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 Memorial Stadium
 Coahoma vs. Forsan

Last Day for Leadership Big Spring Applications
 Turn in to Big Spring Area Chamber Office
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Sept. 31
Still Electric and Szlachetka
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Sept. 2
Labor Day

Don't forget to submit your We Salute! nominations; good deeds, positive impacts to the community, etc. can be emailed to editor@bigspringherald.com

Sept. 14
Big Spring Symphony kicks off the season
 7:30 p.m.
 Big Spring Municipal Auditorium

Sept. 20-22
Howard County Fair

Football season is upon us! School has started back. Email photos of student athletes, class activities, etc. to editor@bigspringherald.com.

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City Council standardizes school zone times citywide

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

At its Tuesday evening meeting, the Big Spring City Council approved a measure to standardize school zone speed limits citywide. The measure will go into effect Monday.

"We're just going to standardize them across the city. They're all going to be the same times: From 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and then from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.," Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams, said. "That'll include all schools, with loading zones, which are on Airbase and on West 16th. I contacted the schools earlier this year to confirm the start times of the schools. I went back and looked at the city ordinances regarding school zone times. They were all over the map. To spare confusion with our citizens, along with our of-

ficers and court system, it just seemed like it would be better to standardize all the times so there is no confusion for anyone."

Speed limits in all Big Spring school zones are 20 miles per hour. The reduced speed limit is effective on school days only between 7 and 9:30 a.m., and between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. The city council approved the measure unanimously.

In other business, the council held a public hearing on the city's proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2019-2020. Local real estate agent



Big Spring real estate agent Charles Smith, left, addresses the Big Spring City Council Tuesday during a Public Hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2019-2020 tax rate. Smith urged the council to exercise restraint in increasing taxes, saying that first-time home buyers and those on a fixed income have difficulty paying high property taxes.

Charles Smith spoke to the council during the hearing, urging council members to practice restraint in raising property taxes. "Even though it may be a See **COUNCIL**, Page 3

Budget, tax rate, TEA ratings on BSISD school board agenda

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Adoption of the 2019-2020 proposed budget, hiring schedule, and tax rate will be the primary issues at a Big Spring Independent School District special meeting called for 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, 2019. The meeting will take place in the Big Spring High School Board Room, 707 11th Place.

The district's proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year is \$36,472,300, up slightly from the current year, when the district's budget is \$35,340,200.

The tax rate proposed by the school board at its Aug. 6 meeting is \$1.12 per \$100 valuation, which includes 97 cents per \$100 value for Maintenance and Operations – the district's operating revenue, and 15 cents per \$100 valuation for

Interest and Sinking, which is set by statute and used to service the district's debt. The proposed rate represents a decrease from \$1.24 per \$100 valuation collected during the current fiscal year. This year's M&O tax rate has been \$1.04 per \$100; while this year's I&S rate has been 20 cents per \$100 valuation.

In other business, the trustees will hear a report on the 2019 Texas Education Agency's school and school district A-F accountability ratings, released earlier this month. While the district as a whole maintained its "D" rating, sliding just 1 percentage point from a 64 percent to a 63 percent, three campuses received failing "F" ratings – Goliad and Washington elementary

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How to start a Business

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**
 Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered what it takes to start your own business? Well, now is your chance to learn all about it. The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will be hosting a workshop to answer all your questions on Thursday, August 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Howard College, Old Main Building, Room 201.

"Anyone who has ever had a good idea for a business but didn't have a clue as to where to begin is encouraged to attend," says Angel Garcia, SBDC Business Consultant. "Anyone who is in the process of starting a business or started one previously and feel they are missing something but don't know what is also encouraged to attend. In addition, if you're interested in learning about business basics from business structure and formation to lending and business plans with financial projections

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November election could have local impact

Ballot to include no local races, 10 constitutional amendments

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The state constitution may have been written in 1876, but each November in odd numbered years the citizens get an opportunity to vote on amending it. On November 5, once again residents in Big Spring and those across the state of Texas will have a say on 10 new amendments.

"Voter turnout is normally lower in this election (November, constitutional amendment election) due to the lack of local issues or candidates on the ballot," Jodi Duck, Elections Administrator, said. "People feel a disconnect when it will not affect them personally, but often there are amendments on the ballot that will have a direct

impact on them. This is an example of direct democracy placed in the hands of voters. These amendments could have direct impact on local citizens."

Early voting will be Oct. 21 through Nov. 1 at the Howard County Courthouse from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Extended voting hours will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, and Election Day is Nov. 5 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

According to Duck, turnout in amendment elections is traditionally very low. In the 2017 Amendment Election, there was only 7.6 percent turnout and an average of 11 percent voter turnout across the state.

"Locally, there has been a higher interest in the past year when it comes to government issues; we are hoping this will show an increase this November,"

she said.

In the recent election, Howard County and Big Spring residents voted to put Voting Centers in place, allowing voting to take place at any of the four voting locations across Howard County. New voting equipment was also put into use, allowing the voting process to be simplified, and Duck is hoping these new processes will help voter turnout.

"The voting centers will benefit those last minute voters this election. Hopefully, knowing they can vote at any location will encourage voters to stop and vote," Duck said. "The ballot is a little longer, due to the wording of the amendments and will take a few more moments to read through.

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Obituaries

Sarah West

Sarah West, 95, former longtime Big Spring resident, passed away Friday, Aug. 23, 2019, in McKinney, Texas. Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 29, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Sarah Evelyn Griffin was born June 28, 1924, in Hamlin, Texas, to J.E. & Ola Mae Griffin. Her family moved to Ackerly, Texas in 1932. She attended grade school there and graduated from Flower Grove High School in 1942. She met and married the love of her life, Leonard G. West, in 1943, and they moved to Big Spring to start their family in 1946.

She was an active member of the 14th and Main Church of Christ in Big Spring and was a volunteer at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for many years. She was an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys and the Texas Rangers. Her faith and family were



the most important things to her, and she lived it every day.

