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## Howard College enrollment numbers, contact hours up over last year



**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

Howard College trustees heard a report on enrollment at the Big Spring, Lamesa, San Angelo, and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campuses during their meeting Monday afternoon, and the news is good.

"For enrollment for the fall, overall in the college district, we have an increase of 5.96 percent," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. "The head count on that is 4,642. By site, Big Spring had a 5.02 percent increase, Lamesa had a 19.73 percent increase, San Angelo had an increase of 5.73 percent, and SWCID had a 5.31 percent increase."

In addition to the increase in the number of students across the Howard College district since last year, Sparks said students are enrolling for more hours. Contact hours – the metric used to calculate the college's state funding – is up by a greater amount

than enrollment, indicating students are taking, on average, more hours this year than they did last year.

"As you know, we're in a base year right now. In a base year, we're generating our contact hours," Sparks said. "We will go into the session with the contact hours that have been generat-

ed thus far. In February or March, they'll update our spring numbers, and that's what we'll be funded on for two years going forward."

Sparks said that contact hours at Howard are up 7 percent for the fall semester.

"You might ask why

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## Falling for Foster Care

**By AMBER MANSFIELD**  
 Staff Writer

Parenthood requires love, not DNA. This simple message is determined to be spread as Wildflower Ministries and Partners in Permanency and Stability (PIPS) are teaming up with other local child advocacy agencies to bring to Howard County the first ever foster care Fall festival called Falling for Foster Care.

"This will be the first of its kind in Howard County, and we really want it to be a success," said Monica Hull, of Wildflower Ministries. "Falling for Foster Care will be a free Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 20 at Comanche Trail Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are partnering with CPS, CASA, and several other child placing agencies to bring this event for the purpose of foster care awareness in Howard County."

Hull explains that the festival will not lack in fun with free games, activities, give aways, free hotdogs and drinks. Last but not least, the festival will also feature a kickball tournament for everyone to participate in. The kickball tournament will serve as a fundraiser.

"The festival itself is free, but the kickball tournament we will be hosting will be a fundraiser with all proceeds benefiting foster care awareness and support," said Hull. "Registration for the tournament begins at 8:30 a.m., and games are scheduled to start at 9 a.m. To participate in the tournament, it will

## Sounds of victory and celebration



*Courtesy photos*  
 Scenic Mountain Medical Center Volunteer, Sarah Kelley, was the guest of honor during a Survivor Celebration Monday afternoon. SMMC Volunteers and staff joined together to celebrate Sarah's last breast cancer treatment. During the celebration, she was given a pink bell to ring in recognition of her final treatment and her win over breast cancer. Sarah is a two-time survivor over breast cancer.

## Volunteers getting their hands dirty



*HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield*  
 The photos above show local Howard County resident volunteers making bowls from clay for United Way's annual Empty Bowls event. Empty Bowls is a United Way fundraiser filled with a large variety of delicious eats and treats from multiple local cooks, and is slated for Thursday, Nov. 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets may be purchased for Empty Bowls at the United Way office located in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Notice:**  
 The City of Big Spring landfill will be closed Wednesday for maintenance of the facility's scale. The landfill will reopen for business at 8 a.m. Thursday morning. For more information, please contact John Vega at 432-264-2383.

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## Obituaries

### Billy Ray "Hamy" Howell



Billy Ray "Hamy" Howell, 85, died Saturday, September 22, 2018, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM, Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 25, 2018, at the funeral home.

He was born July 9, 1933, in Holland, Texas to M. B. "Jack" and Bernice Calhoun Howell. He married Geneva Jones July 31, 1951, in Knott, Texas.

Hamy came to Big Spring as a young boy and attended Big Spring schools. He worked at Cosden for 40 years, retiring in 1990, and was a member of the Cosden 25 Year Club. He enjoyed fishing with his best friend, J. E. Peugh.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva Howell of Big Spring; three daughters, Connie Traylor and husband, Jim of Midland, Sandra Yeager and husband,

Rick of Odessa, and Nancy Daniel and husband, Marty of San Angelo; nine grandchildren, Christy Scoggins and husband, Billy, Brandy Fowler and husband, Eric Clutter, Dustin Traylor and wife, Liz, Amber Stewart and husband, Dustin, Nick Traylor and wife, Allison, Megan Smith and husband Jordan, Nicole Jones and husband, Jay, Lindsey Nelson and husband, Josh, and Whitney Martin and husband, Larry; and seventeen great-grandchildren, Heather, Cody, Deacon, Lacy, Hunter, Paisley, Wyatt, Presley, Slayden, Lorali, Holden, Camden, Wally, Payton, Nathan, Bryden, Brylee; and a sister-in-law, Joyce Howell.

He is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Melvin Howell, Ladale Howell, and Kenneth Howell and wife, Mary Jo; and a sister, Joyce Elaine Riddle.

The family suggests memorials to St. Jude Children's Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

*Paid obituary*

## Sheriff, Fire/EMS

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 inmates at the time of this report.

- **MITCHELL ALAN DUSH**, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for MTA/Burglary of a habitation.
- **ANSELMSO HILARIO JR.**, was arrested by BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana >2OZ<=4OZ.
- **APRIL FERN SMITH**, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for burglary of a habitation.

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **PUBLIC SERVICE CALL** was reported on the 2600 block of E 25th St. No transport was needed.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Wood St. one person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 8300 block of E CR 42. one person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway, one person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of N. Moss Lake Rd., no transport was needed.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster., no transport was needed.

## Take Note

• Maranatha Baptist Academy 903 Johnson Big Spring, Texas 432-213-1046, Call today for educational needs. In School, High School graduation, Tutoring, homeschool. We are qualified to help you with your child's education, kindergarten through twelfth grade. Come by or give us a call. Open enrollment.

• 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 Balsaqua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://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 every Monday at 5:30 pm at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 C Scurry Street, directly behind Prosperity Bank.

• 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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### Melvin Dean Blake

Melvin Dean Blake, 77, of Coahoma died Sunday, September 23, 2018 in a San Angelo hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

## Support Groups

### TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 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.

• Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

• 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](mailto:francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org), or call 432-268-3003.

• GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Meetings are weekly Sept. 13 Dec. 20, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

### FRIDAY

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

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY

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

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# Howard County Fair 2018 fine arts results

**Special to the Herald**

Best in show – Judy Yanke – Bird on Stump – acrylic

**Oil & Acrylic:**

Grand Champion – Judy Yanke Bird on Stump – acrylic

Reserve Champion – Michele Worthan – acrylic pour

Third Place – Sue Byers – landscape

Honorable Mention – Robert Barlow – Cityscape

**Watercolor:**

Grand Champion – Kay Smith – Parrots

Reserve Champion – Kay Smith – Barn

Third Place – Kay Smith – Painted Calf

Honorable Mention – Kay Smith – Horse

**Collage:**

Grand Champion – Michele Worthan – Flowers in Vase

**Student:**

Grand Champion – Laticia Coates – Acrylic Power

Reserve Champion – Esan Sullivan – Flower

Third Place – Esan Sullivan – Birch Trees

Honorable Mention – Emma Fernandez – Pencil Portrait

**Professional Photography:**

Grand Champion – Bruce Schooler – Waterfall

Reserve Champion – Jack Campbell – Horse and Rider

Third Place – Bruce Schooler – Stairway

Honorable Mention – Jack Campbell – Milky Way

**Amateur Photography:**

Grand Champion – Linda Choote – Painting Wall

Reserve Champion – Monte Cheatham

Third Place – Emma Fernandez – Sunset

Honorable Mention – Michele Worthan – Clouds

**Amateur Animal Photos:**

Grand Champion – Rory Worthan – Fawn

Reserve Champion – Linda Choate – Horse in Water

Third Place – Brooklyn Cheatham – Bobcat

Honorable Mention – Deana Forsythe – Parrot

**Amateur Black and White:**

Grand Champion – Anita Guiette – Portrait

Reserve Champion – Anita Guitte

Third Place – Brooklyn Cheatham – Rose

Honorable Mention – Boos

Favorite Pets:

Grand Champion – Linda Porter

Reserve Champion – Linda Porter

Third Place – Linda Porter

Honorable Mention – Linda Porter

**People's Choice:**

Photography – Jack Campbell – Man on Horse

Fine Art – Belle Schooler – Lake Scene

# 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 NO SUPREME COURT NOMINEE HAS DONE**

Brett Kavanaugh is interviewed on television, telling Fox News Channel that he never sexually assaulted anyone in high school or at any other time in his life.

**2. 'AMERICA FIRST' AGENDA FACING NEW SCRUTINY**

At the United Nations General Assembly, Trump is set defend his rapprochement with Kim Jong Un and his decision to remove the U.S. from the Iran nuclear accord.

**3. UN CHIEF EXPECTED TO PROMOTE GREATER UNITY**

Secretary-General Antonio Guterres will spotlight the breakdown of trust around the globe and the need to counter unilateralism and reinvigorate international cooperation.

