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Triathlon to test Big Spring's athletes Saturday

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

For the past nine years, Big Spring's best athletes have made their way to one annual event to test their endurance against the waters, roads, and running paths of Comanche Trail. This is the tenth year...who will emerge victorious?

The event is the annual Comanche Warrior Triathlon, organized by the Big Spring Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB). "We have done this event, this will be the 10th year this event has been going on, and we have put it on since the beginning," said Hayley Herrera of the CVB. "This event is held in the city park, for the most part. They do a 500-meter swim in Comanche Trail Lake, followed by an 18-mile bike ride through the city and into the county, and then they do a 3.1-mile run inside of Comanche Trail Park."

Racers must provide their own equipment, including bicycles. "You have to have your own bikes and your own running shoes," Herrera said. "We do provide some caps, if they need a swim cap."

Herrera said online registration for the event is open now, and will remain in effect until the morning of the race, both for individuals and for three-person teams. Currently, pre-registration is \$65 for an

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The BSHS Class of 2018



Courtesy photo by Jared Paredes

On the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 5, Big Spring High School seniors were invited to the first Senior Sunrise Breakfast, a new tradition Principal Mike Ritchey is implementing this year. The tradition will have the senior class gather at sunrise at the beginning of the year and again at sunset at the end of the school year in May. Approximately 200 students attended. Ritchey spoke words of encouragement to the senior class and breakfast burritos and drinks from Sonic were provided.

Seniors gather for inaugural Senior Sunrise Breakfast

Special to the Herald

On Tuesday morning, the Big Spring High School Class of 2018 met at Memorial Stadium for the first time at the inaugural Senior Sunrise.

Symbolic of the start of their senior year, Principal Mike Ritchey believed this would be a fun event for students.

Parents and photographers were on hand to celebrate with the students and capture the energy on an early Tuesday morning.

Senior Tristin Brandt enjoyed participating in the new tradition. "For this being the first year this was held, it was very well executed," Brandt said. "I would like to see this featured in the future for seniors to look forward to."

Brandt, a transfer student from Tomball High School in Tomball, Texas, said the pride in Big Spring is exceptional. "Being a smaller town, there is a lot of pride here," Brandt said. "A lot of that starts with the seniors."

In addition to a brief meeting and breakfast, students took staged pictures against the sunrise and with a drone.

Commissioners to meet and discuss county payroll

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

The Howard County Commissioner's Court will meet Thursday to discuss and possibly approve the county payroll.

The meeting will take place at 10 a.m. in the second-floor conference room at the Howard County Courthouse, and the agenda is short and sweet:

- Discussion/Possible Action to approve payroll for the two-week pay period;
- Personnel considerations, which will be discussed in a closed executive session;
- Citizen input for those registered to make comments;
- Opportunity for mention of any items to be on future agendas.

Anyone intending to address the Commissioner's Court must complete and

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Food2Kids begins sacking this week



HERALD photos/Amber Mansfield

Food2Kids had their first sacking of the year Tuesday night as they prepared bags of groceries to go home with BSISD students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Above, members of Food2Kids pose with a check received from a local church to go towards the Food2Kids mission. At left, members of the community sack groceries for students.



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Obituaries

Mary Ann Halfmann



Mary Ann Halfmann, 93, of St. Lawrence, went to join her Lord and Savior Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017, at her residence.

Rosary services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Interment will follow at St. Lawrence Cemetery.

She was born July 6, 1924, in Moulton, Texas, to August and Ella Haechten and married Walter Halfmann April 6, 1948, in Rowena, Texas.

Mary Ann came to St. Lawrence in 1951 from Rowena and worked alongside her husband farming. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She delighted in making her family happy and was a wonderful cook. She enjoyed gardening, growing flowers and fishing.

She was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, St. Theresa Altar Society and had taught CCD classes.

