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## Hail to the queen!



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Forsan High School Homecoming Queen Tatum Miller, daughter of Ed and Laurel Miller, receives the crown from Forsan's 1968 Homecoming Queen Mary Armstead during halftime at Forsan's Homecoming football game Friday, as Student Council President Brennan East looks on. For coverage of the Homecoming game, see Sports on Page 1B.

## Open house at Dr. Ward's



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Big Spring dentist Dr. David Ward conducts a tour of the new expansion and renovations of his office, 1500 S. Scurry St., during an open house held Friday afternoon. Ward's office is located in the historic J.M. Morgan house, and the recent expansion added a new building next to the original historic home.

## Florence, a wet and unwanted visitor, besieges Carolinas

By JEFFREY COLLINS and JONATHAN DREW

Associated Press

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. (AP) — Florence, now a tropical storm, swirled at a near-standstill over the Carolinas on Saturday, dumping non-stop rain over

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areas already flooded by seawater and swelling rivers and creeks across both states.

Some towns have already been soaked by more than 2 feet (60 centimeters) of drenching rains, and forecasters warned that totals could reach 3½ feet (1 meter), unleashing floods well inland through early next week. At least four people have died, a toll authorities fear will rise as the storm crawls westward across South Carolina.

At 8 a.m. Saturday, Florence stalled about 35 miles (55 kilometers) west of Myrtle Beach, moving forward at just 2 mph (4 kph), with

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## National Night Out

By ROGER CLINE  
 Staff Writer

People love an excuse to throw a party, and the Big Spring Police Department has a great one coming up.

Oct. 2, 2018, is National "Night Out," a crime and drug prevention event sponsored by police departments nationwide. The BSPD is encouraging local residents to take part this year.

"Communities celebrate National Night Out by having block parties, cookouts, contests, youth programs and visits from their local police departments," according to a press release issued by the police department. "National Night Out is a unique crime/drug prevention event in

which the Big Spring Police Department participates, and is designed

to increase crime and drug prevention awareness, strengthen neighborhood and police community partnerships and to inform criminals that, as a neighbor and community, we are fighting back."

Those neighborhoods and individuals interested in organizing a block party or some other type of event to participate in National Night Out can contact Lt. Brian Gordon of the Big Spring Police Department at 432-264-2561.

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



## The Truth About Synthetic Drugs



Courtesy photo

The nurses of University Medical Center's "Nurses Educating on Illegal Drugs and Synthetics" will present a program Monday on "The Truth About Synthetic Drugs" at 6 p.m. at Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

By AMBER MANSFIELD  
 Staff Writer

Although many synthetic drugs, such as synthetic marijuana, are marketed as legal to sell and use, and that they are undetectable in urinalysis drug tests, these are both myths and shouldn't be believed.

Area residents can get the facts on synthetic drugs at a presentation Monday hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Howard County Program Area Committee.

The program, given by "Nurses Educating on Illegal Drugs and Synthetics" (NEIDS) of the University Medical Center Health System, is "The Truth About Synthetic Drugs," and will be presented to the public of Howard County at 6 p.m. Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

According to a flyer issued by the organization, "NEIDS is an outreach group of registered nurses that believe synthetic marijuana and

other illegal drugs kill and harm too many of our fellow human beings."

The group is made up of emergency room nurses and nurse educators from Lubbock, whose mission is to provide education to the public on the health risk and hazards of the use of synthetic drugs, through public service announcements, focused educational offerings to school age children, point-of-care education, and working with local coalitions and agencies against the use of synthetic marijuana.

They actively support new or revised legislation of local and state law to halt the sale, distribution, and the manufacturing of these synthetic compounds and illegal drugs.

Monday's program will be sponsored by Adrian Calvio's State Farm Insurance Agency, Derek Wash and Pirkle-Weir Insurance Agency, Back in Motion Chiropractic, and Howard College.

For more information about the program, visit [www.umcneids.com](http://www.umcneids.com).

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## Obituaries

### Dan Franklin Newsom



Dan Franklin Newsom, 68, of Big Spring died Thursday, September 13, 2018, at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 2018 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel, with Deacon Mitchell Douglas, of First Baptist Church of Garden City.

Dan was born on October 27, 1949, in Big Spring, Texas to Ina Mae Peterson Newsom and Floyd Newsom. He served in the National Guard for 8 years.

Dan was a farmer in Howard, Glasscock and Hamilton counties. He worked for the Glasscock County Road Department for over 18 years, retiring in 2014.

Dan is survived by his wife, Margaret Newsom of Big Spring; one son, Chad Newsom (Sophia) of Big Spring; three daughters, Dana Allen (John) and Lacey Cox (Shawn), all of Garden City and Paige Sigmon (Josh) of Coahoma; 10 grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Ina Mae Newsom; two brothers, Jim Newsom and Dean Newsom; and one sister, Natalie Roberts.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Police blotter

- **DOMINGO CASTILLO**, 47, of 1602 Harding St. was arrested on a warrant by another agency.
- **CAMERON EDWARD MORRELLI**, of 4033 E. Acequia Ave. of Visalia, Calif., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THOMAS JACOB NEGRETE**, 28, of 411 W Roosevelt St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MICHAEL RAY BURCHARM**, 34, of 500 Dallas St. was arrested on a charge of assault by contact.
- **JOHNNY LEE JUAREZ**, 36, of 1209 Sycamore St. was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz).
- **BURGLARY IN PROGRESS** was reported on the 1600 block of Harding St.
- **MISSING ADULT** was reported on the 2100 block of S. Main St.

- **THEFT** was reported twice in the 3600 block of West Highway 80; and in the 2000 block of South Gregg Street.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported at the intersection of Old Colorado City Highway and Burcham.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1300 block of Lamar Ave., the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard, and the 300 block of N.E. 10th St.
- **WELFARE CONCERN**, was reported in the 4100 block of Bilger St.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 600 block of E FM 700, and the 1200 block of S. Gregg St.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2900 block of E. FM 700.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter Dr.

## Take Note

The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. until noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library. They will be having their first one for the 2018-2019 year this Saturday, Sept. 15.

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The Permian Basin Stand Down, an event for veterans sponsored by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Commemorative Air Force, will be held Wednesday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Commemorative Air Force Hangar, High Sky Wing, at 9612 Wright Drive in Midland. Food, services, and resources for veterans will be provided.

If you served in the United States Armed Forces, you're invited to find out what VA and community resources are available to you and your family. If you have your DD214, Military ID or VA ID Card, bring them to the event.

If you don't have any of those, you can still come to the event and the VA will help you obtain them. Volunteers are also needed for the event. For more information or to volunteer, call 432-263-7361 ext. 7456.

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018 @ 7 p.m., Social time @ 6:30 p.m. - Midland Quilters Guild meeting. PROGRAM: History of Singer Featherweight Sewing Machine and display of members "Featherweights"

and their stories. There also will be a 'show and tell' of tote bags made to carry these vintage sewing machines. Anyone is welcome to bring their Featherweight sewing machines to share / display with the group.

Alamo Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1305 N Midland Dr, Midland. FREE. For more info, call 432-425-3476 or visit <http://www.midlandquiltersguild.com>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-

1221.

Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716.

Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

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

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

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

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

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

Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

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

### Tim Drinkard

Tim Drinkard, 66, of Big Spring died Friday, September 14, 2018, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Support Groups

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

### WEDNESDAY

RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 432-517-9207 for more information.

### THURSDAY

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

Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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

Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. t 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email [francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org](mailto:francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org), or call 432-268-3003.

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

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# FLORENCE

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top sustained winds of 50 mph (80 kph).

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper called Florence an "uninvited brute" that could wipe out entire communities as it grinds its way across land.

"The fact is this storm is deadly and we know we are days away from an ending," Cooper said.

With tropical storm-force winds swirling 350 miles (560 kilometers) wide, Florence continued deluging the Carolinas on Saturday morning after pushing surging seas far ashore. Rescue crews used boats to carry more than 360 people from rising water in the river town of New Bern, North Carolina, while many of their neighbors awaited help. Dozens more were pulled from a collapsed motel.

Florence flattened trees, buckled buildings and crumpled roads. The storm knocked out power to nearly 930,000 homes and businesses, and the number could keep rising.

A mother and baby were killed when a tree fell on a house, according to a tweet from Wilmington police. A 77-year-old man was apparently knocked down by the wind and died after going out to check on his hunting dogs, Lenoir County authorities said. The governor's office said a man was electrocuted while trying to connect extension cords in the rain.

Storm surges — the bulge of ocean water pushed ashore by the hurricane — were as high as 10 feet (3 meters).

Shaken after seeing waves crashing on the Neuse River just outside his house in New Bern, restaurant owner and hurricane veteran Tom Ballance wished he had evacuated.

"I feel like the dumbest human being who ever walked the face of the earth," he said.

Florence peaked at a terrifying Category 4 with top winds of 140 mph (225 kph) over warm ocean water before making landfall as a Category 1 hurricane at 7:15 a.m. at Wrightsville Beach, a few miles (kilometers) east of Wilmington and not far from the South Carolina line. It blew ashore along a mostly boarded-up, emptied-out stretch of coastline.

But it was clear that this was really about the water, not the wind.

Morehead City, North Carolina, had received 23 inches (58 centimeters) of rain by Friday night, and forecasters warned Saturday morning that parts of the Carolinas could get up to 15 inches (38 centimeters) more.

At times, Florence was moving forward no faster than a human can walk, and it has remained such a wide storm that its counter-clockwise winds keep scooping up massive amounts of moisture from the sea. The flooding began on barrier islands in North Carolina and then spread into coastal and river communities there and in South Carolina, swamping the white sands and golf courses in North Myrtle Beach.

For people living inland in the Carolinas, maximum peril could come days later as all that water drains, overflowing rivers and causing flash floods.

Authorities warned, too, of risks of mudslides and environmental disasters from floodwaters washing over industrial waste sites and hog farms.

About 9,700 National Guard troops and civilians were deployed with high-water vehicles, helicopters and boats.

Florence could become a major test for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which was heavily criticized as slow and unprepared last year for Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, where the death toll was put at nearly 3,000.

The hurricane center said the storm will eventually break up over the southern Appalachians and make a right hook to the northeast, its rainy remnants moving into the mid-Atlantic states and New England by the middle of next week.



**Robert Simmons Jr. and his kitten "Survivor" are rescued from floodwaters after Hurricane Florence dumped several inches of rain in the area overnight, Friday, Sept. 14, 2018 in New Bern, N.C.**

AP photo

Meteorologist Ryan Maue of weathermodels.com calculated that Florence could dump a staggering 18 trillion gallons (68 trillion liters) of rain over a week on North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky and Maryland. That's enough to fill the Chesapeake Bay, or cover the entire state of Texas with nearly 4 inches (10 centimeters) of water.

North Carolina alone is forecast to get 9.6 trillion gallons (36 trillion liters), enough to cover the Tar Heel state to a depth of about 10 inches (25 centimeters).

In Jacksonville, North Carolina, next to Camp Lejeune, firefighters and police fought wind and rain as they went door to door to pull more than 60 people out as the Triangle Motor Inn began to crumble.

In New Bern, population 29,000, flooding on the Neuse River left 500 people in peril.

"WE ARE COMING TO GET YOU," the city tweeted during the height of the storm. "You may need to move up to the second story, or to your attic, but WE ARE COMING TO GET YOU."

Boat teams including volunteers rescued some 360 residents, including Sadie Marie Holt, 67, who first tried to row out of her neighborhood during Florence's assault.

"The wind was so hard, the waters were so hard ... We got thrown into mailboxes, houses, trees," said Holt, who had stayed at home because of a doctor's appointment that was later canceled. She was eventually rescued by a boat crew; 140 more awaited help.

Ashley Warren and boyfriend Chris Smith managed to paddle away from their home in a boat with their two dogs, and were left shaken.

"Honestly, I grew up in Wilmington. I love hurricanes. But this one has been an experience for me," she said. "We might leave."

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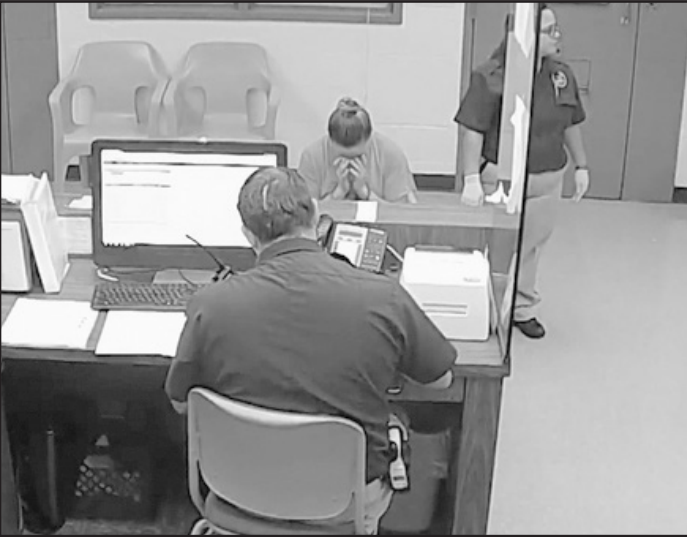
Bubba, Lewes Gilbert Grantham, Jr., 65, died Wednesday, September 5, 2018. Memorial service will be at 2PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Dan Franklin Newsum, 68, died Thursday. The family will receive friends from 6PM-8PM Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Grave-side service will be at 10:30 AM Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Mary Grace Jackson, 47, died Thursday. She will lie in state from 9AM until 9PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 6PM until 8PM Tuesday.

Tim Drinkard, 66, died Friday. Services are pending.

## Dallas police face ire over portrayal of man shot by officer



Jean's mother, Allison Jean, expressed disgust that on Thursday the results of the search of his home surfaced. They showed that, among the things, police found a small amount of marijuana — 10.4 grams — and a marijuana grinder. The news came the same day that mourners at her son's funeral remembered him for his religious convictions and kindness.

"To have my son smeared in such a way, I think shows that there (are people) who are really nasty, who are really dirty and are going to cover up for the devil Amber Guyger," she said.

She called on police to release toxicology results from a blood sample taken from Guyger on the night of the shooting. She said that she did not understand why Guyger was allowed to "roam the streets for three days" after killing her son. Guyger shot Jean on Thursday night and was arrested on Sunday.

The local Fox television affiliate, KDFW, was roundly criticized for its initial reporting on the release of the report on the search's findings, drawing scorn from figures across the political spectrum for focusing on the marijuana, tweeting: "DEVELOPING: Search warrant: Marijuana found in Botham Jean's apartment after deadly shooting."

On Twitter, the ACLU called the tweet an "attack on an innocent man."

Fox News contributor Guy Benson commented on Twitter, "Irrelevant. 100% irrelevant."

National Rifle Association spokeswoman Dana Loesch tweeted: "How is this germane to what happened?"

KDFW, which later updated its story and added more context, declined to comment Friday about its initial coverage of the search affidavit.

**This photo from video released Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018, by the Kaufman County Sheriff's Office in Kaufman, Texas, shows Dallas police Officer Amber Guyger getting booked after turning herself in Sunday, Sept. 9 following the fatal shooting of Botham Jean in his own apartment. Guyger was arrested manslaughter and has been released on bond.**

AP photo

By RYAN TARINELLI

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Attorneys for the family of a black man who was killed in his own apartment by a white police officer accused Dallas police of trying to "assassinate his character" and expressed fury that authorities sought a search warrant that resulted in the discovery of marijuana in the victim's apartment.

At a news conference Friday, the lawyers said the search warrant, which allowed investigators to look for drugs, should have never been issued.

They also called for the firing of police officer Amber Guyger, who gunned down 26-year-old Botham Jean in his own apartment on Sept. 6. She has been booked on a preliminary charge of manslaughter and is free on bond.

Guyger told investigators she mistook Jean's apartment for her own, which is right below his, and that upon entering the dark home, she believed she had encountered an intruder and shot him when he didn't obey her verbal commands.

Lee Merritt, one of the Jean family attorneys, said Friday that investigators wasted no time in digging for dirt they could use to smear Jean's name. Within hours of Jean being shot, they asked a judge for a warrant to search his home for drugs, among other things.

"On the night that he was killed, the Dallas Police Department investigators were interested specifically in finding information that could help assassinate his character," Merritt said.

Dallas police did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the criticism.

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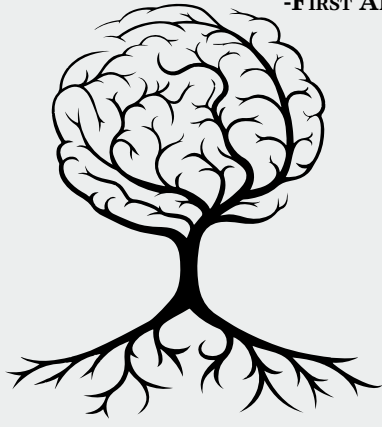
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# Twisty Tex the Texas Rubiks Man

Casey Weaver of Austin had a successful career as a computer expert and retired at the age of 51. Now he makes complicated Rubik's Cubes as a hobby. Some are shaped like rectangles or triangles.