**4. COSBY FACING YEARS IN PRISON**

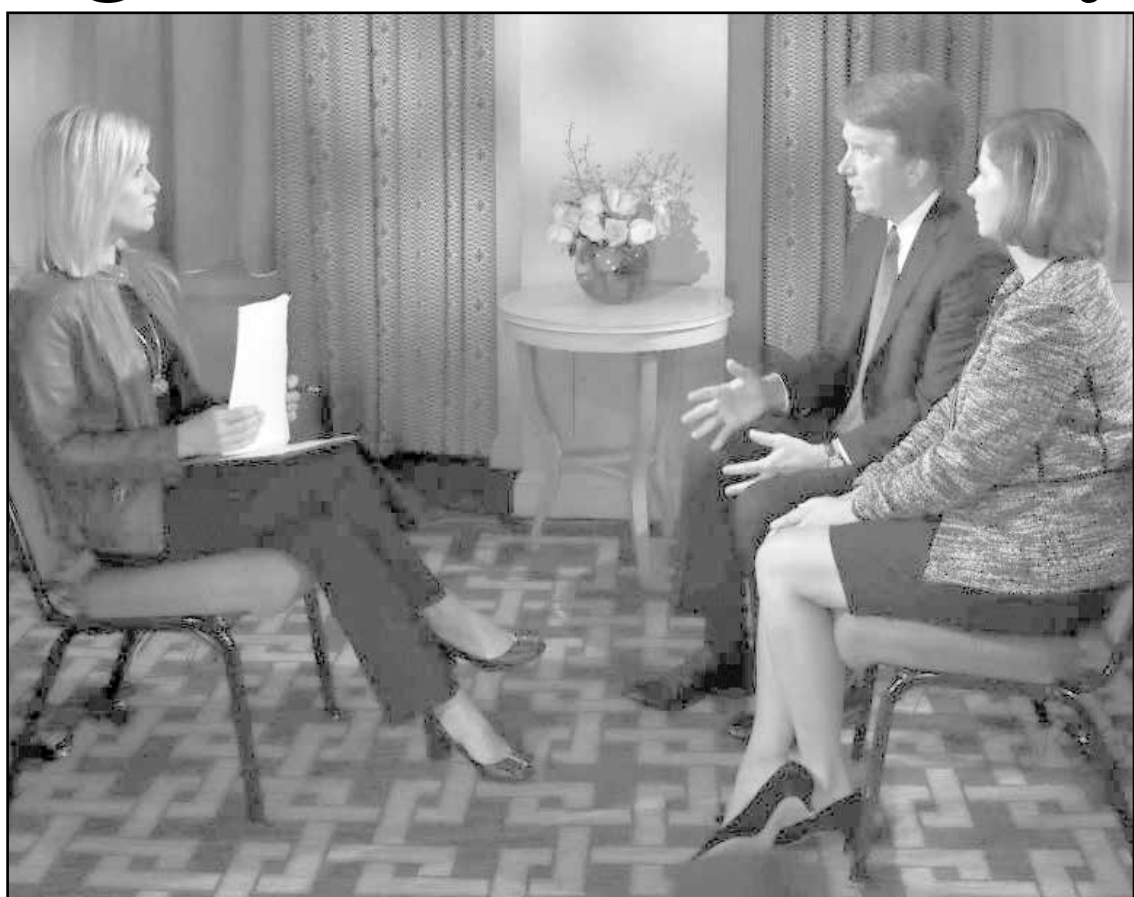
The once-beloved actor and comedian faces anything from probation to 10 years' incarceration when he's sentenced for drugging and sexually assaulting a woman in 2005.

**5. SOUTH CAROLINA TOWN KEEPS WEARY EYE ON FLOODWATERS**

Residents of Georgetown are watching the nearby Sampit River's rise from Florence's heavy rains and hoping the rarely flooded town keeps its centuries-long lucky streak alive.

**6. UN RUSHES AID TO HUNGER-STRIKEN YEMENI DISTRICT**

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**Brett Kavanaugh and his wife Ashley Estes Kavanaugh answer questions during a FOX News interview with Martha MacCallum, Monday, Sept. 24, 2018, in Washington, about allegations of sexual misconduct against the Supreme Court nominee.**

AP photo

donors are rushing food to a desperate corner of northern Yemen where the AP found starving villagers living off leaves.

**7. WHO STILL HAS A JOB – FOR NOW**

After a long weekend spent wondering if he should resign or would be fired, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein will have a meeting with Trump later this week.

**8. JAPAN PRE-SCHOOLS PREPPING TOTS FOR DIGITAL AGE**

Hundreds of kindergartens and nursery schools in the country are using smartphone software applications designed especially for preschoolers.

**9. HUNGRY BEARS ALARMING CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS**

In recent months, black bears have shredded a car's interior, wandered into a liquor store, taken a dip in a hot tub and even woken residents in their own bedrooms.

**10. STEELERS HOLD OFF BUCS FOR FIRST WIN**

Ben Roethlisberger throws for 353 yards and three touchdowns as Pittsburgh edged Ryan Fitzpatrick and Tampa Bay 30-27.

## HC

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would enrollment be 6 percent, and contact hours be 7 percent?" she said. "It's all dependent on how many hours students are taking."

Contact hours represent the number of actual classroom hours students are registered for. For example, a student taking a three semester hour, 15-week class will generate 45 contact hours for that class. If that student is enrolled in five such classes, he or she will generate 135 contact hours for the semester.

Sparks said that the college's continuing education and workforce training contact hours, which are also added into the calculation for funding, are also up.

"Our contact hours for workforce training have the same significance as academic and continuing education," Sparks said.

Sparks said the increase in enrollment and contact hours is bucking an expected trend.

"We're pleased with these numbers," she said. "As you know, we're in a time of good economic conditions. Unemployment is down, and yet our enrollment increased. That is reflective of a lot of people's efforts to reach out and encourage students to enroll in college. Normally in these conditions, we would see a decline. People are working and all of that."

In other business, the college board:

- Heard the delinquent tax annual report prepared by Mouton and Mouton law firm;
- Heard the annual plan of the Howard County Appraisal District;
- Heard a presentation on Deaf Awareness Week by SWCID personnel.

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## FOSTER

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be \$10 per player with a \$100 per team minimum. Players must be Jr high and up and have at least four females per team."

Hull also stated that guests can feel free to bring their ice chests, but alcohol is strictly prohibited.

"Please share this event, y'all! Advertising is the success of the event," said Hull. "This weekend in the park is to raise funds for an awareness campaign in November and December."

For a child, entering the foster care system is often a frightening and stressful experience, especially after what they have been through that resulted in them being placed in foster care in the first place.

Foster carers have the ability to be a safe, loving environment for these vulnerable children. Sadly though, not a lot of people know much about being foster parents, and what they have heard is just the horror stories. Because of this, Trinity Baptist Church will be hosting a Fostering Informational Meetings. Check out their Facebook for updates on the Festival, to share and help advertise, and to tune in to see when the next Fostering Information Meeting will take place.

Come learn about being foster parents and see how you can be an anchor or safe place for a child who has nowhere to go but you. For more information, check out Wildfire Ministries' Facebook or Fostering Howard County Kids' Facebook.

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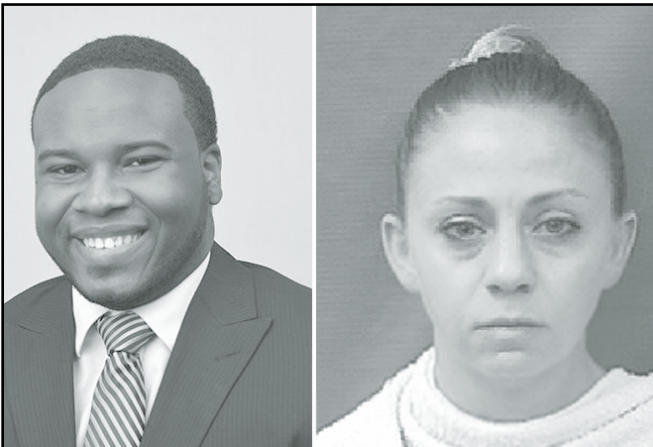
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## Dallas police officer accused in neighbor's death fired



Amber Renee Guyger (right), a Dallas police officer accused of fatally shooting her neighbor, 26-year-old Botham Jean (left), inside his own apartment has been fired, the police department announced Monday, Sept. 24, 2018.

By RYAN TARINELLI

Associated Press

DALLAS — A white police officer accused of fatally shooting her black neighbor inside his own apartment was fired Monday for "adverse conduct," the Dallas Police Department said in a statement.

Police Chief U. Renee Hall dismissed Officer Amber Guyger during a hearing Monday, according to the statement posted on Twitter.

Guyger has been charged with manslaughter in the Sept. 6 shooting that left 26-year-old Botham Jean dead. Court records show Guyger said she thought she had encountered a burglar inside her own home. She turned herself in three days later, and is currently out on bond.

"An Internal Affairs investigation concluded that on September 9, 2018, Officer Guyger #10702, engaged in adverse conduct when she was arrested for Manslaughter," the statement said. It doesn't explain what "adverse conduct" means.

The Jean family attorneys and protesters have been calling for her to be fired since the shooting. The family did not immediately comment on the dismissal of the four-year veteran of the force.

There are conflicting narratives over what led up to the shooting.

Guyger told investigators that she had just ended a shift when she returned in uniform to the South Side Flats apartment complex where she lived.

She said when she put her key in the apartment door, which was unlocked and slightly ajar, it opened, according to the affidavit. Inside, the lights were off, and she saw a figure in the darkness that cast a large silhouette across the room, according to the officer's account.

Guyger said she concluded her apartment was being burglarized and gave verbal commands to the person, who ignored them. The affidavit said she then drew her weapon and fired twice.

She called 911. When asked where she was, she returned to the front door to see she was in the wrong unit, according to the affidavit. The 911 tapes have not been released.

But, according to an affidavit for a search warrant, Jean and Guyger encountered each other at the door to his apartment.

In a statement Monday, Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings said he agrees with the decision to fire Guyger.

"The swift termination of any officer who engages in misconduct that leads to the loss of innocent life is essential if the Dallas Police Department is to gain and maintain the public trust," the statement read.

## 10 days after Hurricane Florence, fresh chaos in Carolinas

By GARY D. ROBERTSON, MARTHA WAGGONER and ALAN SUDERMAN

Associated Press

BLADENBORO, N.C. — Ten days after Hurricane Florence came ashore, the storm caused fresh chaos Monday across the Carolinas, where rivers kept rising and thousands more people were told to be ready to evacuate.

Authorities urged up to 8,000 people in Georgetown County, on the South Carolina coast, to be prepared to flee from potential flood zones. A "record event" of up to 10 feet (3 meters) of flooding was expected to begin Tuesday near parts of the Pee Dee and Waccamaw rivers, county spokeswoman Jackie Broach-Akers said.

Residents along the Waccamaw braced for water predicted to peak Wednesday at 22 feet (6.7 meters) near Conway. That's twice the normal flood stage and far higher than the previous record of 17.9 feet

(5.5 meters), according to charts published Monday by the National Weather Service.

Pastor Willie Lowrimore and several members of his church spent Saturday sandbagging and spreading plastic sheets around the sanctuary of The Fellowship With Jesus Ministries church on the banks of the Waccamaw in Yauhannah, South Carolina, about 20 miles (36 kilometers) south of Myrtle Beach.

The nearly black, reeking water seeped around and over the sandbags around 2 a.m. Monday. By noon, it was several inches deep.

With the church pews moved to a flatbed trailer on higher ground, Lowrimore sat in a rocking chair listening to the normally calm river rush by, ruining the church he built almost 20 years ago.

"I'm going to go one day at a time. Put it in the

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AP photo

David Covington jumps from a porch railing to his canoe along with Maura Walbourne and her sister Katie Walborne in Conway, S.C., Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018. The three paddled a canoe to Covington's home on Long Avenue on Sunday to find it flooded and the floor boards floating.

## Trump at UN: 2nd summit with North Korea likely 'quite soon'



AP Photo

United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres, left, shakes hands with President Donald Trump during the "Global Call to Action on the World Drug Problem" at the United Nations General Assembly, Monday, Sept. 24, 2018, at U.N. Headquarters.