Survivors include her husband, Walter Halfmann of St. Lawrence; two sons, Wayne Halfmann and wife Martha of Garden City, and Bobby Halfmann and wife Virginia of Burnet; and a daughter, Judy McDaniel of Sterling City; eight grandchildren,

Tina Winkler and husband Jason, Erik Halfmann and wife Jessica, Travis Halfmann and wife Lori, Christy Jurney and husband Kyle, Bryan McDaniel and wife Amanda, Brandon McDaniel and wife Krystal, Bradley McDaniel and wife Jennifer, and Leah McDaniel. Survivors also include 16 great-grandchildren, Justin Winkler, Ethan Halfmann, Cody Halfmann, Owen Halfmann, Hallie Halfmann, Weston Halfmann, Jenna Jurney, Ryan Jurney, Abigail McDaniel, Sarah McDaniel, Lauren McDaniel, Katie McDaniel, Marie McDaniel, Natalie McDaniel, Brooke McDaniel, and Bowen McDaniel; and one brother, Allan James Haechten.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Louise Kotrlík; one brother, August Haechten Jr.; and a grandson, Brett McDaniel.

Pallbearers will be Travis Halfmann, Kyle Jurney, Erik Halfmann, Jason Winkler, Bryan McDaniel, Brandon McDaniel, Bradley McDaniel. Honorary pallbearer will be Brett McDaniel.

The family wants to give special thanks to Blanca Ceballos, Veronica Borday, Mayra Rodriguez, Martha Ramirez, and Hospice of Midland.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association at <http://www.alz.org/> or to a charity of choice.

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

Paid obituary

Police and Fire/EMS reports on hold

Readers may have noticed the absence lately of the Police Blotter and the Fire/EMS reports which normally occupy this page. A couple of unrelated problems have interrupted the Herald's flow of information from those two departments.

"We've been having some issues with our operating system the past few weeks," said Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams. "We hope to have that issue resolved within the next couple of days, and start getting those reports to you again."

Williams said the police have still been recording the information in the meantime, but it hasn't been in an easily distributable format.

"We haven't gotten completely left behind," he said. "We've just had to go a little 'old-school' with it."

Williams said reports have been written and filed by hand, and will be added to the computer system when it is operational once more.

In the meantime, Big Spring Fire Chief Craig Ferguson said

that the lack of EMS/Fire reports is due to a personnel issue.

"My administrative assistant left about a month ago and we've had to replace her," Ferguson said. "I just haven't had time in the mornings to sit down and get that information together for you. I apologize. I hope in the next couple of weeks we can get that position filled, and you'll start seeing those reports again."

The Herald staff will continue to monitor the situation, and will provide readers with information as we receive it.

Take Note

The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is looking for a few new chaplains. The Chaplains Corps provides spiritual services to people locally in crisis situations. The position doesn't require any special experience, but requires that candidates be willing to devote time to the project, including a 24- to 30-week training course, and then one day per week for emergency call-outs. Candidates must also be called by God to the position, says Senior Chaplain Joel Miller. Those interested in becoming an Emergency Services Chaplain should contact 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 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

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. The next sacking dates are Sept. 18-19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lakeview Gym. 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 Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

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

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

William "Mac" McNorton Sr.

William "Mac" McNorton Sr., 80, of Big Spring died Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Genevieve "Jenny" Pike

Genevieve "Jenny" Pike, 59, of Big Spring died Monday, Sept. 4, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.

• **BRANDON SEVERIANO BAIZA JR.**, 29, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for criminal mischief \$100 to \$750.

• **MARTINA RENEE DEANDA**, 27, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana less than 2 oz. and possession of a controlled substance less than 28 grams.

• **MANUEL ESCAMILLA JR.**, 31, was booked by BSPD on warrants for no driver's license, violation of promise to appear, failure to appear, riding unsecured by a safety belt.

• **LONNIE RAY GRAY JR.**, 37, was booked by BSPD on a parole violation.

• **ABEL HERNANDEZ HINOJOS**, 45, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for harassment.

• **ANGEL ENRIQUE HINOJOSA**, 20, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for criminal trespassing.

• **ALIX MCKENNA PIERCE**, 23, was booked by BSPD on warrants for riding unsecured by a safety belt, operating a motor vehicle without financial responsibility, and no driver's license.

• **LOGAN EARL ROSE**, 35, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for failure to appear for possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

• **SUSANA MARIE YBARRA**, 18, was booked by BSPD on parole violation warrants for possession of a controlled substance less than 28 grams and possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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.