Survivors include her three children, Karon and her husband, L.R. Saunders of McKinney, Joe West and his wife, Debbie of Kerrville, and Kimberly Slate Wells and Chris Yates of Eules; seven grandchildren, Kristi and her husband, Steve Rooks, Keri and her husband, Chris Adams, Duane West and wife, Ellen, Angie and her husband, David Houston, Jason West and wife, Erin, Ryan Slate and Jill Collins, Erin and husband, Austin Jones; 19 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Cleola Grigg of San Angelo; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard G. West; two brothers, Jack Griffin, Sr., and Joe Griffin; and her parents, J.E. and Ola Mae Griffin.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to your charity of choice.

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

Paid Obituary

Fannie Bell Adkins

Fannie Bell Adkins, 96, of Clyde and formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 23, 2019, at the Clyde Nursing Center. Funeral services were held at Myers & Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring with burial in the Mount Olive Cemetery.

Fannie Bell was born Oct. 8, 1922, in Marshall, Texas to Walter Allison and Georgia Annie (Bell) Allen. She was the third of eight children. She graduated from Marshall High School and took business courses

at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Marshall, then went to work for the Texas & Pacific Railroad following in her father's footsteps. The family moved to a farm in Ackerly for a few years hoping to improve her dad's lungs in the dry air of West Texas, then moved back to the family's home in Marshall in 1940, where they stayed during WWII. The family moved back to Ackerly in 1949, and Fannie Bell worked at the railroad in Big Spring. There she met and married her husband, Robert G. "Bob" Adkins who also worked for the railroad.

Fannie Bell was a housewife until her husband's untimely death in 1969 at the age of 42. Sunday, the day of her funeral, is significant for another reason. It marks 50 years to the day since her husband Bob's death.

As a widow, she poured herself into her home daycare that she operated for many years. She still heard from some of her former "children" who loved her dearly. Fannie Bell moved to Canterbury Apartments in Big Spring where she lived for 18 years after she retired from her daycare business. In 2017, she moved to Clyde to be near her daughter.

Fannie Bell was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church in Big Spring for more than 60

year. She spent many of those years working in the nursery. When she moved in 2017, she moved her membership to First Baptist in Clyde.

Fannie Bell is survived by her daughter, Debbie Howard and husband, Monty of Clyde; her sister, Mary Owens and husband, Robert of Alice, Texas; six grandchildren, Courtney Shaffer and wife, Jennifer of Bronte, Texas, Lara Spalding and Ben Griffin of Point, Texas, Cassandra Treadway and husband Jeremy of Edgewood, Texas, Matthew Howard and wife, Carley of Clyde, Brian Adkins and wife, Lezli of Canton Texas, and Jennifer Morris and husband, Paul of Clyde; her daughter-in-law, Diane Boyer and husband, Joe of Loan Oak, Texas; 12 great-grandchildren, Skydra Sanford and fiancé, Clayton Haltom of Tyler, Presley Cravens and Victoria Shaffer of Bronte, Drea Gamboa and Piper and Falynn Treadway of Edgewood, Kerrigan and Patrick Howard of Clyde, Harper and Eli Adkins of Canton, and Hadley and Ryker Morris of Clyde; her nieces and nephews, J.D. Allen and wife, Beth, Ronald Allen, Tom Marlow, Randy Weaver and wife, Denise, Kenny Marlow and Diane Click, all of Big Spring, Allen Click of Austin, Wes Owens and Byron Owens of Corpus Christi, and Sherri Willis of White Oak; and several great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bob Adkins; her son, Robert L Adkins in 2011; her brothers, Jimmy Allen, Joe Allen, and W.A. "Buster" Allen, Jr.; and her sisters, Wilma Marlow, Oleta Weaver, and Iris Allen.

The family would like to thank the entire staff of the Clyde Nursing Center who loved her and took care of her for two and a half years, and to Hendrick Hospice. We suggest memorials to Hendrick Hospice, 1651 Pine Street, Abilene, TX 79601.

Online condolences may be made at www.bailey-howardfuneralhome.com

Paid Obituary



Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Ridgeroad. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Davis Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at CR 846 ad CR 669. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 9400 block of S. Service Rd. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Robin. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Magnolia. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 600 block of N.E. 9th St. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of N.W. Broadway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 200 block of Algerita St. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Bell. No transport was required.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 600 block of Gregg St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of MLK. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Johnson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **OUTSIDE RUBBISH/TRASH FIRE** was reported in the 4000 block of Parkway. Fire was contained.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

- **RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy)** a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 432-517-9207 for more information.
- Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-8600.

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 Veterans' 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. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email 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, every Thursday, at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JESSIE LEE LEWIS IV**, 19, of 1306 Ridgeroad Dr., was arrested on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- **AKKEY THAQUION MCVAE**, 21, of 1001 S. Johnson St., was arrested on a warrant for possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).
- **MICHAEL SHANE WEBB**, 53, of 2003 N. Monticello St., was arrested on a warrant for theft

of property (\$100 to \$750), and an outstanding warrant from another agency.

- **KRISTIAN SEAN YEATS**, 22, of 704 E. 14th St., was arrested on charges of theft of property/shoplifting (\$100 to \$750).
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80 and the 400 block of E. 24th St.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 3600 block of Bethel Dr.
- **THEFT** was reported in the

3600 block of W. Hwy 80, 2600 block of S. Gregg St., and the 200 block of W. FM 700.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln Ave.
- **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the 600 block of S. Bell St.
- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported in the 600 block of S. Gregg St.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.

- **JESSIE LEE LEWIS IV**, 19, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- **FRANK MUNOZ GALAN JR.**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and resisting arrest, search or transport.

• **AKKEY THAQUION MCVAE**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

- **MICHAEL SHANE WEBB**, 53, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for driving while intoxicated (third or more offense), and theft of property (\$100 to \$750).
- **RODNEY JOSEPH KELEMAN**, 34, was arrested by HCSO on two bench warrants for possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (one gram to four grams).

• **KRISTIAN SEAN YEATS**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

- **DONNI KAY ROBERTSON**, 34, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for failure to identify or giving false or fictitious information, and manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (one gram to four grams).
- **REYES CASTANEDA JR.**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for driving with invalid license.

