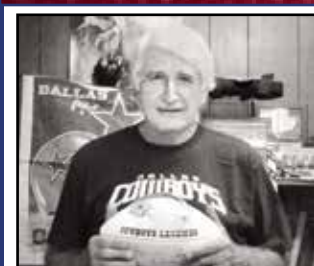
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25th	Augustine De Los Santos	Big Spring	21:08
28th	Jeremiah Collins	Big Spring	21:20
30th	Damian Franco	Big Spring	21:40
37th	Jason Cantu	Big Spring	22:18
40th	Jackie Deleon	Big Spring	22:21
42nd	Isaiah Martinez	Big Spring	22:40
53rd	Joshua Lopez	Big Spring	23:21
55th	Brandon Rogers	Big Spring	23:35
58th	Shawn Mendoza	Big Spring	23:49

Girl's 2 mile	Name	Team	Time
61st	Anthony Hilario	Big Spring	23:54
65th	Joshua Mireles	Big Spring	24:08
9th	Chloe Bustamante	Big Spring	14:28
22nd	Felictiy Calderon	Big Spring	15:22
23rd	Elisabeth Jones	Big Spring	15:25
28th	Marisol Rodriguez	Big Spring	15:38
34th	McKenna Valle	Big Spring	16:16
42nd	Brianna Lopez	Big Spring	16:50
43rd	Aliana Beseria	Big Spring	16:51
44th	Cylei Burton	Big Spring	17:01
45th	Briana Bustamante	Big Spring	17:04
48th	Jasmine Ruiz	Big Spring	17:33
50th	Analisa Blount	Big Spring	17:34
56th	Mallory Paul	Big Spring	18:09
64th	Mary Jane Herrera	Big Spring	20:00

Pigskin Picks Football Contest

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10. Broncos

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4. Garden City
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6. Grandfalls-Royalty
7. Sterling City
8. New Deal
9. Dolphins
10. Ravens

1. Slaton
2. Forsan
3. Pecos
4. Garden City
5. Strawn
6. Grandfalls-Royalty
7. Sands
8. New Deal
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10. Broncos