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

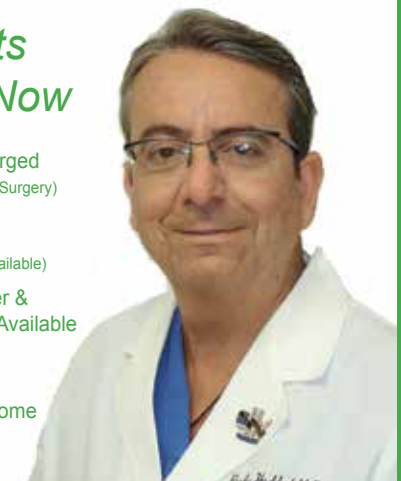
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I am retiring as of September 6, 2017. I have been so blessed being a nurse and meeting some wonderfully fabulous people! I will miss everyone very much. May God bless each and every one of you!

-Dee Clawson

TRIATHLON

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individual, and \$110 for a three-person team.

"Then on race day it goes up to \$75 and \$125 for teams," Herrera said. "They can register online right now via our website, which is visitbig-spring.com. They can also register the night before, Sept. 8, at Dora Roberts Community Center, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., we'll do registration; and we'll also do registration the morning of, and we will cut registration off at 7, so we'll do registration from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. the day of the race."

The purpose of the race is to pro-

mote tourism by bringing outside athletes and their families to Big Spring, Herrera said.

"We have really good weather at that time, in September. The weather is usually not too terribly hot," she said. "The triathletes who do come to this area, we get them from all over, Dallas, Houston, New Mexico, Oklahoma; they really enjoy the climate, and it's a really good bike ride, I've heard. The ride out and back, you hit some tailwinds and you get some downhill where you can really pick up your speed, so it's a really good race for that. Plus, it's an open water swim, and major triathletes really like the open water swim, it's more challenging than a pool swim."

The event is not a fundraiser, Herrera said.

"Money raised by the triathlon just goes right back into the event," she said. "We do ask for sponsorships, too. If they're interested in being a sponsor, they can always contact me on that as well."

So far this year, sponsors for the event include Prescription Services, Peyton's Bikes of Midland, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Amy Reese DDS, Alberto's Mexican Restaurant, the CVB, the City of Big Spring, and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

"As well as, Great Western Dining does our catering for the event afterwards," Herrera said. "We do a fajita

meal, and they always cater that."

Permian Basin Events handles the race timing and official direction, Herrera added.

One thing racers or spectators should be aware of: Comanche Trail Park is closed to drivers during the event.

"We do close the park to prevent anyone from being injured during the race," Herrera said.

For more information contact the CVB at 432-263-8235.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at life@bigspringherald.com.

Hurricane Irma slams Caribbean islands as Category 5 storm



AP photo

Men load recently purchased wood panels to be used for boarding up windows in preparation for Hurricane Irma, in Carolina, Puerto Rico, Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017. Irma grew into a dangerous Category 5 storm, the most powerful seen in the Atlantic in over a decade, and roared toward islands in the northeast Caribbean Tuesday.

By ANIKA KENTISH

Associated Press

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (AP) — Hurricane Irma roared into the Caribbean with record force early Wednesday, its 185-mph winds shaking homes and flooding buildings on a chain of small islands along a path toward Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Cuba and a possible direct hit on South Florida.

The strongest Atlantic Ocean hurricane ever recorded passed almost directly over the island of Barbuda, causing widespread flooding and downing trees. France sent emergency food and water rations to the French islands of Saint Martin and Saint Barthelemy, where Irma ripped off roofs and knocked out all electricity.

The regional authority for Guadeloupe and neighboring islands said the fire station in Saint Barthelemy was flooded by more than 3 feet (1 meter) of water and no rescue vehicles could move.

The government headquarters on Saint Martin was partially destroyed.

There were no immediate reports of casualties but the minister for overseas territories, Annick Girardin, said "We have a lot to fear for a certain number of our

compatriots who unfortunately didn't want to listen to the protection measures and go to more secure sites ... We're preparing for the worst."

Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne said the twin-island nation appears to have weathered its brush with Hurricane Irma with no deaths, though he noted that the government had only done a preliminary assessment of Barbuda. There were widespread reports of property damage but he says the public and government had prepared well for the storm.

"We in Antigua have weathered the most powerful hurricane ever to storm its way through the Caribbean," the prime minister said. "And we have done so with stunning results."

The center of the storm was about 15 miles (25 kilometers) west of St. Martin and Anguilla about 8 a.m. Wednesday, the hurricane center said. It was heading west-northwest at 16 mph (26 kph).

As the eye of Hurricane Irma passed over Barbuda around 2 a.m., phone lines went down under heavy rain and howling winds that sent debris flying as people huddled in their homes or government shelters.

The storm ripped the roof off the island's po-

lice station, forcing officers to seek refuge in the fire station and at the community center that served as an official shelter. The Category 5 storm also knocked out communication between islands.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said Irma's winds would fluctuate but the storm would likely remain at Category 4 or 5 strength for the next day or two. The most dangerous winds, usually nearest to the eye, were forecast to pass near the northern Virgin Islands and near or just north of Puerto Rico on Wednesday.

President Donald Trump declared emergencies in Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and authorities in the Bahamas said they would evacuate six southern islands.

Warm water is fuel for hurricanes and Irma was moving over water that was 1.8 degrees (1 degree Celsius) warmer than normal. The 79 degree (26 Celsius) water that hurricanes need went about 250 feet (80 meters) deep, said Jeff Masters, meteorology director of the private forecasting service Weather Underground.

Four other storms have had winds as strong in the overall Atlantic region, but they were in the Caribbean

Sea or the Gulf of Mexico, which usually have warmer waters. Hurricane Allen hit 190 mph in 1980, while 2005's Wilma, 1988's Gilbert and a 1935 great Florida Keys storm all had 185 mph winds.

The northern Leeward Islands were expected to see normal tide levels rise by as much as 11 feet (3.3 meters), while the Turks and Caicos Islands and southeastern Bahamas could see surge of 20 feet (6 meters) and higher waves later in the week, forecasters said.

Bahamas Prime Minister Hubert Minnis said his government was evacuating six islands in the south because authorities would not be able to help anyone caught in the "potentially catastrophic" wind, flooding and storm surge.

People there would be flown to Nassau in what he called the largest storm evacuation in the country's history.

"The price you may pay for not evacuating is your life or serious physical harm," Minnis said.

The U.S. National Weather Service said Puerto Rico had not seen a hurricane of Irma's magnitude since Hurricane San Felipe in 1928, which killed a total of 2,748 people in Guadeloupe, Puerto Rico and Florida.

"The dangerousness of this event is like nothing we've ever seen," Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rossello said. "A lot of infrastructure won't be able to withstand this kind of force."

The eye of the storm was expected to rip westward on a path taking it a little north of Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Cuba.

The northern parts of the Dominican Republic and Haiti could see 10 inches (25 cen-

timeters) of rain, with as much as 20 inches (50 centimeters) in the southeast Bahamas and Turks and Caicos.

The storm seemed almost certain to hit the United States by early next week.

"You'd be hard pressed to find any model that doesn't have some impact on Florida," said University of Miami senior hurricane researcher Brian McNoldy.

In Florida, people stocked up on drinking water and other supplies.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott activated 100 members of the Florida National Guard to be deployed across the state, and 7,000 National Guard members were to report for duty Friday when the storm could be approaching the area. On Monday, Scott declared a state of emergency in all of Florida's 67 counties.

Officials in the Florida Keys geared up to get tourists and residents out of Irma's path, and the mayor of Miami-Dade County said people should be prepared to evacuate Miami Beach and most coastal areas.

Mayor Carlos Gimenez said the voluntary evacuations could begin as soon as Wednesday evening. He activated the emergency operation center and urged residents to have three days' worth of food and water.

The Hurricane Center in Miami said hurricane-force winds

extended 50 miles (85 kilometers) from Irma's center and tropical storm-force winds extended 175 miles (280 kilometers).