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Weather



Today: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 90. East wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Tonight: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. East wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 98. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 75. South wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 99. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 74.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 94.

Saturday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70.

Sunday: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 91.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70.

Labor Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 70.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 95.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)

BSISD

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schools, and Anderson Accelerated High School. The highest rating and the only "C" in BSISD was earned by Big Spring Junior High, who ranked 73 percent. Other schools all earned "D"s.

In response to the ratings, Superintendent Jay McWilliams said "Anderson Accelerated Academy, Goliad Elementary and Washington Elementary will be provided extra academic support in order to improve their ratings over the next school year."

CLASS

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will benefit from this workshop."

Some of the topics covered will be:

- Basics of business from A to Z
- Business structure and formation
- Commercial loan requirements (the Four C's of credit)
- Obtaining an Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- Business Plan
- Financial Projections
- Overview for creating a marketing strategy

"This seminar will help a new business by helping them to start on the right foot," states

Garcia. "If a company is a DBA/sole proprietorship and they are subject to being sued, or if they have multiple employees and have high revenues, then they may consider becoming an Limited Liability Company (LLC), to protect themselves and their business. An LLC has many tax incentives as well as legal protections that a sole proprietorship does not."

Continues Garcia, "Perhaps a start-up needs capital to get going, but the lender denies them due to no plan on paper. This seminar will show precisely how to go about putting it all on paper in a formal manner."

"This seminar is a complete business start-up class with useful and applicable information

for both the future business owner and the current business owner looking to grow and expand."

Garcia is an experienced entrepreneur of several businesses and recently graduated with an MBA from UTPB. He has been a business consultant with the SBDC for approximately one and a half years.

There is a fee to attend this workshop; veterans and students will receive a discounted rate. For more information, please contact Garcia at 432-552-2458 or garcia_ang@utpb.edu.

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COUNCIL

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small, minute amount, every year it seems like we get these public hearings to increase our taxes, increase our trash pickups, increase our water rates," said Smith. "And it's not just the City of Big Spring; Howard College is asking for an increase. Howard County is asking for an increase."

Smith offered a real-estate perspective on the tax increases.

"I'm a realtor here in town. I've been a realtor since 1992. A lot of you know me, some of you may not. But when a home buyer comes in looking for a home to relocate to Big Spring, Texas, it's almost shameful that three to four to five hundred dollars a month of their home payment goes to taxes," he said. "We have been lucky to have been in a robust real estate market the past couple of years, but not everyone works in the oilfield. You have people moving in that are struggling, trying to buy their first home, and when you put that tax burden on them, their availability for that first home drops."

As normal, the mayor thanked Smith for his comments, but the council offered no response.

The council also:

- Approved the 2019-2020 budget for the Howard County 9-1-1 Communications District after hearing a presentation by 9-1-1 Director Cherrie Burcham. Burcham told the council that she had trimmed the budget by nearly \$73,000 in an attempt to save money toward a new 9-1-1 Communications

Center. After the council unanimously approved the budget, Councilman Jim DePauw thanked Burcham for her hard work. "I'd like to say 'Well done,' because when we had the presentation last year, I didn't see that y'all had a sustainable program, because y'all had these equipment needs, and it just wasn't going to work," said DePauw. "So I applaud you for what you've done this year, Ms. Burcham."

- Approved the 2019-2020 budget for the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation. BSEDC Board Chairman Jeff Ward presented the budget to the council. The budget reflects an increase of just over \$3 million, which will be used to continue the rehabilitation of rail connections between the McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark and Union-Pacific rail lines, to create western and southern entrances into the Airpark from the Bill Crooker Memorial US 87 reliever route, and to provide raises for EDC Director Terry Wegman and Associate Director Theresa Darden.

- Amended the city's ordinance to change the number of votes needed to pass a measure to a "majority of the members present" instead of a flat "four members," provided a quorum is present.

- approved bids for stop loss insurance and life/accidental death and dismemberment, long-term disability and voluntary life insurance.

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VOTE

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With multiple voting locations and the new equipment being in place, will hopefully keep the lines short and moving quickly."

According to Duck, sample ballots will be available soon, and voters will be able to request them in order to have background on the amendments. Duck reminds voters no cell phones will be allowed in the voting booths, but the sample ballots will be able to provide the background information to the voters.

"Your vote is your voice, why would you give that to someone else?" Duck asked. "Don't leave it up to someone else to make decisions on your behalf."

It is a protected right and should be held in high regard."

Those in need of a mail ballot - elderly, disabled, college students, etc. - can contact the Elections Office and request one, but this must be done soon. Those needing to make changes pertaining to new addresses, marriages, divorces, legal name changes or other legal changes, need to make changes before Oct. 7.

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Rosa Marquez, 85, died Saturday. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Pamela "Pam" Ann Richards, 60, died Friday. Services are pending.

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AgriLife Extension interim leaders reflect on time helping guide the agency

COLLEGE STATION – Parr Rosson, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service interim director, and Bob Whitson, Ph.D., interim associate director for the agency's state operations, are concluding their roles Aug. 31, and both say it's been one of the most rewarding experiences.

With Jeff Hyde, Ph.D., to begin work as the agency's new director Sept. 1, both Rosson and Whitson agree the agency is in a prime position transitioning into new leadership.

SERVICE FIRST

When Rosson and Whitson were approached a year ago about interim leadership positions, both said they had a "service first" mindset.

"I felt this was something so important; it was something I couldn't refuse," Rosson said. "The agency was going into a new legislative session, which was at a critical time.

I felt I really needed to help lead the agency and carry on some of the exemplary work done by our specialists, agents and partners statewide."

Parr Rosson, Ph.D., will conclude his duties as Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service interim director Aug. 31. He will transition into the role as special assistant to Patrick Stover, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor and Dean of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Director of Texas A&M AgriLife Research. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo)

Whitson said his first taste of the service role AgriLife Extension employees exhibit was during his first job in Gonzales as a farm management specialist.

"I was hired by Fred Walker, who at the time was program leader for agriculture and natural resources. I then realized what a commitment Extension had in making people's lives better," Whitson said.