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and ZEKE MILLER

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — President Donald Trump praised North Korea's Kim Jong Un as "very open" and "terrific" Monday and announced he likely will hold a second summit with Kim "quite soon," striking a far less ominous note at the United Nations about the nuclear threat from the North.

Twelve months after Trump stood at the rostrum of the U.N.

General Assembly and derided Kim as "Rocket Man," the push to denuclearize the Korean Peninsula is a work in progress, although fears of war have given way to dreams of rapprochement. The president's bellicose denunciations of Pyongyang have largely given way to hopeful notes, as Trump praised Kim as "very open" and "terrific."

"It was a different world," Trump said Monday of his one-time moniker for the North Korean leader. "That was a danger-

ous time. This is one year later, a much different time."

He added that preparations are underway by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo for a second presidential meeting with Kim "quite soon."

The meeting would come despite U.S. officials assessing that the North has not followed through on its commitments to take steps toward denuclearization. Pompeo defended Trump's decision to seek another meeting despite the slow progress.

"We've been at this the other way an awfully long time and failed," he said.

He added: "We tried to do details. We tried to do step for step. We tried to do trade for trade. Each of those failed."

Pompeo said, "We're bringing the two senior leaders, the individuals who can actually make the decisions that will move this process forward," in hopes they can make a breakthrough.

Trump arrived at the U.N. on Monday morning for a meeting on the global drug trade, ahead of a sit-down with South Korean President Moon Jae-in, who delivered a personal message to

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## Republicans launch full-scale save-Kavanaugh campaign

By LISA MASCARO, MARY CLARE JALONICK and JONATHAN LEMIRE

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans thundered into an all-out campaign to save Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court nomination Monday as a second woman accused him of a long-ago

sexual assault. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell accused Democrats of a "smear campaign," Kavanaugh himself complained of "smears, pure and simple" and President Donald Trump dismissed allegations against his nominee as "totally political."

McConnell said the Senate would vote soon

on confirmation of the 53-year old appellate court judge.

Kavanaugh wrote to leaders of the Senate's Judiciary Committee, "I will not be intimidated into withdrawing from the process. ... The coordinated effort to destroy my good name will not drive me out."

Minutes later, McConnell angrily declared

on the Senate floor that Democrats have thrown "all the mud they could manufacture" at Kavanaugh.

He said a hearing on Kavanaugh's first accuser's claims would occur as scheduled Thursday and the full Senate would vote on his nomination shortly

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Lord's hands. My hands aren't big enough," he said. In North Carolina, the Cape Fear and Neuse rivers remained swollen and were not expected to return to normal levels until October, the charts show.

"Florence continues to bring misery to North Carolina," North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper said Sunday evening in a statement.

Most of the Carolinas have seen the worst of the flooding, but people need to remain cautious, said Todd Hamill, a hydrologist at the National Weather Service's Southeast River Forecast Center. With most rivers having crested, that water is moving toward the coast, he said.

Parts of Interstate 40 are expected to remain underwater for another week or more, and hundreds of smaller roads remain impassable. But there was some good news: Interstate 95 was reopened to all traffic Sunday night for the first time since the floods.

Floodwaters already receding on one stretch of Interstate 40 left thousands of rotting fish on the pavement for firefighters to clean up.

Crews conducted about 350 rescues over the weekend, and travel remains treacherous in the southeastern area of the state, the governor added. National Guard members would be shifting to more door-to-door and air-search checks on people in still-flooded areas.

The storm has claimed at least 43 lives since slamming into the coast Sept. 14.

On Monday, Republican education leaders in North Carolina announced planned legislation to assure teachers at still-shuttered schools that they will get paid without using vacation time. The proposal was part of broader disaster funding that the General Assembly will consider in an anticipated special session.

In Washington, lawmakers considered almost \$1.7 billion in new money for disaster relief and recovery, even as they face a deadline this week to fund the government before the Oct. 1 start of the new budget year.

The chairman of the House Appropriations Committee said the money would be available as grants to states to help rebuild housing and public works, as well as assist businesses. GOP Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen of New Jersey called it "a first round" and said lawmakers are ready to act quickly if the federal disaster relief agency also needs more money.

The economic research firm Moody's Analytics estimated that Florence has caused around \$44 billion in damage and lost output, which would make it one of the 10 costliest U.S. hurricanes. The worst disaster, Hurricane Katrina in 2005, cost \$192.2 billion in today's dollars. Last year's Hurricane Harvey cost \$133.5 billion.

**Cosby accuser says she wants 'justice as court sees fit'**

By **MARYCLAIRE DALE** and **MICHAEL R. SISAK**

Associated Press  
NORRISTOWN, Pa. — Bill Cosby's chief accuser on Monday asked for "justice as the court sees fit" as the 81-year-old comedian faced sentencing on sexual assault charges that could make him the first celebrity of the #MeToo era to go to prison.

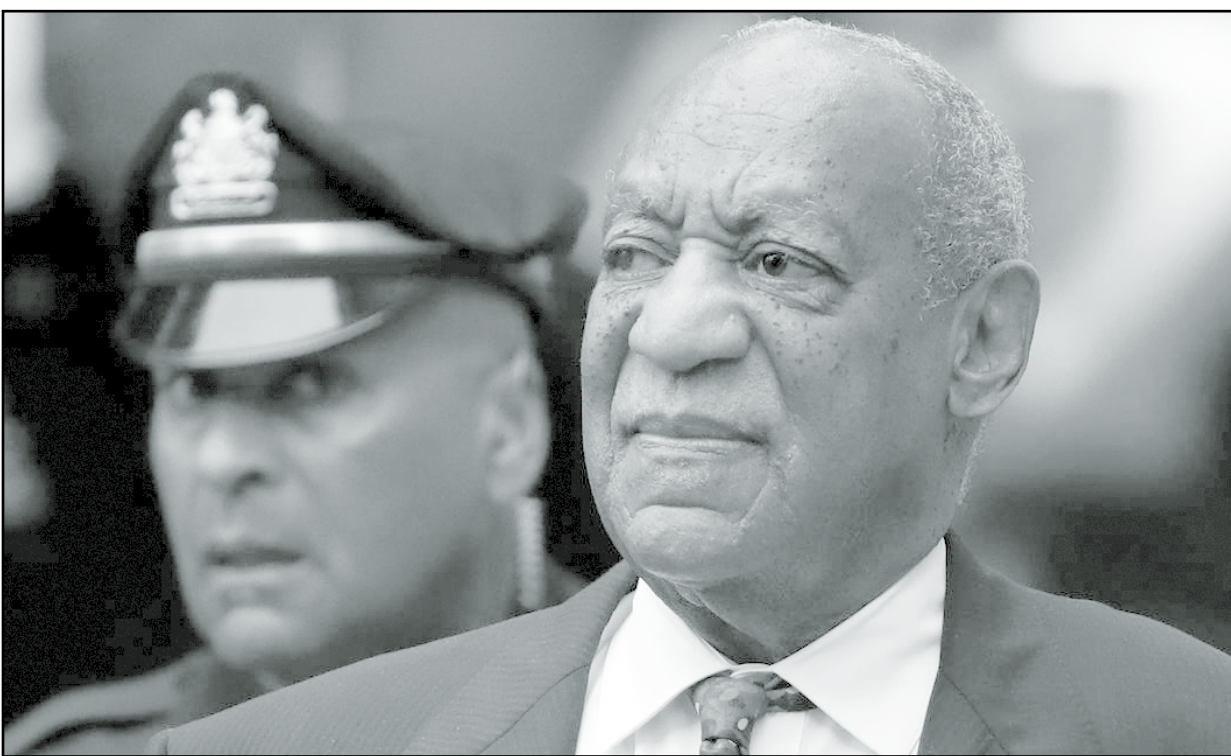
After testifying for several hours at two trials, Andrea Constand spent just two minutes on the stand at the sentencing hearing in suburban Philadelphia for the man once known as America's Dad.

"The jury heard me. Mr. Cosby heard me. Now, all I am asking for, is justice as the court sees fit," said Constand, who submitted a much longer victim-impact statement that wasn't read in court.

Cosby, whose first trial ended in a hung jury, was convicted in April of drugging and molesting the former Temple University women's basketball administrator at his mansion in 2004. A judge is expected to sentence the former "Cosby Show" star on Tuesday.

The charges carry up to 30 years in prison, though state sentencing guidelines call for about one to four years behind bars.

Judge Steven O'Neill is also expected to decide whether to declare Cosby a "sexually



AP photo

**Bill Cosby arrives for his sentencing hearing at the Montgomery County Courthouse, Monday, Sept. 24, 2018, in Norristown, Pa.**

violent predator" — a scarlet letter that would make him subject to mandatory lifetime counseling and community notification of his whereabouts.

On Monday, Kristen Dudley, a psychologist for the state of Pennsylvania, testified that Cosby has an uncontrollable urge to violate young women and would probably commit another offense if given the chance.

Cosby often befriended women, then betrayed their trust by sedating them with drugs or alcohol and violating them for the "sole purpose of his sexual gratification," Du-

ley testified.

A psychologist for the defense is set to testify Tuesday.

Cosby's lawyers argued that the state law on classifying sexual predators is unconstitutional and that Cosby is unlikely to commit another crime because of his advanced age and health — he is legally blind and uses a cane — and because there have been no complaints that he molested anyone in the 14 years since his encounter with Constand.

Constand's parents and sister followed her on the stand and were far more talkative, telling the judge that the assault had taken an immense

emotional toll.

Constand's mother, Gianna, attributed her health problems to Cosby-related stress and accused Cosby of "ruining many lives."

"I can only hope and pray that some sense of peace and faith can be restored back on our family," she said. "The victims cannot be un-raped. Unfortunately, all we can do is hold the perpetrator accountable."

Cosby was the first celebrity to go to trial in the #MeToo era. Monday's proceedings took place as another

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Trump from Kim after their inter-Korean talks last week.

"You are the only person who can solve this problem," Moon said to Trump, relaying Kim's words.

Trump, for his part, said "We are in no rush. We are in no hurry" to bring about a nuclear agreement. U.S. officials are insisting that economic sanctions remain in place against the North until it eliminates its nuclear program.

Trump and Moon are expected to sign a new version of the U.S.-South Korean trade agreement, one of Trump's first successes in his effort to renegotiate trade deals on more favorable terms for the U.S. Even so, some U.S. officials worry that South Korea's eagerness to restore relations with the North could reduce sanctions pressure on Kim's government, hampering efforts to negotiate a nuclear accord.

The nuclear threat was on the agenda at Trump's first meeting in New York, a dinner with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Manhattan on Sunday night. Abe stands first among world leaders in cultivating a close relationship with the president through displays of flattery that he has used to advance his efforts to influence the unpredictable American leader.

