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Sept. 9 & 10
Food 2 Kids
 5:30 p.m.
 Lakeview

Sept. 11
9/11 Memorial Service
 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 Spring Creek Fellowship

Flag Retirement ceremony
 5 p.m.
 Howard Co. Courthouse

Prayer at the Pole
 SMMC around the flag pole
 8 a.m.

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

Sept. 20-22

Howard County Fair
 Gates open nightly at 5 p.m.



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DAV annual Dove Hunt honoring veterans

4 veterans to be recognized; community dinner set for Saturday

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

It's almost time once again for Big Spring's Disabled American Veterans Chapter 47 to gather together four United States military veterans and take them dove hunting.

2019 marks the sixth annual DAV Dove Hunt. The capstone honors banquet will be Saturday, Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, 1801 E. FM 700 in the Spring Town Plaza shopping mall. The veterans will spend a couple of days before the banquet hunting doves and enjoying other shooting sports, and being pampered with local hospitality. More importantly, they get to spend quality time sharing stories

of their military service with one another.

"This'll be six years, so that means it's important, for it to be going this long," said local DAV Vice Commander Mike Tarpley. "The honorees talk about it forever. I was talking with one honoree yesterday who was an honoree two years ago. He's moved away, and he said he still watches the DVD of the weekend maybe once a month, and it still brings tears to his eyes."

The discussions the vets have during their weekend

create friendships and memories that last, and allow the participants to share often weighty burdens with others who have gone through similar experiences, Tarpley said.

"As we've done this, I've talked to employers, I've talked to girlfriends, I've talked to wives, and pretty much, they tell me, 'I don't know what you did with the man we sent you, but the man you sent us back...' They sure do like the man we sent back after they went through the weekend...It's a good healing process for all these vets who have served."

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According to Tarpley, the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department and Al's and Sons Barbecue will provide the meal for the banquet. Moss Creek Ranch, the Martin Family and the Howard County Young Republicans will provide meals and lodging for the veterans during the hunt events. Those wishing to present gifts or awards to the veterans may do so at the banquet.

This year's honorees include:

- Corporal Brandyn Van Pelt, United States Marine Corps veteran; Cpl. Van Pelt

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Garrett Hall celebrating grand re-opening Sept. 8

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

Renovation has been taking place at Garrett Hall for the past several months, since April to be exact, and the project is finally complete. The congregation enjoyed a soft opening Aug. 18, as part of a ministry fair and back to school celebration; the community will be able to enjoy a grand re-opening on Sept 8.

"There has been a lot of working taking place. We officially closed off for construction around April and were closed for the month of July and about half of August," Derrell Patterson, Senior Pastor at First United Methodist Church, said.

Renovations at FUMC and Garrett Hall, included revamping of the foyer in the sanctuary, the hallway leading to Garrett Hall, nursery area, four of the bathrooms, the parlor and the entry form parking lot, and a few other areas.

"The renovations extended beyond Garrett Hall and the inside area; the outdoor courtyard also received new

seating," according to Patterson. "The last renovation, from what I've been told was about 40 to 45 years ago, in the 1970s."

Several community events have been held in Garrett Hall, including teaching orientation, band gathering area for special occasions, used for the Living Christmas tree, and more.

"We welcome the community to come out and see the renovations that have taken place," he said. "The open house will include a display of changes that have taken place, and attendees will be able to enjoy cookies and punch."

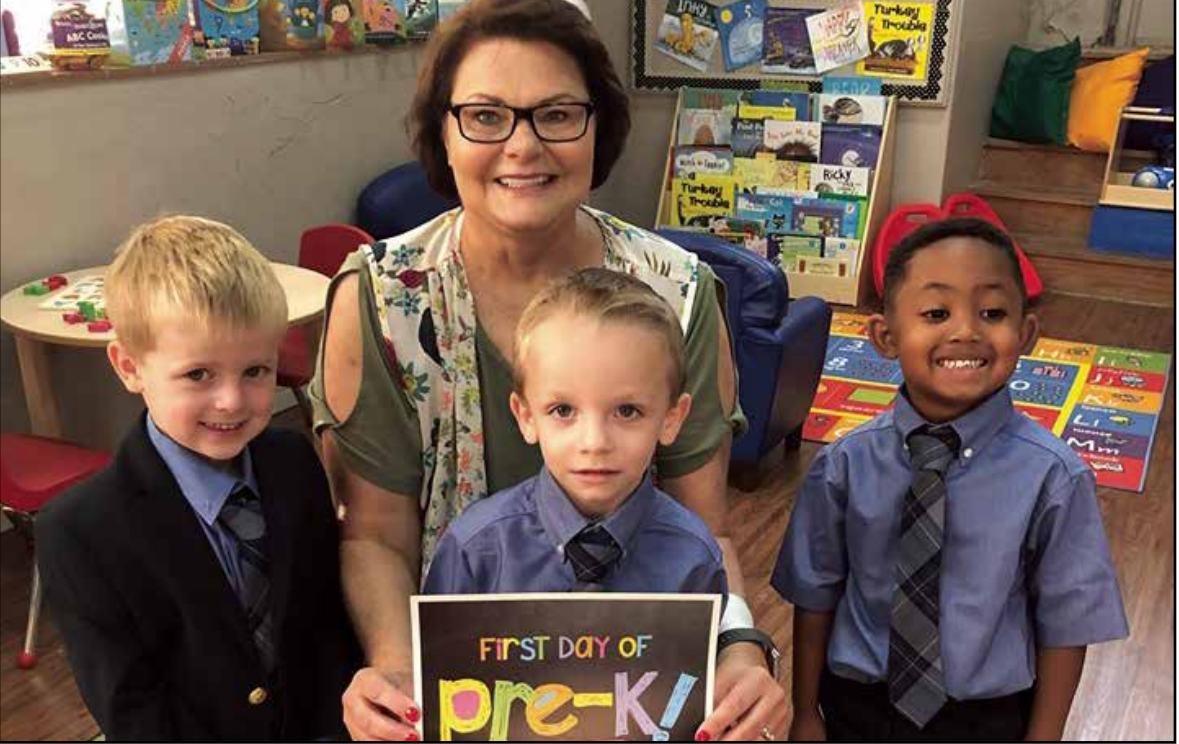
The next big production, according to Patterson, will be the December presentation of Our Savior on Dec. 7 at 8 p.m., following the Big Spring

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Courtesy photo
 Garrett Hall was one of the many focuses of the recent renovations at FUMC. A grand re-opening is set for Sept. 8.

Runnels Academy kicks off second school year



Courtesy photo
 Runnels Classical Academy opened the doors for their second school year, on Tuesday. Students were ready and eager to hit the books, begin their lessons and see what the new year has in store. The Classical Academy offers classes for those in Pre-K through 8th grade. To see more photos from the first day of school, see Page 5. Teachers, as well as students are looking forward to another great year of endless possibility.

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Obituaries

William "Buddy" Hill



William "Buddy" Hill, 70, of Big Spring, passed away Friday, Aug. 30, 2019, at his residence. Memorial services will be at a later date.

Buddy was born Jan. 16, 1949, in Sweetwater. He married Geraldine Hill April 23, 1969, in Sweetwater.

He did various oil field work jobs. He loved spending time with family and cherishing his moments.

Survivors include two daughters, Denise Harris

and husband, Clifton of Odessa, Becky Powell and husband, Roger of Kerrville; one son, Greg Hill and wife, Sandra of Corpus Christi; nine grandchildren, Vincent, Kendra, Tivia, Joshua, Stephen, Tyler, Christopher, Autumn, and Jonathan; and many great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Geraldine Hill; a son, Wayne Howell; a brother, Ricky Hill; two sisters, Laverne Smith and Joann Grace; his mother, Viola Chandler; and his father, Clyde Hill.

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

Paid Obituary

Ola Jean Williams



Ola Jean Williams, 86, of Greenville, South Carolina, passed peacefully Aug. 25, 2019.