Also Wednesday morning, a new tropical storm formed in the Gulf of Mexico off Mexico's coast. Tropical Storm Katia had maximum sustained winds of 40 mph (65 kph) with some strengthening forecast over the next two days.

But the hurricane center said Katia was expected to stay offshore through Friday morning.

Another tropical storm farther east in the Atlantic was expected to become a hurricane by Wednesday night. Tropical Storm Jose's maximum sustained winds had increased to near 60 mph (95 kph).

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Esequio "Chickie" Paredez, 80, died Thursday. Funeral Mass was at 11 a.m. this morning at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial was at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

William "Mac" McNorton Sr., 80, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Genevieve "Jenny" Pike, 59, of Big Spring, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

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Roger's Retro Reviews: The Last Starfighter



In 1984, a movie came out that, well, didn't exactly change my life, but it may have changed my brother's life. The movie was "The Last Starfighter," starring Lance Guest as a typical teenage video game geek who is recruited to go fight an alien menace based on his skill in an arcade game. My brother Marty really likes this movie. It's pretty good, but it's no "Star Wars." It is (Music Man) Robert Preston's last movie, however, so I guess that makes it special.

Alex Rogan (Guest) lives with his waitress mom Jane (Barbara Bosson) and spaceman-obsessed little brother Louis (Chris Hebert) in the Starlite Starbrite trailer park. Alex is obsessed with the trailer park's lone video game, called "Starfighter," but often gets tasked with handyman work, such as fixing Elvira's (Peggy Pope) electric in time for her soaps. These tasks cause him to miss a trip to the lake with his friends and his girlfriend Maggie (Catherine Mary Stewart). Although he dreams of doing something important with his life, Alex seems stuck in his routine trailer-park life.

After missing the lake trip, Alex starts up a game of "Starfighter." Elderly resident Otis (Vernon Washington) notices that Alex is feeling down, and tries to cheer him up by advising him that "Things change, they always do." Maggie is dropped off at the park by Jack Blake (Peter Nel-

son), making Alex jealous. As Maggie and Alex talk, they notice that Alex is doing better at the game than usual - his score is over 900,000! Otis alerts the other trailer park residents that "Alex is going for the record!" and they gather around to watch the momentous event. Louis warns everybody to keep back. Alex destroys the Ko-Dan Command Ship, defeating the game, which bestows upon him the title "Record Breaker" to everyone's cheers.

Later, Maggie is despondent because she realizes Alex might actually leave the trailer park; while she feels stuck there because of her aging Granny (Meg Wylie). Alex reassures her that they will always be together. That evening, Jane informs Alex that his student loan has been rejected, but that he can still go to City College with his friends...not what he wanted to hear. Outside sulking, Alex notices that the Starfighter game has started to malfunction, playing random audio clips repeatedly in an erratic manner. Shortly a very futuristic-looking

station wagon pulls up to where Alex is, and the guy inside introduces himself as Centauri (Preston), the inventor of the Starfighter game, and asks who broke the record. When he finds out Alex is the record breaker, he invites him to ride as he makes Alex a proposition. Put it down to Alex's depression or an earlier, more trusting time, but Alex agrees. Inside the car, Centauri introduces Alex to his "assistant," Beta. Shaking hands with Beta causes a large shock...Beta departs the car, and off they go.

Alex quickly learns that the car is, in fact, a spaceship, and Centauri takes him to another planet...Rylos, which Alex recognizes from the game. And then he learns that everything in the game is true, and Centauri developed it to find pilots and gunners for a real space battle against the traitor Xur and the evil Ko-Dan Armada.

That's the big reveal, so I'll stop the summary there, except to say that "Beta" is an android shapeshifter whose purpose is to take Alex's place while he's "away." Also, look for Dan O'Herlihy as the alien "Grig," who is pilot to Alex's gunner, Norman Snow as Xur, and Dan Mason as Lord Kril of the Xo-Dan.

"The Last Starfighter" is the perfect swirl of space opera, soap opera, and '80s cheese. It's a less serious attempt at the genre than is a "Star Wars"; it's more on the level of "Battlestar: Galactica" when it comes to serious versus tongue-in-cheek, or possibly slightly more so.