"I build them for my own enjoyment," says Casey. "I send them out to other cubing enthusiasts who make videos about them and show them off. The original Rubik's Cube was 3 pieces on each side, commonly known as a 3 by 3. Now there are also 2 by 2 and others, 17 by 17 being the world's largest mass-produced puzzle. The other puzzles that are mass-produced are 8 by 8, 9 by 9, 10 by 10, 11 by 11 and 13 by 13. The 17 by 17 puzzle sells for about \$600."

Casey has a workshop filled with drawers full of cube making material. And although he doesn't sell any of his pieces he spends a lot of time with his hobby. He is known around the world as Twisty Tex.

"I have a friend in France who assembled a 33 by 33 by 33 Rubik's Cube. Nobody has solved that one yet. Another friend in England made one that's six feet tall on each side, currently the world's largest. The larger or more intricate puzzles, which I've become well known for making, don't look anything like a typical Rubik's Cube when they are scrambled. Some of my pieces resemble architecture models or a Mondrian painting. They take on a very sculptural, very modern art look to them. When you get into the big ones like a 7 by 9 by 11, which is the biggest that I've made, they're practically unsolvable. It took the best solver a couple of days to figure it out. I make puzzles that I can't solve."

He makes parts for his cubes on a 3D printer.

"One thing you want to do is make puzzles that nobody has made before. It takes a lot of just sitting and figuring out the dif-

ferent combinations. One of my puzzles has just one color. Instead of solving it by color you solve it by shape. There is also a type of puzzle called cuboid which has different dimensions. A common cuboid is a 3 by 3 by 5. Some cuboids have an odd, odd and even dimension."

He has been creating Rubik's Cubes for 10 years.

"By being able to change the puzzles you can introduce new strategies that are required. It makes the hobby more dynamic."

Casey says scrambling a Rubik's Cube is as important as solving it.

"In the case of some hard puzzles you actually have to learn not only how to solve them but also how to properly scramble them."

In taking the Rubik's Cube to a higher power, he encourages young people to experiment. He has a creative group on Facebook where he and others get together and talk about the cubes.



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# Letters to the Editor

## Interstate 27

Dear Editor,

I would love to see I-27 come through Big Spring Texas because it could become a mecca for those companies who wish to develop a distribution point for their products.

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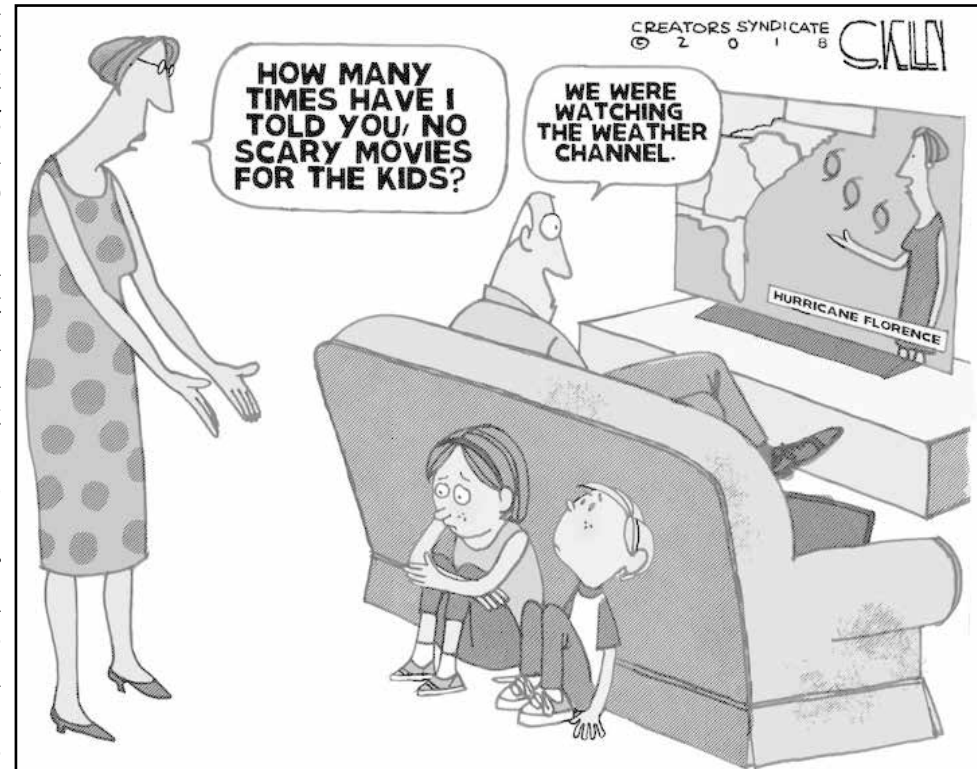
a compass point on Big Spring and start at 100 miles North at Lubbock, then swing it East to Abilene, then South to San Angelo and West to Midland/Odessa. Next, you would then extend it out to 300 miles and starting again North at Amarillo, then East to Fort Worth/Dallas, South to San Antonio then West to El Paso, all of these give or take a few miles, you should come to realize how many Million Potential Customers there are waiting with-

in these areas to buy your goods.

This has always been a Mystery to me, for when we only had Highways 80 and 87, why more companies didn't take advantage of Big Spring as their distribution point! We also have a great Air Port and Rail Service so there is nothing missing.

Thanks for your time and consideration!

Lloyd Claxton



# Old Harry's Kitchen Advice

The late Harry Truman, whom we always regarded as "unbridled" until here lately, advised folks affected adversely by the heat to stay out of the kitchen.

Well, I wasn't listening, and/or failed to take notes. I find myself in the kitchen more often in later years, for reasons others of a certain age may understand.

My wife and I implement a simple to-each-his-own system for many meals. When hunger sets in, she's "on her own," as am I.

I'm warming to the idea of spending more time in the kitchen, sometimes feeling like a five-year-old unharnessed in an untended candy store. Everything becomes an adventure as I discover kitchen machines, tools and other miscellaneous "apparatuses" that experienced cooks use with the confidence of a duck taking to a tranquil pond.

Me? I can stare at an egg beater for several minutes, in absolute wonder of such an invention.

I'm nearing the point of being joined "at the hip" with the kitchen, lured there partially by the fascination provided by a new Instant Pot, and what it can do well so quickly. Of course, outcomes hang on my careful reading of recipe directions, then carrying them out. When I fail to do so with "the pot"--as well as other food preparation procedures under my direction--can lead to "heat in the kitchen."

I learned the hard way, for example, of haphazardly placing a pizza on the heating stone with a tiny overlap of dough--a "silly millimeter"--over one edge. Turned out, any "food overhang" allowed to dangle in the oven can lead to a kitchen fire.

The Fire Department people were prompt, efficient and consoling.

They said such things happen all the time.

I digress. Recently, I decided to "fancy up" a ham I'd purchased for a "pot luck" luncheon at church. (Note to self: They sell hams already sliced.)

I found our electric knife that hadn't been used this century, thinking how easy it was going to be to slice the ham. It wasn't easy. In fact, I gave up on the imagined presentation of carefully sliced ham, meticulously arranged on a platter. Within minutes, ham "hunks" had become the new plan.

As shreds of ham flew about the kitchen, I was "at the ready" with a damp paper towel to corral them. Soon, I had two trays stacked tall with ham chunks I'd describe as "artful" in an abstract, primitive kind of way. Think machetes.

About that time, Brenda walked through the kitchen, probing like a detective at a crime scene. "Where's my 'clean/dirty' sign?" she questioned.

Uh oh. I had been working on the counter right above our dish-

washer. On said counter she had taped a tiny sign (maybe an inch by .5 inch) reading "clean" on one side and "dirty" on the other.

This sign has reminded us whether dishes are clean, ready to be extracted and put away, or left for later washing. (Admission: This works ONLY when we remember to flip it over.) Anyway, it was missing, nowhere to be found. We gazed in unison at Sailor, our dachshund who gave us his "me no Alamo, me no Goliad" look.

We were running late, of course; it was too late to search through the ham trays.

I admitted to the 50 or so diners that one MIGHT come across a little sign among the ham chunks, and how it MIGHT have gotten there. I said that no matter which side was seen first, the ham was CLEAN, except, perhaps, for diners who consider all pork to be UNCLEAN.

Anyway, a lady at the luncheon said she always places a detergent pod in her dishwasher when emptied, thus reminding her to "turn it on" when the machine is full. It's an "ill wind that blows no good," and this tip means Brenda won't have to make a new sign.

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## DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, may we take our faith in You out into the world and reach others one person at a time. Amen.

# FORSAN HOMECOMING DAY 2018

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Managing Editor

Forsan ISD was glowing with school pride on Friday morning as they partook in Homecoming festivities to get

the day started.

Forsan High School football players, coaches and team managers opened the doors and welcomed the Forsan Elementary kids to school. According to Forsan ISD Employee, Jeanette

Lindsey, several Forsan alumni came and assisted the football players in opening car doors for the kids to give them an exciting and warm welcome to start their day. The Buff Cheerleaders came bearing goodies as they sold

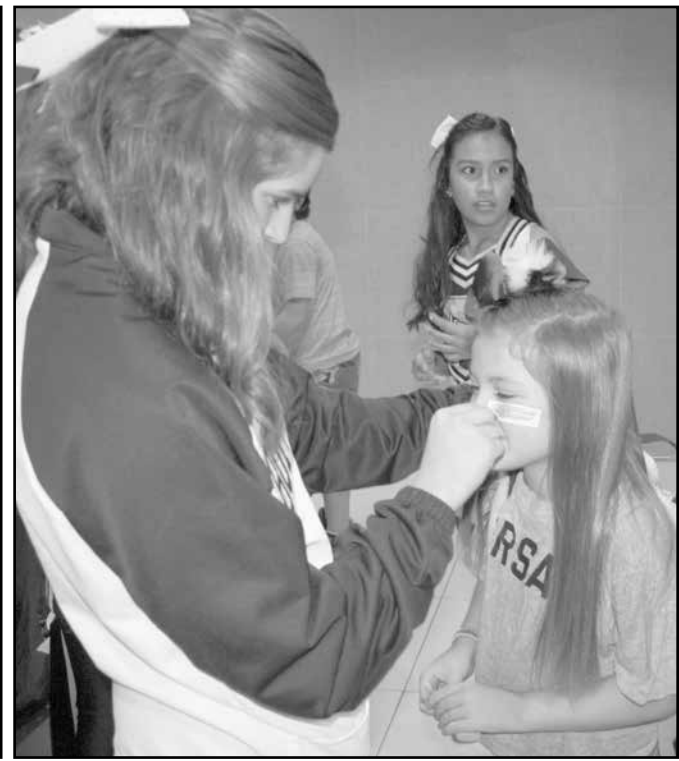
and even helped apply Buff tattoos for the kids.

"We had a great morning at the Elementary school, said Lindsey. "Everyone was decked out with Buffalo pride!"



Courtesy photos

On the left, Chris Evans poses for a photo with son Coy Evans. In the top center photo, football players welcome the elementary kids to school. In the bottom center photo, Forsan alumni Joey Jackson, Derek Wash, Chris Evans, Brodie Wash and Steve Park pose for a photo. In the right photo, Senior cheerleader, Hannah Hogue, poses for a photo with elementary student and Peyton Kinsey.



Courtesy photos

On the left, Sophomore cheerleader Zadie Andrews puts a tattoo on student Greg Henderson. Kinsler Wash (center) shows off his cool tattoos, and Sophomore Kaci Henson (left photo) helps student Allie Olson put a tattoo on her cheek to show her Buff pride.



Courtesy photos

In the top photo, Steve Park gives Ryker Smith a good morning high five outside of the elementary school while students Atlee Jackson and Sydni Sayles look on. In the bottom photo, Forsan Seniors Brennan East, Brenna Lindsey, Macey Evans, Tatum Miller and Hannah Hogue all pose for a photo in their Forsan gear on the morning of Homecoming, Friday, September 14, 2018. Go Buffs!

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## Texas suspends notary who handled Stormy Daniels agreement

DALLAS (AP) — Texas has suspended the notary who handled porn actress Stormy Daniels' hush-money agreement with President Donald Trump, but state officials say the notary's actions have no bearing on the validity of the agreement.

The Dallas Morning News reports that notary Erica Jackson was faulted for not properly witnessing and documenting Daniels' signature on the nondisclosure agreement.

Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, has said she had sex once with Trump in 2006 and carried on a platonic relationship with him for about a year. She was paid \$130,000 as part of the agreement signed days before the 2016 election.

Jackson's attorney, Craig Watkins, says Jackson did her job properly but that she agreed to the settlement to avoid being part of the "whole circus" involving Trump.

## Texas company gets \$300M loan for high-speed train project

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas company has secured a \$300 million loan for a proposed high-speed rail project from Dallas to Houston.

Texas Central Partners will use the funds from Japanese sources to move forward with permitting, design and engineering, The Dallas Morning News reported. The company plans to use Japanese bullet train technology for the project, which could be the first high-speed rail service in the U.S.

"This is a loan to be paid back with interest," the company said in a statement Thursday. "It does not change the train's majority-Texan ownership."

The loan will give the company enough equity to move forward with construction once it's authorized, company officials said.

The privately funded project would cost \$12 billion to \$15 billion, according to Texas Central officials. The train would make a 90-minute trip from Dallas to Houston, with one stop near Texas A&M University in Grimes County.

The 240-mile (386-kilometer) route could open by 2024, the company said. The project still needs final environmental clearance before the five-year construction process can begin.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Federal Railroad Administration are both studying the project.

The commission, which began reviewing the project in 2017, said it typically takes more than a year to issue a permit, add conditions or deny a permit.

The administration is expected to finalize its Environmental Impact statement by Jan. 31. It would then make a decision on the project by the end of August 2019.

## Texas cop shot in head, suspect killed during bar robbery

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A gun battle between police and group of robbery suspects outside of a Fort Worth bar early Friday left one suspect dead and an undercover officer fighting for his life, authorities said.

The undercover officer, Garrett Hull, was in critical condition at a hospital, Fort Worth police Chief Joel Fitzgerald said at a news conference. The suspect who was killed, Dacion Steptoe, was the one who shot Hull after Steptoe and two accomplices left a bar they had just robbed, the chief said.

The two other suspects were arrested and none of the 10 people who were in the bar were hurt.

During an earlier news conference, Fitzgerald said Hull was part of a team that was trailing the suspects and rushed into the bar when officers discovered it was being robbed. But he later clarified that the officers, wary of endangering bystanders, waited for the three suspects outside the bar before they confronted them.

Fellow officers rushed Hull to the hospital in a squad car instead of waiting for an ambulance.

Mayor Betsy Price said Hull was "in the fight of his life."

Fitzgerald said the crew is suspected in 17 robberies in and around Fort Worth in recent months, and that they primarily targeted Latino bars. He said the crew shot someone in the head during a recent robbery.

The chief didn't release the name of one of the suspects, but he said all three have long criminal records. The surviving suspect police did identify, Samuel Mayfield, was wanted on warrants for theft, assault and drug possession.

"You had robbery suspects who tried to come in with the crowd," Fitzgerald said, speaking of people inside the bar who ran from the building to flee the gunfire.

He said Hull, who has a wife and two daughters, is well-liked in the department and is a "rock" of the police unit tasked with apprehending violent offenders.

"I feel like I stand up here far too often and speak about officers being assaulted and officers doing their job and trying to create a safe sense of community and cooperation and collaboration in the city of Fort Worth and being victims of violent acts," he said at the initial news conference.

# 'Uninvited brute': 3 dead as Florence drenches the Carolinas

By JONATHAN DREW

Associated Press

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — Hurricane Florence rolled ashore in North Carolina with howling 90 mph winds and terrifying storm surge early Friday, trapping hundreds of people in high water as it settled in for what could be a long and extraordinarily destructive drenching. At least three people were killed.

More than 60 people had to be pulled from a collapsing cinderblock motel. Hundreds more were rescued elsewhere from rising water. Others could only wait and hope someone would come for them.

"WE ARE COMING TO GET YOU," the

city of New Bern tweeted around 2 a.m. "You may need to move up to the second story, or to your attic, but WE ARE COMING TO GET YOU."

As the giant, 400-mile-wide hurricane pounded away, it unloaded heavy rain, flattened trees, chewed up roads and knocked out power to more

than 600,000 homes and businesses.

A mother and baby were killed when a tree fell on a house, according to a tweet from Wilmington police. The governor's office said a third person was killed while plugging in a generator.

The biggest danger, as forecasters saw it, was not the wind but the water: the storm surge along the coastline and the prospect of 1 to 3½ feet of rain over the next several days that could trigger catastrophic flooding in a slow-motion disaster well inland.

By early afternoon, Florence's winds had weakened to 75 mph, just barely a hurricane and well below the storm's terrifying Category 4 peak of 140 mph earlier in the week. But the

hurricane had slowed to a crawl as it traced the North Carolina-South Carolina shoreline, drenching coastal communities for hours on end.

The town of Oriental had gotten more than 18 inches of rain just a few hours into the deluge,

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AP photo

A message on a boarded-up business encourages people to be safe as Hurricane Florence hits downtown New Bern, N.C., on Friday, Sept. 14, 2018.