Jean was born to Thomas and Viola Munselle, March 5, 1933, in Cuero, Texas. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1951 and received an Associate's degree from Howard College. She married Kenneth Wayne Williams in 1952, and they lived together in Big Spring where they raised one

son.

She leaves her legacy to her only child, Lathy Kenn Williams (Chelsea Capria Williams) of Greenville, South Carolina. She also leaves to cherish her memory her three grandchildren, Dylan Williams of Cartersville, Georgia, Shaylee Williams of Cartersville, Georgia, and Arrow Williams of Greenville, South Carolina. She also leaves behind many

nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends whom she loved very much. All will remember her smile and love of God.

She is preceded in death by her dear husband, Kenneth Wayne Williams; both her parents; as well as her three siblings, two brothers and one sister.

Jean was both a homemaker and caretaker throughout her life. She also worked at Cosden Oil Refinery, Faye's Flowers, Gail's Bakery, was a substitute teacher, and later in life provided the elderly with loving, live-in care.

Jean requested a direct cremation without visitation, as she wanted everyone to remember her strong, and to leave her loved ones with only happy memories. Throughout her life Jean faithfully donated to her various charities. It didn't matter how little or how much she had, she believed wholeheartedly in tithing. If anyone would like to mark her memory, the family believes that would be a nice way to honor her.

Paid Obituary

Nell Thornton



Nell Thornton, 91, of Big Spring, died Monday, Sept. 2, 2019, at her residence. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, 2019, at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Nell is survived by one sister, Theda Perez of Big Spring; one granddaughter; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Nell Ussery Thornton and Ottis Thornton; her siblings, Susie Holt, Buddy Thornton and Otis Thornton; and a nephew.

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

Jermaine "Mo" Evans

Jermaine "Mo" Evans, 46, of Big Spring, died Monday, Sept. 2, 2019. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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 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. 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); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

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.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 87 inmates at the time of this report.

• **HOLLY RENAE BARRERA**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **AUDIE CORDELL BAZE**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **RILEY DON BROOKS**, 19, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for displaying expired registration and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **SHAWN CARR II**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated (BAC more than 0.15).

• **MONICA ROSE CERVANTES**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for NISI forfeiture of bond-resisting arrest.

• **RAYMOND CHAVARRIA**, 63, was arrested by BSPD on two warrants for bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **CLINTON JAY EPKE**, 40, was arrested by HCSO on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **MICHAEL ANDREW GAMBOA**, 45, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of failure to identify of giving false or fictitious information.

• **VAUDELIO MARTINEZ GARCIA JR.**, 34, was arrested

by BSPD on a charge of assault family violence.

• **LEE STARR ANGIE GARZA**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for no drivers license, child not in safety seat system, and violating promise to appear.

• **MAX O. GONZALES**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for assault causing serious bodily injury to a family member.

• **ROBERT ULYSSESS LEE**, 32, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of sexual abuse of a victim child-continuous.

• **CHRISTOPHER MCKIER-NAN**, 19, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **SAMANTHA LOUISE MEYER**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four grams to 200 grams), and warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia, open container in a motor vehicle by a passenger, and a parole violation for forgery.

• **THOMAS WILLIAM-SCOTT MURPHY**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four grams to 200 grams).

• **ANSELMO VICENTE RANGEL**, 22, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for motion to revoke-evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

• **RANSOM OBRIAN RAWLS**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on charge of unlawfully carry-

ing a weapon, prohibited weapon-knuckles, and warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, operating a motor vehicle with expired license, and failure to appear.

• **MICHAEL RENE ROBLES**, 47, was arrested by DPS on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear, and a charge of failure to identify by a fugitive-intentionally giving false or fictitious information.

• **ASHELY LSHELLE SAIZ**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

• **JAMEN WILLIAM SANCHEZ**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **PHILLIP KENT SMITH**, 61, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **LORENZO JAMES TERWILLIGER**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **ALEJANDRA MARIA VILLA**, 20, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for order of modified conditions of community service.

• **LATISHA SHONTALE WHITAKER**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

• **RACHELLE LYNN YBARA**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **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 7400 block of S. Service Rd. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. 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 3200 block of E. 11th Place. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of S. Moss Lake Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore. 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 1600 block of Harding. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MOTOR HOME/CAMPER RECREATION VEHICLE FIRE** was reported in the 7400 block of S. Service Road. Fire was contained.

• **VEHICLE/YARD FIRE** was reported in the 800 block of S. Aylesford. Fire was contained.

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VETERAN

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served as a mortar man in the United States Marine Corps. He was deployed to Iraq in late August of 2004 with 1st Battalion 23rd Marines Weapons Company. He was assigned to a Mobile Assault Platoon to conduct patrol operations in the Al Anbar province. While in Iraq, he conducted patrols along the Euphrates River from south of Hit to Haditha. During an operation in Hit in November of 2004, his vehicle was hit by an Improvised Explosive Device (I.E.D.) blast. Two marines were injured and airlifted back to base, and Cpl. Van Pelt received minor injuries that were treated in the field by the corpsman, and continued the patrol before heading back to base.

Cpl. Van Pelt grew up in San Antonio and enlisted in the Marine Corps in April of 2003 at 18 years of age. He was watching TV one day and saw the start of the war in Iraq. This inspired him to walk into the nearest recruiter and ask how quick they could get him into a uniform. Two weeks later he was at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

After being honorably discharged upon completion of his enlistment, Cpl. Van Pelt entered into the construction industry. He currently resides in San Antonio with his wife and dogs.

Awards and decorations include the Combat Action Ribbon, the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, the Select Marine Corps Reserve Medal, the National Defense Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

• Specialist (E-5) Steven C. Lyle, United States Army veteran: Spec. Lyle volunteered for the U.S. Army in February, 1966, and was trained in Advanced Infantry and Airborne in schools administered by cadre of C Company, 2/506 of the 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, N.Y. On completion, he transferred to Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, where he trained as a combat medic. Next, he attended Vietnamese Language School at the Special Forces Training Group in Ft. Bragg, N.C.

Lyle served as a combat medic with B Company (Tiger Bravo) of the 2/506 during the Tet Offensive in 1968, when he was wounded by sniper fire and evacuated to Brooke Army Medical Center at Ft. Sam Houston.

After being discharged from Brooke, he was assigned as a medic to the Beaumont Army Hospital

in El Paso, where he served out the remainder of his enlistment. He was honorably discharged in January 1969. During his military career, he was promoted from Private to Specialist Fifth Class.

Before joining the Army, Lyle grew up in Las Salinas, Venezuela. His family returned to the U.S. in 1959 following the coup d'etat and overthrow of President Marcos Perez Jimenez.

Lyle currently lives in Dallas and is married. He has a daughter and three grandchildren. He graduated from North Texas State University (now University of North Texas) with bachelor's degrees in chemistry and biology in 1972 and worked in sales and marketing of pharmaceuticals before returning to school at San Antonio College in 1997. He received his Registered Nursing certification and worked as a nurse in the Tyler area until his retirement in 2012.

During his military career, Lyle received the Combat Medical Badge, the Bronze Star Medal with Valor, the Purple Heart, the Air Medal, the National Defense Medal, the Vietnam Service and Campaign medals, and the Parachutist Badge.

• Capt. Eddie F. Hatch, United States Army Veteran: Capt. Hatch entered the U.S. Army through the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) in 1963 at Texas A&I University in Kingsville, Texas, where he was assigned to the Band Company as a cadet. He was accepted into the Cadet Flight Program, where he received his Fixed Wing private pilot's license.

Upon graduation, Hatch was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army in January 1968. That May, he reported to Ft. Bliss in El Paso where he was assigned to the Air Defense Artillery School. In August of the same year, he received orders to report to Flight School at Ft. Wolters in Mineral Wells, where he graduated as a helicopter pilot in May, 1969, 12th in his class of 550.