The attraction of "Starfighter" comes from the way the movie provides a setting with certain expectations, and then explodes those expectations. It's basically "The Wizard of

Oz" in a space fantasy world rather than an Oz fantasy world. "Starlite Starbrite" is Kansas, and Rylos is Oz. And Centauri is the tornado, to push an analogy just a little too far.

It's a fun movie, but it's not a great classic of cinema or anything. Seven stars out of 10. At least one of those stars might be there not to totally crush my brother's soul.

The Last Starfighter
Director: Nick Castle
Writer: Jonathan Betuel
Production company: Lorimar Productions

PG; 1 hr. 41 min.; Action/Adventure/Sci-Fi; July 13, 1984



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Check it out at the Howard County Library

This week I'll continue with the fiction books. In "The One True Love of Alice-Ann" by Eva Marie Everson (F EVE E), sixteen-year-old Alice-Ann has her heart set on her brother's friend Mack: despite their five-year age gap, Alice-Ann knows she can make Mack see her for the woman she'll become. When they receive news of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Mack decides to enlist. Alice-Ann realizes she must declare her love before he leaves. Though promising to write, Mack leaves without confirmation that her love is returned. Alice-Ann is determined to wear the wedding dress her maiden aunt never had a chance to wear. As their correspondence continues over the next three years, Mack and Alice-Ann are drawn closer. When Mack's letters cease altogether, Alice-Ann fears the worst. Dreading the war will leave her with a beautiful dress and no happily ever after, Alice-Ann fills her days with work and caring for her best friend's war-torn brother. As time passes and their friendship develops into something more, Alice-Ann wonders if she'll ever be prepared to say goodbye to her one true love and embrace the future God has in store with a newfound love. Or will a sudden call from overseas change everything?

In "Calling Me Home" by Julie Kibler (F KIB J), eighty-nine-year-old Isabelle McAllister has a favor to ask her hairdresser, Dorrie Curtis. Isabelle wants Dorrie to drop everything and drive her from her home in Texas to a funeral near Cincinnati. Dorrie, a black single mom fleeing her own problems, wonders if she can unlock the mysteries of Isabelle's guarded past. She hardly hesitates before agreeing to Isabelle's request, never imagining it will be a journey that changes both their

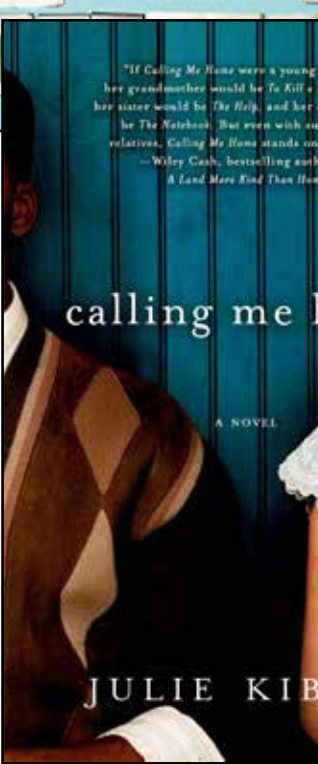
lives. As they drive, Isabelle confesses her longest-kept secret. As a willful teen in 1930 Kentucky, she fell deeply in love with Robert Prewitt, a would-be doctor and the black son of her family's housekeeper in a town where blacks weren't allowed after dark. The tale of this forbidden relationship and its tragic consequences makes it clear that Dorrie and Isabelle are headed for a gathering of the utmost importance, and that the history of Isabelle's first and greatest love just might help Dorrie find her own way.



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Paul's arrival, things don't go as planned. A mishap with his rental-car reservation leaves him stranded, until a newfound friend leads him to an intriguing alternative: a bulldozer. With little choice in the matter, Paul accepts the offer, and as he journeys into the idyllic hillside town, he discovers that the bulldozer may be the least of the surprises that await him. Paul encounters a rich cast of characters, including a young American woman who awakens in him something unexpected.