"We have our eyes wide open," Pompeo told NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday. "There is a long ways to go to get Chairman Kim to live up to the commitment that he made to President Trump and, indeed, to the demands of the world in the U.N. Security Council resolutions to get him to fully denuclearize."

Trump, redoubling his commitment

to "America First" on the most global of stages, will stress his dedication to the primacy of U.S. interests while competing with Western allies for an advantage on trade and shining a spotlight on the threat that he says Iran poses to the Middle East and beyond.

Scores of world leaders, even those representing America's closest friends, remain wary of Trump. In the 12 months since his last visit to the U.N., the Republican president has jolted the global status quo by pulling out of the Iran nuclear deal, starting trade conflicts with China and the West and embracing Russia's Vladimir Putin even as the investigation into the U.S. president's ties to Moscow moves closer to the Oval Office.

Long critical of the United Nations, Trump delivered a warning shot ahead of his arrival by declaring that the world body had "not lived up to" its potential.

"It's always been surprising to me that more things aren't resolved," Trump said in a weekend video message, "because you have all of these countries getting together in one location but it doesn't seem to get there. I think it will."

Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, told reporters in a preview of Trump's visit that the president's focus "will be very much on the United States," its role and the relations it wants to build.

"He is looking forward to talking about foreign policy successes the United States has had over the past year and where we're going to go from here," she said. "He wants to talk about protecting U.S. sovereignty," while building relationships with nations that "share those values."

In his four-day visit to New York, Trump will deliver major speeches and meet with representatives of a world or-

der that he has so often upended in the past year. On Monday he participated in a Global Call to Action on the World Drug Problem and later was to meet with Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi and French President Emmanuel Macron, in addition to Moon.

Trump's address to the General Assembly comes Tuesday, and on Wednesday he will for the first time chair the Security Council, with the stated topic of non-proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. The subject initially was to have been Iran, but that could have allowed Iranian President Hassan Rouhani to attend, creating a potentially awkward situation for the U.S. leader.

Aides say the president will also use the session to discuss North Korea and other proliferation issues. While Trump is not seeking a meeting with Rouhani, he is open to talking with the Iranian leader if Rouhani requests one, administration officials said.

In meetings with European leaders as well as during the Security Council session, Trump plans to try to make the case that global companies are cutting ties with Iran ahead of the reimposition in five weeks of tough sanctions against Tehran. The penalties are a result of Trump's decision to withdraw the U.S. from the 2015 Iran nuclear deal.

Trump at the time cited Iran's role as a malign force in the region, particularly its support of terrorist groups, but also its involvement in Syria. U.S. officials say their priority for the region now is removing Iranian forces from Syria.

Trump is also expected to deliver a fresh warning to Syria's Bashar al-Assad that the use of chemical weapons against civilians in the major rebel stronghold of Idlib would have serious repercussions.

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thereafter, though he did not set a date.

Hours earlier, Trump led the defense of his embattled nominee against the latest allegation of sexual misconduct, calling the accusations against him "totally political."

The combative tone by Kavanaugh and his GOP supporters came a day after a second allegation emerged. That accusation, in a report by The New Yorker magazine, pushed the White House and Senate Republicans onto the defensive and fueled calls from Democrats for further investigation.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, the ranking Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, called for the "immediate postponement" of any further action on Kavanaugh's nomination.

Trump, at the United Nations for his second General Assembly meeting, called the allegations unfair and unsubstantiated, made by accusers who come "out of the woodwork." He also questioned the political motivations of the attorneys representing the women, saying "you should look into the lawyers doing the representation."

On Kavanaugh, Trump stressed: "I am with him all the way."

The new accusation landed late Sunday in a report from The New Yorker, just a few hours after negotiators had reached an agreement to hold an extraordinary public hearing Thursday for Kavanaugh and Christine Blasey Ford, who accuses him of sexually assaulting her at a party when they were teenagers. Kavanaugh denies the accusation.

Presidential counselor Kellyanne Conway told CBS on Monday that the accusations against Kavanaugh sound like "a vast left-wing conspiracy," using rhetoric that echoed Hillary Clinton's 1998 description of allegations that her husband, President Bill Clinton, had had affairs.

Trump is suggesting the timing of the New Yorker article is further evidence of what he has been saying privately for days: that the Democrats and media are conspiring to undermine his pick.

The second claim against Kavanaugh dates to the 1983-84 academic year, which was his first at Yale University. Deborah Ramirez described the incident after being contacted by The New Yorker magazine. She recalled that Kavanaugh exposed himself at a drunken dormitory party, thrust his penis in her face, and caused her to touch it without her consent as she pushed him away.

Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee said they would investigate Ramirez's accusation. Taylor Foy, a spokesman, complained that Democrats had "actively withheld information" from the Republicans until now.

The New Yorker said the allegation came to the attention of Democratic senators through a civil rights lawyer.

Ramirez was reluctant at first to speak publicly "partly because her memories contained gaps because she had been drinking at the time of the alleged incident," The New Yorker reported. After "six days of carefully assessing her memories and consulting with her attorney, Ramirez said that she felt confident enough of her recollections" to speak publicly, the report said.

The Associated Press tried reaching Ramirez at her home in Boulder, Colorado. She posted a sign on her front door, indicating she would have no comment.

Joining the maelstrom, Michael Avenatti, the attorney representing porn actress Stormy Daniels in her legal fight with Trump, claimed to represent a woman with information about high school-era parties attended by Kavanaugh and urged the Senate to investigate. Avenatti told the AP that he will disclose his client's identity in the coming days and that she is prepared to testify before the committee, as well as provide names of corroborating witnesses.

A White House official not authorized to speak publicly questioned the accusations coming from Avenatti's client, saying that the presence of the high-profile attorney — who has publicly taken on Trump and is weighing a 2020 Democratic presidential bid — makes the proceedings a "circus."

The accusation from Ramirez raises the stakes further for a dramatic showdown Thursday, as Kavanaugh and Ford testify in public about an incident she characterizes as attempted rape — and that he says simply never happened.

Kavanaugh's nomination hangs precariously. A handful of senators in both parties remain undecided on his nomination. Defections among Republicans would likely block his path to the Supreme Court.

The White House is approaching Ford's potential testimony with trepidation, nervous that an emotional appearance might not just damage Kavanaugh's chances but could further energize female voters to turn out against Republicans in November.

Still, the White House and Republicans have cast doubt on Ford's allegations. The Judiciary panel said it had talked to three other people whom Ford has told The Washington Post were at the party where the alleged assault took place — Mark Judge, Patrick J. Smyth and Leland Ingham Keyser. All three told investigators that they had no recollection of the evening in question, the committee said.

The Post reported Sunday that Keyser said in a brief interview at her home that she still believes Ford, even if she doesn't remember the party.

# Rosenstein to meet Trump Thursday as job hangs in balance

By ZEKE MILLER  
and ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House delayed until at least Thursday a decision on the fate of Rod Rosenstein, the Justice Department official overseeing the Trump-Russia investigation, following chaotic hours of breathless and sometimes conflicting reports anticipating his imminent departure.

His future hanging in the balance over revelations that he had discussed possibly secretly recording the president, Rosenstein expected to be fired as he headed for the White House on Monday for what was later described as a prescheduled meeting.

Instead, the White House said that Rosenstein and Trump would meet Thursday after the president's return to Washington, suggesting the deputy attorney general may be in his job for at least several more days. The meeting is set for the same day as an extraordinary Senate committee hearing that is to feature Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh and a woman who has accused him of sexually assaulting her when they were in high school.

Any termination or resignation would have immediate implications for special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation of possible collaboration between Russia and the Trump campaign before the 2016 election. Rosenstein appointed Mueller and oversees his investigation.

Rosenstein and Trump, who is in New York for a U.N. meeting, had an extended conversation to discuss recent news stories about negative comments Rosenstein is reported to have made last year about the president, said White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

The deputy attorney general was reported as having discussed possibly secretly recording the president and invoking the Constitution to have the Cabinet remove him from office. The Justice Department issued two statements from Rosenstein denying the remarks and released a separate statement from someone who said he recalled the recording comment but insisted that it was meant sarcastically.

As Trump mulled Rosenstein's fate and con-



AP photo

Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein leaves the White House in Washington, Monday, Sept. 24, 2018.

sulted on how to respond, Rosenstein was summoned to the West Wing on Friday evening by White House chief of staff John Kelly.

He also spoke with White House counsel Don McGahn over the weekend to say he was considering resigning, according to a person familiar with the conversation. McGahn told Rosenstein they should discuss the issue Monday, said the person who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the private conversation.

Rosenstein was captured by photographers leaving the White House after his meetings Monday and was led out by Kelly.

"At the request of Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, he and President Trump had an extended conversation to discuss the recent news stories," Sanders said in a statement. "Because the President is at the United Nations General Assembly and has a full schedule with leaders from around the world, they will meet on Thursday when the President returns to Washington, D.C."

It's unclear what will happen Thursday.

Despite his "You're Fired!" tagline from his "The Apprentice" reality

show days, the president has shown himself reluctant to directly fire aides himself.

While his White House has been marked with unprecedented staff turnover, Trump has often left the task to deputies, including Kelly. He dispatched his former bodyguard to fire former FBI Director James Comey — though Comey was out of town. In other cases, Trump has publicly and privately shamed a staffer, pushing them to resign of their own volition.

The reports about Rosenstein add to the turmoil roiling the administration, just six weeks before midterm elections with control of Congress at stake. In addition to dealing with the Mueller investigation, the White House is also struggling to win confirmation of Kavanaugh, in the wake of sexual misconduct allegations.

The latest speculation surfaced Monday morning amid conflicting reports about Rosenstein's

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extraordinary #MeToo drama continued to unfold on Capitol Hill, where Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh faces allegations of sexual misconduct from more than three decades ago.

Cosby, looking grim, walked into the courthouse on the arm of his longtime spokesman as protesters shouted at him. Constand arrived a short time later.

Cosby spokesman Andrew Wyatt told reporters in the afternoon that the entertainer was in "great, great" spirits.

"We tell him to stay strong and stay focused, and he's focused on Mrs. Cosby, and that's what matters in his family," Wyatt said. "He's a great guy. He's still America's Dad, and they won't ever take that away. You can't take away the legacy."

In the years since Constand

first went to police in 2005, more than 60 women have accused Cosby of sexual misconduct, though none of those claims have led to criminal charges. At least two of those women, Lise-Lotte Lublin and former model Janice Dickinson, were among those in the courtroom Monday.

Prosecutors had hoped to have some of the other accusers address the court at sentencing. But the district attorney's office told The Associated Press that that would not happen.