"We have service in the agency name for a reason," Rosson said. "The heart of this operation is to make people's lives better and working as a team. This is a very good team. We

didn't approach this as an interim deal, and none of us would have been happy if we took that approach. We pushed hard to make things happen and have a good session."

Rosson said the service culture was very apparent when AgriLife Extension sent flood response teams to North Carolina following Hurricane Florence last year, and a team to assist with the California wildfires.

"We had agents spend their Christmas holiday time in California helping them fight wildfires," he said. "That's part of our culture. We had no problems getting volunteers and never had any problems filling gaps. There was always a transition team ready to go in and relieve their colleagues."

COMMODITY SUPPORT

Along the way, Whitson said there was also close planning and relationship building with all agricultural commodity groups.

"We couldn't do it without everybody involved from all of the commodity groups represented throughout Texas," Whitson said. "They play such a tremendous role, and AgriLife Extension views these partnerships as critical to the success of farmers and ranchers statewide. Our approach during this interim time was to leave nothing undone and not leave things sitting on the shelf."

Rosson commended the efforts of AgriLife Extension specialists, agents, associate department heads and staff during the interim period.

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"They have been absolutely tremendous," Rosson said. "They are the heart of this operation, and we have nothing but gratitude for each individual who helps Texans better their lives."



Dr. Parr Rosson



Dr. Bob Whitson

Driver Responsibility Program Repealed

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding residents that the Driver Responsibility Program (DRP) was repealed under HB 2048 during the 86th Legislature and will end on Sept. 1, 2019. DRP was initially created on Sept. 1, 2003, to establish a system to assess a surcharge based on a driver's traffic offenses. Surcharges were assessed on an individual's driving record by points or convictions.

As of Aug. 2, more than 1.4 million drivers were suspended under DRP. On Sept. 1, when DRP is repealed, all existing DRP surcharge assessments and suspensions will be waived, and no additional surcharges or suspensions related to DRP will be assessed after that date.

Earlier this summer, all individuals in the DRP program were sent letters notifying them of the status of the program and what steps they may need to take regarding their additional, non-DRP related fines or suspensions.

Drivers with non-DRP suspensions, fines or fees are still responsible to pay them, and can check the status of their driving privilege or pay reinstatement fees by visiting texas.gov and searching "Driver License Eligibility" in the search bar. To check the status, drivers will need their driver license or ID number, date of birth and the last four digits of their Social Security number. Records are updated daily.

For more information about the repeal of DRP, see our FAQs. For additional questions, please email DRPRepeal@dps.texas.gov — you must include your full name, date of birth, driver license or identification card number, and

2019 THCDA Show/Sale, Fredericksburg, TX

FREDERICKSBURG—Breeders are expected to consign approximately 200 head of breeding sheep to highlight the 2019 Texas Hill Country Dorper Association's 13th Annual Show/Sale Sept. 6-7 here.

The Dorpers and White Dorpers will be entered in 4 categories: spring and fall lambs, yearlings and pens of three ewes, according to THCDA president Mike McKinnerney of Richland Springs.

"These sheep will be top quality breeding stock" said McKinnerney. "Our members take great pride in saying they raise some of the best sheep in today's market."

The show is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, while the sale is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, all at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds Show Barn here.

Haltered sheep will be judged first on Friday followed by judging of the pens of three. Sheep consigned to the show/sale must be checked in by 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, said McKinnerney.

"Sheep will begin arriving on Thursday, so that will be a good time to preview the sheep and see how they stack up against others of the same age.

"Activities will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday with an educational seminar on Dorper and White Dorper sheep presented by THCDA member and certified judge Warren Cude of Ft. Stockton. He has judged sheep all over the U.S. so this is a chance to learn from the best.

"The sale is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday."

Judge for this year's show is Marvin Ensor from San Angelo, while Gabe Spikes of Early will be the auctioneer.

"This show is one of the premier shows and sale events for Dorper and White Dorper sheep in the country. It's not often you have the opportunity to see and purchase sheep of this quality in one location. All the sheep are consigned by THCDA members."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Big Spring, Texas will hold a public hearing on the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2019 and ending on September 30, 2020. The public hearing will be held on September 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Council meeting in the City Council Chambers at 307 E. 4th Street.

All citizens shall have the opportunity to provide oral and written comments concerning the proposed budget. A copy of the proposed budget is available for review in the office of the City Secretary in City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas and on the city's web site at www.mybigspring.com.

August 25, 2019

Donald L. Moore, CPA

Finance Director/City Secretary

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Arrington Introduces SCREEN Act

WASHINGTON – Today, Congressman Jodey Arrington (TX-19) announced the introduction of HR 4202, the Securing Comprehensive Review in Entry Enforcement Now (SCREEN) Act, which will expedite the deportation of migrants making false or erroneous asylum claims and reduce the number of illegal immigrants who are caught and released into the interior of the country. The SCREEN Act would allow Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers to conduct "credible fear" tests of asylum seekers when they first arrive at the southern border of the United States, which will help reduce overcrowding at detention facilities and lessen the immigration court backlog.

Currently, asylum seekers are either placed in detention centers or released due to limited capacity before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) officials conduct an initial "credible fear" interview. During the "credible fear" interview, asylum seekers must demonstrate a "significant possibility" of persecution in their country of origin before being referred to an immigration court for final adjudication of their asylum claim.

The SCREEN Act would significantly reduce the burden on immigration officials and stress on the overall system by removing non-credible asylum seekers from CBP's custody and alleviating the extensive backlog – approximately 800,000 cases currently – which has overwhelmed U.S. immigration courts and expanded instances of catch and release.

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Left: Big Spring's Kalyn Whitehead goes low to pass the ball during a home loss to Odessa High School on Tuesday at Steer Gym. Right: Kenzie Rodrigues passes the ball to a front row player during the Big Spring Lady Steer's home loss to Odessa High School on Tuesday. The Lady Steers put up a heck of a fight against the much bigger Odessa High team and are making dramatic improvements with each game early in this season.

Verlander gets win despite ejection as Astros down Rays 15-1

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Houston's Justin Verlander was bracing for a pitcher's duel as he prepared to face former teammate Charlie Morton and the Tampa Bay Rays on Tuesday night. Turned out quite differently than Verlander had imagined.