## Everyone wants answers: Mass., feds hunt for gas blast cause

By BOB SALSBERG

Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Mass. — Investigators worked Friday to pinpoint the cause of a series of fiery natural gas explosions that killed a teen driver in his car just hours after he got his license, injured at least 25 others and left dozens of homes in smoldering ruins.

Authorities said an estimated 8,000 people were displaced at the height of Thursday's post-explosion chaos in three towns north of Boston rocked by the disaster. Most were still waiting, shaken and exhausted, to be allowed to return to their homes.

The National Transportation Safety Board sent a team to help investigate the disaster in a state where some of the aging gas pipeline system dates to the 1860s.

The rapid-fire series of gas explosions that one official described as "Armageddon" ignited fires in 60 to 80 homes in the working-class towns of Lawrence, Andover and North Andover, forcing entire neighborhoods to evacuate as crews scrambled to fight the flames and shut off the gas and electricity.

Gas and electricity remained shut down Friday in most of the area, and entire neighborhoods were eerily deserted.

Authorities said Leonel Rondon, 18, of Lawrence, died after a



AP photo

In this image take from video provided by WCVB in Boston, flames consume the roof of a home in Lawrence, Mass, a suburb of Boston, Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018. A series of gas explosions killed a teenager, injured at least 10 other people and ignited fires in at least 39 homes in three communities north of Boston, forcing entire neighborhoods to evacuate as crews scrambled to fight the flames and shut off the gas.

chimney toppled by an exploding house crashed into his car. He was rushed to a Boston hospital and pronounced dead Thursday evening.

Rondon, a musician who went by the name DJ Blaze, had just gotten his driver's license, grieving friends and relatives told The Boston Globe. "It's crazy how this happened," said a friend, Cassandra Carrion.

The state Registry of Motor Vehicles said Rondon had been issued his driver's license only hours earlier Thursday.

Massachusetts State Police

urged all residents with homes serviced by Columbia Gas in the three communities to evacuate, snarling traffic and causing widespread confusion as residents and local officials struggled to understand what was happening. Some 400 people spent the night in shelters, and school was canceled Friday as families waited to return to their homes.

Gov. Charlie Baker said state and local authorities were investigating but it could take days or weeks before they turn up

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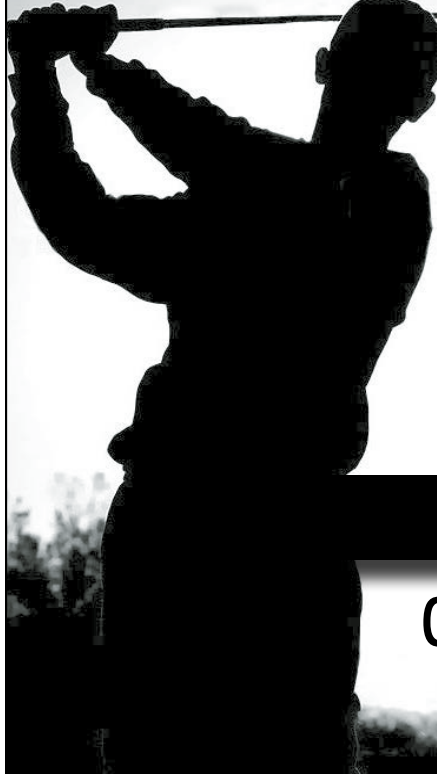
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while Surf City had 14 inches and it was still coming down.

"Hurricane Florence is powerful, slow and relentless," North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper said. "It's an uninvited brute who doesn't want to leave."

Cooper said the hurricane was "wreaking havoc" on the coast and could wipe out entire communities as it makes its "violent grind across our state for days." He said parts of North Carolina had seen storm surges — the bulge of seawater pushed ashore by the hurricane — as high as 10 feet.

Florence made landfall as a Category 1 hurricane at 7:15 a.m. at Wrightsville Beach, a few miles east of Wilmington and not far from the South Carolina line, coming ashore along a mostly boarded-up, emptied-out stretch of coastline.

It was expected to begin pushing its way westward across South Carolina later in the day, in a watery siege that could go on all weekend.

For people living inland in the Carolinas, the moment of maximum peril from flash flooding could arrive days later, because it takes time for rainwater to drain into rivers and for those streams to crest.

Preparing for the worst, about 9,700 National Guard troops and civilians were deployed with high-water vehicles, helicopters and boats that could be used to pluck people from the floodwaters.

Authorities warned, too, of the threat of mudslides and the risk of environmental havoc from floodwaters washing over industrial waste sites and hog farms.

Florence was seen as a major test for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which was heavily criticized as slow and unprepared last year for Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, where the storm was blamed for nearly 3,000 deaths in the desperate aftermath.

The National Hurricane Center said Florence will eventually make a right hook to the northeast over the southern Appalachians, moving into the mid-Atlantic states and New England as a tropical depression by the middle of next week.

Meteorologist Ryan Maue of weathermodels.com said Florence could dump a staggering 18 trillion gallons of rain over a week on North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky and Maryland. That's enough to fill the Chesapeake Bay or cover the entire state of Texas with nearly 4 inches (10 centimeters) of water, he calculated.

North Carolina alone is forecast to get 9.6 trillion gallons, enough to cover the Tar Heel state to a depth of about 10 inches (25 centimeters).

On Friday, coastal streets in the Carolinas flowed with frothy ocean water, and pieces of torn-apart buildings flew through the air. The few cars out on a main street in Wilmington had to swerve to avoid fallen trees, metal debris and power lines. Traffic lights out of order because of power failures swayed in the gusty wind. Roof shingles were peeled off a hotel.

The Wilmington airport had a wind gust clocked at 105 mph (169 kph), the highest since Hurricane Helene in 1958.

Airlines canceled more than 2,100 flights

through Sunday.

In Jacksonville, North Carolina, next to Camp Lejeune, firefighters and police fought wind and rain as they went door-to-door to pull people out of the Triangle Motor Inn after the structure began to crumble and the roof started to collapse.

In New Bern, population 29,000, flooding on the Neuse River trapped people, and Mayor Dana Outlaw told The Charlotte Observer that about 200 had been rescued by 5 a.m. Residents reached out for help through the night by phone and social media.

Tom Balance, owner of a seafood restaurant in New Bern, had decided against evacuating his home and was soon alarmed to see waves coming off the Neuse and the water getting higher and higher. Six sheriff's officers came to his house to rescue him Friday morning, but he didn't need to leave since the water was dropping by then.

Still, he said: "I feel like the dumbest human being who ever walked the face of the earth."

Sheets of rain splattered against windows of a hotel before daybreak in Wilmington, where Sandie Orsa of Wilmington sat in a lobby lit by emergency lights after the electricity went out.

"Very eerie, the wind howling, the rain blowing sideways, debris flying," said Orsa, who lives nearby and feared splintering trees would pummel her house.

More than 12,000 people were in shelters in North Carolina and 400 in Virginia, where the forecast was less dire. Officials said some 1.7 million people in the Carolinas and Virginia were warned to evacuate, but it was unclear how many did.

More than 3,000 inmates at North Carolina prisons and juvenile detention centers were moved out of the storm's path.

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answers, acknowledging the "massive inconvenience" for those displaced by the explosions. He said hundreds of gas technicians were going house-to-house to ensure each was safe, and declared a state of emergency for the affected area so the state could take over recovery efforts.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency blamed the fires on gas lines that had become over-pressurized but said investigators were still examining what happened.

Capturing the mounting sense of frustration, Democratic U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton tweeted that he had called the utility's president several times with no response. "Everyone wants answers. And we deserve them," Moulton said.

The Massachusetts' gas pipeline system is among the oldest in the country, as much as 157 years old in some places, according to the Conservation Law Foundation, an environmental advocacy group.

Columbia Gas had announced earlier Thursday that it would be upgrading gas lines in neighborhoods across the state, including the area where the explosions happened. It was not clear whether work was happening there Thursday, and a spokeswoman did not return calls seeking comment.

At least one story of heroism emerged from the ashes: that of Lawrence police officer Ivan Soto. His house burned nearly to the ground, but after rushing home to check on his family and warn his neighbors to evacuate, he went back on patrol.

"He actually stayed on duty even though his house was burning down" neighbor Christel Nazario told The Associated Press. "I don't know how he did it."

The three communities house more than 146,000 residents about 26 miles (40 kilometers) north of Boston, near the New Hampshire border. Lawrence, the largest of them, is a majority Latino city with a population of about 80,000.

Lawrence Mayor Dan Rivera reassured immigrants who might not be living in his city legally that they had nothing to fear.

"Do not be afraid. Stay in the light. We will support you and your family," Rivera said at a news conference Friday, speaking in English and Spanish. "Lawrence is one

community."

Authorities said all of the fires had been extinguished overnight and the situation was stabilizing. But Rivera criticized the gas utility for poor communications and accused the company of "hiding from the problem."

On Thursday, Andover Fire Chief Michael Mansfield described the unfolding scene as "Armageddon."

"There were billows of smoke coming from Lawrence behind me. I could see pillars of smoke in front of me from the town of Andover," he told reporters.

Aerial footage of the area showed some homes that appeared to be torn apart by blasts.

Brenda Charest stood anxiously on her front porch while a crew checked her undamaged home before giving her the all-clear to return Friday. On Thursday, she had come home to a hissing sound in her basement and a strong odor of natural gas.

"We took off. I said, 'Pack up, we're out of here,'" said Charest, who went with her 93-year old father and cat to a relative's home. "It was scary. We didn't know anything."

Columbia Gas was sued in 2014 after a strip club was destroyed in a natural gas explosion. The November 2012 explosion in Springfield, Massachusetts, was caused when a Columbia employee accidentally punctured a gas line while probing for a leak. The blast leveled the Scores Gentleman's Club, injuring about 20 people and damaging dozens of other buildings. The club owner and the gas company eventually settled the case.

Gas explosions have claimed lives and destroyed property around the U.S. in recent years.

In 2016, a buildup of natural gas triggered an explosion and fire that killed seven people in apartments in Silver Spring, Maryland.

In 2014, a gas explosion in New York City's East Harlem neighborhood killed eight people and injured about 50. Consolidated Edison later agreed to pay \$153 million to settle charges after the state's Public Service Commission found it had violated state safety regulations. A gas leak had been reported before that blast.

A 2011 natural gas explosion killed five people in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and that state's largest gas utility was fined by regulators, who called the company's safety record "downright alarming."

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Total Depth: 4300 feet  
Latitude 032.122533, Longitude -101.266617, Datum: NAD 83  
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Total Depth: 4300 feet  
Latitude 032.117380, Longitude -101.262768, Datum: NAD 27  
158' FSL, 1298' FEL of 80-acre lease  
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A-413, Section 21, Block 34, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 3400 feet  
Latitude 032.095380, Longitude -101.372041, Datum: NAD 83  
4950' FSL, 660' FEL of 640-acre lease  
330' FNL, 660' FEL of the survey  
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Total Depth: 9000 feet  
Latitude 032.454293, Longitude -101.470098, Datum: NAD 27  
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A-1264, Section 14, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9000 feet  
Latitude 032.454293, Longitude -101.470163, Datum: NAD 27  
460' FNL, 2222' FWL of 622.37-acre lease  
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#9AA Les Paul "F", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39748  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA  
9 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-571, Section 22, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
Latitude 032.184037, Longitude -101.361591, Datum: NAD 83  
2150' FWL, 2105' FSL of 479.97-acre lease  
2150' FWL, 2105' FSL of the survey  
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#5AH Mozetti Unit "B 48-37", drill horizontal, EI: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39749  
3.66 miles southeast of Vealmoor  
A-994, Section 48, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9000 feet  
Latitude 032.468817, Longitude -101.560907, Datum: NAD 27  
1938' FSL, 2448' FEL of 525.88-acre lease  
1938' FSL, 2448' FEL of the survey

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#1MH Garrett-Snell Unit "A 25-36", drill horizontal, EI: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39750  
11.60 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-330, Section 25, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9000 feet  
Latitude 032.406460, Longitude -101.550508, Datum: NAD 27  
315' FNL, 462' FWL of 642.44-acre lease  
315' FNL, 462' FWL of the survey

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#4AA Les Paul "E", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39751  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA  
9 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-571, Section 22, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
Latitude 032.183628, Longitude -101.362387, Datum: 27  
1274' FWL, 1950' FSL of 480-acre lease  
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Rule 37 Exception

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A-1234, Section 30, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 8900 feet  
Latitude 032.291629, Longitude -101.395499, Datum: NAD 83  
220' FSL, 1505' FEL of 479.5-acre lease  
220' FSL, 1102' FWL of the survey  
Rule 37 Exception

#3AH Silver City Unit, drill horizontal, API #42-227-39410  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA  
19.60 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-1234, Section 30, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 8900 feet  
Latitude 032.291600, Longitude -101.395491, Datum: NAD 83  
190' FSL, 1101' FWL of 479.5-acre lease  
190' FSL, 1101' FWL of the survey  
Rule 37 Exception

#4AH Silver City Unit, drill horizontal, API #42-227-39411  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA  
19.60 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-1234, Section 30, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 8900 feet  
Latitude 032.291658, Longitude -101.395507, Datum: NAD 83  
250' FSL, 1103' FWL of 479.5-acre lease  
250' FSL, 1103' FWL of the survey  
Rule 37 Exception

#3 Tate "D", re-completion, EI: NA, API #42-227-38574  
Luther, SE (Silurian-Devonian) Field  
9 miles north of Big Spring  
A-279, Section 33, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,700 feet  
Latitude 032.394917, Longitude -101.483147, Datum: NAD 27  
901' FWL, 660' FSL of 160-acre lease  
1739' FEL, 660' FSL of the survey  
SWR 36 (H2S)

#7HA Les Paul "F", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39753  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA  
9 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-571, Section 22, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
Latitude 032.184022, Longitude -101.361659, Datum: NAD 83  
2090' FWL, 2105' FSL of 479.5-acre lease  
2090' FWL, 2105' FSL of the survey  
Rule 37 Exception

#8HB Les Paul "F", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39754  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA  
9 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-571, Section 22, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
Latitude 032.184030, Longitude -101.361625, Datum: NAD 83  
2105' FSL, 2120' FWL of 479.97-acre lease  
2105' FSL, 2120' FWL of the survey  
Rule 37 Exception

#6AA Les Paul "E", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39752  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA  
9 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-571, Section 22, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
Latitude 032.183686, Longitude -101.362466, Datum: NAD 83  
1950' FSL, 1334' FWL of 479.97-acre lease  
1950' FSL, 1334' FWL of the survey  
Rule 37 Exception

#5HA Les Paul "E", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39755  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA  
9 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-571, Section 22, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
Latitude 032.183678, Longitude -101.362500, Datum: NAD 83  
1950' FSL, 1304' FWL of 479.97-acre lease  
1950' FSL, 1304' FWL of the survey  
Rule 37 Exception

#3AH Aron "41-32", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39756  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA  
3.06 miles southeast of Vealmoor  
A-295, Section 41, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9000 feet  
Latitude 032.492157, Longitude -101.529292, Datum: NAD 27  
2253' FSL, 1506' FEL of 479.79-acre lease  
2253' FSL, 1506' FEL of the survey

#3SH Aron "41-32", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39758  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA  
3.06 miles southeast of Vealmoor  
A-295, Section 41, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9000 feet  
Latitude 032.492141, Longitude -101.529355, Datum: NAD 27  
2253' FSL, 1526' FEL of 479.79-acre lease  
2253' FSL, 1526' FEL of the survey

#2AH Crazy Cat "41-32", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39757  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA  
2.58 miles southeast of Vealmoor  
A-295, Section 41, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9000 feet  
Latitude 032.492138, Longitude -101.540785, Datum: NAD 27  
575' FSL, 348' FWL of 479.37-acre lease  
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### Mistakes and injury derail Steers

By JORDAN PARR  
Sports Editor

The game between the Steers and the Lobos last night was a tail of two halves. Big Spring played well throughout the first half getting key stops and putting together long sustained drive keeping them right in the mix. The Steers could have easily headed into half-time with the lead if not for two long touchdown passes that were really the only offense for the Lobos in the half. In the second half, with standout linebacker Cade Wash on the sideline, Monahans' run game took over and the Steers couldn't get their defense off the field. In the first quarter both teams held each other scoreless. Both teams traded opening drive three-and-outs before Big Spring put together a good 12 play 61 yard drive that was cut short with back-to-back sacks by Monahans forcing the Steers to punt from the Lobos 37 yard line. Jeremiah Cooley pinned Monahans on their own nine yard line with a good kick to give Big Springs defense a great op-

portunity to flip field position for the offense. The Steers forced the Lobos into another three and out on the ensuing possession and put pressure on the punter on fourth down causing him to rush the kick and shank the punt out to only the Monahans' 30. On the first play of the drive, Big Spring's quarterback Ethan Cortez hooked up with Jeremiah Cooley for a big 18 yard pass to move deep into the Lobos' territory at the 12 yard line. The first quarter ended 0-0 with the Steers on the Lobos' 14 yard line, second and 12. On the first play of the second quarter Monahans was called for defensive pass interference putting the Big Spring in a first and goal from the two yard line. With every opportunity to take the early lead and put themselves in the drivers seat, the Steers offense just couldn't put anything together. After a four yard loss on first down, Big Spring then had back-to-back false starts putting them in a tough second and goal from the 16.