40 days later, he reported to Travis Air Force Base in California, where he boarded a transport plane along with 300 other soldiers to South Vietnam.

In Vietnam, Hatch was sent to Cu Chi, before being reassigned to the 187th Assault Helicopter Company at Tay Ninh – nicknamed "Rocket City." Hatch was assigned to the "Rat Pack" gunship unit, made up of 12 pilots that flew the AH1-G Huey Cobra gunships. He was also assigned as intelligence officer of his company later that year. The Rat Pack's responsibility was to protect helicopters carrying troops during insertion to the landing zone. They supported the U.S. 25th Infantry Division and later the South Vietnamese 25th AVN Division.

Hatch was in Vietnam for 365 days. Awards he received include the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and 34 Combat Air Medals; as well as the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal. After returning to the U.S., he received a second Bronze Star Medal.

In the U.S., Hatch was assigned to Ft. Rucker, Ala., as an Instrument Flight Instructor for two years before being honorably discharged on June 30, 1972.

• Chief Master Sergeant W. Glen Pugh, United States Air Force: Chief Pugh retired in 2019 as superintendent for the 7th Maintenance Group at Dyess Air Force in Abilene. He was the principal advisor to the Maintenance Group Commander on all issues relating to aircraft and equipment maintenance. He also advised on all concerns affecting overall morale and welfare for 1,500 assigned personnel, and was the liaison between group staff and squadron superintendents overseeing production efforts supporting 33 B-1 bomber and 28 C-130 cargo aircraft valued at more than \$10 billion.


Upon retirement, Chief Pugh worked as regional director for Congressman Jodey Arrington and currently works as the fleet and facilities manager for Black Plumbing in Abilene.

Born in Tyler, Texas, Chief Pugh graduated from high school in 1987 in Van, Texas, and entered the Air Force in 1988. He was deployed in numerous locations in support of Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, and as part of Combined Task Force Horn of Africa.

During his time in the Air Force, Chief Pugh received the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal with one service star, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold combat border, the Kuwait Liberation Medal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait.

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Weather



Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. East wind around 5 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 71. East wind 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. Southeast wind around 5 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. Southeast wind around 5 mph.

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

Take Note

- A fund has been set up in order to assist Brent Fowlkes with medical expenses. Brent is the husband of Ashley Martin Fowlkes, CEO of Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union. If you would like more information or would like to make a donation, please stop by the credit union located at 1110 Benton, or call 432-263-8393. Please see the tellers to make a donation. Thank you to everyone for your kindness and support during this difficult time.
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 There is no charge for attendance. 13-week semi-

nars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session begins Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

- Food2Kids will again be providing sack lunches to children in the Big Spring area who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It takes just a couple of hours of your time, and the work is very rewarding. The first sacking event of this 2019-2020 school year will be Monday.

RENOVATE

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Herald Christmas parade, and Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry. The grand opening is free for the community to attend.

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Texas gunman was 'violent, aggressive person'

By **PAUL J. WEBER** and **JAKE BLEIBERG**

Associated Press

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — The gunman in a West Texas rampage "was on a long spiral of going down" and had been fired from his oil services job the morning he killed seven people, calling 911 both before and after the shooting began, authorities said.

Officers killed 36-year-old Seth Aaron Ator on Saturday outside a busy Odessa movie theater after a spate of violence that spanned 10 miles (16 kilometers), injuring around two dozen people in addition to the dead.

FBI special agent Christopher Combs said Monday that Ator called the agency's tip line as well as local police dispatch on Saturday after being fired from Journey Oilfield Services, making "rambling statements about some of the atrocities that he felt that he had gone through."

"He was on a long spiral of going down," Combs said. "He didn't wake up Saturday morning and walk into his company and then it happened. He went to that company in trouble."

Fifteen minutes after the call to the FBI, Combs said, a Texas state trooper unaware of the calls to authorities tried pulling over Ator for failing to signal a lane change.

That was when Ator pointed an AR-style rifle toward the rear window of his car and fired on the trooper, starting a terrifying police chase as Ator sprayed bullets into passing cars, shopping plazas and killed a U.S. Postal Service employee while hijacking her mail truck.

Combs said Ator "showed up to work enraged" but did not point to any specific source of his anger. Ator's home on the outskirts of Odessa was a corrugated metal shack along a dirt road surrounded by trailers, mobile homes and oil pump jacks. On Monday, a green car without a rear windshield was parked out front, the entire residence cordoned off by police tape.

Combs described it as a "strange residence" that reflected "what his mental state was going into this." Combs said he did not know whether Ator had been

diagnosed with any prior mental health problems.

A neighbor, Rocio Gutierrez, told The Associated Press that Ator was "a violent, aggressive person" that would shoot at animals, mostly rabbits, at all hours of the night.

"We were afraid of him because you could tell what kind of person he was just by looking at him," Gutierrez said. "He was not nice, he was not friendly, he was not polite."

The daylight attack over the Labor Day holiday weekend came just weeks after another mass shooting killed 22 people in the Texas border city of El Paso. Authorities have not said how Ator obtained the gun used in the shooting, but Ator had previously failed a federal background check for a firearm, said John Wester, an agent with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Wester did not say when Ator failed the background check or why.

Online court records show Ator was arrested in 2001 for a misdemeanor offense that would not have prevented him from legally purchasing firearms in Texas.

Federal law defines nine categories that would legally prevent a person from owning a gun, which include being convicted of a felony, a misdemeanor domestic violence charge, being adjudicated as a "mental defect" or committed to a mental institution, the subject of a restraining order or having an active warrant. Authorities have said Ator had no active warrants at the time of the shooting.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott tweeted Monday that "we must keep guns out of criminals' hands" — words similar to his remarks that followed the El Paso shooting on Aug. 3, when he said firearms must be kept from "deranged killers."

But Abbott, a Republican and avid gun rights supporter, has been noncommittal about tightening Texas gun laws.

Abbott tweeted that Ator didn't go through a background check for the weapon he used in Odessa. He did not elaborate, and a spokesman referred questions to the Texas Department of Public Safety, which didn't immediately respond for comment.

Odessa Police Chief Michael Gerke said Ator's company also called 911 on Saturday after Ator was

fired but that Ator had already taken off by the time police showed up.

"Basically, they were complaining on each other because they had a disagreement over the firing," Gerke said.

Gerke said he believes Ator had also been recently fired from a different job but did not have any details.

Authorities said they remain unable to provide an exact timeline of the shooting, including how much time passed between the traffic stop at 3:13 p.m. and police killing Ator at the movie theater.

Odessa officials Monday released the names of those killed, who were between 15 and 57 years old. Among the dead were Edwin Peregrino, 25, who ran out of his parents' home to see what the commotion was; mail carrier Mary Granados, 29, slain in her U.S. Postal Service truck; and 15-year-old high school student Leilah Hernandez, who was walking out of an auto dealership.

Ator fired at random as he drove in the area of Odessa and Midland, two cities more than 300 miles (482 kilometers) west of Dallas. Police used a marked SUV to ram the mail truck outside the Cinergey Movie Theater in Odessa, disabling the vehicle. The gunman then fired at police, wounding two officers before he was killed.

Police said Ator's arrest in 2001 was in the county where Waco is located, hundreds of miles east of Odessa. Online court records show he was charged then with misdemeanor criminal trespass and evading arrest. He entered guilty pleas in a deferred prosecution agreement where the charge was waived after he served 24 months of probation, according to records.

The number of mass killings so far this year has already eclipsed the total for all of last year. A teenager suspected of killing five family members in Alabama brought the total to 26 mass killings in 2019, claiming the lives of 147 people, compared with 25 mass killings and 142 deaths in 2018, according to a database by The Associated Press, USA Today and Northeastern University.

The database tracks homicides where four or more people are killed, not including the offender.