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Pigskin Picks Entry Form

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____ 	<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Phone Number: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tie Breaker - Circle the winner and note total points scored</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cowboys vs. Seahawks</p> <p>Score: _____ + _____ = _____</p>
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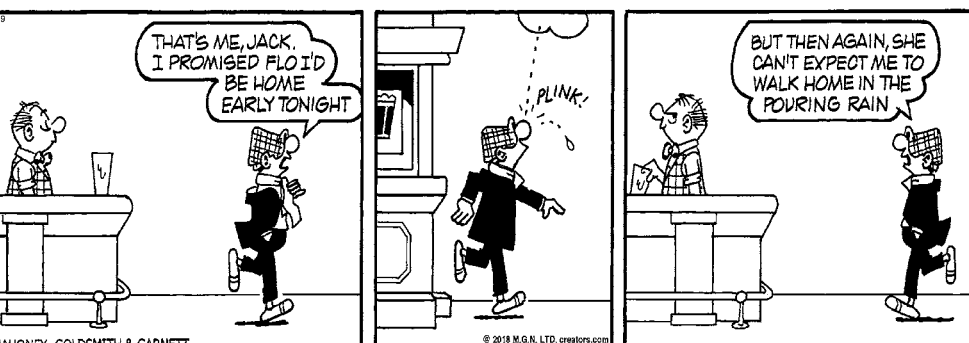
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6:30	Jeopardy! Wheel	Fútbol Central	Big Bang	CBS 7	Exatlón Estados Unidos (SS)	News	News	Shepherd's Heart	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	MLB Baseball: Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees.	NFL Live	Cowboys Riders Ins	Law & Order: SVU	Storage	Expedition Unknown	
7:30	Gold House	Fútbol: Campeones Cup.	MasterChef (DVS)	Big Brother	SEAL Team	News	News	Human Body	Griffith	Burden of Truth	Big Bang	Movie: Old School (DVS)	Soccer: Campeones Cup	Women's College Volleyball	Law & Order: SVU	Storage	Expedition Unknown	
8:30	Mod Fam				Falsa identidad (SS)	Light of Southwest	Human Body	G. Pyle WKRP	Supergirl	Page Six	Big Bang	Movie: The Hangover Part II (DVS)	MLB Baseball: Colorado Rockies at Los Angeles Dodgers.		(7:59) Suits	Storage	Expedition Unknown	
9:30	Shark Tank				News	Criminal Minds	El Señor de los	I Feel I Feel	Light of Southwest	Human Body	Heroes	Gold	Full	Conan	MLB Baseball: Tampa Bay Rays at Texas Rangers.	(:01) The Sinner	Storage	Expedition Unknown
10:30	Big 2 ABC	P. Luche Noticias	Mom	CBS 7	Tele	News	News	Amanpour-Co	C. Burnett	Gold	Conan	Movie: The Hangover Part II (DVS)	SportsCenter		(:02) The Purge	Storage	Expedition Unknown	
11:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero	Mod Fam	Late Show-Colbert	Titulares	Tonight Show	Dr. C. Stanley	Newsline	Between	Twi. Zone	Rules	Hawaii Five-0	SportsCenter	First Take	College Football: USC at Texas.	(12:03) The Sinner	Storage	Expedition Unknown
12:30	Extra	Cachito de Cielo	How I Met	Access	El Señor de los	Daly	TBA	News (Off Air)	Hitchcock	King	Wrecked	Hawaii Five-0	SportsCenter					
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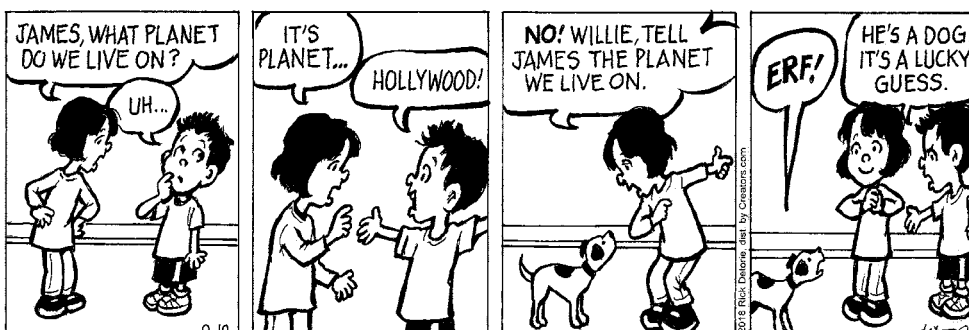
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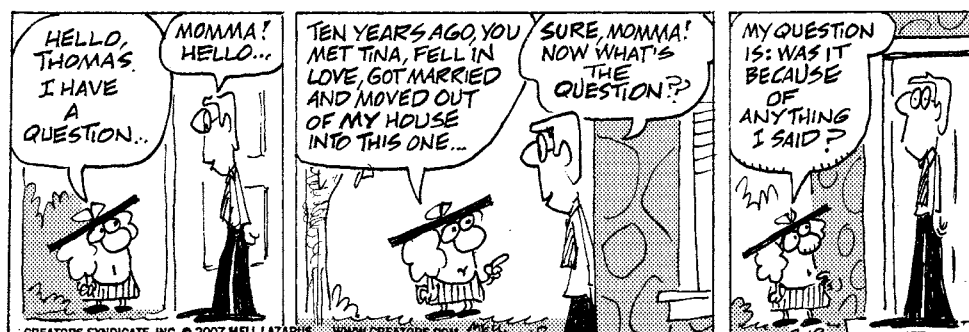
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 19, the 262nd day of 2018. There are 103 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 19, 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died 2½ months after being shot by Charles Guiteau; Chester Alan Arthur became president.

On this date:

In 1777, the first Battle of Saratoga was fought during the Revolutionary War; although British forces succeeded in driving out the American troops, the Americans prevailed in a second battle the following month.

In 1783, Jacques Etienne Montgolfier (zhakh ayt-YEHN' mohn-gohl-fee-AY) launched a duck, a sheep and a rooster aboard a hot-air balloon at Versailles (vehr-SY) in France.