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Big Spring's Domiono Cole returns a kickoff during the Steer's home loss to Monahans on Friday, September 14, 2018.

### Bulldogs lose nail-biter at Wink



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

Coahoma Quarterback Zack Schneider drops back to pass with Bulldog-Back Isaac Murillo helping in pass protection in the Bulldogs' 40-39 loss to the Wildcats on Friday night in Wink.

By JORDAN PARR  
Sports Editor

Despite a huge offensive explosion in the second half, the Bulldogs came up one two point conversion short of the victory against Wink. After being held scoreless in the first half Coahoma put up 39 second half points in the 40-39 loss to the Wildcats on Friday night. Wink's balanced attack on offense with 225 rushing yards and 237 passing yards proved to be just enough to edge out the Bulldogs with a one point victory. Coahoma once again dominated on the ground with 383 rushing yards and added another 106 yards through the air to give the Bulldogs a 489 yard to 462 yard advantage in the game. The Bulldogs also had the advantage in first downs with 20 to Wink's 19 and return yards with 104 to 41 yards. But as explosive as the offense was in the second half it was just short of what Coahoma needed to bring home their third straight victory.

Both teams held each other scoreless in the opening quarter in what looked to become a defensive battle. But that changed quickly when the

Wildcats got the scoring started early in the second quarter with a 22 yard touchdown run by Kaneon Baker with 10:40 left in the first half to go up 6-0 after a failed extra point. Wink added to their lead with 55 seconds left in the half on a 5 yard TD pass from Nicholas Gray to Brock Gibson to extend the lead to 12-0 after a failed two point conversion.

In the third quarter Coahoma answered back on a 19 yard touchdown run by Isaac Murillo with 9:28 left in the quarter to bring the score to 12-6 after a failed extra point. 25 seconds later Wink's quarterback Nicholas Gray found Wade Halterman for a huge 60 yard TD bomb to extend the Wildcats lead to 18-6 after another failed extra point.

On Coahoma's next possession they marched the ball down the field and Bulldog quarterback Zack Schneider cut into the lead again with an impressive 34 yard touchdown scamper to cut the lead to 18-12 after another failed extra point with 6:47 left in the third.

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### Stanton's big third quarter costs Buffs

By JORDAN PARR  
Sports Editor

Forsan played a great first half but a huge 21 point third quarter by Stanton put the game out of reach in their 35-21 loss. Kobe Richardson went 9 for 26 for 165 yards and three touchdowns but was also picked off twice in the game. Trey Brockman and Jonathon Gabehart added 32 and 34 yards on the ground respectively, while Paule Evans led all receivers with 81 yards receiving and 1 touchdown. Jordan Enriquez added 28 yards and 1TD receiving and Gabehart had 33 yards and 1 TD receiving as well.

The Buffs racked up 237 yards of total offense and scored in each of the first three quarters. Forsan went into halftime leading the game 15-7 before coming out in the third quarter and giving up a huge 21 point quarter to Stanton and only scoring 6 point themselves in the quarter. Stanton went into the fourth quarter with a 28-21 lead and held the Buffs scoreless in the closing period. In the fourth quarter Stanton added another 7 points to bring their lead to 35-21 and did not allow the Buffs to score.

With three early loses this season the youth and inexperience for Forsan has been the story. With turnovers and offensive inconsistency plaguing the team through these first few weeks, its important to remember

that each snap is a learning process for these young players and each game gives them an opportunity to grow and learn not just as an individual player but as a part of the overall unit. These early pre-district games are the time to learn those lessons and to gain those experiences so that they can be used as teaching points and help this team get more prepared wants the district schedule starts. Every young team has their struggles. It is an inevitable part of high school football. The hope is, that those lessons and experiences, although unpleasant, leave a mark and help these young players develop as the season moves forward.

As hard as it is for fans to hear, pre-district doesn't mean anything once those district games start. Every player and coach in Texas wants to win every game they play in, but sometimes losing early is exactly what is necessary for your team to learn and develop their own identity as a unit and as individual players as well. "There is no substitute for experience" as the old adage goes, and these young men are getting a lot of that.

With this coaching staff and this core group of upper class-men there to help these younger players incorporate those experiences into their game and to help them overcome some of their mistakes, there is no doubt this team will continue to get better and better as this season goes on.



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Buffs' quarterback Kobe Richardson and o-lineman Aries Gilbert roll out on a boot-leg together against Stanton Friday night in Forsan.

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**Big Spring quarterback Ethan Cortez receives the snap from center Kevin Martiarena during the Steer's home loss to Monahans on Friday, September 14, 2018.**

## STEERS

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On second down, Cortez dropped back and found a wide open DJ Molina on a out and up route and put the ball right where it needed to be but it bounced off Molina's hands and fell incomplete. Following the dropped pass the Lobos recorded back-to-back sacks on Cortez to force the turnover on downs and swing the ball and all of the momentum in their favor.

Six plays later on the same drive, Monahans faced a fourth and one from their own 46. With a chance to steal the momentum back with a big fourth down stop the Steers lined up in their short yardage defense. Then the Lobos had a false start pushing them back to their own 41 and making it a fourth and six. Monahans ran out their punting unit and ran a quick direct snap to one of the up backs and picked up the first down against the unsuspecting Steers' defense. Luckily for Big Spring what could have been a back breaking play didn't lead to any points because four plays later the Steers forced and recovered a fumble on their own 34 yard line. Just as it seemed like momentum had shifted back to the Steers during a huge 18 yard pass play on second down from Cortez to Dequorian Gordon. Gordon got held up at the end of the play and even though his forward progress had clearly been stopped, for about three seconds, the refs didn't blow the whistle and the Lobos stripped Gordon of the ball and Big Spring of their momentum on the Monahans 46 yard line.

On the first play of the drive, the Lobos' quarterback J.T. Pittman connected on a deep 54 yard touchdown pass to tight-end Peyton Adams down the seam to break the stalemate and give Monahans a 7-0 lead after converting the extra point with only 2:14 left in the first half. Big Spring started their next drive from their own 48, with 2:07 to go in the first half, after a 15 yard face-mask

penalty on the Lobos during the kick return. On third and three Cortez hit Cooley down the left side for a big 23 yard gain and a first down with 1:25 on the clock. On the very next play, Cortez dropped back and under pressure tucked the ball and scrambled right, making multiple defenders miss and got into the end-zone for a game tying 22 yard touchdown scamper with only 1:14 remaining in the first half.

Monahans started their next drive from their own 40 yard line with 1:06 to go in quarter number two. On the fourth play of the drive with only 25 seconds remaining in the second quarter Pittman found his tight-end Adams up the seam again on the exact same play for a 34 yard touchdown strike to retake the lead 14-7 with 20 seconds left on the clock. After a huge kickoff return of 25 yards for the Steers and a 15 yard personal foul tacked on to the end of that, the Steers had a chance to try to get a score before the half. On the first play of the drive from the Monahans 40 Cortez hit Cooley for a 17 yard first down and called a timeout with 5 ticks remaining. On the last play of the half Cortez tried to find Cooley again, this time in the corner of the end-zone, but just slightly overthrew his target as time expired. The teams went into half-time with Monahans leading Big Spring 14-7.

The Lobos received the second half kickoff and picked up two quick first downs with their power-back Kye Noyola. On a second and four from the Big Spring 22, Pittman threw an incomplete pass over the middle but Steers' key inside linebacker Cade Wash injured his knee on the play. With Wash out of the game the Lobos attacked the middle of the Steers defense and just two plays later Noyola burst up the gut for a 20 yard touchdown run to put Monahans up 21-7 early in the second half.

Big Spring returned the ball to their 35 yard line on the ensuing kickoff and put together a nice 8 play 65

yard touchdown drive, capped off by an 11 yard TD pass from Cortez to Cooley to bring the game back within one score 21-14 with 3:37 left in the third quarter. Unfortunately, Wash out of the game the Steers' defense couldn't stop the Lobos' run game. Monahans took the ball 74 yards on 11 plays and scored on a 6 yard counter run by Lewis Wesley to extend the lead to 28-14. The Lobos did not pass the ball during the entirety of their long drive and chewed up the clock closing out the third quarter and maintaining possession two minute deep into the fourth quarter.

On the Steers' next possession they turned the ball over again on third down at their own 35 with only 8:50 left in the game. The Lobos once again drove the ball right down the field and punched it across the goal-line with Wesley to put the game on ice 35-14 with only 5:07 remaining. Big Spring played with a lot of heart down the stretch but their last drive ended with a turnover on downs and the Lobos then ran out the clock to end the game.

With key turnovers and penalties at key moments and in key field positions, it wasn't the number of mistakes, but rather the moments that they were made that really hurt the Steers Friday night. And with a key interior defender not on the field, the Lobos took advantage and exploited that part of Big Springs defense to put the game away. "We made too many mistakes, our worst plays were self inflicted. But they are a good football team, Monahans always has a good football team. They have a distinct identity as a team and we are still trying to find ours a little bit. That said I saw a lot of good things too, we just have to finish. Its how we respond to adversity that matters most to me. If we look at the film and are honest with ourselves and honor our teammates we will be fine" said head coach Mitch McLemore after the game.



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

**Bulldogs gang tackle a Wildcat ball carrier Friday night in Wink. The Bulldogs lost a heartbreaker 40-39 on a failed last second two-point conversion.**

## CHS

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The Wildcats answered again, this time on a 44 yard strike from Gray to Zach Rosas with 2:35 left in the third quarter to bring the lead back up to 26-12 after a successful two point conversion. Not to be outdone, Coahoma's Zack Schneider punched the ball into the end-zone on a five yard run just a minute and 15 seconds later to bring the lead back down to one score 26-19 after a successful extra point by Murillo.

In the fourth quarter trailing by 7 Schneider struck again, this time on a big time 64 yard TD run to tie the game for the first time since the game began at 26-26 after a successful extra point by Murillo. On the ensuing Wink drive the Wildcats drove the ball down the field and put the ball across the goal line on a 16 yard TD run by Kaneon Baker with 10:02 left in the game to go up 33-26 after converting the extra point.

The Bulldogs put together another great scoring drive capped off by another Schneider touchdown run of 6 yards to once again tie things up at 33-33 after a successful extra point with 4:46 left in the game. Wink answered with another touchdown drive of their own just two minutes later when Baker broke free on an 18 yard TD run to regain the lead 40-33 after a successful extra point with only 2:38 remaining in the game.

On Coahoma's next possession the Bulldogs drove the ball down the field once again and with 50 seconds left in the game Schneider found Aleks Duenes for a 24 yard touchdown pass to give the Bulldogs a chance to either go for the tie or the win. The Bulldogs chose to go for the victory right then and there. On the two point conversion attempt Schneider tried a quick pass but the ball was batted down by a Wildcat defender leaving the Bulldogs one point short 40-39. Coahoma tried for the inside kick but Wink recovered and ran out the clock for a paper thin 40-39 win over the Bulldogs.

Zack Schneider ended the game with 238 yards rushing on 18 carries and had 4 rushing touchdowns. Schnei-

der added another 106 yards through the air and added another touchdown through the air. Isaac Murillo had 127 yards on 16 carries and one TD in the game as well as converting three out of five extra points. Despite the loss the Bulldogs still put up eye popping numbers on offense and with 383 yards on the ground the big o-line clearly was doing their job opening up lanes for the Bulldogs' two stars to exploit. And as tough as it was to come up short, coach Joslin deserves credit for taking a risk and trying to get the win in regulation. That shows that he has a lot of confidence in his kids and that they as a team believed that they could win that game right there despite a disappointing first half performance.

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# Focused on the challenge: CHS student to train as para-athlete in track

## Special to the Herald

Fourteen-year-old Vance Ott is the newest member of the Coahoma High School track team thanks to a program by the Texas Regional Paralympic Sport.

The CHS freshman was born with Spina Bifida, a condition that affected his spine and left him with the need to use a wheelchair for mobility. However, Vance does not let his physical disability keep him from participating in activities he loves. "Vance doesn't realize how many people he inspires with his tenacity and his strength," said his mother, Marlana. "He never gives up. He always takes a challenge head on."

Stock shows, recreational baseball and serving as a trainer for the CHS football team are all activities Vance has excelled at for the past several years.

"He is very mentally strong, and he loves sports in general. If he could, he would love to be out there with the football boys," Marlana said. "That is why he loves being a trainer but this (track) is what is available for him to compete in, and he already has his mind set. He wants to excel."

On Sunday, Vance received his racing chair and some one-on-one training with 7-time Paralympic and 3-time Olympic athlete Saúl Mendoza. Both the chair and the instruction time were made possible through the Texas Regional Paralympic Sport Loaner Chair program.

The 4-year-old program was created to fulfill a need after UIL decided to add wheelchair racing to its state track and field meets, according to Wendy Gumbert of Texas Regional Paralympic Sport.

"We were the adaptive sports organization working with them (UIL) on the project, so we knew the only way it would work was if the kids could somehow access chairs," Gumbert said. "The chairs are about \$2,800. We decided we'd better start raising some money and make that happen."

"We have approximately 100 chairs in our Loaner program," Gumbert continued. "We have about 70 that

are loaned out and that's not just high school. We do it for our wounded service members and junior high and elementary age kids as well."

These specialized racing chairs need to be specifically tailored to each athlete's dimensions so it can become an extension of his or her body, Gumbert said.

On Sunday, Mendoza, who has medaled at both the Paralympics and Olympics for the country of Mexico, drove from Wimberley, Texas to Big Spring to deliver the chair and spend time with Vance and his family teaching them about the sport and the device.

After a couple of laps around the Big Spring High School track, Vance seemed to absorb Mendoza's lessons accelerating after each turn. He also practiced shot put from a field chair Mendoza brought to show as a demonstration.

"For the field chair, we look to the school to provide it for the athlete," Gumbert said. "A field chair can be ordered as a generic size and they are much less expensive. They are under \$1,000. A kid in high school, a kid in junior high, a kid in elemen-

tary can use that same chair.

"A school can invest in it and have that chair in its ISD for a 10-year period and move it around to other schools as the need arises where a racing chair is not going to fit the next kid," she continued. "That's why our loan program is so important."

Joining Vance on the track Sunday was para-athlete Hope Santiago who drove from Monahans with her parents to receive training from Mendoza. Now a freshman in high school, Hope has not only competed in para-sports for the last two years but set records at the junior national level in 100m race and the shot put in her age group. She is also a twirler in the high school marching band.

By participating in these types of activities, students with physical disabilities are learning to live independently, Gumbert said.

"If you are trying to increase someone's arm strength, the things that they do in a regular institutionalized rehab is very good but it's not something the kid wants to do day in and day out," she said. "You put a young athlete in a sport and they are increasing that arm strength day in

and day out and increasing more than they can in regular rehab just by pure participation and the joy of sport.

"It also creates independence," she continued. "By coming to some of our events outside of the school system, which is what we try to get them to come to, they meet others within the realm of Paralympic sport and realize the opportunities that are available to them. They can go for college scholarships. They can participate in college in their sport and then the doors are open to them and they are like wow I can do these things."

After Vance expressed interest in the sport, Mike Martinez Jr., CHS SPED teacher, found the program and helped coordinate with Texas Regional Paralympic Sport, Vance's family, high school coaches and CISD administrators to jump start the para-athletic program at CHS.

"Mr. Martinez did an outstanding job of making this happen and working through the details with the family, Texas Regional Paralympic Sport and our coaches to make sure everything has gone smoothly," CHS Principal Christina Cox said.

Although Texas Regional Paralympic Sports works with the school to help support the program, the family is required to take sole responsibility for the loan of the chair, a stipulation that allows athletes to participate in events outside of UIL sanctioned meets, Gumbert said.

A second stipulation requires parents and athletes to apply for a grant from the Challenged Athletes Foundation or the Kelly Brush Foundation to fund the purchase of a permanent racing chair. Once the family receives the permanent chair, the loaner chair is returned to the Texas Regional Paralympic Sport.

According to the Texas Regional Paralympic Sport, more than 21 million Americans live with a physical disability. For more information on about the Loaner Chair program, visit <https://www.texasregionalparalympicsport.org/>



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

**Pictured from left, Theron, Marlana, Harold, and Vance Ott listen to Seven-time Paralympic and 3-time Olympic athlete Saúl Mendoza as he helps the family become familiar with the racing chair. Vance Ott, a Coahoma High School freshman, will be training as a para-athlete in track after he received a loaner racing chair from the Texas Regional Paralympic Sport.**

# Profar, Mendez lead Rangers to 4-0 win over Padres

## By BERNIE WILSON

AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — Using an "opener" for an inning ahead of a traditional starter worked so well for the Texas Rangers on Friday night that they'll do it again on Saturday night.

Yohaner Mendez followed opener and fellow rookie Connor Sadzeck by scattering three hits in five relief innings and Jurickson Profar had a two-run home run among his three hits to lead the Rangers to a 4-0 victory against the San Diego Padres.