A few hours before the hearing, Constand tweeted Ephesians 4:26, a Bible verse about letting go of anger: "Be wrathful, but do not sin; do not let the sun set while you are still angry; do not give the Devil an op-

portunity."

Cosby, who grew up in public housing in Philadelphia, became the first black actor to star in a prime-time TV show, "I Spy," in 1965. He remained a Hollywood A-lister for much of the next half-century, hitting his peak in the 1980s with the top-rated "Cosby Show" as the warm, wisecracking dad, Dr. Cliff Huxtable.

The AP does not typically identify people who say they are victims of sexual assault unless they come forward publicly, which Constand and other accusers have done.

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# Mandela: A life of soaring symbolism, now harnessed by UN

By CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — Nelson Mandela's South African journey from anti-apartheid leader to prisoner to president to global statesman — the "Long Walk to Freedom" of his autobiography title — is one of the 20th century's great stories of struggle, sacrifice and reconciliation. Now the United Nations is seeking to harness its soaring symbolism.

The unveiling of a statue of Mandela, born 100 years ago, with arms outstretched at the U.N. building in New York on Monday opened a peace summit at the General Assembly, where world leaders will once again address the planet's pressing problems: war, poverty, disease, migration and climate change. It was done amid a massive security operation in a city where Mandela was welcomed by exultant crowds

in 1990, a few months after he walked out of a South African jail, ending 27 years of imprisonment under the country's white minority government.

"South Africa will be free," Mandela said during that visit, and indeed, he became the country's first black president in its first multi-racial elections four years later. His death in 2013 at age 95 brought a global outpouring of grief and tributes.

But there is something of a distinction between the main global perception of Mandela — the moral colossus whose resolve and generosity of spirit, tactical as well as genuine, inspired people in Colombia, Northern Ireland and other places struggling with seemingly intractable conflicts — and a growing body of opinion at home that he and his

party were too quick to accommodate South Africa's white minority, which lost political control but still dominates industry in one of the world's most economically unequal societies.

Despite South Africa's sense of unfinished business, it is a country enormously proud of the tall, charismatic orator with a broad smile and ironclad principles whose image and words were banned by his former captors, rendering him virtually invisible to the outside for decades. Mandela's universality means that he also belongs to the world, which has wrestled with a fresh set of economic and political ruptures of late.

In July, former U.S. president Barack Obama traveled to Johannesburg and spoke about how Mandela, by offering the possibility of "moral transformation," means as much to the globe as he does to South Africa.

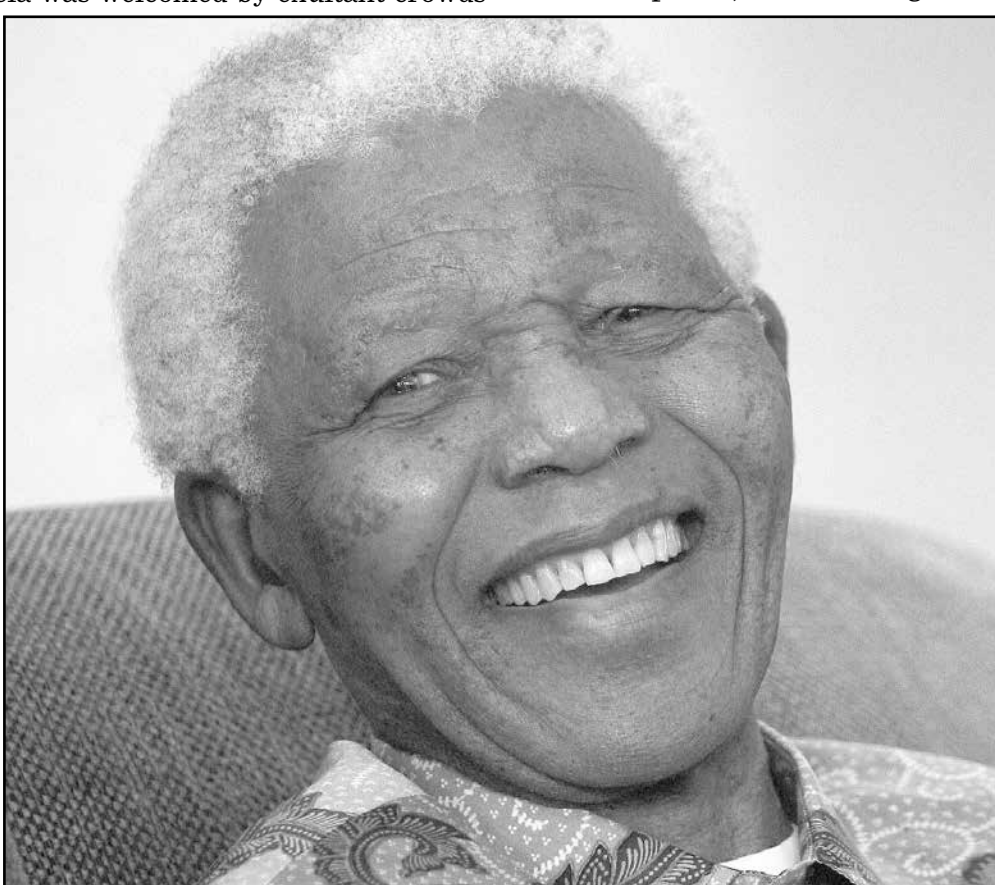
"At the outset, his struggle was particular to this place, to his homeland — a fight to end apartheid, a fight to ensure lasting political and social and economic equality for its disenfranchised non-white citizens," Obama said. "But through his sacrifice and unwavering leadership and, perhaps most of all, through his moral example, Mandela and the movement he led would come to signify something larger."

The United Nations is declaring 2019-2028 as the "Nelson Mandela Decade of Peace," and a declaration being adopted at Monday's peace summit identifies the personal qualities that made him a transcendent humanitarian — "humility,

forgiveness and compassion" — and connects them with U.N. goals, including disarmament, human rights and poverty alleviation.

It also warns of "challenges to the primacy of multilateralism," a catch-all term that could refer to trade disputes between the administration of U.S. President Donald Trump and other countries, or the European Union's Brexit challenge, or other pressures testing the idea of shared values on which the U.N. was founded after World War II.

The declaration's signatories recognize "that the world has changed significantly since the founding of the United Nations, and acknowledge that global peace eludes us to this day," it says. But the tone is hopeful — "we must make the impossible possible" — and the document singles out South Africa for praise, remembering the country's dismantling of



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**In this file photo dated Wednesday, March 28, 2007, Former South African President Nelson Mandela is photographed at the Mandela Foundation in Johannesburg. The United Nations is seeking to harness the soaring symbolism of Nelson Mandela's struggle and national reconciliation, as it unveils a statue of Mandela, born 100 years ago, at the U.N. building in New York on Monday Sept. 24, 2018.**

its nuclear weapons program toward the end of apartheid and Mandela's appeal for the "total elimination of nuclear weapons."

Mandela's plea is no closer to reality, and other elements of his legacy are under threat. In 2016, South Africa said it was withdrawing from the International Criminal Court, though a South African court later ruled against the move to pull out of the Hague-based tribunal, which was launched in 2002 and pursues perpetrators of the world's atrocities. Mandela had been a strong advocate for the court's creation.

The shine has come off the "rainbow nation" that was internationally admired in its early post-apartheid years during Mandela's presidency. South Africa struggles with fallout from allegedly massive corruption under former president Jacob Zuma, and a contentious debate about land reform reflects the frustrations of many in the black majority who think their country has let them down since they got the right to vote.

Still, it has one of the biggest economies in Africa, as well as a relatively robust judicial system and civil society.

"For all our shortcomings and simmering tensions, our country was truly inspirational, and it still is. In recent years it had become harder to sell the South African miracle, as our detractors would point to rampant corruption, cronyism, and the masses who are yet to share in the dividends of peace," Shannon Ebrahim, foreign editor for the Independent Media Group in South Africa, wrote in a column.

The U.N.'s honoring of Mandela, Ebrahim said, again gives South Africans a chance to inspire the world.

Monday is also a public holiday in South Africa, Heritage Day, introduced when Mandela was president to celebrate the country's cultural diversity.

According to accounts, Mandela wanted to be seen as a normal human being with both flaws and virtues, and not as an icon or legend. In 2007, he spoke at the dedication of a statue in his likeness opposite the Houses of Parliament in London, and his talk about the symbolism, not the man, seems equally apt for the new statue at the United Nations.

"We trust that the statue will be a reminder of heroes and heroines past," Mandela said, "as well as an inspiration for continuing struggles against injustice."

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plans. One person with knowledge of the situation said he expected to be fired, though other reports suggested that he would resign.

Trump, who on Friday suggested that he would remove a "lingering stench" from the Justice Department, did not publicly reveal any plans over the weekend.

As of Sunday, Trump said he had not decided what to do about Rosenstein. He angrily asked confidants, both inside and outside the White House, how to respond. He received mixed messages. Some urged him to fire Rosenstein. Others suggested restraint while seeing if the report was incorrect or if it was planted by some adversary.

Congressional Republicans, Democrats and some Trump aides have warned for months that the president shouldn't fire Rosenstein, saying such a move could lead to impeachment proceedings if the Democrats retake the House in the upcoming midterms.

Though Trump has mostly spared Rosenstein from some of the harsher and more personal attacks he has directed at Attorney General Jeff Sessions, he has occasionally lashed out with angry tirades at the Justice Department's No. 2 official, including after FBI raids in April targeting the president's former personal lawyer, Michael Cohen.

Rosenstein appointed Mueller in May of last year after Sessions, who ordinarily would have overseen the investigation, recused himself because of his close involvement in the Trump campaign.

Those developments came one week after Rosenstein laid the groundwork for the firing of Comey by writing a memo that criticized Comey's handling of the FBI investigation into Hillary Clinton's email server. The White House initially held up that memo as justification for Comey's firing, though Trump himself has said he was thinking about "this Russia thing" when he made his move.

Were he to be forced out, Solicitor General Noel Francisco, the highest-ranking Senate confirmed official below Rosenstein in the Justice Department, would take control of the Mueller investigation. A spokesman for Mueller declined to comment.

Former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, whose private memos document comments made by Rosenstein, said Monday he was concerned that a Rosenstein departure would put the investigation at risk.

"There is nothing more important to the integrity of law enforcement and the rule of law than protecting the investigation of special counsel Mueller," McCabe said in a statement. "I sacrificed personally and professionally to help put the investigation on a proper course and subsequently made every effort to protect it."