In 1796, President George Washington's farewell address was published. In it, America's first chief executive advised, "Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all."

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was arrested in New York and charged with the kidnap-murder of 20-month-old Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.

In 1945, Nazi radio propagandist William Joyce, known as "Lord Haw-Haw," was convicted of treason and sentenced to death by a British court.

In 1959, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, in Los Angeles as part of his U.S. tour, reacted angrily upon being told that, for security reasons, he wouldn't get to visit Disneyland.

In 1970, the "Mary Tyler Moore" show debuted on CBS-TV.

In 1982, the smiley emoticon was invented by Carnegie Mellon University professor Scott E. Fahlman, who suggested punctuating humorously intended computer messages with a colon followed by a hyphen and a parenthesis as a horizontal "smiley face." :-)

In 1985, the Mexico City area was struck by a devastating earthquake that killed at least 9,500 people.

In 1986, federal health officials announced that the experimental drug AZT would be made available to thousands of AIDS patients.

In 1997, in his first public comments since the death of Princess Diana, Prince Charles told the British people he would always feel the loss of his former wife, and thanked them for their support. Six people were killed when an express passenger train and a freight train

collided in west London. The crime drama "L.A. Confidential" was released by Warner Bros.

In 2004, Hu Jintao (hoo jintow) became the undisputed leader of China with the departure of former President Jiang Zemin (jahng zuh-MEEN) from his top military post.

Ten years ago: Struggling to stave off financial catastrophe, the Bush administration laid out a radical bailout plan calling for a takeover of a half-trillion dollars or more in worthless mortgages and other bad debt held by tottering institutions. Relieved investors sent stocks soaring on Wall Street and around the globe. Baseball's new instant replay system produced its first reversal when Tampa Bay's Carlos Pena had a two-run double changed to a three-run homer during the fourth inning of a game against Minnesota. (The Rays beat the Twins, 11-1.)

Five years ago: Signaling a dramatic shift in Vatican tone, Pope Francis said in a published interview that the Roman Catholic church had become obsessed by "small-minded rules" about how to be faithful and that pastors should instead emphasize compassion over condemnation when discussing divisive social issues such as abortion, gays and contraception. A Texas appeals court tossed the criminal conviction of former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, saying there was insufficient evidence for a jury in 2010 to have found him guilty of illegally funneling money to Republican candidates.

One year ago: In a speech to the U.N. General Assembly, President Donald Trump vowed to "totally destroy North Korea" if the U.S. were forced to defend itself or its allies against the North's nuclear weapons program. A 7.1 magnitude quake struck central Mexico, killing more than 360 people and causing more than three dozen buildings in Mexico City to completely collapse. Hurricane Maria barreled toward Puerto Rico after leaving widespread destruction on the small Caribbean island of Dominica. Former middleweight champion Jake LaMotta, who was portrayed by Robert De Niro in the film

"Raging Bull," died at 95.

Today's Birthdays: Author Roger Angell is 98. Host James Lipton (TV: "Inside the Actors Studio") is 92. Actress Rosemary Harris is 91. Former Defense Secretary Harold Brown is 91. Actor David McCallum is 85. Singer-songwriter Paul Williams is 78. Singer Bill Medley is 78. Singer Sylvia Tyson (Ian and Sylvia) is 78. R&B singer Freda Payne is 76.

Golfer Jane Blalock is 73. Singer David Bromberg is 73. Actor Randolph Mantooth is 73. Rock singer-musician Lol Creme (10cc) is 71. Former NFL running back Larry Brown is 71. Actor Jeremy Irons is 70. Actress Twiggy Lawson is 69. TV personality Joan Lunden is 68. Singer-producer Daniel Lanois (lan-WAH) is 67. Actor Scott Colomby is 66. Musician-producer Nile Rodgers is 66.

College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player Reggie Williams is 64. Singer-actor Rex Smith is 63. Rock singer Lita Ford is 60. Actor Kevin Hooks is 60. Actress Carolyn McCormick is 59. Celebrity chef Mario Batali is 58. Actress-comedian Cheri Oteri is 56. Country singer Jeff Bates is 55. Country singer Trisha Yearwood is 54. News anchor Soledad O'Brien is 52.