Having Sadzeck pitch the first inning allowed the 23-year-old Mendez to pitch into the sixth, when he struck out Eric Hosmer with runners on first and second to end the inning.

"I thought Mendez did a great job tonight," manager Jeff Banister said. "It was a huge moment in the sixth, the at-bat against Hosmer. Really it was one of those grow-up moments for a young pitcher that felt like it was an opportunity for him to put a foot down and make some pitches."

Mendez was facing Hosmer for the third time and got him to swing at a change-up for strike three.

"I say, 'That's going to my last hitter. Going to be best opportunity to strike him out or get a ground ball,'" Mendez said. "For me it's great ... For me it's better, my third time that I did like I did. I feel good."

Mendez (2-1) struck out five, walked three and was backed by two double plays. Four Rangers pitchers combined to five-hit San Diego.

The 23-year-old left-hander originally had been penciled in to make his third start since being recalled on Sept. 2 for his third big league stint this year, but the team then decided to have him follow Sadzeck, a 26-year-old rookie who made his first start.

Sadzeck walked leadoff batter Francisco Mejia, a rookie playing for the first time at Petco Park, before getting Wil Myers to ground into a double play and Hunter Renfroe to ground out to end the inning.

"It flips the lineup," Banister said. "That secondary guy comes in and it's a little more of an extended look in a sense, deeper into the game."

Sadzeck said it was "definitely different" but that

he stuck to his normal routine he uses when relieving, including throwing only 10 to 15 warmup pitches in the bullpen.

"I approached it just as I would relieving," he said. "My job is to get us to the next inning, whether it's coming in in the middle of an inning or getting us to the sixth, getting us to the seventh. That's all I thought about was getting us to the second inning."

Banister said left-hander Alex Claudio will be the opener for right-hander Ariel Jurado on Saturday night.

After hitting singles in his first two at-bats, Profar drove the first pitch he saw from Phil Maton into the seats in right with one out in the seventh, his 17th. He drove in two runs and scored twice in the matchup of last-place teams.

Profar also hit an RBI single in the second and singled and scored in the fifth on an odd play in which Myers, the Padres' third baseman, committed an error and had two putouts. Roughened Odor and Profar opened the fifth with singles. Isiah Kiner-Falefa grounded to Myers, who forced Odor before overthrowing first for an error that allowed Profar to score ahead of the throw home by first baseman Eric Hosmer. Mejia, the catcher, threw out Kiner-Falefa at third.

Padres starter Robbie Erlin (3-7) allowed two runs and six hits in 6 1-3 innings, struck out six and walked none.

"I thought there were some really good curveballs he threw today," manager Andy Green said. "That just has the ability to rock a hitter back and forth. ... It felt to me he used it strategically well and got hitters off of his fastball timing and was



AP photo

**Texas Rangers relief pitcher Yohaner Mendez works against a San Diego Padres batter during the second inning of a baseball game Friday, Sept. 14, 2018, in San Diego.**

able to use the fastball and slider off of that."

BELTRE

Adrian Beltre doubled twice to extend his career hits total to 3,155, passing George Brett to take sole possession of 15th on the all-time list.

"How about that third baseman?" Banister said. "He continues to find barrels. Two doubles tonight. It's fun to watch and fun to watch the names that he's taking off that board."

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## Jay triples in 8th, D-backs top Astros 4-2, races tighten



AP photo

Houston Astros' George Springer reacts after a strike three call to end the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Arizona Diamondbacks Friday, Sept. 14, 2018, in Houston.

By KRISTIE  
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AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — In a stretch where the Arizona Diamondbacks feel like things haven't been going their way, a lucky break on Friday night helped them to a much-needed win.

Pinch-hitter Jon Jay's tiebreaking triple in the eighth inning sent them past the Houston Astros 4-2, tightening a pair of playoff races.

The AL West-leading Astros had their edge cut by Oakland to 2 1/2 games. Arizona moved within three games of St. Louis and Los Angeles for the second NL wild-card spot.

It was 2-all when Nick Ahmed doubled off Hector Rondon (2-4) with one out in the Arizona eighth. Jay hit a two-out, tiebreaking drive into the right field corner and later scored when a flyball by A.J. Pollock dropped in shallow center field for a single.

The triple by Jay came on a ball he said hit twice off his bat and that he thought was probably going to be foul.

"It kind of hooked back and that's when I realized what had happened and I just ran," Jay said. "It fell through and ... that was a big break for us right there. We needed it."

Manager Torey Lovullo was impressed with the way his team persevered.

"I know that we've been dealing with some frustrating circumstances," he said. "For us

to come out against the world champs and play the way we did, I was really proud of these guys."

Arizona starter Robbie Ray yielded two hits and two runs with six strikeouts in 5 1/3 innings. Brad Ziegler (2-6) pitched 1 1/3 scoreless innings and Yoshihisa Hirano allowed one hit in a scoreless ninth for his second save.

David Peralta had three hits and drove in two runs and Paul Goldschmidt doubled twice for Arizona.

Astros starter Dallas Keuchel allowed five hits and two runs in six innings.

Ray retired 13 of the last 14 batters he faced with Houston's only baserunner in that span coming when he walked Carlos Correa with one out in the fourth.

"It was frustrating," manager A.J. Hinch said. "We didn't do a ton between the first inning and the sixth inning, offensively. Ray settled in and flashed his good stuff. We did get a couple of opportunities but just couldn't break through with the big hit."

The Diamondbacks scored twice in the first when Eduardo Escobar walked, Goldschmidt hit a ground-rule double and Peralta followed with a single.

Houston came back with two in the bottom half. George Springer led off with a single, Jose Altuve and Alex Bregman walked to load the bases and Yuli Gurriel hit an RBI single. A double-play grounder by Correa tied it.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Diamondbacks: RHP Clay Buchholz, scratched from his scheduled start on Thursday with tightness in his right elbow, has a flexor strain in his right forearm and Lovullo said after the game that he won't pitch again this season. He added that he'd have more information about his condition in the coming days. ... LHP T.J. McFarland has inflammation of a bone spur around his elbow, but Lovullo said he doesn't think that it will keep him out long.

TRIPLES ON TRIPLES

Jay's triple was his fifth with the Diamondbacks this season and seventh overall. It also gave Arizona 46 triples this season which leads the majors.

SIPP KEEPS STRANDING

Houston left-hander Tony Sipp struck out David Peralta with two runners in scoring position in the seventh inning on Friday night. He's now stranded 31 of 35 runners he's inherited this season, which is the third-highest percentage in the majors.

UP NEXT

Houston's Charlie Morton (14-3, 3.15 ERA) opposes Arizona's Zack Godley (14-9, 4.67) when the series continues Saturday night. Morton has won two straight and tied his career high for wins. Godley has dropped two in a row and allowed seven hits and five runs in four innings of a loss to the Rockies in his last start.



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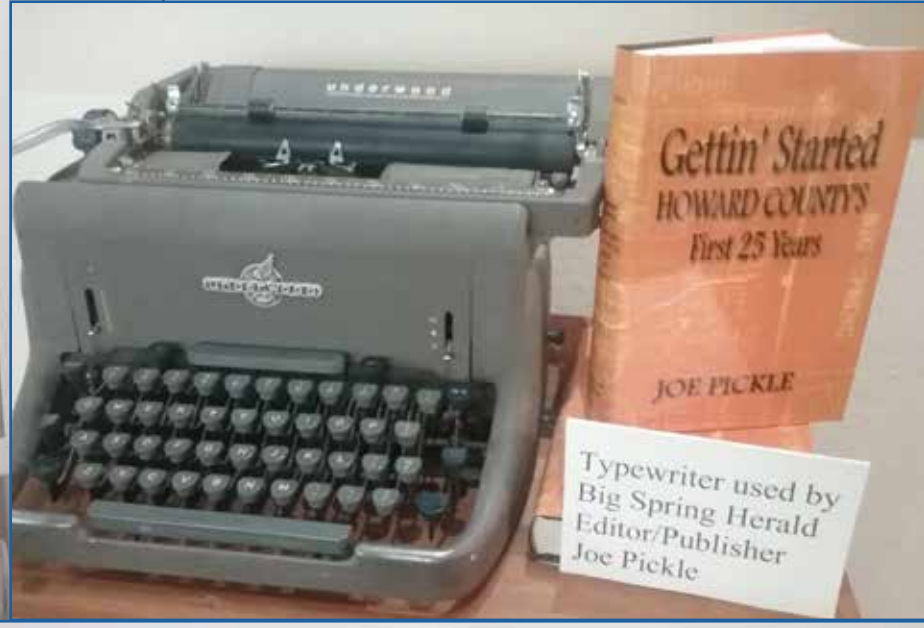
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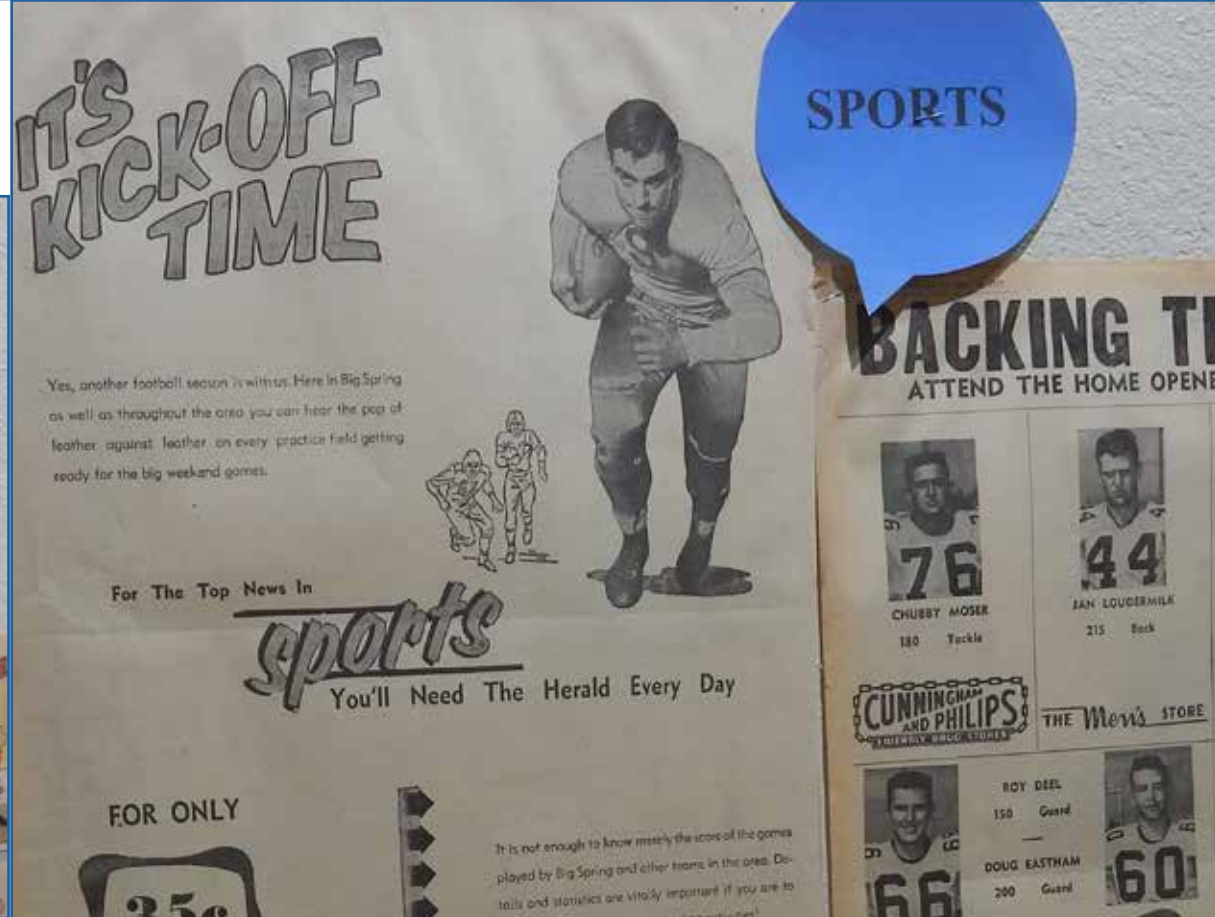
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The top photo shows Renee Thomas, the winner of the newspaper dress competition for the Herald exhibit at the Heritage Museum. Thomas' dress is still on display, along with other dress contest participants, old Herald papers displaying major events, and a scrapbook wall with people who have played major roles in the Herald's time. The exhibit will be on display at the Heritage Museum until Oct. 15



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The picture to the left and above show past front pages of the Herald, showcasing major events in history. These, plus many additional articles through Herald's years, can be seen at the Herald Exhibit at the Heritage Museum.



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# Jewish collector's descendant gets Nazi-looted Renoir back

By DEEPTI HAJELA

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The granddaughter of a Jewish art collector whose paintings were stolen by the Nazis had a family reunion with one of the works on Wednesday after almost eight decades, an impressionist piece by Pierre-Auguste Renoir.

Sylvie Sulitzer saw "Two Women in a Garden" for the first time at New York's Museum of Jewish Heritage after unveiling it at a ceremony that included law enforcement officials representing the offices that helped get the painting back to her, her grandparents' only living descendant.

"I'm very thankful to be able to show my beloved family, wherever they are, that after what they've been through, there is justice," Sulitzer said tearfully.

The reunion, though, will probably be short-lived. She will likely auction off the painting to pay back compensation she previously got for missing artwork.

She was joined by Geoffrey Berman, the U.S. attorney for Manhattan, and William Sweeney Jr., the assistant director in charge of the New York office of the FBI.

Sulitzer's grandfather, Alfred Weinberger, was an art collector in Paris. Sulitzer said he fled the city to avoid being pressed into service by the Nazis for his art expertise.

He put some of his paintings in a bank vault before fleeing the Nazis, who took possession of the works in



AP photo

**Sylvie Sulitzer, a delicatessen owner from the south of France, stands with a Renoir painting that was returned to her in a repatriation ceremony at a news conference, Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018, in New York. The 1919 oil painting "Femmes Dans Un Jardin" was seized in Paris by the Nazis from Sulitzer's grandfather.**

December 1941. The Nazis made a regular practice of looting artworks and other items of cultural and financial significance, and in the decades since World War II, efforts have been made to find the objects and return them to their owners if possible, with varying levels of success.

Weinberger died when Sulitzer, now 59, was a teenager, without ever getting the Renoir and a handful of other paintings returned to him. She had no idea of the paintings' existence, Sulitzer said, since they weren't discussed in her family.

"The war was a taboo subject; we never talked about that," said Sulitzer, who owns a delicatessen in the south of France near where she lives in Roquevaire.

But Weinberger had registered his missing property with authorities, and it was included in a database that had gone online in 2010 of looted art, based on records compiled by the Nazis themselves of what they had amassed.

Sulitzer learned in 2013 that the painting, which had surfaced periodically through the decades at various

auctions, was once again up for auction. Her attorneys contacted the auction house, which in turn went to the FBI division that looks into situations of this sort.

The painting had been all over the world in the years since the Nazis took hold of it, including Johannesburg, London and Zurich, said Sweeney.

"The extraordinary journey this small work of art has made around the globe and through time ends today," he said.

The owner of the piece voluntarily gave it up to be returned to Sulitzer, officials said.

The painting is on display at the museum through Sunday and will go back to Sulitzer's possession after that. She wasn't sure for how long, though — she has to pay back some money from the French and German governments she got in connection with the stolen works, since one of them has been returned, and she said she can't afford to and will likely auction off the painting.

Despite that, she said, she was thrilled to have it back, saying it was important for the memory of her family, and she thought her grandfather would consider it justice.

"I would have loved him to be here, instead of me," Sulitzer said.

She wished other families looking for their own lost works to be as lucky as she has been.

"I hope everybody will, one day or another, have the justice as I had," she said.

## HOWARD COUNTY LUNCHES

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#### Kentwood Early Childhood

Monday: Breakfast: Rice Krispies, fresh apples, milk. Lunch: Pancakes, sausage, potato bites, fresh broccoli, mixed fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Chicken biscuit, fresh oranges, milk. Lunch: Popcorn chicken, mac and cheese, fresh roasted vegetables, corn, diced pears, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Berry French toast, applesauce, milk. Lunch: Hamburgers, mashed potatoes, fresh zucchini, fresh apples, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Egg/cheese, fresh bananas, milk. Lunch: Lasagna, campfire pinto beans, fresh celery sticks, diced peaches, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, diced peaches, milk. Lunch: Cheese pizza, corn, cucumber/tomato salad, diced pears, milk.

#### Elementary Schools

Monday: Breakfast: PB and Banana jamwich, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Chicken nuggets/roll, chicken fajita soft taco, orange juice, mixed fruit cup, tater tots, fresh broccoli, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Chicken biscuit, fresh orange, fruit juice. Lunch: Chicken quesadilla, cheeseburger, french fries, fresh plums, diced pears, fresh roasted vegetables, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Trix Cereal, animal crackers, applesauce, orange juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, diced chicken salad/roll, fresh apples, diced peaches, sweet potato fries, fresh zucchini, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh bananas, fruit juice. Lunch: Fish fillet/roll, corn dog, french fries, fresh grapes, rosy applesauce, Edamame beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Friday: Breakfast: Sausage/gravy fundie, fresh grapes, apple juice. Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, popcorn chicken salad/roll, fresh cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits, collard green, cucumber/tomato salad, garden salad.