Rookie Yordan Alvarez homered twice as Houston jumped on Morton to build a big lead before Verlander was ejected in the sixth inning of the Astros' 15-1 win.

"It was the last thing I expected with Charles on the mound," Verlander said. "But it was a pleasant surprise. At that point I was just trying to get as deep as I could in the ballgame. Unfortunately that didn't happen."

The Astros honored Morton (13-6) with a pregame video recounting the highlights of his two-year stint with the team. Morton, who won Game 7 of the AL Championship Series and Game 7 of the World Series in 2017 to help Houston to its first title, tipped his cap after receiving a standing ovation following the tribute.

Houston's hitters didn't give Morton nearly as warm of a reception in his first trip to Minute Maid Park since signing with the Rays. The Astros tagged him for seven hits and a season-high six runs in four innings, which tied his shortest start this season.

"They got me with that one, and then they took it to me on the mound," Morton said with a laugh, referring to the video.

Verlander's ejection came with the

Astros up 9-0 when he thought he struck out Tommy Pham. Instead the pitch was called a ball, and the right-hander yelled something to home-plate umpire Pat Hoberg.

Pham then doubled to center on Verlander's next pitch. Verlander then yelled at Hoberg at least three times before he threw him out just as Pham reached second base. Verlander continued to jaw at Hoberg while he walked off the field and after he reached the dugout.

Verlander didn't believe his ejection was warranted.

"My back was turned. I guess he heard what I said," Verlander said. "I could have cleaned up the language a little bit but it wasn't toward him, it was toward my opinion of the call and he took exception to that."

Verlander (16-5) allowed four hits and struck out four in 5 1/3 innings while lowering his ERA to an AL-leading 2.69. His early exit helped end a streak of seven straight games with double-digit strikeouts. But Verlander, who leads the majors with 243 strikeouts, stayed around long enough to collect his 16th win, which

ranks second in the big leagues.

"I'm not sure he made hardly any mistakes," manager A.J. Hinch said. "I told him not to let the last inning ruin his day. I thought he threw a great game."

It was a much different performance than Verlander's previous start, when he threw a two-hitter in a 2-1 loss to the Tigers.

After that start, the Astros denied a newspaper reporter access to the clubhouse until after Verlander finished his postgame session with the media, and he later tweeted that he didn't

want to speak to the reporter because of unspecified "unethical behavior in the past."

Against the Rays, the Astros kept piling on after the early onslaught against Morton. The first of Alvarez's two homers was a three-run shot in the fifth, and Jake Marisnick knocked in two runs with a single in a five-run sixth.

Tampa Bay put third baseman Michael Brosseau on the mound in the seventh, and Alvarez hit a solo shot with one out for his 21st homer.

The Rays got their only run on Joey

Wendle's first homer of the season in the seventh.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rays: CF Kevin Kiermaier was out of the lineup for Kiermaier after being injured on Sunday. But manager Kevin Cash said he's doing better and should be back in the lineup Wednesday. ... RHP Tyler Glasnow (right forearm strain) will make a rehabilitation start for Class A Charlotte on Friday and is expected to make three or four appearances in the minors before rejoining the Rays. ... LHP Blake Snell (arthroscopic elbow surgery) is scheduled to throw a bullpen session Friday for his first work on the mound since his operation.

Astros: RHP Josh James (right shoulder soreness) will pitch several innings for Triple-A Round Rock later this week. If that goes well, he could come off the injured list sometime next week.

THEY SAID IT

"It seems like every time Charlie threw a ball they could handle, they certainly did and made us pay for it." — Cash on Morton's outing.

UP NEXT

Rays: LHP Ryan Yarbrough (11-3, 3.29 ERA) starts Wednesday night. Yarbrough allowed two runs — one earned — in 4 1/3 innings in his last start, but didn't factor in the decision in Tampa Bay's 5-2 win over Baltimore.

Astros: RHP Gerrit Cole (15-5, 2.75 ERA) is scheduled to start Wednesday night. Cole struck out 12 in seven scoreless innings in his last start to win his 11th straight decision as the Astros beat Detroit 6-3.



Calhoun, Trout lead Halos past Rangers 5-2, snap 5-game skid

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Los Angeles Angels haven't been eight games below .500 since 2016. After five consecutive road losses heading into this homestand, they certainly appeared to be headed to that dismal depth while Texas' Mike Minor dazzled them for six scoreless innings.

Kole Calhoun and Brian Goodwin made sure the Angels didn't bottom out, and Mike Trout added the coup de grace by adding to his major league homers lead.

Calhoun hit a two-run double and pinch-hitter Goodwin added a two-run single in the seventh inning, and the Angels snapped their five-game skid with a 5-2 victory over the Rangers on Tuesday night.

Trout hit his majors-best 43rd homer in the eighth inning for the Angels (64-70), driving in 100 runs for the first time since 2016 with his solo shot to left.

"He pummeled it," Angels manager Brad Ausmus said. "That's the downside of being Mike Trout. You go up there and (everyone) expects him to hit it 420 feet every time."

Trout, who was in a minor slump over the past six games, hit his 11th homer against Texas this season. Only Mickey Mantle has hit that many homers in a season against the Rangers franchise, and he did it in 1961 when they were the Washington Senators.

The Angels' bats came through just in time to snare a win in the opener of a two-game series between AL West also-rans.

Andrew Heaney had 10 strikeouts over six innings of four-hit ball in his second straight out-

standing start against Texas, but he left trailing 1-0 before the Angels rallied to win.

"We finally broke through there," said Heaney, who struck out 14 over eight innings of one-run ball in Arlington last week.

Shin-Soo Choo had an RBI single in the third inning and Danny Santana homered in the eighth for the Rangers, who have lost four of five.

Minor (11-8) dominated the Angels for the first



six innings, allowing only Andrelton Simmons to reach base during Los Angeles' first 20 plate appearances.

"It really is unfortunate, because that's the best I've seen him in a while," Rangers manager Chris Woodward said. "He deserved a better result than he got."

Minor bounced back sharply from last week, when the Angels hurt him for 10 hits and seven runs in Texas.