Thought for Today:

"He who is unable to live in society, or who has no need because he is sufficient for himself, must be either a beast or a god; he is no part of a state."

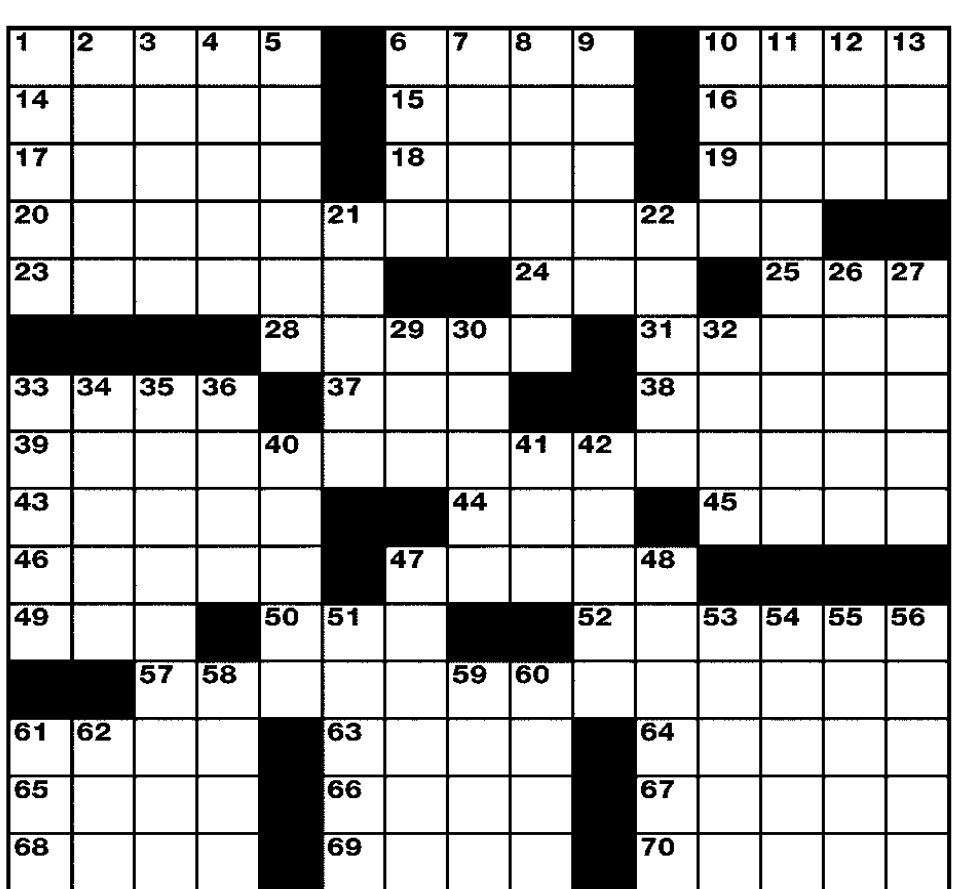
Aristotle
Greek philosopher
(384 B.C.-322 B.C.)