#### Big Spring Intermediate School

Monday: Breakfast: PB and banana jamwich, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Salisbury steak with noodles, fajita chicken soft taco, spicy chicken sandwich, fresh oranges, mixed fruit cup, tater tots, fresh broccoli, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Chicken biscuits, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Chicken quesadilla, cheeseburger, pepperoni pizza, french fries, fresh plums, diced pears, fresh roasted vegetables, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Lucky charms cereal, animal crackers, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, diced chicken salad/roll, fresh apples, diced peaches, sweet potato fries, fresh zucchini, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh bananas, fruit juice. Lunch: Fish fillet/roll, corn dog, french fries, fresh grapes, rosy applesauce, Edamame beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Friday: Breakfast: Sausage/gravy fundie, fresh grapes, apple juice. Lunch: Chicken carbonara, popcorn chicken salad, chicken tenders/roll, french fries, fresh cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits, collard greens, cucumber/tomato salad, garden salad.

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Tuesday: Breakfast: Chicken biscuits, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Chicken quesadilla, cheeseburger, pepperoni pizza, french fries, fresh plums, diced pears, fresh roasted vegetables, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Lucky charms cereal, animal crackers, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, diced chicken salad/roll, fresh apples, diced peaches, sweet potato fries, fresh zucchini, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh bananas, fruit juice. Lunch: Fish fillet/roll, corn dog, french fries, fresh grapes, rosy applesauce, Edamame beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

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#### Big Spring High School

Monday: Breakfast: Puffs cereal, animal crackers, waffle, fresh blueberries, sausage links, sausage muffin melt, peanut butter/banana jamwich, fresh apples.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon toast crunch cereal, animal crackers, waffles, fresh blueberries, sausage links, vanilla glazed donuts, chicken biscuits, fresh oranges.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Lucky charms cereal, animal crackers, sausage muffin melt, waffles, fresh blueberries, sausage links, french toast, fresh watermelon.

Thursday: Breakfast: Honey nut cheerios cereal, animal crackers, blueberry bagel, waffles, fresh blueberries, sausage links, egg/cheese pizza, fresh banana.

Friday: Breakfast: Honey Grahams Cereal, animal crackers, chocolate filled crescent, sausage muffin melt. Waffles, fresh blueberries, sausage links, fresh grapes.

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#### Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache and yogurt. Lunch: Popcorn chicken salad, or chicken patty with Texas toast pizza, baby carrots, seasoned corn, grapes, cookie.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast taquito. Lunch: Chicken fajita salad, or crispy tacos, or Frito pie, veggie cup, Charro beans, mixed fruit cup.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffles and sausage or breakfast parfait. Lunch: Chef ham salad, or lasagna with breadstick, or chicken nuggets with mashed potatoes, garden side, Tuscon veggies, blushing pears.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza. Lunch: Caribbean salad, or hamburger/cheeseburger, or chili dog, fries, baby carrots with ranch, applesauce, cookie.

Friday: Breakfast: Donut holes and sausage. Lunch: Crispy chicken salad, or chicken parmesan with breadstick, or BBQ pulled pork sandwich with chips, green beans, apricot cup.

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Tuesday: Breakfast: Mini pancakes, or cereal bar, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken fried steak, roasted potatoes, gravy, savory green beans, roll, fruit cup, fruit variety, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache and cheese stick, or breakfast parfait, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Meat and cheese chalupas, Spanish rice, Zesty cucumbers, refried beans, lettuce and tomato, applesauce, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito or cereal bar and yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken tenders, or fish sticks, Texas toast, steamed broccoli, sweet potato fries, cookie, fruit variety, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: French toast, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: BBQ on a bun, coleslaw, breaded okra, orange smiles, fruit variety, milk.

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Tuesday: Butter beans with ham, roasted potatoes, carrots, mixed fruit, cornbread, milk.

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Thursday: Pork roast, broccoli rice casserole, Harvard beets, pie, bread, milk.

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# ROGER'S REVIEW: THE PREDATOR

The genre of space-alien action horror has been dominated by two movie franchises. While there have been some others ("Species," "Riddick," "Cloverfield," etc.) the "Aliens" franchise and the "Predator" franchise are the two biggies. And, although they have crossed over and are now considered part of the same story universe, the two franchises have very different origins, tones, and stories.

The latest release in the "Predator" series, known simply as "The Predator," pushes its brand of tongue-in-cheek tone beyond the realm of horror comfortably into the action genre, and it's not an improvement.

"The Predator" starts off with a mini space battle between two alien (and, by alien, I don't mean "Alien," I mean "Predator") spaceships. One of the ships is damaged and opens some sort of space portal. Moving through the wormhole, it emerges near Earth, destroys what appears to be the Hubble Space Telescope on its way, and crash lands on the third rock from the sun (not "The Third Rock From the Sun," I just mean Earth).

Cut to Army Ranger sniper Quinn McKenna (Boyd Holbrook). McKenna is sighting in on a prisoner exchange with orders to assassinate some of the bad guys making the exchange. He shoots one, and then the Predator ship roars by overhead, sending him sprawling down the hill next to the crash landing sight.

Examining the ship, he discovers a

Predator helmet and gauntlet before a giant predator emerges and kills several men in his unit. McKenna escapes and mails the alien tech back home to use as "evidence."

Back home are McKenna's ex-wife Emily (Yvonne Strahovski) and son on the autism spectrum Rory (Jacob Tremblay). We see a couple of scenes where Rory is bullied by his schoolmates. We see Emily buy Rory a choice of Halloween masks (Frankenstein or a pirate), neither of which interests the boy, who complains that the bullies will still be able to tell it's him. We see Rory receive and open the package from Quinn, discover the holographic programming interface, and begin to decipher it. We see the other Predator ship from the space battle arrive and land. Meanwhile, Quinn is arrested and sent off with a busload of other military outcasts (we'll return to them in a moment).

Biologist Casey Bracket (Olivia Munn) is visited by agents led by Will Traeger (Sterling K. Brown). They recruit her to come examine a Predator and artifacts from the crash site. Unfortunately, the predator wakes up, kills a bunch of people, and escapes.

Turns out Quinn's bus is also at that same facility. The Predator starts killing people, so Quinn and his fellow rejects take over the bus and begin to escape.

I'll stop the narration there. Quinn's associates include "Nebraska" Williams (Trevante Rhodes); Coyle



(Keegan-Michael Key); Baxley (Thomas Jane); Lynch (Alfie Allen); and Nettles (Augusto Aguilera). Also look for Jack Busey as Sean Keyes (son of NSA agent Peter Keyes from previous movies).

"The Predator" is not all bad. It's got some decent action scenes and some really funny lines. That said, it is a little bit cringeworthy in some places, and it takes the franchise in a direction that blazes absolutely no new ground and seems fairly cliched, compared to other recent movies.

Quinn's gang of misfit military are a group that would be more comfortable in "Tropic Thunder" or "Stripes" (although "Stripes" is much better) than in a typically horror genre like "Predator". The scenes of them fawning around Munn's character are absolutely painful to watch.

The interaction between Quinn and Rory is interesting, but the big reveal of the Predators' goals and motivations in this movie - which I won't

spoil - are confusing and irritating given what we know about Predator canon. While I'm not a huge Predator fan, I don't think the Big New Thing we learn about Predators in this movie makes any sense, given what I have inferred about their character and personality heretofore. If you've seen the movie, I'm talking about the whole genetic angle.

That said, I'm giving "The Predator" six stars out of 10. Step it up, "Predator" guys.

*The Predator*  
Director: Shane Black  
Writer: Fred Dekker, Shane Black  
Production company: Davis Entertainment  
R; 1 hr. 47 min.; Action/Adventure/Horror; Sept. 14, 2018

Roger saw this movie at Big Spring's own Cinemark Cinema 4, located inside the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. For more information, visit [www.cinemark.com](http://www.cinemark.com) and enter the ZIP code 79720.

## "Agua es vida" - Water is life

By Judy Tereletsky

District Clerk Howard SWCD

Residents of Big Spring know the importance of water in West Texas, after all our town is named after the "Big Spring" located in Comanche Trail Park.

The state of water has always been a defining natural resource throughout history. Water is a necessity for all cities to be founded and remain in existence. Early settlements by man were typically along rivers that were used for transportation as well as drinking sources for the population. Modern man has ways to transport large amounts of water, however, they still require a stable source. Texas is one of the most biologically diverse places in the Western Hemisphere.

We harbor more birds and reptiles than any other state, and we enjoy comparatively high levels of species richness and rates of endemic species. That diversity is made possible by well-stewarded watersheds, robust aquifers, flowing springs, clean rivers, healthy bays and estuaries and Gulf waters. (1) Texas has more than fifteen major rivers.

Most Texans can easily name the Rio Grande since it plays a major role as our border with Mexico. The Red River borders Oklahoma, the Sabine borders Louisiana, with the Trinity, Brazos, Colorado, Pecos, Llano, Canadian, San Jacinto, San Antonio, Nueces, Frio, Neches, Concho, San Saba and Guadalupe among the remaining vital waterways. There are many family favorite lakes along these rivers which are popular with Texans along with other areas which provide water for livestock and wildlife throughout the Lone Star State. These sources be it lakes, rivers or streams are affected by watersheds.

A watershed describes the area of land where surface water drains down towards a common place such as a river, lake, or reservoir. One way to envision a watershed is by crumpling a piece of paper and then unfolding it. The wrinkles that have been created illustrate the high and low places of the land that would identify a watershed. Water moves to the lowest point.

When Texas soil is rich and dense with the fibrous roots of native grasses and plants it is like a giant sponge. The rain that falls soaks into and percolates slowly down replenishing underground aquifers. This is water conservation at the earliest possible point, using the land as a great catchment system to hold and filter water. In some soils, this can sustain aquifers and springs during droughts, and it sends cleaner high-quality water into streams, rivers and coastal estuaries. The reverse is also true. When the land is abused, the water runs off quickly carrying precious topsoil with it and leaving little behind for dry times. (2)

What occurs on your land in the upper part of a watershed influences conditions throughout the area fed by that watershed. President Lyndon B. Johnson recognized that private landowners are the key to conservation when he said, "Saving the water and the soil must start where the first raindrop falls."

Especially true in Texas where 90% of the land is privately owned one of the central challenges is finding a way for the landowners to work together while maintain their autonomy and private property rights. Successfully managing our water resources requires acting on a broader scale than we are accustomed to and managing entire watersheds not just pieces. Managing wa-

tersheds involve multiple landowners and is the key to meeting Texas' water needs. (3)

The Texas Legislature created the Texas Brush Control Program in 1985 to help control brush such as mesquite which uses large amounts of water and in its place encourage native grasses and plants that use less water and help to enable water to flow into streams, lakes and aquifers.

The Howard Soil and Water Conservation District (HSWCD) works alongside the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to promote improvements to our local watershed through education and conservation practices. Along with control of undesirable plants, man must be ever conscience of pollutants they might add to our watersheds. Also, urban development that occurs throughout a watershed (but not necessarily directly along a streambank) can result in rapid runoffs, sediment erosion, and even loss of lifeforms. (4)

Water is a vital resource that sustains all living things. We must protect our watersheds for ourselves and our future generation's survival. The better you take care of the land the more it is going to help our water supply.

This year's theme for the poster contest sponsored by the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District (HSWCD) is two parts. If a student wishes to compete in the state poster contest the theme is Life In Soil: Dig Deeper or the student may wish to compete in the local contest only in which case the theme is Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home. The poster contest is open to all students 12 years and younger who meet Texas UIL standards. The essay contest is divided into two different age categories. Further information on this contest can be found on the Herald's educational page or by contacting the HSWCD office at 432-267-1871 or by e-mailing [howard@swcd.texas.gov](mailto:howard@swcd.texas.gov). Deadline to enter the contest is Jan. 18, 2019. Winners will be announced at the annual banquet held in their honor on March 25, 2019.

(1) Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine; Smith, Carter "A Decade of Water"

(2) Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine; Harvey, Tom "Redefining the Ranch"

(3) Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine; Hodge, Larry "Where the First Raindrop Falls"

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### Chamber of Commerce happenings



*Courtesy photo*  
**Representatives of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce presented a "Thank you" banner Tuesday to staff of Dell's Cafe, 1608 East Fourth Street in Big Spring, for their investment in the local community.**

### US stock indexes turn lower on renewed trade concerns



*AP photo*  
**Specialist Meric Greenbaum, left, and trader Gregory Rowe work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, Sept. 14, 2018. Global stock markets rose further on Friday on hopes that the United States and China will call time-out in their escalating trade feud.**

By **MARLEY JAY**

AP Markets Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — U.S. stocks are slightly lower Friday after giving up an early gain. Retailers are slipping and high-dividend stocks are falling as interest rates rise. Smaller companies are climbing.

Stocks turned lower after Bloomberg News reported that President Donald Trump still wants to put tariffs on an additional \$200 billion in imports from China. China had said the U.S. reached out to open a new round of trade talks.

Banks rose along with interest rates after the Federal Reserve said production of cars and energy jumped in August. Investors expect continued economic growth and further interest rate increases.

**KEEPING SCORE:** The S&P 500 index slipped 1 point to 2,902 as of 2:30 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 24 points, or 0.1 percent, to 26,121. The Nasdaq composite slid 4 points, or 0.1 percent, to 8,008.

The combination of trade worries and positive economic news is helping smaller companies, which do more business in the U.S. than larger companies do. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks gained 8 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,722.

**FACTORY FACTOR:** U.S. industrial production rose by a healthy 0.4 percent in August, according to the Federal Reserve. The central bank said production of autos climbed, while production of oil and natural gas continued to rise. Aerospace company Boeing jumped 1 percent to \$359.08 and shipbuilder Huntington Ingalls gained 1.4 percent to \$252.44.

The Fed's report is a sign the U.S. economy is likely to keep growing, which means the Federal Reserve is likely to continue raising interest rates. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.99 percent from 2.96 percent late Thursday.

Banks and financial companies rose, as higher long-term interest rates help them make more money from mortgages and other types of loans. Prudential Financial added 2.9 percent to \$99.93 and LendingTree gained 2.4 percent to \$236.83.

**TRADE UPDATE:** Bloomberg News reported that Trump still wants to tax an additional \$200 billion in Chinese imports at a 25 percent rate, but hasn't gone ahead with the proposed tariffs yet because it is still considering some possible changes.

China's government said Thursday that the U.S. government has invited it for talks on their escalating trade dispute. The new round of tariffs would represent a major escalation in the U.S.-China conflict, which has lasted for most of this year.

**RETAIL SALES:** Consumers slowed their spending in August and the Commerce Department said retail sales grew 0.1 percent for the month after a 0.7 percent jump in July.

The prices for clothing and other items dipped, which might have encouraged shoppers but reduced revenue for companies. Gap fell 1.8 percent to \$27.73 and TJX, the owner of T.J. Maxx and Marshalls, fell 0.5 percent to \$108.41.

Consumer confidence is at its highest level in 18 years, and the slowdown in August could prove to be temporary.

**GAS EXPLOSIONS:** A series of gas explosions killed one person at injured at least 10 and forced evacuations in three communities north of Boston. They are served by Columbia Gas, a unit of NiSource. The company put out a statement late Thursday saying its crews were performing safety checks.

The company's stock lost 10.7 percent to \$25.07.

**STORM WATCH:** Hurricane Florence came ashore in North Carolina Friday morning, and while its winds have weakened days, experts say the storm surge is a significant threat. The storm is slow moving, meaning North and South Carolina could get days of heavy rain.

While Florence could do significant damage to the region, it's not expected to have a big effect on the overall economy. Economists at HIS Markit said the hurricane might slow down growth in the third quarter a bit but would likely contribute to growth in the fourth quarter.

Analyst Ryan Detrick at LPL Financial said hurricanes generally have little immediate effect on stock prices.

**UP IN SMOKE:** Shares in British Columbia marijuana company Tilray, which have made huge gains in the last two months, slumped after Politico reported that the U.S. Customs and Border

Patrol may ban people who work in the marijuana industry from entering the country.

Canada is set to legalize marijuana in October and stocks in the industry have soared recently. Tilray slumped 12.2 percent to \$105.10. The stock was valued at \$17 when Tilray went public in July.

**ENERGY:** Benchmark U.S. crude added 0.6 percent to \$68.99 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, dipped 0.1 percent to \$78.16 a barrel in London.

Wholesale gasoline lost 1.1 percent to \$1.97 a gallon and heating oil fell 0.6 percent to \$2.21 a gallon. Natural gas dropped 1.8 percent to \$2.77 per 1,000 cubic feet.

**METALS:** Gold lost 0.6 percent to \$1,201.10 an ounce. Silver fell 0.7 percent to \$14.14 an ounce. Copper sank 1.4 percent to \$2.65 a pound.

**CURRENCIES:** The dollar rose to 112.01 yen from 111.88 yen. The euro slipped to \$1.1631 from \$1.1692.

**OVERSEAS:** The German DAX added 0.6 percent and the French CAC rose 0.5 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 index picked up 0.3 percent.