"I feel fine, but I just wish I could get some wins," Minor said. "It's no fun losing."

The first three Angels reached in the seventh, and Calhoun drove home Shohei Ohtani and Justin Upton with a one-out double in the gap. Goodwin then added two more runs on Minor's 105th pitch with a single up the middle.

Texas scored an unearned run in the third when Choo singled to drive home Delino DeShields, who had singled and gone to second when Calhoun bobbled the ball in right.

EX-RANGER WINS

Miguel Del Pozo (1-0) got one out in the seventh to earn his first major league victory against the team that traded him to the Angels on Aug. 9. The 26-year-old Dominican reliever, who made his big league debut last week in Texas, struck out Choo on three pitches.

Hansel Robles pitched the ninth for his 19th save.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: OF Hunter Pence went on the 10-day injured list with a lower back strain. The move was retroactive to last Saturday for the All-Star selection. Isiah Kiner-Falefa came up from Triple-A Nashville to take his roster spot.

Angels: Reliever Keynan Middleton was reinstated from the injured list for the first time since undergoing Tommy John surgery in May 2018. He missed the final 121 games of last season — which he began as the Angels' closer — and the first 133 games of this season.

UP NEXT

Orange County native Patrick Sandoval (0-1, 6.75 ERA) takes another shot at earning his first major league victory for the Angels in the series finale. He faces Ariel Jurado (6-10, 5.48 ERA), who has lost four consecutive starts and given up 22 runs in the last three.

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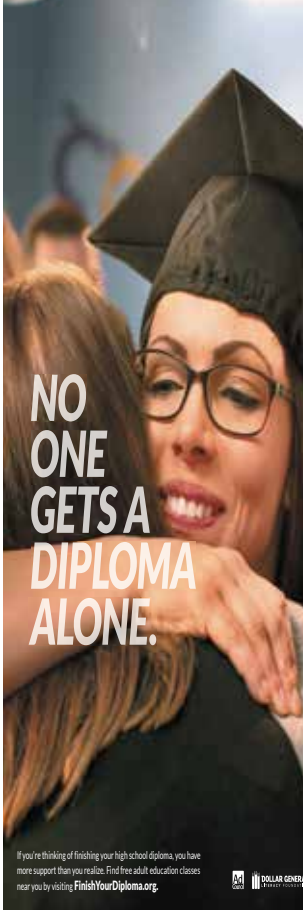
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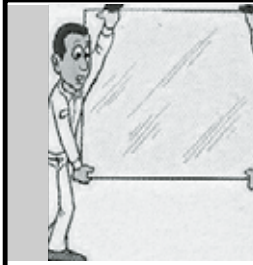
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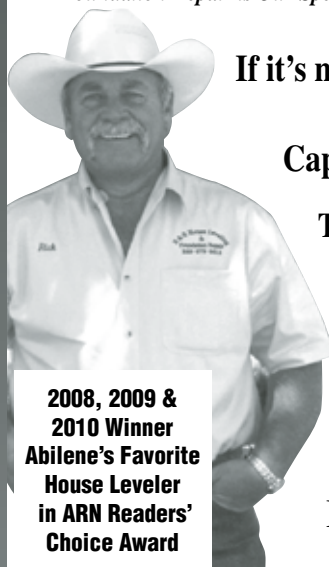
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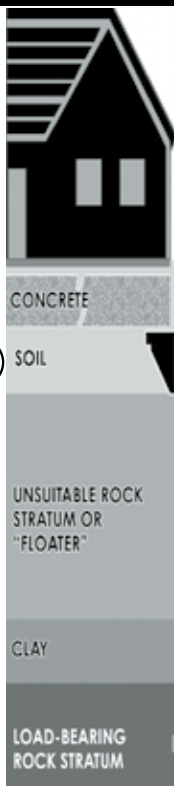
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Martian Trine to Uranus

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

have to wonder where this one leads.



ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are formalities to uphold, but if you cling too strictly to them, the connection you make with others will be shallow. To make a strong connection, you have to dig in past the formalities. It's a risk worth taking.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You care how people feel around you. Your realm of influence travels with you. You take some responsibility for the environment wherever you roam, even though it's not technically yours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Perseverance is important, but so is knowing where to put it. Misplaced perseverance wastes time. Know when to pivot and when to apply the same actions to a more promising trajectory.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's normal to get knocked off course from time to time. It's not important to figure out exactly what happened here. Just get up; dust yourself off; and start fresh.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't let not knowing what to say stop you from moving forward in a relationship. The words aren't as important as the dance -- moving in a pleasant emotion together, one that both of you trust.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The quick fix might work, but even

then, it won't do you much good, because chances are, this doesn't address the real issue. If you fix something that's not really the problem, you still have a problem.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Issues of territory arise. Honor people's need to be powerful in their own realm. No one wants to feel cornered or manipulated. Understanding this is key to building rapport and relationships.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People sometimes stick with sunken costs out of a sense of pride or loyalty that helps no one. Just because you've put a lot of money and time into an endeavor doesn't automatically mean you need to stick with it no matter what.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll proceed down the corridor of life in hopes that things will open up at the end of the hall. Maybe they will, or maybe you'll have to turn around and go back. At least you'll no longer

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some people make a hobby out of telling others what to do. You don't need such direction, even from a boss. Be an advocate for yourself. You can get the instruction you need without playing into weird social dynamics.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't favor perfection over practicality. Trying to make a thing too perfect will prevent it from getting finished in time. To forward your aims, you need to finish and ship the thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Today plays out like a coin toss. You start things off on one side, get thrown into the air, take a spin and land either pretty much where you started or the exact opposite of that.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 28). You will work hard to achieve a certain aim and greatly value that accomplishment for years to come. You'll also learn what doesn't work. You'll break out of unhelpful patterns, mostly through involvement with others. You'll serve and assist and become better, stronger, happier and richer for the experience. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 35, 2, 33 and 19.