In "Close Enough to Touch" by Colleen Oakley (F OAK C), Jubilee Jenkins has a rare condition: she's allergic to human touch. After a nearly fatal accident, she became reclusive, living in the confines of her home for nine years. After her mother dies, Jubilee is forced to face the world, and the people in it that she's been hiding from. Jubilee finds a safe haven at her local library where she gets a job. She meets Eric Keegan, a divorced man who recently moved to town with his brilliant, troubled, adopted son. Jubilee is unlike anyone he has ever met, yet he can't understand why she keeps him at arm's length. Eric sets out to convince Jubilee to open herself and her heart to everything life can offer, setting into motion the most unlikely love story of the year.



Tha t will be all for this week so I leave you with a quote from Aldous Huxley: "Words can be like X-rays if you use them properly - they'll go through anything. You read and you're pierced."

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Baylor settles lawsuit that alleged 'culture of violence'

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Baylor University has settled a lawsuit filed by a former student woman who said she was gang raped by two football players and alleged the program at the nation's largest Baptist school fostered a "culture of violence."

The settlement is one of several in recent weeks as Baylor moves to close out lawsuits filed in the aftermath of an investigation into how the school handled reports of sexual and physical assaults for years. The probe led to the firing of former football coach Art Briles and the departure of former school President Ken Starr.

Terms of the settlement filed Tuesday were not released.

The plaintiff known as "Elizabeth Doe" had alleged knowledge of at least 52 acts of rape by more than 30 football players over several years.

Hendrick drivers give \$200,000 to create Harvey relief fund

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Hendrick Motorsports' four drivers have committed \$200,000 to benefit Hurricane Harvey victims, and the drivers hope to raise a total of \$500,000.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., Jimmie Johnson, Kasey Kahne and Chase Elliott launched a disaster relief fund Monday that is accepting tax-deductible donations until Sept. 20. The fund can be found at HendrickRelief.org, and donations will go to Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund, which is housed at the Greater Houston Community Foundation, and other qualified charities.

Seven-time NASCAR champion Johnson is hosting the disaster relief fund at the Jimmie Johnson Foundation. He called the devastation done by Harvey "incomprehensible" and called on NASCAR fans to help with the recovery.

"NASCAR fans are some of the most generous and giving people on earth," Johnson said.

Texas evacuees in Louisiana shelters being moved to Dallas

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Hundreds of Texas residents who have been sheltered in Louisiana after evacuations forced by Hurricane Harvey are heading back to their home state this week.

The Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services announced Tuesday that Texans staying in shelters in Shreveport and Alexandria will be transported to a shelter in Dallas. The move started Tuesday morning and will continue through Thursday.

The Texas residents are being taken first to a reception center in Mesquite, Texas, before heading to the Dallas shelter.

At the peak, the Shreveport and Alexandria shelters in Louisiana housed more than 2,000 Harvey evacuees from Texas. The Department of Children and Family Services says most of the evacuees were rescued from the Orange, Texas, area during the flooding.

Bystander among 3 women shot at end of Houston police chase

HOUSTON (AP) — Three women have been shot and wounded by Houston police as a miles-long chase ended with the driver of a car hitting a tree and fire hydrant on a dead-end street and then backing up to ram a patrol car.

Authorities say one woman shot was a bystander in the neighborhood where the chase ended as officers opened fire.

Police Chief Art Acevedo says the chase began as officers tried to pull over an SUV that made an illegal U-turn. As the SUV sped along Interstate 69, the driver and her passenger tossed out the window large bags of what's believed to be marijuana.

The three women wounded are hospitalized in good condition. Acevedo says the driver and passenger likely will be charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Texas high school football player dies after collapsing

EMORY, Texas (AP) — A high school freshman football player has died after collapsing during non-contact activities at practice in northeast Texas.

The Tyler Morning Telegraph reports that Marion Olivarez collapsed at a Monday morning practice in the Rains Independent School District in Emory. He was airlifted by CareFlight to a hospital in nearby Greenville where he died.

Rains Superintendent John Rouse offered his condolences to the Olivarez family in a news release, saying the loss of any student has a great impact on the community.