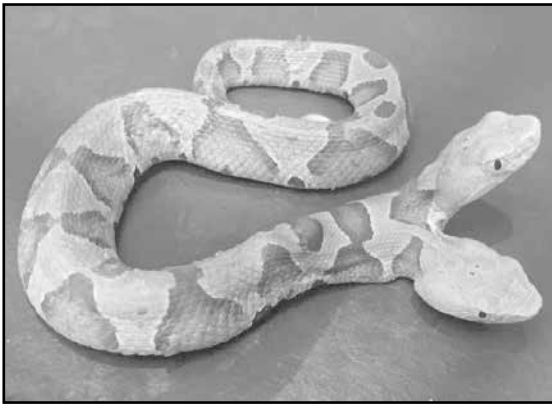
# Agency says two-headed snake may go to educational facility

WAYNESBORO, Va. (AP) — A wildlife and conservation research hospital says a two-headed snake recently found near the nation's capital may be sent to an educational facility.

The Wildlife Center of Virginia says the two-headed Eastern Copperhead was found in a northern Virginia neighborhood last week. It says a state herpetologist brought the snake to the hospital Thursday for an examination.

A hospital release says the two heads were found to have two tracheas and two esophagi, but share one heart and set of lungs. The Charlotte Observer reports state biologists believe both heads are capable of biting and distributing venom.

State herpetologist J.D. Kleopfer says in a Facebook post that two-headed snakes are extremely rare because "they just don't live that long." He says he hopes to donate the snake to a zoo.



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## Astros defeat Blue Jays 5-3

By IAN HARRISON

Associated Press

TORONTO — The Houston Astros kept rolling on the road and moved to the top of their second straight AL West title.

Brian McCann and Josh Reddick hit back-to-back home runs, and the Astros beat the Toronto Blue Jays 5-3 on Monday night to close in on another division crown.

The defending World Series champions reduced their magic number to two over Oakland to clinch the division. The Athletics, who won 7-3 in Seattle, wrapped up at least a wild-card playoff spot when Tampa Bay lost 4-1 to the New York Yankees.

Already assured a trip to the postseason, Houston can secure the AL West crown — and a best-of-five post-season matchup against AL Central champion Cleveland — with a win and an Oakland loss on Tuesday.

"The A's are a good team," left-hander Dallas Keuchel said. "We don't expect them to get out of a fight."

Houston has the best road record in



Houston Astros Jose Altuve gets the easy force out at second base on Toronto Blue Jays Yangervis Solarte and turns the double play in the seventh inning of a baseball game in Toronto on Monday Sept. 24, 2018.

AP photo

baseball at 53-22, matching last year's club mark for the most wins away from home in a single season.

The Astros are 99-57 overall and a major league-best 17-4 in September.

"Everybody is really excited about us closing in on 100 wins and closing in on a division title," infielder Alex Bregman said, "but there's only one thing on our mind and that's winning the World Series again."

Keuchel (12-11) allowed three runs and seven hits in five innings for his first win since Sept. 3 against Minnesota. He also reached 200 innings for the third time, after doing so in 2014 and 2015.

"It means more to me now than it did the first time," Keuchel said.

Five relievers followed before former Blue Jays closer Roberto Osuna came on to a chorus of boos in the ninth, his first appearance in Toronto since being arrested for assault in May. Osuna, who earned his 19th save in 20 opportunities, was traded to the Astros on July 30.

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## Texans look to fix mistakes after 0-3 start



AP photo

Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson (4) is tackled by New York Giants defensive end Mario Edwards Jr. (99) during the second half of an NFL football game Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018, in Houston.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — After losing three close games to fall to 0-3 for the first time since 2008, the Houston Texans are pondering all the little things they did wrong that contributed to the defeats.

They've had a few turnovers but possibly more detrimental to their success than that has been the smallest mistakes that have kept the team from running the way it should.

As usual, coach Bill O'Brien shouldered the blame for their latest loss, a 27-22 defeat to the Giants which gave them their first win this season.

Though he said it was his fault, he refused to go into details about what he's trying to do better.

"There's a lot of things," he said. "Like I always say to you guys when things don't go well — and they haven't gone well lately — it starts with me. So, I just think there's a lot of different things that I can do to be better. I'm not going to list them all."

Though he took the blame for Houston's failure on Sunday, there are certainly plenty of other factors that have kept the Texans out of the win column.

See **TEXANS**, Page 14

## Dink and dunk isn't cutting it with Cowboys' passing game



AP photo

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) hands off to running back Ezekiel Elliott (21) during the first half of an NFL football game against the Seattle Seahawks, Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018, in Seattle.

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

FRISCO, Texas — Dak Prescott has the fewest throws of at least 15 yards down the field among quarterbacks who have played all three games this season.

It isn't really news to the leader of the Dallas Cowboys.

"I don't think we've just attacked that area enough, simple as that," Prescott said after a 24-13 loss to Seattle Sunday. "I don't necessarily say they're taking it away as much as we haven't tried them enough. You can put it on me. I guess I just need to push the ball down the field more."

Whether it's play-calling, blocking or a group of receivers looking woefully ill-equipped to replace the All-

Pro version of Dez Bryant, the Cowboys' passing game is broken — even when Ezekiel Elliott has his first 100-yard rushing game of the season.

Prescott, who has completed just three of 10 passes at least 15 yards downfield, had his fifth straight game of fewer than 200 yards with at least 25 passes going back to last season. The Cowboys haven't had that long a run of inefficiency in the passing game in 15 years.

If it's any consolation, Quincy Carter-led Dallas made the playoffs despite that ineptitude in 2003, although those Cowboys were quickly in the wild-card round because of their stagnant offense.

See **COWBOYS**, Page 14

## When is a sack legal? Hard to know now

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Pro Football Writer

LANDOVER, Md. — Sure does seem as if "When is a sack just a sack?" is quickly becoming the NFL's new "Did that player lower his helmet too much?" or "What, exactly, is a catch?"

It's a fundamental element of football — how a pass-rusher is allowed to bring a QB down to the ground — and no one really seems to be clear on it at the moment.

Not Clay Matthews, the Packers linebacker who's been flagged for roughing the passer in each of Green Bay's three games this season. Not Alex Smith, the Redskins quarterback who was sacked by Matthews with about as straightforward a tackle as can be on Sunday. Not Packers coach Mike McCarthy, who yelled at two officials after the call. Not players on either team or on either side of the ball.

"Unfortunately this league is going in a direction that a lot of people don't like. I think they're getting soft. The only thing hard about this league is the fines they levy down on guys like me that play the game hard," Matthews said after Green Bay's 31-17 loss at Washington.

"Nine years, I've been doing it one way in the NFL, successfully, and now it just seems as if that way doesn't work anymore. And that's frustrating," Matthews said with a huge sigh.

"I don't run the league office," he said, "but you'd like to see football be football."



AP photo

Green Bay Packers linebacker Clay Matthews (52) reacts after his penalty for roughing the passer during the second half of an NFL football game against the Washington Redskins, Sunday, Sept. 23,

Rule 12, Section 2, Article 9 (b) of the NFL rulebook says that "a defensive player must not unnecessarily or violently throw (a passer) down or land on top of him with all or most of the defender's weight. Instead, the defensive player must strive to

wrap up the passer with the defensive player's arms and not land on the passer with all or most of his body weight."

That rule has been around for years, but the league's competition committee made it a point of emphasis this season. More than 30 roughing-the-passer penalties were called in this season's first two weeks alone.

"That was basically my key — that he landed on him with most or all of his body weight," referee Craig Wrolstad told a pool reporter Sunday.

"But if you've got a shoulder into him and then landed on him with most of his body weight off him or released him when he went down, then he would have been OK," Wrolstad said. "But in my judgment, I ruled that he landed on him with most or all of his body weight there."

If the 15-yard penalty was assessed correctly in this instance, count McCarthy and Matthews among those who think that rule needs to be rewritten or, at the very least, reinterpreted.

"Somehow," Packers defensive lineman Kenny Clark said, "we've got to find a way to grab the quarterback and twirl our body and not land on the quarterback."

Sounds impossible.

"What do you see the man to do?" said one of Smith's defensive teammates, Josh Norman. "When I saw it, it was not malicious, ill intent. It was just a nice form tackle."



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By Steve Becker

**An unsafe safety play**

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

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 3 NT Pass Pass Pass  
 Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

You can't play bridge entirely by rote and expect to always get the best result. General rules are valuable in the play of most hands, but they're not expected to take the place of independent thought.

Consider this deal where South went astray through force of habit. Playing three notrump, he won the diamond lead with the king and cashed the ace of clubs. He then led the club three to the queen, trying to guard against the possibility that East had been dealt four clubs to the jack. In that case, he would be able to lead another club from dummy and trap

the jack. However, both opponents followed to the second club, so the precaution proved unnecessary. Declarer then led a heart and finessed the jack. West took the king and returned the jack of diamonds. Eventually, South lost four more tricks and went down one, scoring only the eight tricks he had started with.

Declarer could have made the contract if he had eschewed the standard "safety play" in clubs. Instead, he should have cashed the A-K and then led the ten to the queen, preserving the three in his hand.

He could then finesse the jack of hearts and, after winning any return by West, lead the three of clubs to the seven to take a second heart finesse. When this finesse succeeded, South would have had nine tricks.

There is no question that South's handling of the clubs would have been correct if making nine tricks depended solely on obtaining four club tricks. But in his misguided attempt to ensure the maximum number of club tricks, he lost sight of his ultimate goal.

He should have recognized that he needed two entries to dummy for two heart leads, which meant that a 3-2 club break had to be assumed. There was not much point in protecting against a lie of the cards that would defeat him if it actually existed.

Tomorrow: Pinpoint defense.

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To: Krystal Lyn Drake,

Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday October 22, 2018, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 1st day of May, 2018, cause number 52718 in the entitled cause styled

PNC Mortgage vs Krystal Drake

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

This is a suit for declaratory judgment and the alternative equitable subrogation. On or about September 2, 2005, Reo Management 2004, deeded real property and improvements commonly known as 423 Westover Rd., Big Spring, Texas 79720 (the "Property") via a special Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien to Sonya Drake and Charles Drake, wife and husband. On information on belief, Sonya Drake's former husband, Charles Drake, died on or about April 24, 2007. No probate proceeding was ever opened for Charles Drake. On information and belief, Sonya Drake and Charles Drake had only one child during their marriage-Krystal Drake. On information and belief, neither Sonya Drake nor Charles Drake had any children outside of their marriage. On or about May 27, 2014, Sonya Drake executed a Texas Home Equity Security Instru-

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ment in favor of Royal United Mortgage, LLC (the HESI) as a single woman. Subsequently, the HESI was assigned to Plaintiff. In connection with 2014 transaction, Royal United Mortgage, LLC paid off a prior lien on the Property held by BBVA Compass Bank in the amount of \$43,977.71. Plaintiff seeks a declaration that the HESI is a valid security interest against the Property, and is enforceable per its term. In the alternative, a declaration that the HESI is equitably subrogated to a lien position with the rights and security set forth in pri or lien that was paid off.