Walmart to stop selling certain gun ammunition

By **ANNE D'INNOCENZIO**

AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Walmart says it will discontinue the sale of handgun and short-barrel rifle ammunition and also publicly request that customers refrain from openly carrying firearms in stores even where state laws allow it.

The announcement comes just days after a mass shooting claimed seven lives in Odessa, Texas and follows two other back-to-back shootings last month, one of them at a Walmart store.

The Bentonville, Arkansas-based discounter said Tuesday it will stop handgun ammunition as well as short-barrel rifle ammunition, such as the .223 caliber and 5.56 caliber used in military style weapons, after it runs out of its current inventory.

It will also discontinue handgun sales in Alaska. Walmart stopped selling handguns in the mid-1990s, with the exception of Alaska. The latest move marks its complete exit from that business and allows it to focus on hunting rifles and related ammunition only.

"We have a long heritage as a company of serving responsible hunters and sportsmen and women, and we're going to continue doing so," according to a memo by Walmart's CEO Doug McMillon to be circulated to employees Tuesday afternoon.

The retailer is further requesting that customers refrain from openly carrying firearms at its Walmart and Sam's Club stores unless they are law enforcement officers. However, it said that it won't be changing its policy for customers who have permits for concealed carry. Walmart says it will be adding signage in stores to inform customers of those changes.

Last month, a gunman entered a Walmart store in El Paso, Texas, killing 22 people with an AK-style firearm that Walmart already bans the sale of and marking the deadliest shooting in the company's history. Texas became an open carry state in 2016, allowing people to openly carry firearms in public.

Walmart's moves will reduce its market share of ammunition from around 20% to a range of about

6% to 9%, according to Tuesday's memo. About half of its more than 4,750 U.S. stores sell firearms.

The nation's largest retailer has been facing increasing pressure to change its gun policies by gun control activists, employees and politicians after the El Paso shooting and a second unrelated shooting in Dayton, Ohio that killed nine people. A few days before that, two Walmart workers were killed by another worker at a store in Southaven, Mississippi.

In the aftermath of the El Paso shooting, Walmart ordered workers to remove video game signs and displays that depict violence from stores nationwide. But that fell well short of demands for the retailer to stop selling firearms entirely. Critics have also wanted Walmart to stop supporting politicians backed by the National Rifle Association.

At least one gun control activist group applauded Walmart's moves.

"Walmart deserves enormous credit for joining the strong and growing majority of Americans who know that we have too many guns in our country and they are too easy to get," said Igor Volsky, Executive Director and Founder of Guns Down America in a statement. "That work doesn't end with Walmart's decision today. As Congress comes back to consider gun violence, Walmart should make it clear that it stands with Americans who are demanding real change."

The retailer has long found itself in an awkward spot with its customers and gun enthusiasts. Many of its stores are located in rural areas where hunters are depend on Walmart to get their equipment. Walmart is trying to walk a fine line by trying to embrace its hunting heritage while being a more responsible retailer.

With its new policy on "open carry," McMillon noted in his memo that individuals have tried to make a statement by carrying weapons into its stores just to frighten workers and customers. But there are well-intentioned customers acting lawfully who have also inadvertently caused a store to be evacuated and local law enforcement to be called

to respond.

He says Walmart will continue to treat "law-abiding customers with respect" and it will have a "non-confrontational approach."

Walmart says it hopes to help other retailers by sharing its best practices like software that it uses for background checks. And the company, which in 2015 stopped selling assault rifles like the AR-rifles used in several mass shootings, urged more debate on the reauthorization of the assault weapons ban while also calling for the government to strengthen background checks. McMillon says Walmart will send letters to the White House and the Congressional leadership that calls for action on these "common sense" measures.

"In a complex situation lacking a simple solution, we are trying to take constructive steps to reduce the risk that events like these will happen again," McMillon wrote in his memo. "The status quo is unacceptable."

Over the last 15 years, Walmart had expanded beyond its hunting and fishing roots, carrying items like assault rifles in response to increasing demand. But particularly since 2015, often coinciding with major public mass shootings, the company has made moves to curb the sale of ammunition and guns.

Walmart announced in February 2018 that it would no longer sell firearms and ammunition to people younger than 21 and also removed items resembling assault-style rifles from its website. Those moves were prompted by the mass shooting at a high school in Parkland, Florida, that killed 17 people.

In 2015, Walmart stopped selling semi-automatic weapons like the AR-15 style rifle, the type used in the Dayton shooting. The retailer also doesn't sell large-capacity magazines, handguns (except in Alaska) or bump stocks, nor the AK-style firearm that was used by the El Paso shooter.

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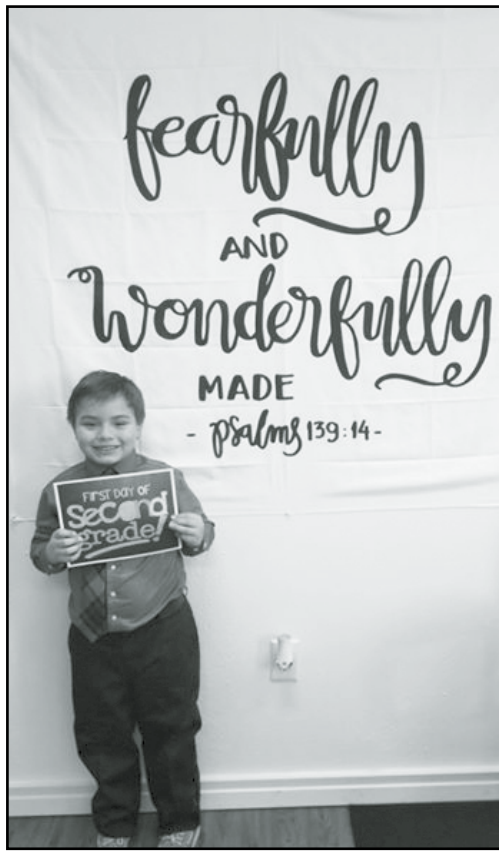
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Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("Oncor"), a regulated electric transmission and distribution company, wishes to inform you that on July 9, 2019, Oncor filed an Application For Reconciliation of 2017 AMS (Advanced Metering System) Costs and Final Determination of Net Operating Cost Savings From AMS Deployment with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUCT"). The purpose of the proceeding is for the PUCT to review Oncor's costs from January 1, 2017 through November 26, 2017 to implement its PUCT-approved AMS Deployment Plan and Amended AMS Deployment Plan, and determine the net operating cost savings as prescribed in 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 25.130(k)(6). Also in the proceeding, the PUCT will consider approving \$6.41 million in under-recovered AMS costs Oncor incurred in 2017 and approving the recovery of that amount in base rates.

A copy of Oncor's application is kept at Oncor's office at 1616 Woodall Rodgers Freeway, Dallas, TX 75202.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon this proceeding, which is PUCT Docket No. 49721, *Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC for Reconciliation of 2017 AMS Costs and Final Determination of Net Operating Cost Savings From AMS Deployment*, should notify the PUCT as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline of September 12, 2019 has been imposed for this proceeding. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the PUCT at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the PUCT at (512) 936-7136.



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Big Spring Varsity Tennis squad defeats Sweetwater



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Left: Big Spring's Brooklin Mojica returns a hit from deep in the court during the Steer's match with Sweetwater on Tuesday. Right: Big Spring's Ed Urias makes a hit from deep in the court during the Steer's match with Sweetwater.



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Left: Big Spring's Blade Franks returns a hit deep in the court during the Steer's match with Sweetwater on Tuesday, September 3. Right: Big Spring's Natalia Lopez makes a quick backhand, at the net to end a rally during the Steer's match with Sweetwater.

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Varsity Tennis squad defeated Sweetwater in a hard-fought contest at Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park on Sept. 3 at Figure 7 Tennis Center (Big Spring) by the final

score of 14-5.

Big Spring took a 5-2 lead after doubles winning several very close matches.