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Annie's Mailbox

Flaky Freshman Friends

Dear Annie: I'm about to be a sophomore in college, and I am on summer break. I have not really talked to any of my friends from college since we have all been busy with internships and traveling. It makes me nervous that we will lose the connections we made throughout the school year. I have tried to talk to some of my friends through FaceTime, but we always seem to flake on the call. It makes me wonder if we were only friends because we were together 24/7 in school, and not because we have a true connection.

I also notice that I connect and trust my friends back at home more because we grew up together and experienced similar hardships in the 'hood that some of my

college friends can't relate to at all. My 'hood friends are also more supportive, caring and closer to my family. They make me feel like I can do anything, and they're definitely ride or die.

How do I ease the nervousness of potentially losing friends? How do I navigate the two different worlds of my hood friends and college friends? I thank you in advance for your response. -- Concerned Sophomore

Dear Sophomore: Your childhood friends sound like a true gift. Anyone who makes you feel like you can do anything is worth keeping. Research shows that much of one's success or failure in life is determined by the people we associate with most of the time. You are on the right track to surround yourself with those types of friends.

As far as losing touch with your new college friends or worrying if they were really your friends at all, only time will tell. If you lose a friend by being apart for a summer, then he or she was never really a long-term friend to begin with.

True friendship lasts a lifetime and can withstand distance. You have already shown that you have good judgment with your high school friends, which is a good indicator that you will likely attract, and have good judgment with, your new college friends.

Dear Annie: As another 76-year-old woman, I totally disagree with the opinion of the 76-year-old woman who had a real problem with aging.

This is the best time of my life! I have the freedom to enjoy doing things with my family and friends, travel, read, play cards and just enjoy my time. Since I am now on a fixed income, I also enjoy getting the senior discount.

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I appreciate it when people have good manners and respect their elders. Many of us who are seniors have problems that are not easily seen, such as arthritis, heart disease and other ailments. It is greatly appreciated when other people will hold the door open, give up their seats or do other things that make life easier for those of us who have some health conditions.

If the woman with the problem would just say, "No, thank you," she would be able to politely refuse any assistance that she did not want.

I am happy to be a senior citizen and hope that I will have many more years to enjoy as a senior. -- Happy for a Senior Discount

Dear Happy For a Senior Discount: Congratulations on living your best life! May you enjoy many more years of health and happiness.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
A shot in the dark

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♠ A Q 5
♥ Q 10 9 8 5
♦ K Q 4
♣ 6 5

WEST
♠ 8 6
♥ 6 4 2
♦ 7 6 3 2
♣ A K 9 8

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

SOUTH
♠ J 10 3
♥ K J
♦ A J 10 9
♣ Q J 10 4

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♦ Pass 1♥
Pass 1NT Pass 3NT
Opening lead — eight of spades.

In choosing an opening lead, a defender should be guided much more by what he thinks is the best lead for his side than simply by the 13 cards he sees in his hand. It is better to treat defense as a partnership endeavor and not as the exclusive province of one defender.

Consider this deal where West chose to lead a spade, hoping to hit his partner's suit, rather than a club, his own best suit. He felt that a club lead might help declarer more than it

would help the defense.

West's judgment was well-rewarded after South played low from dummy, losing the finesse to East's king, and East shifted to the seven of clubs. West took declarer's queen with the king and, gauging the situation perfectly, returned the eight of clubs, won by South with the jack.

Declarer had no choice but to try to establish dummy's hearts and so led the king of hearts, losing to East's ace. East then returned the deuce of clubs, and South's 10-4 of clubs succumbed to West's A-9 for down one.

It is certainly true that the defenders functioned very well to defeat the contract. Yet the fact remains that South had only himself to blame for the outcome. Had he won the opening spade lead with dummy's ace and immediately driven out the ace of hearts, no lie of the cards could have defeated him.

The spade finesse was unquestionably a step in the wrong direction, since it had nothing to do with making the contract. The principle South should have applied is that a declarer should not take a finesse merely because it's there. A far more important principle is to do whatever is necessary to assure the contract, and that takes precedence over everything else.

Tomorrow: Two ways to skin a cat.

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

ANSWER:

LEADING OFF: *Indians minus Ramirez, Paxton-Sheffield*

Associated Press

A look at what's happening around the majors today:

MAKE DO

José Ramírez's regular season is over. The post-season remains in play — if the Indians can make it without him.

Cleveland's hard-hitting third baseman is expected to need five to seven weeks to recover after undergoing hand surgery. Ramírez, whose hot bat the past two months helped get the Indians back into playoff contention, fractured the hamate bone in his right hand while taking a hard swing Saturday.

The team estimates he could be back as early as Oct. 1, when the AL playoffs open. Rookie Yu Chang and Mike Freeman will fill the spot in his absence.

REMEMBER US?

Yankees lefty James Paxton faces his old team when he starts at Seattle against Mariners youngster Justus Sheffield. Paxton was dealt from the Mariners to New York last November and Sheffield was the centerpiece of the trade package in return.

Paxton (10-6, 4.43 ERA) won his fifth consecutive start last Friday against the Dodgers, allowing two earned runs in 6 2/3 innings for the AL East leaders. It will be the second career start for Sheffield (0-0,

6.43), who struggled early and lasted only four innings in his first start last Friday against Toronto.

IN THE CARDS

Yadier Molina keeps mashing at Miller Park. The veteran St. Louis catcher has seven home runs this season, including three in the first two games of the series against the Brewers. Molina has seven career multihomer performances, four of them in Milwaukee.

The NL Central-leading Cardinals have matched a season high with six straight wins. The 6-3 victory Tuesday night was delayed for about nine minutes in the late innings when rain began pouring through the retractable roof, which soon got shut.

Jack Flaherty (8-6, 3.32 ERA) starts for St. Louis in the series finale. Jordan Lyles (8-8, 4.69) tossed six hitless innings in his last start vs. Arizona.

BIG APPLE BOPPERS

Yankees slugger Aaron Judge became the third-fastest player in history to reach 100 home runs when he connected Tuesday night at Seattle. Judge reached the 100 mark in his 371st game. Only Ryan Howard (325) and Yankees teammate Gary Sanchez (355) got there faster. ... Mets slugger Pete Alonso became the first rookie in 81 years to break his team's season home run record when he hit No. 42 on Tuesday night. Todd Hundley shared the club

mark of 41. The 24-year-old Alonso won the All-Star Home Run Derby in July. Johnny Rizzo was the previous major league rookie to take sole possession of his club's homer mark when he hit 23 for the Pirates in 1938. Rizzo's franchise mark was matched by Ralph Kiner in 1946.