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Newsday Crossword

TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY by Billie Truitt
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Biblical song
 - 6 Staircase surface
 - 10 Urban air pollution
 - 14 New Delhi's nation
 - 15 Roman moon goddess
 - 16 Hawaiian port
 - 17 Appears to be
 - 18 Not ___ of roses (unpleasant)
 - 19 Took advantage of
 - 20 Authorization to take into custody
 - 23 Auto's wheel guard
 - 24 Hair stylist's goop
 - 25 Once around the track
 - 28 Smart-alecky
 - 31 "If ___ you . . ."
 - 33 "The weekend at last!"
 - 37 Purring pet
 - 38 Relay-race stick
 - 39 Classic Italian "farewell" song
 - 43 Ship's freight
 - 44 Scratch up
 - 45 Lunch or brunch
 - 46 Writer of praiseful poems
 - 47 Camera lens setting
 - 49 Full collection
 - 50 New Haven collegian
 - 52 Bent out of shape
 - 57 Spanish chicken/rice dish
 - 61 Pasta like penne
- DOWN**
- 7 Hefty horn
 - 8 Pep
 - 9 Military chaplain
 - 10 Steer clear of
 - 11 Christmas season decoration
 - 12 World Cup cheer
 - 13 Zeus or Athena
 - 21 Vestige
 - 22 Legal excuse
 - 26 Scent
 - 27 Of punishment
 - 29 Feeling gloomy
 - 30 Thin parts of goblets
 - 32 Hotter than cold
 - 33 Folded Mexican munchies
 - 34 Part of GPA
 - 35 Feeling annoyed
 - 36 Mediterranean fruits
 - 40 Ballot caster
 - 41 Untrustworthy one
 - 42 Royal headgear
 - 47 Sputter out
 - 48 Yellow tropical fruit
 - 51 From the neighborhood
 - 53 Wanders around
 - 54 Blueprints
 - 55 Upper-crust group
 - 56 Action figures, essentially
 - 58 Frees (of)
 - 59 James of *The Godfather*
 - 60 Roughly
 - 61 Move swiftly
 - 62 Oath affirmation



Answer to previous puzzle
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By Steve Becker

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NORTH
♦ A 8 5
♥ K
♦ A 9 4
♠ K 10 9 7 5 3

WEST
♦ K 9 7 4 2
♥ 8 5 2
♦ 8 3
♣ A 4 2

EAST
♦ J 3
♥ Q 10 6 3
♦ 10 7 6 5 2
♣ Q 6

SOUTH
♦ Q 10 6
♥ A J 9 7 4
♦ K Q J
♠ J 8

The bidding:
1 North Pass
2 South Pass
3 West NT

Opening lead — four of spades.

West's nine to win, but West played another spade, forcing out the ace, and soon got in with the ace of clubs to put the contract down one.

However, South could have made his game by the unusual but simple expedient of allowing East's spade jack to win the first trick! Had he done that, he would have finished with 10 tricks.

East could do no better than return a spade, and South's Q-10 would have trapped West's king. Assuming West covered the queen, declarer would take the ace, lead a diamond to the king and finesse the jack of clubs. East would take the queen, but whatever he returned, declarer would next drive out the ace of clubs and score the rest of the tricks.

There is a sound basis for ducking the jack of spades. West is marked with the king by East's failure to play it at trick one, so the Q-10 still constitute two sure tricks for South. The advantage of letting the jack hold is that it cuts communications between the defenders if the spades are divided 5-2.

If the spades are divided 4-3, the contract is equally secure since the defense will score at most two spades and two clubs. The duck is therefore perfectly sound — even though it is unusual.

Not many hands call for declarer to make a truly excellent play. When such a play is missed, it is usually because it is contrary to normal procedure.

Consider this deal where West led a spade and declarer won East's jack with the queen. Clubs were the obvious suit to attack, so South led the jack and finessed, losing to the queen.

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Tomorrow: Slow and steady wins the race.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



trove of insights by the great thinker Aristotle is the one in which he suggests that excellence is a habit. You know this instinctively, which is why you won't let the little things slide today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Not so easily impressed, you're extremely selective about whom you like and follow. It takes an exceptional individual to inspire you, and you'll encounter such an influence today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

It's safe to allow yourself to be seduced by the wonder of distances. Indeed, such an urge to explore has often been the savior of mankind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

The attitude you bring to

what you do definitely changes your feelings about the work, but not only yours. It's also a part of the experience of others, which will be well demonstrated this afternoon.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 19).

This solar return, the excitement will be tinged in glamour. More highlights this year: You'll see the value in a discarded thing and take that insight to the bank. Someone younger will idolize you; this is a chance to make a remarkable difference in the world. And a debt will finally be repaid at the end of 2018. Aquarius and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 7, 27, 32 and 11.