The Big Spring girls dominated in singles play winning all six singles matches. The Big Spring boys won three of six. Natalia Lopez was the clinch-

ing match.

Big Spring moves to 2-1 in district play after falling last week to San Angelo Lake View 12-7 in San Angelo.

Next up: Snyder Varsity on Saturday, Sept. 7 at 10 a.m.

AP source: Cowboys, Elliott have deal, ending long holdout

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

The Dallas Cowboys and Ezekiel Elliott have agreed on a \$90 million, six-year contract extension that will make him the NFL's highest-paid running back and end a holdout that lasted the entire preseason, a person with knowledge of the agreement said Wednesday.

The breakthrough was finalized the morning of the team's first full workout before Sunday's opener at home against the New York Giants. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal hasn't been announced.

Elliott will get \$50 million guaranteed. The \$15 million-per-year average on the extension surpasses the \$14.4 million Todd Gurley got from the Los Angeles Rams last summer. Gurley's guarantee was \$45 million.

The 41-day standoff between Dallas and the two-time NFL rushing champion came with the Cowboys holding high expectations coming off their first playoff win with Elliott and quarterback Dak Prescott. They've won two NFC East titles in three seasons together.

Although Prescott and receiver Amari Cooper are seeking long-term contracts in the final year of their rookie deals, getting an agreement with Elliott settles the most important issue as the Cowboys try to get past the divisional round for the first time since winning the last of the franchise's five Super Bowls during the 1995 season.

Elliott held out with two years left on his rookie contract, at \$3.9 million this season and \$9.1 million in 2020. The fourth overall pick in the 2016 draft wanted to be the highest-paid back after getting those two rushing titles in only three years.

Even when he was suspended for six games over domestic violence allegations in 2017, Elliott still had the best per-game rushing average.

But the off-field issues were part of the backdrop as the stalemate dragged on, although owner and general manager Jerry Jones said more than once he didn't consider Elliott's

issues a factor as it related to a new contract.

Jones jokingly said "Zeke who?" in response to a question from a reporter after a second straight solid preseason showing from rookie fourth-round pick Tony Pollard in Hawaii. A few days later, though, Jones sternly said he had earned the right to joke about Elliott after the 2016 All-Pro's representatives took offense to the remark.

Over the next couple of weeks, Jones took an increasingly hardline stance publicly, finally calling out Elliott for not honoring his existing contract during his radio show last week.

But Elliott's agent, Rocky Arceneaux, told reporters the sides were close to a deal after Elliott landed at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport on Tuesday. Elliott spent almost the entire holdout in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

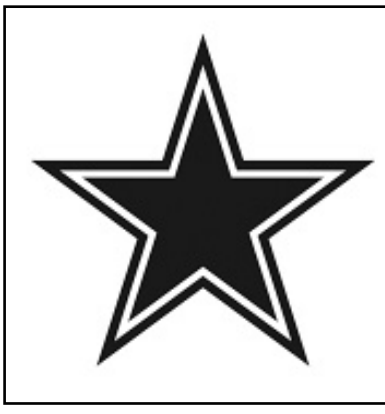
Elliott rose to stardom as a sophomore at Ohio State during the first College Football Playoff following the

2014 season, most notably at the home of the Cowboys when he rushed for 246 yards and four touchdowns in a blowout of Oregon in the championship game.

He wasted little time having an impact with the Cowboys, winning the rushing title as a rookie while Prescott earned NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year honors after Dallas won a franchise-record 11 straight games and was the top seed in the NFC. The Cowboys lost to Aaron Rodgers and Green Bay in the divisional round.

After the addition of Cooper in a mid-season trade last year, Prescott and Elliott got a wild-card win over Seattle following their second division title last season. The Cowboys lost to the Los Angeles Rams, falling to 0-6 in the divisional round since beating Pittsburgh in the 1996 Super Bowl.

The Cowboys kept just two backs behind Elliott when they made their final cuts of the preseason: Pollard and Alfred Morris, a seven-year veteran who was Elliott's primary replacement during the suspension two years ago. Morris rejoined the club in training camp. They later added Jordan Chunn.



AP Top 25 Reality Check: No overreactions this early, please

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

Jalen Hurts will win the Heisman Trophy. The Pac-12 has been eliminated from the College Football Playoff. Nebraska is way overrated. Tennessee will be lucky to win a game this season. In fact, Georgia State might be better than half of the Southeastern Conference.

The first week of the college football season can make people a little crazy as we all struggle to keep perspective on the smallest sample size. Worse than the overreactions are the under-reactions. Shout out to the 'But it's against Houston' fun police, unimpressed by Hurts' 508 total yards (332 passing, 176 rushing) and six touchdowns in his first start for No. 4 Oklahoma.

As difficult as it is to come away from Week 1 having gained deep insight on what is to come, this opening weekend was particularly unhelpful because so few ranked teams were tested at all.

The AP Top 25 went 23-0 against unranked teams. Only three of those victories were by 10 points or fewer. The only Top 25 team to lose was Oregon, which dropped a thriller to Auburn in Week 1's only game matching ranked teams in the preseason rankings presented by Regions Bank.

The last time the Top 25 went unbeaten against unranked teams was Oct. 15, 2017, when it went 15-0. The last time there was a full regular-season week of college football in which only one ranked team lost was the week of Sept. 21, 2013.

That's a lot of good news for the Top 25. Time for a reality check.

No. 1 Clemson (1-0)

Next: vs. No. 12 Texas A&M.

Reality check: The Tigers did nothing to make anyone question their status as they head into probably their toughest stretch with the Aggies at home, followed by a road trip to No. 21 Syracuse.

Ranked? Just right.

No. 2 Alabama (1-0)

Next: vs. New Mexico State.

Reality check: The loss of LB Dylan Moses (knee) last week could be a long-term issue, but having a top-100 recruit (freshman Shane Lee) to replace him is what makes Nick Saban's machine so difficult to stop.

Ranked: Just right.

No. 3 Georgia (1-0)

Next: vs. Murray State

Reality check: The SEC East's opening week was great for the Bulldogs.

Ranked? Just right.

No. 4 Oklahoma (1-0)

Next: vs. South Dakota.

Reality check: There were some encouraging signs on defense and the Sooners still allowed 5.91 yards.

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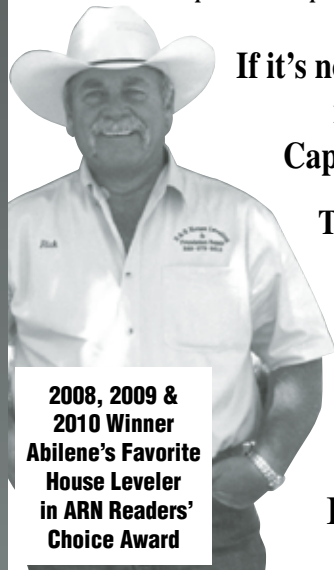
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Answer: Salma Hayek

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

You'll notice that your thinking has evolved and, like all evolution, it is neither good nor bad, higher nor lower. Rather, it is a function of adaptation. This is not something to be assessed and rated so much as accepted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you have a choice (and you usually do have a choice), go for the option that puts you before a greater number of people, as it will give you a chance to develop your style.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Maybe opposites will attract, but more likely this is a matter of filling in the blanks. We are all full in some areas and missing in others. You will be magnetized to those who possess what you lack

and lack what you possess.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Advocating on your own behalf is just one of the duties that goes along with being you. You've been better at this in the past.