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Other as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office on this the 5th day of September, 2018.

COLLEEN BARTON  
District Clerk of Howard County, Texas

By: Jury Padron, Deputy

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Social Sun

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Many people will decide to play host on a holiday or when they have a reason to celebrate, but it takes a special thought process to host for the sheer enjoyment of being with your favorite people. There's no better reason! The early stages of this Libra sun make for an ideal time to call a few friends and put together a plan for the weekend.



**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You appreciate people for who they are and don't require them to be like you in order to understand them. It's that difference that keeps both parties interested and connected, as you fill in one another's blanks.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You know what you have to do to bring harmony to your world, but you may not feel ready to do it. Forgiveness and detachment aren't the easiest things for you, but once you let something go, it will never bother you again.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Some-

times life puts you in a position of having to fake it until you get the hang of the role and it becomes who you really are. But there are certain things that will just never be you. Give those up. Faking too long is bad for you.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** When you don't want the fun to end, maybe it's a sign that you're not getting enough of it in general. Pinpoint what makes a particular experience so enjoyable. There's a way of working more of that feeling into your daily life.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Having to be right all of the time eats up a lot of energy and it's socially repellant to boot, as people are annoyed by invulnerable individuals who

seem to have it all figured out. Expect mistakes. Love them even.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** When you're living in the spirit of possibility, it's never too late and there's no such thing as being regretful. So keep that beautiful hopeful attitude of yours alive. The world needs it.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Outer order, inner calm is the motto of the day. An effort to get your surroundings into a clean and logical arrangement will serve to clear your mind and get you ready to prevail in the challenges to come.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Responsibility is the way to happiness. It sure doesn't look like the way, but it is. Today this will have to do with making something right. As soon as you realize that a mistake has been made, handle and resolve it.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** It might feel unnatural for you to celebrate who you are and what you have to offer, but it's the best thing you can do for everyone around you. When you enjoy your uniqueness,

you're a gift to everyone around you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You deserve love and attention and sometimes crave it without even realizing it. Better to tune in, ask yourself how you're doing and what you need, than to risk subconsciously making things about you that shouldn't be.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Why do people test the boundaries of a relationship? Because we all need to feel powerful and free. Also, we often don't know where the boundaries are until we brush against them.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You didn't seek approval, but you got it anyway. Of course that's satisfying, but be careful because it's also addictive. Derive too much pleasure from the approval of others and you could accidentally become reliant on it.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 25).** In short, it's your year to do things better, smarter and faster. Your obsession with handling the daily stuff with more grace and efficiency will allow you to expand your life by adding inter-

est, income and new relationships. More highlights include: Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 12, 18 and 6.

**ASTROLOGICAL TOPICS:** (SET ITAL)How do you know if he's into you?(END ITAL) (continued from yesterday) VIRGO: He'll help you out. You might get the feeling that he was just waiting for you to need something and he's eager to provide whatever it is. LIBRA: He'll make certain that you feel a friendly, warm feeling about him. He'll quickly find common ground with you and tell you about his similar experiences. SCORPIO: He'll bring on the intensity. He may not say much, but he'll look at you with those eyes that seem to pierce your soul. He'll want to make arrangements to spend time with you as soon as possible. SAGITTARIUS: He'll want to take you on an adventure, not just a date. Of course, with Sagittarius every date is an adventure because of his approach. He'll think of something he'd like to experi-

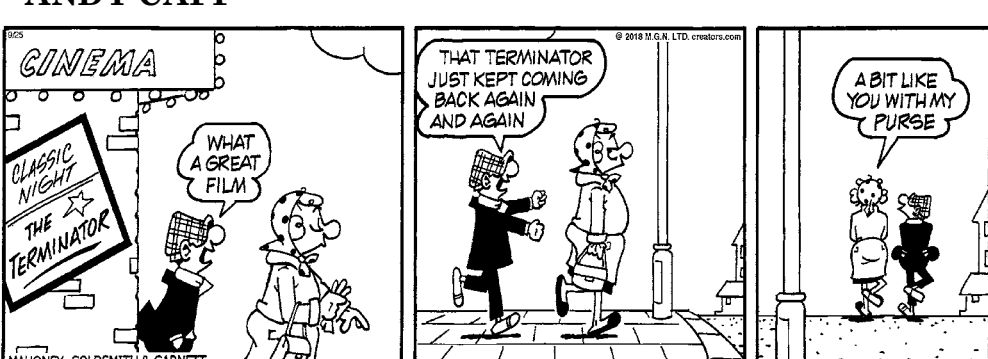
ence with you and try to get you on board. CAPRICORN: He'll let you know about his plans and ambitions. He'll also want to appear powerful, which could translate into a display of physical strength or a demonstration of his position in life or at work. AQUARIUS: He'll strike up the fun and games. He'll target you for some good-natured teasing and friendly competition. PISCES: His awareness of you will seem heightened. He'll remember what you say and notice little details about you that everyone else misses.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Will Smith will honor the role made iconic by the late, great Robin Williams, as he takes on the live action version of the Genie in "Aladdin." Smith can be counted on to bring the magic to this and every role in his full movie schedule, booked for years to come. Smith was born when the sun, Mercury and Venus were all in the charming sign of Libra, known for fine artistry and impeccable aesthetics.

Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis@gmail.com.

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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 25, the 268th day of 2018. There are 97 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 25, 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

In 1513, Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa crossed the Isthmus of Panama and sighted the Pacific Ocean.

In 1690, one of the earliest American newspapers, Publick Occurrences, published its first — and last — edition in Boston.

In 1775, American Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen was captured by the British as he led an attack on Montreal. (Allen was released by the British in 1778.)

In 1789, the first United States Congress adopted 12 amendments to the Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. (Ten of the amendments became the Bill of Rights.)

In 1911, ground was broken for Boston's Fenway Park.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson collapsed after a speech in Pueblo, Colo., during a national speaking tour in support of the Treaty of Versailles (vehr-SY).

In 1956, the first trans-Atlantic telephone cable officially went into service with a three-way ceremonial call between New York, Ottawa and London.

In 1957, nine black students who'd been forced to withdraw from Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, because of unruly white crowds were escorted to class by members of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division.

In 1974, Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Tommy John underwent an experimental graft reconstruction of the ulnar collateral ligament in the elbow of his throwing arm to repair a career-ending injury; the procedure, which proved successful, is now referred to as "Tommy John surgery."

In 1978, 144 people were killed when a Pacific Southwest Airlines Boeing 727 and a private plane collided over San Diego.

In 1992, NASA's Mars Observer blasted off on a \$980 million mission to the red planet (the probe disappeared just before entering Martian orbit in August 1993).

In 1997, President Bill Clinton pulled open the door of Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, as he welcomed nine blacks who had faced hate-filled mobs 40 years

earlier.

Ten years ago: Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama sat down with President George W. Bush at the White House to discuss a multibillion-dollar Wall Street bailout plan, but the session, which also included top congressional leaders, devolved into what the McCain campaign described afterward as a "contentious shouting match." Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin defended her remark that the close proximity of Russia to her home state of Alaska gave her foreign policy experience, explaining in a CBS interview that "we have trade missions back and forth." Anti-apartheid activist Kgalema Motlanthe (KHAH'-lee-mah moo-KAN'-tay) became the third president of South Africa since the end of white rule. After a 43-year wait, Paul McCartney performed his first concert in Israel, saying he was on a mission of peace for Israel and the Palestinians.

Five years ago: Nearly a dozen of Syria's powerful rebel factions, including one linked to al-Qaida, formally broke with the main opposition group in exile and called for Islamic law in the country, dealing a severe blow to the Western-backed coalition. Skipper Jimmy Spithill and Oracle Team USA won the America's Cup with one of the greatest comebacks in sports history, speeding past Dean Barker and Emirates Team New Zealand in the winner-take-all Race 19 on San Francisco Bay.

One year ago: Former congressman Anthony Weiner was sentenced to 21 months behind bars for illicit online contact with a 15-year-old girl. North Korea's top diplomat said his country had the right to shoot down U.S. warplanes, after President Donald Trump's weekend tweet suggesting that the North's Kim Jong Un "won't be around much longer." Britain's Prince Harry and girlfriend Meghan Markle made their first public appearance as a couple, attending a wheelchair tennis event at the Invictus Games for wounded veterans in Toronto.

Today's Birthdays: Broadcast journalist Barbara Walters is 89. Folk singer Ian Tyson is 85.

Polka bandleader Jimmy Sturr is 77. Former Defense Secretary Robert Gates is 75. Actor Josh Taylor is 75. Actor Robert Walden is 75. Actor-producer Michael Douglas is 74. Model Cheryl Tiegs is 71. Actress Mimi Kennedy is 70. Movie director Pedro Almodovar is 69. Actor-director Anson Williams is 69. Actor Mark Hamill is 67. Basketball Hall of Famer Bob McAdoo is 67. Actor

Colin Friels is 66. Actor Michael Madsen is 60. Actress Heather Locklear is 57. Actress Aida Turturro is 56. Actor Tate Donovan is 55. TV personality Keely Shaye Smith is 55. Actress Maria Doyle Kennedy is 54. Basketball Hall of Famer Scottie Pippen is 53. Actor Jason Flemyng is 52. Actor Will Smith is 50. Actor Hal Sparks is 49. Actress Catherine Zeta-Jones is 49. Rock musician

Mike Luce (Drowning Pool) is 47. Actress Bridgette Wilson-Sampras is 45. Actress Clea DuVall is 41. Actor Robbie Jones is 41. Actor Joel David Moore is 41. Actor Chris Owen is 38. Rapper T. I. is 38. Actor Van Hansis is 37. Actor Lee Norris is 37. Actor/rapper Donald Glover (AKA Childish Gambino) is 35. Actor Zach Woods is 34. Actor Jordan Gavaris is 29. Olympic silver

medal figure skater Mao Asada is 28. Actress Emmy Clarke is 27.

Thought for Today: "History is too serious to be left to historians." — Iain Macleod, British politician (1913-1970).