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Dual Tone Day

The lunar influence suggests a day of two tones. Morning energy will support acting responsibly, paying respect, making nice noises to all the powers that be, duty, diligence and protocol. Evening energy will support socializing, whimsy, helping others, technological tinkering and highbrow humor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Everything will get accomplished whether you hurry or not. If you doubt it, look to nature, which happens in its own time. The bee doesn't complain that one flower hasn't bloomed yet; it goes where the blossom is open.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

When what you want turns out to be impractical, the answer is not to accept defeat but rather to think bigger, stranger and bolder. Jupiter will favor those crazy enough to pursue a dream.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Other worlds are projected in glorious golden light on the movie screen of the mind, though beware; foreign places that seem charged with the magic of possibility may provide less promise than what you have back home.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

You've been nice, sporting and polite. But now it's time to really go for what you want. Be assertive so the less qualified can be respectfully eliminated from the game, free to pursue more fitting positions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

The truth isn't yours to determine or discover today, so you don't even have to worry about it. To serve the well-being of all, focus instead on what is helpful or useful and what isn't.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Status quo may seem fine, but it won't be next week. Start looking for ways to expand your horizons. Professional organizations, classes and online research are favored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Once you put in the mirror time, dress appropriately and check in with your heart to make sure you're coming from the right place, you'll proceed without worrying what people think about you. That is why they like you so much.

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Baez, Murphy go deep as Cubs romp past Diamondbacks 9-1

By **JOSE M. ROMERO**

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Two nights in a row, Anthony Rizzo has made a major impact on Chicago Cubs wins with efforts that don't stand out in the boxscore.

Rizzo beat out a potential double play by hustling to first base Monday, and teammate Javier Baez followed with a two-run homer. The next night, Rizzo worked a 17-pitch at-bat before lining out, and Baez followed with another two-run shot.

That helped the Cubs cruise to a 9-1 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Tuesday for their fifth win in six games. Chicago increased its lead in the NL Central to 3 1/2 games over Milwaukee, which lost at home to last-place Cincinnati.

"I saw it all," Rizzo said. "They were just borderline pitches. You would love for that ball to sneak through, but when you wear pitchers out like that, it's something that the next guy and the next guy can have success."

Daniel Murphy also hit a two-run homer as the Cubs jumped out to a big early lead. Mike Montgomery (5-5) allowed a run and four hits with a season-high eight strikeouts in six innings for his first win since Aug. 7.

"Changeup was really working," Montgomery said. "Obviously, this rotation is working well so I kind of wanted to jump in line and be a guy that goes out there and gives us as many innings as he can."

The slumping Diamondbacks dropped six games behind the first-place Dodgers in the NL West and six back of St. Louis for the second wild card. They have lost four in a row and nine of 11.

The Cubs built a 5-0 lead after their first two turns



Chicago Cubs' Javier Baez hits a two-run home run against the Arizona Diamondbacks in the first inning during a baseball game, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018, in Phoenix.

at bat.

In the first inning, Baez drove a 2-0 pitch from Matt Andriese onto the pool deck in right-center.

Baez's 33rd home run gave him 107 RBIs this season.

Ian Happ knocked in Jason Heyward with a second-inning double before Murphy, who scored three times, hit his 11th home run of the season.

Rizzo added a two-run single in a four-run fifth. "Overall, we did work some good at-bats," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said. "I thought the approach was good and we hit some balls really well."

Ketel Marte homered in the second for Arizona, his 12th. But the Diamondbacks' season that got off to a great start appears on the verge of ending with no return to the postseason.

"We still have two feet in this race and I believe something good can come out of it," manager Torey Lovullo said. "Whether it is tomorrow or next year, I believe we are learning some valuable lessons."

Andriese (3-6) lasted two innings and was charged with five runs on five hits in a bullpen game for Arizona. Four other pitchers appeared.

"Not the way I wanted my first start with the Diamondbacks," Andriese said. "That Rizzo at-bat kind of made me work hard and kind of put me behind the 8-ball."

HEY, IT'S HEYWARD

Heyward started for the first time since being activated from the disabled list on Sunday. He came in as a defensive replacement in right field in the ninth inning on Monday. He had been out since Aug. 31 with a hamstring injury.

Heyward was lifted for a pinch-hitter in the fifth.

"Jason looked really good at the plate," Maddon said. "First ball in the gap and second one was really well struck up the middle."