It's time to return to taking a bigger role in the protection of your own interests.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Enthusiasm is attractive. You will be drawn to others who show signs of being as passionate as you are about forwarding the cause, discovering the information or revealing the mystery.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are those who only put in effort when they need something. Then, once they get what they

came for, they become quite scarce. Make sure the trade is equitable all along the way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's interesting to see how other people live, and, at times, it is only human nature to be nosy in this regard. How else are we to understand the world and its standards?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Strive for perfection but don't let the pursuit stop you from turning in work that's good enough. Play the long game. If you keep getting a little better each time, you'll grow ever closer to the ideal.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 4). Self-expression becomes a priority. You'll try different means and methods, getting to know yourself and helping others know you better. The clarity of thought, purpose and being your work inspires will give you more power and influence, which you'll use to improve lives including your own. Sagittarius and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 20, 18, 4 and 22.

Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.

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Annie's Mailbox

Singed By Sister's Cigs

Dear Annie: My sister started smoking cigarettes when she was 18 and still smokes today at 48. She has quit several times over the years, but then she goes back to smoking again and again. Her husband and children want her to quit, and my older brother goes ballistic on the subject -- yelling and screaming at her when she goes outside to light up. I had a quiet lunch with her recently, and we talked about it. I tried to be understanding, and she could sense that and said she appreciated that I wasn't condemning her.

She said she just loves to smoke, and if it kills her, so be it. She says that she does not want to quit.

I reminded her that she had quit in the past, so at some level she wanted to quit. She laughed and said that she quit to please everyone else.

I love her so much and don't want for her to die

young, yet I don't know what to do. -- Cigarette Dilemma

Dear Cigarette Dilemma: You're in a tough spot because you know what your sister should do -- quit -- but you don't want to be a nag or jeopardize your whole relationship with her. My suggestion is that you continue to be a source of support for your sister as you quietly look into various alternatives to quit smoking. Group support, tobacco harm reduction practices and other alternative programs that have helped even the most diehard smokers kick the habit.

I say "quietly" because you need to make it fun when you talk to your sister, and there might be a chance that she will be attracted to one of these programs and eventually snuff out her butts.

Dear Annie: In the past year my company has seen a lot of changes, from turnover to what the employees' roles are. It seems

like we keep getting more stuff thrown our way without compensation, and these changes sometimes create a negative atmosphere, particularly when our new boss is around.

He uses fake compliments, telling us the team is doing great and then dumps other people's work on our plates, saying it will benefit us but can't tell us how.

I like my job, and I like my co-workers. We are short-staffed, and I know that's why we keep getting more added to our plates, but how much is too much? Due to being short-staffed, it feels like I can't leave because then it gets dumped on the people I care about.

It's not like I can go to anyone above this new boss because he is the big boss, but it seems like I just can't reason with him. Annie, please help! -- Anny and Underpaid

Dear Anny and Underpaid: Sounds like you're in a workplace pickle.

You could just leave and find another job, but that would probably be too impetuous of a decision, and, as you suggest, it would leave your co-workers in a mess. You care about your colleagues at work, and you have enjoyed your job in the past, all significant components of a fulfilling job. Unfortunately, getting taken advantage of is a major deterrent. Talk to the 'big boss' and express your likes and concerns.

Tell him just what you told me: that you like the job and your co-workers but don't feel that you can do as good a job as possible because you are overworked. Remember that good employees are always in demand, and you might want to spend some of that illusive free time exploring employment opportunities with a better work-life balance.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
No way out

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K J 6
♥ 6 5 3
♦ 7 6 5 2
♣ A K 4

WEST
♠ 5 3 2
♥ 10 8 7 2
♦ K Q 10 8 4
♣ 2

EAST
♠ 10 8 7
♥ K Q J
♦ 9
♣ Q 9 7 6 5 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q 9 4
♥ A 9 4
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West therefore shifted to the deuce of hearts at trick two, and declarer allowed East's jack to hold.

Tomorrow: Cooperative defense.
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	8				5			
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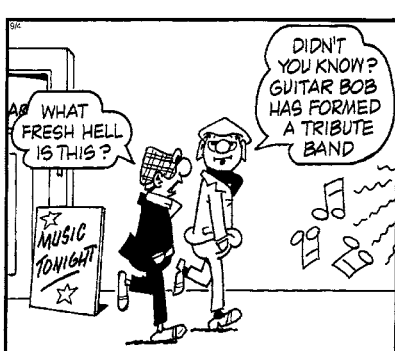
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6	3	1	7	8	5	9	4	2
2	5	8	4	6	7	1	3	9
5	7	9	6	1	4	2	3	8
1	8	6	3	2	5	9	7	4
3	7	2	4	9	8	6	1	5
7	2	2	5	9	4	3	8	6
8	6	4	1	7	2	3	5	9
9	1	3	8	5	6	4	2	7

ANSWER:

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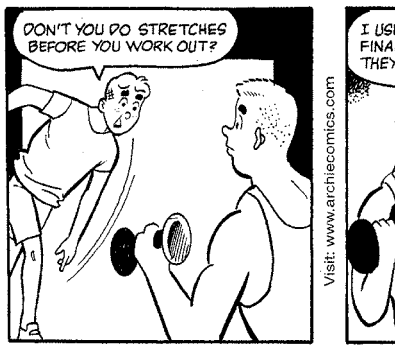
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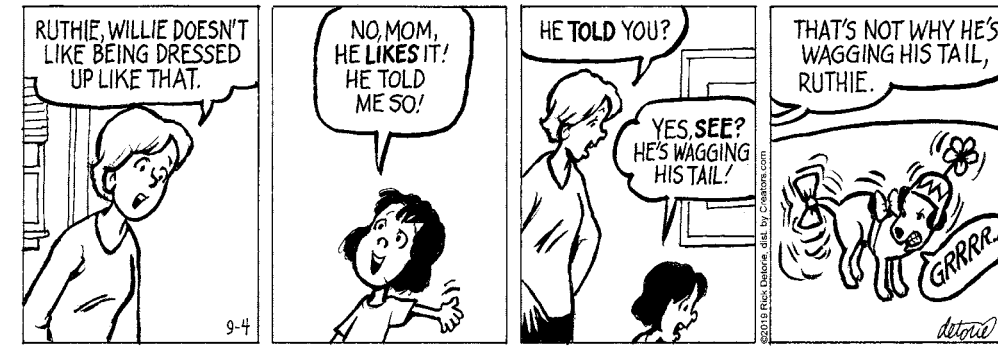
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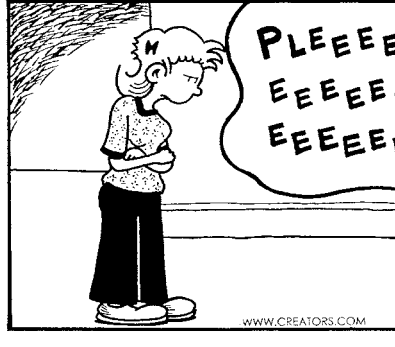
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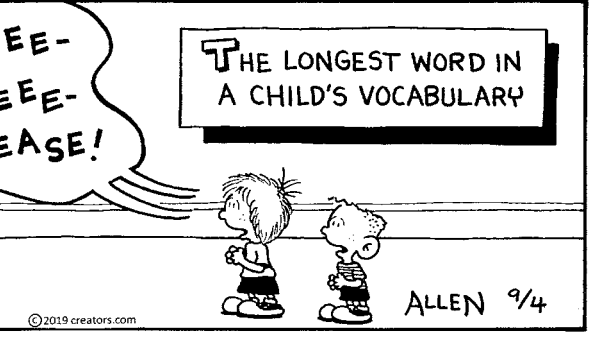
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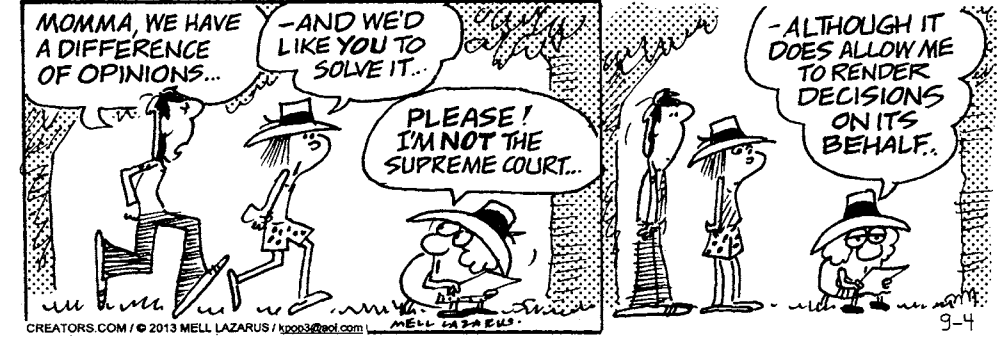
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This Date In History

pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice in a sex scandal, forcing the Democrat out of office after months of defiantly holding onto his job. In 2017, Texas emergency management officials said at least 60 deaths were attributed to Hurricane Harvey. Ten years ago: A German army colonel called in a U.S. airstrike on a pair of hijacked tanker trucks in northern Afghanistan, resulting in civilian casualties. (German officials said up to 142 people were believed to have died or been injured; Afghan leaders estimated 30 to 40 civilians were killed.) Five years ago: Comedian Joan Rivers died at a New York hospital at age 81, a week after going into cardiac arrest in a doctor's office during a routine medical procedure. One year ago: The Senate Judiciary Committee began confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh on a day that saw rancorous exchanges between Democrats and Republicans on the panel, and a declaration by Kavanaugh that the high court must "never be viewed as a partisan institution." (Kavanaugh would be confirmed in October on a near-party-line vote of 50-48.) Amazon became the second publicly-traded company to reach \$1 trillion in market value, following closely behind Apple. Former Arizona Republican Sen. Jon Kyl was named to temporarily fill the Senate seat left open by the death of John McCain. Comic actor Bill Daily, the sidekick to leading men on TV's "I Dream of Jeannie" and "The Bob Newhart Show," died in New Mexico at the age of 91.

of Famer Tom Watson is 70. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ronald LaPreard is 69. Actress Judith Ivey is 68. Rock musician Martin Chambers (The Pretenders) is 68. Actor Lawrence Hilton-Jacobs is 66. Actress Khandi Alexander is 62. Actor-comedian Damon Wayans Sr. is 59. Rock musician Kim Thayil is 59. Actor Richard Speight Jr. is 50. Actor Noah Taylor is 50. Actress Ione (eye-OH'-nee) Skye is 49. Actor-singer James Monroe Iglehart is 45. Pop-rock singer-DJ-musician-producer Mark Ronson is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Richard Wingo (Jagged Edge) is 44. Rock musician Ian Grushka (New Found Glory) is 42. Actor Wes Bentley is 41. Actor Max Green-

field is 40. Country singer Granger Smith is 40. Singer Dan Miller (O Town) is 39. Singer Beyonce (bee-AHN'-say) Knowles is 38. Country singer-musician Tom Gossin (Gloriana) is 38. Actress-comedian Whitney Cummings is 37. Actor-comedian Kyle Mooney (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 35. Folk-rock musician Neyla Pekarek (NEE'-lah

peh-KAYR'-ehk) (formerly with The Lumineers) is 33. Pop-rock singer-songwriter James Bay is 29. Actor Carter Jenkins is 28. Actor Trevor Gagnon is 24. **Thought for Today:** "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is God's gift, that's why we call it the present." — Joan Rivers (1933-2014).

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Job benefits, for short
- 6 Region
- 10 Audit experts: Abbr.
- 14 Fire-starting rock
- 15 Rip (up)
- 16 "That hurts!"
- 17 Carpet's place
- 18 With 60 Across, pursue incorrect assumptions
- 20 Covered with body art
- 22 Takes the bait
- 23 Urban transportation
- 24 Oxford or loafer
- 26 Do an initial orientation
- 33 Author Wiesel
- 34 Quite often
- 35 Hi-tech med. scan
- 36 Totaled altogether
- 38 Pooch's sound
- 39 Make off with
- 41 Annoy
- 42 Conflicts "declared"
- 44 Vessel made of logs
- 45 Making a pre-heist visit
- 50 Competes (for)
- 51 "YOU ARE HERE" chart
- 52 The Devil
- 55 Threw away
- 60 See 18 Across
- 63 Request
- 64 "No problem here!"
- 65 Top-flight
- 66 Loosen, as laces
- 67 Feathered mimic
- 68 Mattress store furniture
- 69 Double curves
- 19 WWII subs
- 21 "They're playing ___ song"
- 24 Egotist's focus
- 25 Game of Thrones channel
- 26 Barton of the Red Cross
- 27 Sounds of sows
- 28 Animal hospital doc
- 29 Severe
- 30 Explanation intro
- 31 Basketry or carving
- 32 River sediment
- 33 Clapton on guitar
- 37 In possession of
- 38 Liberal ___ college
- 40 Prefix for angle or athlete
- 43 ID checker's concern
- 46 First Daughter after Sasha
- 47 Event hosts
- 48 Takeout counter tip holder
- 49 Opposite of "transparent"
- 52 Do pool laps
- 53 Marching force
- 54 Any animated character
- 55 Transmit
- 56 Plays on words
- 57 Hamsters and hounds
- 58 Southermost Great Lake
- 59 Hair salon bottles
- 61 Bar bill
- 62 Fish eggs

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Tuesday Sports in Brief

Associated Press

BASKETBALL

SHANGHAI (AP) — Khris Middleton's two free throws with 2.1 seconds remaining in overtime saved the United States from what would have been a shocking loss, and the two-time defending champion Americans somehow rallied to beat Turkey 93-92 in a World Cup Group E game on Tuesday night.

Turkey went 0 for 4 from the foul line within a span of nine-tenths of a second, the last two misses coming from Cedi Osman with 8.2 seconds left. Middleton went to the rim on the ensuing possession, got fouled and made both shots.

Turkey had a chance at the end, but Ersan Ilyasova's jumper was off the mark and the Americans escaped.

The Americans have now won 21 consecutive World Cup games, extending the record for any nation at FIBA's signature event.

TENNIS

NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Federer gave away a lead against a guy he'd never lost to and was beaten 3-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 by 78th-ranked Grigor Dimitrov in the U.S. Open quarterfinals before a stunned crowd at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

The 38-year-old Federer took a rare-for-him medical timeout after the fourth set, leaving the court with a trainer. Federer's upper back and neck gave him trouble.

When play resumed after a break of nearly 10 minutes, Federer's form never picked up. He finished with 61 unforced errors, 33 on the forehand side.

Federer had been 7-0 against Dimi-

trov, taking 16 of their previous 18 sets.

Federer would have been the oldest Grand Slam semifinalist since Jimmy Connors was 39 at Flushing Meadows in 1991. He also was trying to add to his totals of five U.S. Open championships and 20 major trophies in all.

Instead, Dimitrov advanced to his third major semifinal, first in New York. He will face No. 5 Daniil Medvedev on Friday.

Serena Williams was not troubled one bit by the right ankle she rolled in her previous match. Didn't get much resistance from her opponent, either.

Looking as dominant as can be, Williams moved just fine and powered her way into the U.S. Open semifinals by overwhelming 18th-seeded Wang Qiang of China 6-1, 6-0 in a mere 44 minutes to move closer to a 24th Grand Slam singles trophy.

NFL

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Quarterback Jared Goff has agreed to a four-year contract extension with the Los Angeles Rams through the 2024 season.

The Rams confirmed the agreement Tuesday night. The team didn't disclose contract terms.

Goff is beginning his fourth year with the Rams, who made him the No. 1 overall pick in the 2016 draft. After a rocky rookie season, Goff has become a two-time Pro Bowl selection under coach Sean McVay over the past two years.

Goff has passed for 8,492 yards with 60 touchdowns and 19 interceptions in 31 regular-season games as McVay's starter. He also led the Rams to two playoff victories before the Super Bowl, where he struggled in a 19-for-

38 performance for 229 yards in Los Angeles' 13-3 loss.