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Newsday Crossword

NOTHING'S WRONG by Billie Truitt Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Chest muscles, for short
  - 5 Barbie or Ken
  - 9 Moral code
  - 14 Tear down
  - 15 "It's my turn"
  - 16 Instruct
  - 17 Racetrack shape
  - 18 Join a choir, say
  - 19 Boat that's paddled
  - 20 Pitcher's dream outing
  - 23 \_\_\_-in-a-million (rare)
  - 24 Part of the eye
  - 25 In danger
  - 27 Snoozing
  - 30 Blender setting for baby food
  - 32 Cow's comment
  - 33 Jungle king
  - 35 Pay increase
  - 39 Gem without defects
  - 43 Radio, TV, etc.
  - 44 Gas in lighted signs
  - 45 "You're it!" game
  - 46 Boxer's weapons
  - 48 A scratch or a dent
  - 51 Pretentious
  - 54 Generic dog name
  - 55 Pub beverage
  - 56 Match made in heaven
  - 62 Poker player's "pass"
  - 64 Operatic solo
  - 65 Cabbage salad
  - 66 Durable trousers material

- DOWN**
- 1 Stage accessory
  - 2 Roof overhang
  - 3 Industrial mogul
  - 4 Photo of the photographer
  - 5 Faithful follower
  - 6 Leaves out
  - 7 Respiratory organ
  - 8 Women's links org.
  - 9 And so on
  - 10 Coffee alternative
  - 11 Capital of Vietnam
  - 12 Computer screen images
  - 13 Place for rouge
  - 21 Before, in poems
  - 22 Scratch or dent
  - 26 Package of paper
  - 27 Two-band, as a radio
  - 28 "File" fish
  - 29 Batch of laundry
  - 30 Sits for a portrait
  - 31 Loosen, as a knot
  - 34 "Small world, \_\_\_ it?"
  - 36 Slightest bit
  - 37 Slight obstacle
  - 38 Just barely beat
  - 40 Internet hotspot connection
  - 41 Flattered to excess
  - 42 Direct attention to
  - 47 Feeling blue
  - 49 "Without further \_\_\_ . . ."
  - 50 Hair salon goo
  - 51 Jousting weapon
  - 52 "Hi," in Hawaii
  - 53 "Credit or \_\_\_?"
  - 54 Throw with force
  - 57 Servings of corn
  - 58 Vicinity
  - 59 Theater production
  - 60 Erie or Huron
  - 61 Lambs' mothers
  - 63 Opposite of WSW

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9/25/18

# COWBOYS

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These Cowboys (1-2) don't look anything like a playoff team with this offense. They play Detroit (1-2) on Sunday at home with the Lions coming off a stirring win at home against New England.

"I don't see anybody in that room that will accept that we can't do better offensively no matter what the conditions are — on the road or otherwise," owner and general manager Jerry Jones said. "It's pretty obvious that all day long, we were disjointed and just couldn't make it happen."

Cole Beasley is the only receiver with 100 yards for the season (132). Newcomer Deonte Thompson, supposedly a speed threat on the outside, is averaging 9.2 yards on nine catches.

Tavon Austin, acquired in a trade during the

draft, has the only catch of more than 20 yards — a 64-yard touchdown on the third play of Dallas' win over the New York Giants. His other four catches are for 17 yards.

Austin has the only two receiving touchdowns for Dallas. The second was on a 3-yard shovel pass with the Cowboys trailing the Seahawks 24-6 in the fourth quarter.

Geoff Swaim has been solid trying to replace 15-year tight end Jason Witten, who retired to go into broadcasting. He led the Cowboys with five catches for 47 yards against the Seahawks.

"We have to be more efficient and we have to be more explosive throwing the ball," coach Jason Garrett said Monday. "There are a lot of components to it. There's a protection component. There's a decision-making component. There's a throw and catch component. There's a winning on the route component."

# TEXANS

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The first and most glaring has been the play of the offensive line.

The unit has allowed quarterback Deshaun Watson to be sacked 10 times and hit many more. The group has also committed an inordinate amount of penalties in the first three games.

Though several different players have been penalized, right tackle Julien Davenport has struggled the most in this area and had five penalties on Sunday alone.

He was called for three false start penalties and flagged two other times for holding.

"He's struggling, and we have to work with him to keep getting better, but we're definite-

ly looking at that position," O'Brien said. "He's a good guy. He's going to work hard to get better, but he needs to improve, no doubt."

O'Brien isn't sure what he can do in practice to help his team eliminate these penalties, but said Monday that he's working to figure out something.

Houston is also intent on improving its red zone efficiency after scoring touchdowns on just two of five trips inside the 20 on Sunday. O'Brien said the penalties have contributed to the problems in that area, but there are also other factors.

"Statistics tell you that when you have a negative play in the red area, you really have no chance of scoring a touchdown," O'Brien said.

"So, I think on all of the drives where we've had to settle for a field goal, we've had a negative play. We have to figure out how

to stop doing that."

"It's not good, and that's been one of our main issues on offense," he continued. "When you have a lot of yards, it doesn't matter when you're not scoring touchdowns."

Though the Texans are certainly disappointed that their season has gotten off to such a dreadful start, O'Brien believes that his players will work hard to try and turn things around. Houston will try again for its first win on Sunday in a visit to AFC South foe Indianapolis.

"We have a bunch of good guys in there that are very much together," O'Brien said. "We've only played one divisional game. We've got a big one this week. So, we just have to keep grinding. There's no other way out of it. There's no choice."

# ASTROS

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Many in the crowd of 23,463 jeered each of Osuna's pitches.

"He wanted the ball like he always does," Astros manager AJ Hinch said. "I'm sure it was emotional for him."

Asked about the fan reaction, Hinch said it was "pretty expected."

Osuna declined to speak on the advice of his lawyer. His case resumes Tuesday in Toronto.

Blue Jays manager John Gibbons called it "weird" to see Osuna on the mound at Rogers Centre wearing a different uniform.

"Kind of mixed emotions but I knew there was a good chance he was probably going to get it done," Gibbons said. "I've seen him do it too many times."

In the first big league meeting between brothers Yuli Gurriel and Lourdes Gurriel Jr., Houston's Yuli opened the scoring with an RBI single in the first.

Younger brother Lourdes grounded into a double play in the bottom of the inning, then exited the game because of a sore left hamstring.

Yangervis Solarte came on to play third, with Aledmys Diaz moving to shortstop.

McCann belted a second-deck drive off Marco Estrada to begin the second, his sixth homer of the season and first since returning from the disabled list Sept. 1 after missing two months because of a right knee injury.

Four pitches later, Reddick homered, his 16th. It was the sixth time this season the Astros have gone back-to-back.

Bregman made it 4-0 with an RBI double in the third, but the Blue Jays answered with Kevin Pillar's two-run homer in the fourth, his 15th.

Solarte cut it to 4-3 with an RBI single in the fifth after a throwing error by third baseman J.D. Davis. Toronto loaded the bases with nobody out but Keuchel ended his outing by striking out Justin Smoak, getting Randal Grichuk to ground into a fielder's choice and then fanning Pillar.

"It seemed like it was destined to implode right there," Keuchel said. "I was just trying to make as many quality pitches as I could."

Estrada (7-14) lost his fifth straight decision, allowing four runs and seven hits in 4 2/3 innings.

"The long ball got him and that's where he's vulnerable," Gibbons

said. Estrada has served up a team-high 29 home runs.

**ROAD WARRIOR**  
Bregman has reached safely in 52 consecutive road games, the longest streak in Astros history. Jeff Bagwell did it in 51 straight from 1998-99.

**TRAINER'S ROOM**  
Astros: RHP Charlie Morton, who left Sunday's game after one inning because of a sore shoulder, returned home to be with his wife, who is about to give birth. Hinch said Morton will be re-evaluated when he rejoins the team in Baltimore this weekend. ... SS Carlos Correa (back) was held out of the lineup for the fifth straight game and is expected to sit again Tuesday, Hinch said. ... RHP Lance McCullers Jr. was activated from the disabled list and will pitch in relief over the final week of the regular season. McCullers has been out since Aug. 4 because of a sore el-

bow. ... The Astros recalled LHP Reynmin Guduan from Triple-A.

**Blue Jays:** RHP Aaron Sanchez missed his scheduled start after leaving the team last weekend to have his troublesome right index finger examined by a specialist. Sanchez missed 54 games earlier this season because of the injury, which happened when Sanchez's finger got caught in a suitcase hours before a June 21 road start against the Angels. He's made five starts since returning Aug. 25.

**UP NEXT**  
Astros RHP Josh James (1-0, 2.81 ERA) faces Blue Jays RHP Sam Gaviglio (3-8, 5.18) on Tuesday. James pitched 5 1/3 shutout innings to beat Seattle for his first career win last Tuesday. Gaviglio is winless in four starts.

# NFL Standings

## American Football Conference

AFC East	W	L	T	PF	PA
Dolphins	3	0	0	75	52
Jets	1	2	0	77	58
Patriots	1	2	0	57	77
Bills	1	2	0	50	84

AFC West	W	L	T	PF	PA
Chief	3	0	0	118	92
Broncos	2	1	0	61	70
Chargers	1	2	0	82	93
Raiders	0	3	0	52	81

AFC North	W	L	T	PF	PA
Bengals	2	1	0	89	77
Ravens	2	1	0	97	51
Browns	1	1	1	60	59
Steelers	1	1	1	88	90

AFC South	W	L	T	PF	PA
Titans	2	1	0	49	50
Jaguars	2	1	0	57	44
Colts	1	2	0	60	63
Texans	0	3	0	59	74

## National Football Conference

NFC East	W	L	T	PF	PA
Eagles	2	1	0	59	55
Redskins	2	1	0	64	44
Cowboys	1	2	0	41	53
Giants	1	2	0	55	62

NFC West	W	L	T	PF	PA
Rams	3	0	0	102	36
49ers	1	2	0	73	89
Seahawks	1	2	0	65	64
Cardinals	0	3	0	20	74

NFC North	W	L	T	PF	PA
Bears	2	1	0	63	55
Packers	1	1	1	70	83
Vikings	1	1	1	59	72
Lions	1	2	0	70	88

NFC South	W	L	T	PF	PA
Buccaneers	2	1	0	102	91
Saints	2	1	0	104	103
Panthers	2	1	0	71	60
Falcons	1	2	0	80	85

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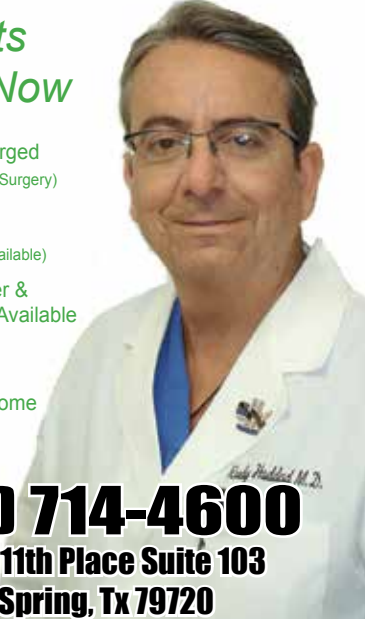
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