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 gained 1.2 percent and South Korea's Kospi advanced 1.4 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 1 percent.

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- Jerry Hallman, 1304 Monmouth Ave., res. hvac, Val: \$7,200, Fee: \$45
- Lynh-Thi Phan, 4201 Dixon St., res. hvac, Val: \$5,000, Fee: \$45
- Frankie Rodriguez, 1501 Johnson St., fence, Val: \$2,800, Fee: \$25
- H T Moreno, 100 NE 10<sup>th</sup> St., res. re-roof, Val: \$5,000, Fee: \$35
- K Lemons Investments LLC, 1100 E 12<sup>th</sup> St., res elec., Val: \$1,800, Fee: \$25
- K Lemons Investments LLC, 1100 E 12<sup>th</sup> St., res elec., Val: \$5,500 Fee: \$45
- Marni Franco, 434 Dallas St., res. re-roof, Val: \$5,000, Fee: \$35
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- Martin Kirkpartrick, 706 Rosemont St., res. gas, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$32
- Nicolas Portocarrero, 305 E 7<sup>th</sup> St., res. hvac, Val: \$5,900, Fee: \$45
- Mary Ann Wallace, 4210 Theo St., res hvac, Val: \$6,000, Fee: \$45
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# Lawsuit renews focus on privacy policies for mobile apps



**In this Jan. 29, 2015 file photo, New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas talks during a news conference in Albuquerque, N.M. New Mexico is suing Google, Twitter and other companies that develop and market mobile gaming apps for children, saying the apps violate state and federal laws by collecting personal information that could compromise privacy. The lawsuit filed in federal court late Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018, comes as data-sharing concerns persist among users.**

By **SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN**

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Researchers have warned that many popular free mobile apps aimed at children are potentially violating a U.S. law designed to protect the privacy of young users.

Some brushed off the findings, but a federal lawsuit filed Tuesday by New Mexico's top prosecutor is renewing focus on the public's growing concerns about whether information on online interests, browsing and buying habits are slipping into the hands of data brokers without their consent.

And there's not much parents can do, experts say. There's no easy way even for a fairly savvy user to figure out whether an app is collecting personal data, said Serge Egelman, a member of the research team based at the International Computer Science Institute at the University of California, Berkeley.

It took Egelman and his team modifying operating systems and creating special tools to analyze network traffic to examine how thousands of apps access sensitive data.

"It's not reasonable to expect the average end user to develop those tools just to figure out whether an app is safe for their kids to use — or for themselves to use," Egelman said.

The other problem lies with the current privacy framework that revolves around a notice and consent model. Experts say these policies are often ambiguous and written by lawyers whose goal is to protect the companies rather than users.

New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas is taking aim in the lawsuit at Google, Twitter, their

online ad businesses and mobile app maker Tiny Lab Productions, saying they're violating state and federal laws aimed at protecting the privacy of children by collecting information through the apps without consent.

Balderas is concerned about the potential for exploitation, saying the apps can accurately track where children live, go to school and play.

He's urging parents to pay closer attention to the apps their children use.

Whether other states follow suit or new legislation is proposed, experts see New Mexico's lawsuit as an important step in the debate.

Josh Golin, executive director of the Boston-based advocacy group Campaign for a Commercial Free Childhood, said the Berkeley researchers exposed "just how flagrantly and widespread" violations of the federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act are. He said the research should have prompted the Federal Trade Commission to investigate.

"If the states start stepping in where the FTC has failed, that's definitely a good sign," Golin said.

Parents looking to avoid data-sapping apps shouldn't have to do anything, Golin said, because the law already calls for parents to be prompted for consent, otherwise nothing should be collected.

The research showed that wasn't always happening.

The researchers have established a database where parents and others can look up apps to see what information they collect and who they share it with. Another grant recently awarded by the National Science Foundation will ensure the project continues.

Tiny Lab Productions said Thursday it's considering what changes could be made as Google this week removed the company's apps from its Google Play Store. One option is not asking users for a birth date and treating everyone as if they were under 13 and covered by the law, said CEO Jonas Abromaitis.

He said the company takes privacy seriously and he hopes "this incident is all but a misunderstanding and it will be resolved with a satisfactory out-

come for all related parties."

Tech companies are under increasing scrutiny over their data practices, following a series of privacy scandals at Facebook and new data-privacy rules recently adopted by the European Union.

Last year, the business news site Quartz found that Google was tracking Android users by collecting the addresses of nearby cellphone towers even if all location services were off. Google changed the practice and insisted it never recorded the data anyway.

Christine Elgersma, senior editor of parent education at the nonprofit Common Sense Media, said "free apps are free for a reason," and what this usually means is that "in a way, we are the product."

Critics have said the tracking of users stems from a drive to boost revenue through targeted advertising and it's through ads that apps can make money.

For parents, Elgersma suggests paying for quality apps, so they're not paying with their child's personal data. She also said not all app developers are aware of all the laws and regulations and that some don't have privacy policies as they don't think it's necessary.

Corynne McSherry, legal director for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, said there's no doubt parents are concerned about privacy for their children but that the web of apps, services and advertisers on the web is challenging.

"We live in a world now where you can't really afford not to educate your children about smart technology practices," she said. "It's not just what you can do to intervene to protect them, but we need to be educating them about what's OK and what's dangerous online because that's our new reality."

## SpaceX changes plans to send tourists around the moon

By **MARCIA DUNN**

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — SpaceX said it has signed the first private moon traveler, with some changes to its original game plan.

The big reveal on who it is — and when the flight to the moon will be — will be announced Monday at the company's headquarters in Hawthorne, California.

It's not the same mission SpaceX founder Elon Musk outlined last year. The original plan called for two paying passengers to fly around the moon this year, using a Falcon Heavy rocket and a Dragon crew capsule.

At the time, Musk said the pair approached SpaceX about sending them on a weeklong flight and paid a "significant" deposit for the trip.

The new strategy is to still fly around the moon, but using an even bigger SpaceX rocket still in development that has its own dedicated passenger ship. And now, it appears there will be only one person aboard.

Given that this new BFR rocket, as it's dubbed, has yet to be built, the flight presumably is at least a few years off.

SpaceX put out the teaser via Twitter late Thursday.

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# Congress passes spending deal, bids to avert gov't shutdown



**House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wis., center, talks with House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy of Calif., left, while House Majority Whip Steve Scalise, R-La., speaks during a news conference, Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018, in Washington.**

By **MATTHEW DALY**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moving to head off a government shutdown that neither party wants, Congress has overwhelmingly approved a compromise spending bill and pledged agreement on a short-term bill to fund the government through early December.

The House on Thursday approved a \$147 billion package to fund the Energy Department, veterans' programs and the legislative branch. The 377-20 vote came a day after the Senate passed the measure, 92-5. The bill now goes to White House, where President Donald Trump is expected to sign it.

The quick action in the

House and Senate came as legislative leaders announced agreement on a bill to fund the rest of the government through Dec. 7. Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said the short-term plan would be added to a separate spending bill that lawmakers are negotiating to cover the

Defense Department and labor, health and education programs.

The stopgap bill would not address Trump's long-promised wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. GOP leaders have said they prefer to resolve the issue after the Nov. 6 elections.

It was not clear whether Trump would back this approach, but a Republican aide said the White House had not indicated any immediate opposition.

The bill approved Thursday was the first of three spending measures Congress hopes to approve this month to avoid a government shutdown when the new budget year begins Oct. 1.

Passage was so important to Republican leaders that they moved up the Senate vote, citing the threat of Hurricane Florence bearing down on the southeast coast. The House and Senate both adjourned for the week immediately following the budget votes.

Approval of the spending bill marked a departure from recent years, when Congress routinely ignored agency-specific spending measures in favor of massive packages that funded the entire government at once. Trump has said he would not sign another bloated bill.

The three compromise spending plans, if passed by Congress and signed by

Trump, would account for nearly 90 percent of annual federal spending, including the military and most civilian agencies.

"This package is not perfect, but that is the nature of compromise," said Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, the top Democrat on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Leahy said he was concerned that the bill did not do enough to cover costs associated with a program that allows veterans to receive government-paid health care at private facilities.

Across the Capitol, Rep. Mark Walker said he and other conservatives were disappointed by the absence of policy add-ons that were in a House-passed version before budget negotiations with the Senate.

"House Republican priorities were shut out across the board," said Walker, R-N.C. He said conservatives expect the next round of budget talks to reflect their policy priorities. If not, it will be "difficult to support this funding," Walker said.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., disputed Walker's characterization. "I think we got a great amount of victories for our members," Ryan said.

Ryan said the bill includes

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### Marriage Licenses

Cinthia Ann Warner, 56, and Stephen Duane Hector, 54, both of Big Spring.

Raul Robles III, 42, and Libertad Garza, 41, both of Big Spring.

Marcus John Fernandez, 36, and Leslie Lynn Sosa, 37, both of Big Spring.

### District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Crown Asset Management, LLC

Respondent: Debralee Hart

Type of Case: Contract-consumer

Date: Sept. 6, 2018

Plaintiff: Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC

Respondent: Yvette Y Lozano

Type of Case: Contract-consumer

Date: Sept. 6, 2018

Plaintiff: TD Bank USA, N.A.

Respondent: Jason Golleher

Type of Case: Contract-consumer

Date: Sept. 6, 2018

Plaintiff: LVNV Funding, LLC

Respondent: Juanita Hernandez

Type of Case: Contract-consumer

Date: Sept. 6, 2018

Plaintiff: Hugo Ambriz

Respondent: Scenic Mountain Medical Center Staff

Type of Case: Injury/Damage-Medical Malpractice

Date: Sept. 6, 2018

Plaintiff: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC

Respondent: Kristi Uranga

Type of Case: Contract-consumer

Date: Sept. 6, 2018

Plaintiff: Paul Orega

Respondent: Patricia Ortega

Type of Case: Divorce

Date: Sept. 7, 2018

Plaintiff: Larry Marshall  
Respondent: Oxy USA, Inc.  
Type of Case: Injury/Damage  
Date: Sept. 7, 2018

Plaintiff: TD Bank USA  
Respondent: Glenda F Powell  
Type of Case: Contract-consumer  
Date: Sept. 7, 2018

Plaintiff: Tom Fletcher  
Respondent: Pacca Conrad  
Type of Case: Real Property  
Date: Sept. 7, 2018

Plaintiff: Alon USA LP, Alon USA (Plant), Alon USA Partners, LP  
Respondent: Howard County Appraisal District  
Type of Case: Civil Case  
Date: Sept. 7, 2018

Plaintiff: Justin Davis  
Respondent: Grover Cleveland Zorn, Jr  
Type of Case: Injury/Damage-Motor Vehicles  
Date: Sept. 7, 2018

Plaintiff: Graceland Properties, LLC  
Respondent: Jimmy Traywick  
Type of Case: Civil/Case  
Date: Sept. 6, 2018

Plaintiff: American Express Nation Bank  
Respondent: Marylou Saldana  
Type of Case: Contract-consumer  
Date: Sept. 10, 2018

Plaintiff: Big Spring Hospital Corporation  
Respondent: Tommy Ogden, Lisa Ogden  
Type of Case: Contract-consumer  
Date: Sept. 10, 2018

Plaintiff: Linda Knappe  
Respondent: Sandra Rhodes  
Type of Case: Civil Case  
Date: Sept. 10, 2018

Plaintiff: Jennifer Fox  
Respondent: Shon Fox  
Type of Case: Divorce  
Date: Sept. 11, 2018

Plaintiff: Suman Patel Management Company: P.B.R.Y. Hotels, Inc. doing business as plaza Inn  
Respondent: Employers Mutual Casualty Company  
Type of Case: Contract-consumer  
Date: Sept. 11, 2018

Plaintiff: Howard College  
Respondent: The Travelers Indemnity Company  
Type of Case: Contract-consumer  
Date: Sept. 11, 2018

Plaintiff: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC  
Respondent: Yolanda Mendoza  
Type of Case: Contract-consumer  
Date: Sept. 11, 2018

Plaintiff: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC  
Respondent: Jessie Delthine  
Type of Case: Contract-consumer  
Date: Sept. 12, 2018

Plaintiff: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC  
Respondent: Bobby Rivera  
Type of Case: Contract-consumer  
Date: Sept. 12, 2018

### Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Brenda Hyatt, Independent Executor of the Estate of Clara Janel Robertson, deceased, cause no. P-14698, County Court of Howard County, Texas

Grantee: Mark Hyatt and wife, Brenda Hyatt  
Property: Lot 16, block 12, Edwards Heights Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, more commonly known as 424 Hillside  
Date: Sept. 4, 2018

Grantor: Heather Jennings  
Grantee: Thurman Ricky White and Pamela White

Property: Being out of and a part of a certain parcel of land out of section 44, block 32, T-1-N, T and P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County  
Date: Aug. 30, 2018

Grantor: Chase Garrett Pierce  
Grantee: Robert L. Hankins and Kelly Hankins

Property: Being a 10.01 acre tract of land, more or less out of the NE/4 of section 41, block 32, T-1-S, T and P Ry. Co. Survey  
Date: Aug. 31, 2018

Grantor: Angela Gonzales Willborn  
Grantee: Michael P. Kleihege and Nancy B Kleihege  
Property: Beign a 5.00 acre tract of land, more or less, out of a 20.19 acre tract in the NW/4 of section 41, block of 32, T-1-S, T and P RR. Co. Survey  
Date: Aug. 31, 2018

### Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien

Grantor: Tam H. Le  
Grantee: Mike Rhea, Trustee  
Property: Being lot two, being seven, a replat of an addition of Highland South Addition number four an addition  
Date: Sept. 4, 2018

Grantor: Cliff Castilaw and Mireya Castilaw  
Grantee: Zachary S Gordon and Nancy L Gordon  
Property: Being in lot 10, block 1, Kentwood unit number 1, an addition to the city of Big Spring  
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Grantor: Annita Bacon, aka Annita Fay Thompson Bacon  
Grantee: Christopher Bustamante and Crystal Bustamante  
Property: Being all of lot number three, and the S/2 of lot number four, block number five, Saunders addition of the Town of Coahoma  
Date: Aug. 31, 2018

Grantor: Nathan C. Maddox and Sabrina Maddox  
Grantee: Brandy Williams  
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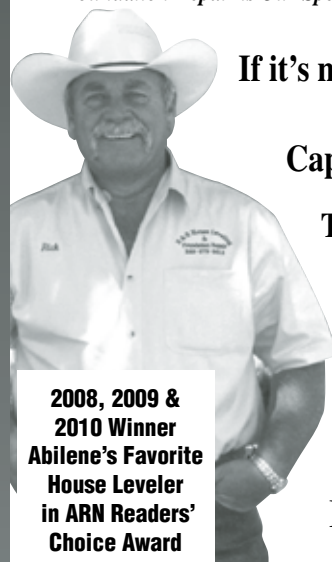
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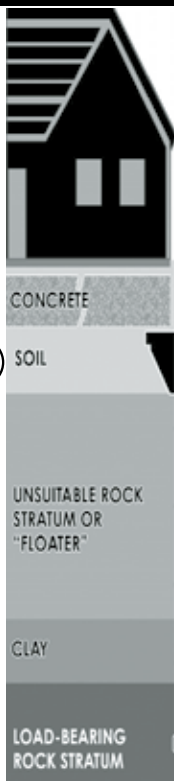
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ANSWER:

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ACROSS

- 1 Preoccupy
- 8 Where St. Paul wrote an Epistle
- 15 Not carefully
- 16 Mystified
- 17 Overly formal
- 18 Ornamental cactus
- 19 Master of the familiar
- 21 Starting from, on some signs
- 22 "I'll pass"
- 23 A possible winner
- 24 Brownie uniform part
- 27 Measures for gray areas?
- 29 Flamboyant leap
- 32 Shelter posting
- 36 "A New Storm Against Imperialism" writer (1968)
- 37 Book with reminiscences of Heinlein and Clarke
- 40 Dorm room refreshments
- 42 Upstage
- 43 One working on a motorcycle
- 45 "I'll pass"
- 47 GrubHub data: Abbr.
- 48 Dorm room refreshments
- 52 Preceder/ender of "a"
- 54 Elvis, as of 11/27/58
- 57 Modern
- 58 It holds *The Divine Comedy* illustrated by Botticelli
- 62 What Brits call "chimneypieces"
- 63 Bobolink cousins
- 64 Draws
- 65 Restrictive qualification
- 66 Booming in the extreme
- 67 Knotty, at first

DOWN

- 1 The March equinox occurs in it
- 2 Not distracted
- 3 Mail-order notation
- 4 Cache, with "away"
- 5 "La mesa \_\_\_ servida" ("Dinner!")
- 6 "To write is to write is to write . . ." writer
- 7 Minor planet beyond Pluto
- 8 Wearables
- 9 Of throwbacks
- 10 What Rowling learned at Exeter
- 11 Rattler in candy-aisle tins
- 12 Keats' "cyder-press" ode
- 13 Goddess evoked in *The Magic Flute*

- 14 What manual readers have learned?
- 20 It has Lake Plains and Appalachian Plateaus
- 25 Driving-home reward
- 26 Brand made from calcium carbonate and sugar
- 28 \_\_\_ axel (figure skating coup)
- 30 Don't bet on it
- 31 Certain *coups de grâce*
- 33 *Oedipus Rex* dramatist
- 34 Typical campingworld.com visitor
- 35 Freudian life force
- 37 Place with closely monitored monitors

- 38 A joyful noise
- 39 Literally, "foaming"
- 41 Spotify, in 2018
- 44 Evert employer since 2011
- 46 Social-media attribution
- 49 Exploit
- 50 Stem
- 51 Gives in, perhaps
- 53 Victoria, to her predecessor
- 55 Doesn't catch on
- 56 They help warm the surface of Mars
- 58 The answer is blowin' in the wind
- 59 Want ad abbr.
- 60 Field of Drs. Fleming and Watson
- 61 Give in to itchy feet
- 62 Sea, for short

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By Steve Becker

Instinctive plays may be costly

North dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.  
NORTH  
♠ 8 7  
♥ K 5 2  
♦ K Q J 7  
♣ A J 8 5

WEST  
♠ A Q 9 5 4  
♥ J 7  
♦ 9 6 3 2  
♣ 10 4

EAST  
♠ J 10 2  
♥ Q 10 6 4 3  
♦ 8 4  
♣ Q 9 3

SOUTH  
♠ K 6 3  
♥ A 9 8  
♦ A 10 5  
♣ K 7 6 2

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♦ Pass 2NT Pass  
3NT  
Opening lead — ten of clubs.