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP) — The New York Jets have promoted long-time executive Hymie Elhai to team president.

Elhai is in his 20th year with the franchise and spent the last five as the Jets' senior vice president of business affairs and general counsel. He takes over for Neil Glat, who stepped down last Friday and will be a senior adviser with the team.

The Jets also announced Tuesday that Brian Friedman has become executive vice president and chief operating officer. Friedman is in his 11th year with the team and most recently was a senior vice president and chief financial officer.

Elhai will report to chairman and CEO Christopher Johnson and oversee the Jets' business operations. He'll also work closely with coach Adam Gase and general manager Joe Douglas to integrate football and business operations.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

SILVER CITY, N.M. (AP) — Western New Mexico University officials say freshman wide receiver Eddie Cruz has died in an apparent drowning.

Grant County Sheriff's officials say a New Mexico State Police dive team was called out to Bill Evans Lake north of Silver City around 3 p.m. Monday after calls about a possible drowning.

Divers recovered a man's body about 4½ hours later.

Sheriff's officials say the incident remains under investigation.

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A New Mexico spokesman says the

team has not yet reached the point of making coaching decisions for the Lobos' Sept. 14 game against Notre Dame.

Coach Bob Davie, who is 64, had a "serious medical incident" Saturday following New Mexico's season-opening victory against Sam Houston State.

He said in a statement Sunday that he expects to fully recover. He thanked the UNM Hospital staff who treated him at a "critical time."

The nature of his medical episode remained unclear Tuesday.

New Mexico spokesman Frank Mercogliano says the team is "not to the point" of making decisions about the game next week at Notre Dame.

HOCKEY

DETROIT (AP) — Niklas Kronwall is retiring after 15 seasons with the Detroit Red Wings.

The hard-hitting defenseman announced his retirement in a video Tuesday on the team's Twitter account, saying he would be taking a new role within the organization. Kronwall played 953 games in his NHL career and was part of the Detroit team that won the Stanley Cup in 2008.

Kronwall had three goals and 24 assists in 79 games last season.

GYMNASTICS

CLEVELAND (AP) — Olympic gymnastics champion Simone Biles says she's struggling with the arrest of her brother who was charged in a shooting that left three dead.

She said in a tweet Monday that her heart aches for everyone involved, especially the victims and their families.

TOP 25

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Last year it was 6.13, though.

Ranked? Just right.

No. 5 Ohio State (1-0)

Next: vs. Cincinnati.

Reality check: A step up in competition should give us a better read on QB Justin Fields.

Ranked: Just right.

No. 6 LSU (1-0)

Next: at No. 9 Texas.

Reality check: The Tigers were serious about unleashing a more wide-open offense. If it plays even half as well outside of Death Valley, LSU could be a legitimate threat to Alabama instead of the pretender it has been for most of the last seven seasons.

Ranked: Just right.

No. 7 Michigan (1-0)

Next: vs. Army.

Reality check: The Wolverines' unveiling of a new offense seemed purposefully perplexing at times last week. Mess around with Army and you risk getting stuck in a clock-rolling, one-score game in the fourth quarter.

Ranked: Too high.

No. 8 Notre Dame (1-0)

Next: vs. New Mexico.

Reality check: Maybe the Irish were caught off guard by a Louisville team with a new coaching staff, but that run defense needs to get a whole lot better before Notre Dame visits Georgia on Sept. 21.

Ranked: Too high.

No. 9 Texas (1-0)

Next: vs. No. 6 LSU.

Reality check: The Longhorns' demolition of Louisiana Tech was a low-key impressive performance. The running back shortage in Austin is problematic.

Ranked? Too low.

No. 10 Auburn (1-0)

Next: vs. Tulane.

Reality check: The Tigers stole one with freshman quarterback Bo Nix. It could be the start of something big on The Plains. Or the best it gets this season. Either is possible with Auburn.

Ranked? Too low.

No. 11 Florida (1-0)

Next: vs. UT-Martin.

Reality check: The Gators didn't do much to quiet those who believe their preseason ranking is a bit much (raises hand). But they beat a real team to open the season, which is more than most of the ranked teams can say.

Ranked? Too low.

No. 12 Texas A&M (1-0)

Next: at No. 1 Clemson.

Reality check: We would hope all the Aggies believe they will beat Clemson, not just offensive lineman Jared Hocker, who called the upset.

Ranked? Just right.

No. 13 Washington (1-0)

Next: vs. California.

Reality check: The Cal secondary, led by S Jaylenn Hawkins, should help determine how seriously we should take QB Jacob Eason's eye-popping debut for the Huskies.

Ranked? Just right.

No. 14 Utah (1-0)

Next: vs. Northern Illinois.

Reality check: 220-pound Zack Moss makes the short list of most unpleasant people to tackle in college football.

Ranked? Just right.

No. 15 Penn State (1-0)

Next: vs. Buffalo.

Reality check: The Nittany Lions scored 79 points against Idaho, which may or may not be a big deal.

Ranked? Just right.

No. 16 Oregon (0-1)

Next: vs. Nevada.

Reality check: Save your hot takes about QB Justin Herbert until we see him play with someone resembling an NFL-caliber wide receiver.

Ranked? Just right.

No. 17 Wisconsin (1-0)

Next: vs. Central Michigan.

Reality check: Beware opposing defenses: The Badgers are now throwing passes to RB Jonathan Taylor. He had his first two scoring receptions against South Florida.

Ranked? Too high.

No. 18 UCF (1-0)

Next: at FAU.

Reality check: Is it asking too much of Brandon Wimbush to complete more than 52% of his passes against Florida A&M? That quarterback competition might not be closed in Orlando.

Ranked? Too high.

No. 19 Michigan State (1-0)

Next: vs. Western Michigan.

Reality check: The Spartans needed seven scoring plays to reach 28 points in their opener and only one came from the offense. Doesn't seem like much has changed from last year.

Ranked? Too high.

No. 20 Iowa (1-0)

Next: vs. Rutgers.

Reality check: If the Hawkeyes can handle Rutgers, it should set up the first meeting with rival Iowa State where both teams are ranked. That's 63 games, dating to 1899.

Ranked? Too low.

No. 21 Syracuse (1-0)

Next: at Maryland.

Reality check: With Clemson looming, the Orange need to take care of business on the road for a second straight week to set up what would be the most hyped game at the Dome since Donovan McNabb was playing quarterback for the 'Cuse.

Ranked? Just right.

No. 22 Washington State (1-0)

Next: vs. Northern Colorado.

Reality check: Introducing, Anthony Gordon. The new Cougars starting quarterback can be found

right near the top of college football's leaderboard in touchdown passes (five), yards (420) and passer rating (230.8). The beat goes on for Mike Leach.

Ranked? Just right.

No. 23 Stanford (1-0)

Next: at Southern California.

Reality check: Beat Northwestern, but both QB KJ Costello and LT Walker Little were injured. The Cardinal have no leeway in the schedule over the next three weeks with USC, No. 18 UCF and No. 16 Oregon.

Ranked? Too high.

No. 24 Boise State (1-0)

Next: vs. Marshall.

Reality check: Felt like the good ol' days for the Broncos, traveling across the country to take down a traditional power.

Ranked? Too low.

No. 25 (tie) Iowa State (1-0)

Next: vs. No. 20 Iowa, Saturday, Sept. 14.

Reality check: You say the Cyclones looked nothing like a ranked team, but we say struggling to beat Northern Iowa in overtime is the perfect way for Iowa State to start a season with great expectations. Weird stuff happens in Ames, man.

Ranked? Just right.

No. 25 (tie) Nebraska (1-0)

Next: at Colorado.

Reality check: The Huskers did not look like a team poised for a breakout, which many voters are banking on.

Ranked? Too high.

Instead of Nebraska, how about Oklahoma State.

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