RANGERS

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"No," Cash said. "I think Blake deserves the bulk of the credit, but there's been a lot of people in our player development system, (coaches) Kyle Snyder and Stan (Boroski), a lot of work has gone in. And I think our catchers deserve a lot of credit."

The Rays scored three times in the fourth against Yovani Gallardo (8-6). Willie Adames hit a two-run homer and Joey Wendle had an RBI double.

Snell remained the AL leader in wins over Cleveland's Corey Kluber, who won his 19th on Tuesday night.

Rangers catcher Robinson Chirinos had the only hit against Snell, a second-inning single.

"His fastball command, it was not great today," Chirinos said. "I was able to hit the breaking ball my first at-bat. After that, I thought he was going to throw me more fastballs, but he stuck with the same plan — changeup, changeup, changeup."

Three Rays relievers completed the four-hit shutout with four scoreless innings.

Wendle tied a career high with four hits, including two doubles.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rays: C Jesus Sucre fouled a pitch off the top of his left foot. He was hobbling after the game, but X-rays were

negative.

Rangers: OF Joey Gallo missed his second game since fouling a ball off his right little toe over the weekend in San Diego. Manager Jeff Banister said, "I don't foresee it lingering."

GOOSE EGGS

The Rangers were not shut out their first 75 home games through Sunday. Now Texas has been shut out on a total of only six hits in the first two games of this three-game series.

They hadn't been shut out back-to-back on consecutive nights at home since Detroit blanked Texas Aug. 13-14, 2016.

WELCOME BACK

The crowd cheered ex-

Ranger Carlos Gomez when, standing at the dugout railing, he made a one-handed grab of a one-hop foul ball by Sucre.

UP NEXT

Rays: Diego Castillo (3-2, 3.24) will start as the opener for the fifth time in 11 days.

Rangers: LHP Yohander Mendez (2-1, 3.86) will start the final game in the three-game series on Wednesday afternoon.

ASTROS

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Seems to be the story of his season, and the games we don't come back and win, it's usually that one inning that gets him."

Leake plunked Brian McCann to start the third before Tony Kemp doubled. The Astros took a 1-0 lead when George Springer hit an RBI single, and Springer reached second on the play thanks to an error by left fielder Denard Span. Kemp scored on a groundout by Jose Altuve to make it 2-0.

There were two outs in the inning when Gonzalez sent a drive to left-center that was originally ruled a double. But a replay review revealed it was a homer, pushing Houston's lead to 4-0.

The Mariners couldn't get much going against James. He walked Chris Hermann with no outs in the third before a one-out single by Mitch Haniger. After a short round visit, James retired the next two batters to end the threat.

He allowed a double to Robinson Cano to start the sixth before striking out Nelson Cruz with his final pitch.

Cano doubled twice and tied a season high with three hits, but the rest of the team managed only three hits on a night when the Mariners went 0 for 9 with runners in scoring position.

The Astros padded their lead in the seventh when Yuli Gurriel doubled with one out and scored on a single by McCann. Houston added two more runs in the eighth, with the first one coming when Tyler White's fly to left-center dropped right in between Span and Dee Gordon for a double.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Mariners: LHP James

Paxton played catch but was not quite ready to throw a bullpen as he continues to build strength after recovering from the flu and pneumonia. ... RHP Felix Hernandez (hamstring) is doing better and is expected to re-join the team Friday before the start of a series against the Rangers.

Astros: RHP Lance McCullers Jr., on the disabled list since Aug. 5 with a strained right forearm, threw a simulated game and will throw another one Friday or Saturday. The Astros hope he'll be able to return before the end of the regular season.

MAKE IT A DOUBLE

Cano's two doubles gave him 530 for his career to move him into 40th place on the all-

time list.

"Robbie's been out there a long time. It's kind of part of his game, is the extra-base hit and getting the doubles," Servais said. "A couple of those tonight, great to see he swung the bat very well."

UP NEXT

Left-hander Dallas Keuchel (11-10, 3.57 ERA), who has won his last two decisions, will start for the Astros when the series concludes Wednesday. The Mariners hadn't announced their starter, but Servais said it will be a bullpen game.

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