LET'S SEE

Washington closer Sean Doolittle will throw a simulated game and if all goes well could be activated as soon as this weekend. He's been out with tendinitis in his right knee.

Doolittle will work out before Max Scherzer (9-5, 2.41 ERA) starts the series finale at Nationals Park against Baltimore.

DETROIT DOWNER

The Tigers have lost 12 straight to the Indians and are 13-1 against them this season. Carlos Santana had three hits and scored three times as Cleveland romped 10-1 on Tuesday night.

Detroit star Miguel Cabrera exited after two at-bats with tightness in his left biceps, the same one he tore to end his 2018 season in June.

The Tigers are 17-44 at Comerica Park and needs to win five of the final 20 home games to avoid becoming the first team since at least 1908 to drop 60 at home. Jordan Zimmermann (1-9, 6.48 ERA) starts against Indians rookie Aaron Civale (1-3, 1.82).

Tight ends are evolving as pass-catching threats

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ALLEN PARK, Mich. — The day before Tony Gonzalez was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame earlier this month, he was asked about being a something of a pioneer at tight end. A guy who changed his position — and the game itself.

Gonzalez sort of shrugged.

"I guess everyone is doing it now," he admitted of tight ends being used in a manner that Gonzalez didn't exactly invent, but certainly perfected.

The pass-happy, vertical-stretching NFL is shifting away from relying heavily on formations with one tight end in a three-point stance. Instead, many teams feature offenses with one tight end next to a tackle on the line while sending a tight end to the slot or spread out even wider in some formations.

Star tight end Jason Witten, who returned to the Cowboys after one year working on "Monday Night Football," said Gonzalez, whose 17-year career ended in 2003, changed things with his route-running and pass-catching skills at the position.

"Gonzalez kind of paved the way of my generation of, 'All right, this is a mismatch,'" said Witten, who will get strong consideration to join Gonzalez in Canton one day.

Two of the best active tight ends are coming off record-breaking seasons, and another one just had the best year of his career.

Eagles star Zach Ertz made 116 receptions, a single-season mark by a tight end. San Francisco tight end George Kittle had 1,377 yards receiving, setting another single-season record at the position.

Two-time All-Pro tight end Travis Kelce was spectacular as well, setting career highs in catches (103), yards receiving (1,336) and touchdowns (10) last season.

The 25-year-old Kittle keeps track of peers on his iPad, studying every move made by most of the starting tight ends. He takes a particularly close look at how the 29-year-old Kelce and 28-year-old Ertz are perhaps the best in the business at the position.

"I just try to pull stuff from them," Kittle said. "Ertz and Kelce are two of the top guys in the league, so if I can learn something from them, I can get to that level, too."

The best tight ends these days are too fast for linebackers to defend, and too big for defensive backs to cover. Teams often are sending tight ends on vertical routes, forcing safeties to run with them and leaving cornerbacks isolated on receivers to create deep problems for defenses.

Titans tight end Delanie Walker,

entering his 14th season, has noticed players at his position have become more like wide receivers.

"Guys aren't blocking," Walker said. "You don't see the traditional tight end on the end of the line anymore. If he's a star, he's usually in the slot catching passes. That's a difference from 10 years ago."

Even though tight ends are often lined up on the outside, Saints coach Sean Payton said players at the position who can also block near the line of scrimmage will always be valued because of the importance they can have in the running game.

"The ones that end up in the Hall of Fame are probably guys that did both pretty well," Payton said.

Rob Gronkowski excelled at catching and blocking for New England during his nine-year career, which ended with his retirement last spring. Lions coach Matt Patricia saw Gronkowski's impact up close for eight seasons and has witnessed the evolution of how multiple tight ends are deployed on any given snap.

"That's probably one of the bigger changes that has happened in the game throughout the past 15 years," Patricia said.

When Patricia was starting his NFL coaching career, he saw a lot of two-back, two-receiver formations with one tight end with his hand in the dirt

or turf. As the game has changed, Patricia sees more schemes putting two tight ends on the field — usually one in place of a fullback — to take advantage of their ability to make plays in space with two receivers and one running back as part of the formation.

"Where the game has really evolved and changed is where those tight ends have much more of a wide receiver skillset," Patricia said.

It's not exactly unheard of to have such players. Kellen Winslow, Charlie Sanders and Shannon Sharpe are in the Hall of Fame — and not for their blocking acumen.

Desperate to add a difference-making player at the position, Detroit drafted T.J. Hockenson with the No. 8 pick overall in April. That was the earliest a tight end has been selected since San Francisco took Vernon Davis sixth overall in 2006.

The Lions weren't alone in April, making a first-round investment in a tight end who was a teammate of Hockenson's at Iowa. The Broncos drafted Noah Fant in the first round, taking a pair of tight ends off the board in the first 20 picks for the first time since the league went to 32 teams in 2002.

And yes, both from the same school, because pass-catching tight ends are so in vogue.

Home turf: Browns' Mayfield to star in ads living in stadium

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MAYFIELD VILLAGE, Ohio — Baker Mayfield has a new teammate, and she rocks a headband, too.

The Browns' charismatic quarterback has entered a marketing partnership with Progressive and will star alongside his wife, Emily Wilkinson, in a national advertising campaign for the insur-

ance giant in which the couple's new home is a football stadium.

The commercials debut on Sept. 5, three days before the Browns' season opener. Mayfield has become one of the NFL's rising young stars after breaking the league rookie record for touchdown passes in 2018.

Mayfield got married this summer, and the light-hearted ads will feature the newlyweds dealing

with typical home issues inside their 68,000-seat "home."

Progressive is known for innovative ads, many featuring Flo, the headband-and-apron wearing character who has become a brand icon.

Mayfield said he was drawn to Progressive because the company thrives "on what's never been done before and what others say can't be done."



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