Certain plays seem so natural that they are often made without the slightest pause for thought. The trouble is that every once in a while, the "automatic" play is incorrect because of special circumstances presented by a particular deal.

Consider this case where a serendipitous opening lead by West started declarer down an unhappy road to oblivion. Convinced that South had the king of spades for his two-trump bid, West decided — correctly, as it turned out — not to lead

that suit, opting instead for the neutral lead of the ten of clubs.

The ten was covered by the jack, queen and king, leaving South with only eight sure tricks. Since it seemed likely that West had led a club from a combination that included the 10-9, South next led a club to dummy's eight. But when East produced the nine and returned the jack of spades, the roof caved in. When the dust settled, the contract was down two.

South certainly can't be criticized for assuming that West had the nine of clubs — the opening lead of an unsupported ten, especially against notrump, is highly unusual. Nevertheless, the fact remains that he could have guarded against the possibility that East held the nine.

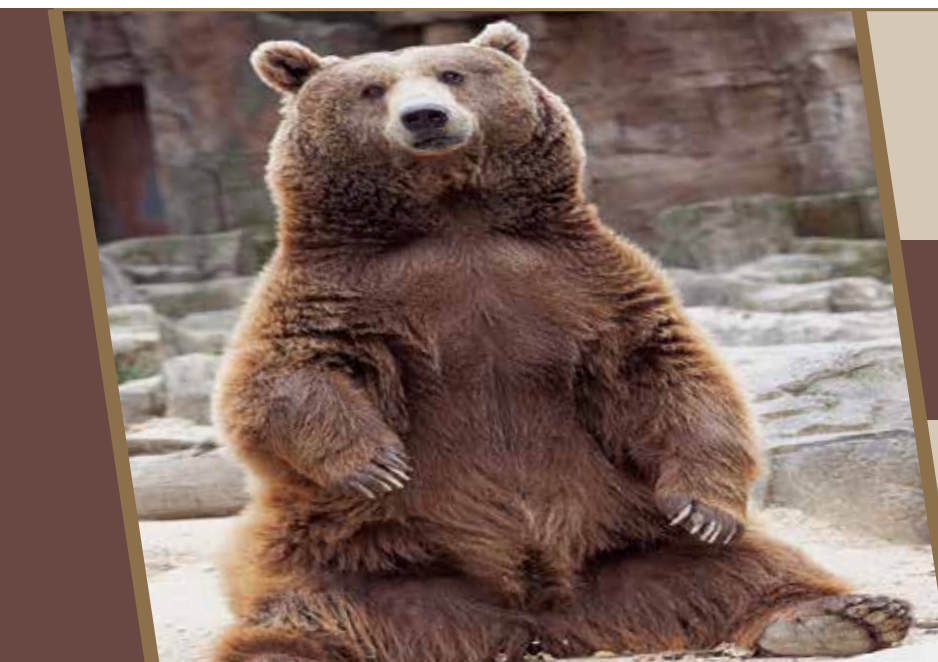
His error came at trick one when, instead of mechanically covering the ten of clubs with the jack, he should have followed low. Then, after East also played low, he should have allowed the ten to hold the trick!

The advantage of this play is that if West has another club, whether it is the nine or not, an extra club trick is assured, while at the same time East can never gain the lead for the potential killing spade shift.

Only if West's ten of clubs is a singleton is the contract still in danger. But in that case, covering with the jack wouldn't solve the problem either.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mars and Uranus Confrontation

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



In traffic and in life, the intersection is the most dangerous piece of road. Every day brings an opportunity to choose our direction. And every day, we need to be mindful of the crossing. Mars and Uranus are moving into a configuration that will get more heated over the next few days. Stay aware. Ward against hubris.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You need attention as much as the next person, yet you also know the value of serving others. The purpose outside of yourself helps you get clarity on life.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** The love and support shows up. Maybe it's a little on the late side. You've needed this for a while now, though maybe you didn't realize it. Anyway, it's here now, so relax and be cared for.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You'll be invited to share your thoughts and ideas. Remember that it took you some time to work them out, so though they make perfect sense to you now, others will need to get caught up before they understand.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** It's as true now as it was when you were a small child: You can be anyone you want to be. You'll think of those you admire and wonder what they would do given the same situation, and this will influence your next action.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You have enough of life figured out to know there's nothing to be gained by assuming you know everything. Your audience will be flattered by your curiosity, which happens to be genuine and is the reason you'll learn so much today.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** "I can't complain" is what people say when they are either too fortunate or too polite to complain, and it's a very good policy. Once complaining is off the table, the conversation gets much more productive.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You'd like to have a bit

more swagger -- some confidence to spare, even when you feel uncertain about what you're doing. You'll come by it honest later, but for now, step into the role until you become it.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** It's the same people in the same places, but you'll see them differently today because you're different. You're also more perceptive, so you'll notice what you haven't picked up on before.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You are gener-

ous but not foolish, merciful but protective of your own, fair but not inclined to take the word of someone who has spoken falsely to you in the past.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** There is one person you have counted on in the past who will continue to be the best place to put your trust. Loyalty will be key in the way things play out over the next five days.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Stars grant you a high degree of self-awareness. If you let it, this could teeter into self-absorption. Don't worry too much about that. It's a necessary part of figuring out what you need to make the new circumstances work.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Events occurring over the next three days will impact your destiny in a good

and unexpected way. Squash out the opposition, which is not another person; rather, it's a behavior of yours -- a habit that's been keeping you back.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 16).** Your cosmic gift: laser focus. Carefully choose where to apply it. Once you name a goal, you won't quit until it's finished. More highlights: an upgrade to the way you travel this world, a private audience with someone you've wanted to talk to for years and mastery of a situation that was once beyond your control. Taurus and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 21, 5 and 16.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** With a Mercury change this week and the autumnal equinox on Saturday, we are headed into the time of Libra. The energy that's aligning now is that of diplomacy, justice

and partnerships.

All of us hold imaginary versions of the world that, when shared, can't help but change. Do you feel protective of your inner world? It's because you sense that some things are kept sacred only when they are kept secret. Other things must be aired out and will turn toxic if unshared. The astral aspects lend judiciousness on the matter this week.

In a similar vein, expectations can be motivating or demotivating, depending on how accurately those expectations reflect the reality of a situation. The more honest an estimation is the more useful it is. So avoid picturing what's good for you at the expense of what's real about the situation. Seek only truth.

During the Libra solar sojourn, love gets the rosiest deal, lauded as the king feeling, the queen of emotional

states, and credited for the most heroic aspects of humanity. Should love then get a pass from the pain it causes, the blindness it inflicts? Again, realism will win over fantasy. Strive for respect, mutuality, and reason over passion.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Nick Jonas is often considered the most serious sibling of his clan, and perhaps his cool demeanor has something to do with the predominant earth sign energy in his natal chart. With six luminaries in earth signs, he is exceptionally grounded. These influences also suggest that he has excellent rhythm, a head for business and the stamina for career longevity, which he continues to prove.

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# US retail sales up just 0.1 pct. after previous strong gain



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In this Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018, photo, a prospective buyer looks over a 2019 Cooper S convertible on the showroom floor of a Mini dealership in Highlands Ranch, Colo. On Friday, Sept. 14, the Commerce Department releases U.S. retail sales data for August.

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. retail sales barely rose in August as consumers slowed their spending after a robust month of shopping in July.

The Commerce Department said Friday that the value of purchases ticked up just 0.1 percent last month, the smallest increase in six months. But the sluggish figure may prove only a temporary blip. It partly reflected falling prices for items like

clothing, and it followed a strong gain of 0.7 percent in July.

Consumer confidence soared to its highest level in 18 years in August as Americans expressed a more optimistic outlook on the economy. That suggests that retail sales could rebound in the coming months.

"The trend in retail spending is still solid, fueled by job growth and rising wages," said Ben Ayers, senior economist at Nationwide. "We expect retail sales to pick up again in coming months to continue

a strong 2018 for consumer activity."

Still, auto sales fell 0.8 percent last month, and clothing stores sales plunged 1.7 percent, the steepest drop in 18 months, though that figure mostly reflected lower-priced clothing rather than declining demand.

Retail sales are closely monitored by economists because they provide an early read on consumer spending, which drives about two-thirds of economic activity.

Sales at gas stations jumped 1.7 percent, an increase that reflected higher prices at the pump. Excluding gas stations, retail sales slipped 0.1 percent, the first decline since January.

Sales increased at electronics and appliance stores, sporting goods stores, restaurants and bars, and a category that includes online and catalog retailers. Online and catalog sales have jumped 10.4 percent compared with a year earlier, a much larger increase than the 6.6 percent rise in overall sales.

There are other signs that consumers are optimistic and prepared to spend. Americans borrowed more in July, increasing credit card debt and student and auto loans — a sign of confidence in their ability to repay the debt.

Retailers expect a solid winter holiday shopping season and are announcing plans to ramp up their hiring of seasonal staff.

Target said this week that it plans to hire 120,000 temporary workers, 20 percent more than last year.

The economy expanded at a robust 4.2 percent annual rate in the April-June quarter, the strongest growth in four years. That growth was lifted by solid consumer spending, which increased 3.8 percent.

Analysts forecast growth will slip in the current July-September quarter to a still-healthy 3 percent annual pace.

# Debate on new tax cuts undercut by GOP election pressure

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WASHINGTON (AP) — House lawmakers on Thursday debated a Republican proposal to expand the new tax law by making permanent the individual tax cuts now set to expire in 2026. But the move is undercut by election pressures faced by GOP lawmakers from high-tax states where residents are hurt by the law's limits on state and local tax deductions.

The tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee took up the legislation, with the Republican majority prevailing to approve it in a 21-15 party-line vote. Prospects for the measure, which Democrats unanimously oppose, are dim in the Senate — and it may not come to a vote by the full House before the November elections.

House Republican leaders are portraying the second crack at tax cuts as championing the middle class and small businesses.

"We must keep building off the momentum from last year's tax reform to ensure our economy keeps booming," Republican Rep. Kevin Brady of Texas, who heads the committee, said at the start of the session.

But as the midterm elections loom in two months, polls are showing only lukewarm support among voters for the \$1.5 trillion package of individual and corporate tax cuts that President Donald Trump signed into law in December as his signature legislative achievement.

And about a dozen Republican House members, facing tough re-election fights in the high-tax, Democratic-leaning states of New

York, New Jersey and California, voted against their party's tax legislation last year. They're likely to oppose this new version, which would make the \$10,000 cap on state and local deductions permanent. The GOP lawmakers are pushing to hold onto their seats in relatively affluent suburban districts where Trump is unpopular.

The vulnerability of a critical bloc of GOP lawmakers presents an opportunity for Democrats, who are looking to recapture a majority in the House.

The new Republican proposal also calls for new tax incentives for savings by creating a "universal savings account" for families that could be used for a range of purposes and would allow the tax-free earnings to be more easily withdrawn than is the case with existing retirement accounts. In addition, the Republican plan would allow the popular, tax-free 529 college savings accounts to also be used to pay for apprenticeship fees and home schooling expenses, as well as to pay off student debt. Also, workers would be able to tap their retirement savings accounts without tax penalty to cover expenses from the birth of a child or an adoption.

Startup businesses would be permitted to write off more of their initial costs.

Democrats, meanwhile, kept up their criticism of the Republican tax law, as well as the proposed expansion, in the committee session.

"Republicans are cutting taxes on the rich for the second time in less than a year," said Rep. Richard Neal of Massachusetts, the panel's senior Democrat.

Rep. Ron Kind, D-Wis., called the session "strictly a political exercise"

with an eye to the coming elections. In recent months, the new tax law "went over like a wet blanket with our constituents back home," said Kind, who suggested voters are aware that the bulk of tax breaks are going to wealthy Americans and big corporations.

The session led by Brady was intended to finish shaping the new legislation and point it toward a vote by the House. A series of Democratic amendments were swiftly defeated by the Republican majority on the panel.

They included a measure by Rep. Bill Pascrell of New Jersey to repeal the cap on federal deductions for state and local taxes that came in the new

tax law.

Residents in states like New York, New Jersey and California could see substantial increases in their federal tax bills next spring because of the deduction cap.

Four high-tax states — Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey and New York — already have sued the federal government over the cap, asserting it's aimed at hurting a group of Democratic states and tramples on their constitutional budget-making authority.

And a dozen high-tax states have taken or are considering measures to get around the cap.

## VW to stop making iconic Beetle next summer

DETROIT (AP) — After selling it on and off in the U.S. for nearly seven decades, Volkswagen has decided to squash its iconic Beetle.

The company's American unit announced Thursday that it would end global production of the third-generation bulbous bug in July of next year after offering two special editions for sale.

The compact Beetle was introduced in Germany in 1938 during the Nazi era and came to the U.S. 11 years later, where it became a symbol of utilitarian transportation often used by hippies. The iconic car sold for about

30 years before U.S. sales stopped in 1979. The last of the original bugs was produced in Puebla, Mexico, in 2003.

Volkswagen revived it in the U.S. in 1998 as a more modern "New Beetle," but it attracted mainly female buyers. The company revamped it for the 2012 model year in an effort to make it appeal to men, giving it a flatter roof, less bulbous shape, a bigger trunk and a navigation system. U.S. sales rose fivefold to more than 29,000 in the first year, rising to just over 46,000 in 2013 but tailing off after that. Last year VW sold only 15,166, according to Autodata Corp.

The special editions, which come in coupe and convertible body styles, get unique beige and blue colors in addition to the normal hues. They also get standard extra chrome, new wheels and three-color ambient lighting inside.

Volkswagen has no immediate plans to revive the Beetle again, but the company wouldn't rule it out.

"I would say 'never say never,'" VW of America CEO Hinrich Woecken said in a statement.

The company plans to roll out an electric version of the old Bus in 2022 called the I.D. Buzz.

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money for veterans' health care, military infrastructure, the electrical grid and nuclear weapons programs, and "represents a return to our most basic responsibility around here: passing appropriation bills."

While generally upbeat about the progress on spending legislation, lawmakers from both parties are wary of a government shutdown, which Trump has threatened unless he gets billions of dollars for the wall.

"We still are in favor of the wall, we still want to get funding for the wall, but we think the best time to have that discussion is after the election," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell told Fox News. McConnell, R-Ky., said there's "zero" chance of a government shutdown.

Even so, Trump held out the possibility of a shutdown, citing the need to protect the nation's

border by following through on his signature campaign promise.

"If it happens, it happens," Trump said last week. "If it's about border security, I'm willing to do anything."

With Republicans running the White House and both chambers of Congress, GOP leaders worry that voters would blame them for a shutdown, worsening the party's prospects for retaining congressional control amid an anticipated "blue wave" for Democrats.

The White House in a statement said Trump looks forward to signing the spending package, adding that it "aligns with many of the administration's priorities."

The three-bill bundle includes: — \$97.1 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs and military construction, including a \$1.1 billion increase to pay for a law Trump signed to give veterans more freedom to see doctors outside the troubled VA system.

— \$44.6 billion for energy and water programs, including programs to ensure nuclear stockpile readiness and spur innovation in energy research. The bill also funds flood-control projects and addresses regional ports and waterways.

— \$4.8 billion for the legislative branch, including Congress and the Capitol police.

The bill would require Senate candidates to file electronic campaign finance reports — nearly two decades after the requirement was put in place in the House. Senate candidates currently file paperwork with the secretary of the Senate.

The bill omits several partisan policy riders approved by the House, including one that would have repealed an Obama-era clean water rule and another to limit spillovers at dams in the Pacific Northwest to protect salmon. The bill also eliminates funding for a long-stalled nuclear waste dump at Nevada's Yucca Mountain.

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