Drivers whose cars were flooded by Harvey can't find rentals



AP photo

In this Aug. 29, 2017, file photo, cars are flooded near the Addicks Reservoir as floodwaters from Tropical Storm Harvey rise in Houston. Tens of thousands of personal vehicles were inundated by floodwaters or smashed by wind-tossed objects, creating a huge demand for rentals that has put the cars in painfully short supply in the Houston area and across eastern Texas. Rental companies say they are bringing in more vehicles from areas including the Southeast, but the logistics problems left by Harvey could get worse as Hurricane Irma threatens Florida.

By JAY REEVES

Associated Press
BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — His three vehicles flooded by Hurricane Harvey, Jason Bell checked at one car-rental office only to find about 2,500 people ahead of him on the waiting list. When he tried a more out-of-the-way location, the reservations still numbered about 300.

Many other storm victims have the same problem. Tens of thousands of personal vehicles were inundated by floodwaters or smashed by wind-tossed objects, creating a huge demand for rentals that has put the cars in painfully short supply in the Houston area and across eastern Texas.

Rental companies say they are bringing in more vehicles from areas including the Southeast, but the logistics problems left by Harvey could get worse as Hurricane Irma threatens Florida.

Cesar Garcia of Port Arthur, Texas, doesn't know when he will be driving again.

"I tried renting a car and none of those places said there was availability from here to Houston," Garcia, 28, said Monday. "I was told 'good luck.' Nothing."

Auto industry experts estimate as many as 1 million vehicles were damaged by Harvey, with most being total losses. State Farm, one of the largest U.S. auto insurers, said it has already received nearly 20,000 claims from the Houston area alone.

The scope of the problem is evident in a field that has become a massive parking lot for storm-damaged vehicles at Royal Purple Raceway, a dragstrip located on 500 acres in Baytown, about 35 miles east of Houston.

Tow trucks pulling or carrying flooded cars enter the parking area every few minutes, dropping them off so in-

surance adjusters can assess the damage. Water lines are evident on many of the vehicles, which workers say are mostly from the area east of Houston.

Dealership advertisements are visible on some of the cars, but many appear to be private vehicles. The owners may now be among those in lines at car rental counters.

Enterprise Holdings — which includes the Enterprise, National and Alamo car rental brands — said it has already moved more than 4,000 vehicles to southeast Texas and plans to bring in at least 17,000 more in coming weeks.

The Avis Budget Group, which operates Avis and Budget car rentals plus Budget Truck, said it also was moving additional vehicles into the affected areas and was waiving late fees, one-way rental fees and rental extension fees in the Houston area.

The car rental crunch extends outside the hurricane zone. Company websites show it can be hard to make reservations in cities that were not directly affected by Harvey, including Dallas, where many people headed to the Houston area landed before Houston airports reopened.

Until he can get a car, Bell is hitching rides from son Jason Bell Jr., who drove him to an Enterprise office in Beaumont.

The elder Bell said he lives on a high spot in his neighborhood, so friends left their cars on his property as a safeguard against rising waters. Then the entire area flooded for the first time, he said, and now his own house looks like a resting place for wet Fords, Chevys and other vehicles.

"There are probably 15 flooded cars in my yard right now," he said.

Fewer Harvey victims at shelters doesn't end housing needs

By NOMAAN MERCHANT
Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — One couple displaced by Harvey managed to get a hotel room, but got kicked out after one night for lacking state identification that was lost to the flooding. A man whose cellphone was wrecked by floodwater is staying at a convention center, waiting for government offices to reopen Tuesday.

While the number of evacuees seeking refuge in Houston's emergency shelters has dwindle

d, many thousands of people are still in dire need of housing. Some returned to complexes inundated with sewage and mud. Others are staying with family and friends.

More than 50,000 went to government-paid hotels, some far away from homes and schools.

"You can't just pick the hotel," said D'Ona Spears, who has no way of getting her children to school when it resumes next week. "You have to go further out, further out, further out."

Spears and Brandon Polson had gotten a government-funded hotel room near downtown, but without ID they had to leave. After going to the Toyota Center, the basketball arena that's also housing evacuees, they were taken to a motel in Humble, about 20 miles (30 kilometers) away. Spears said she wished the family could return to the convention center.

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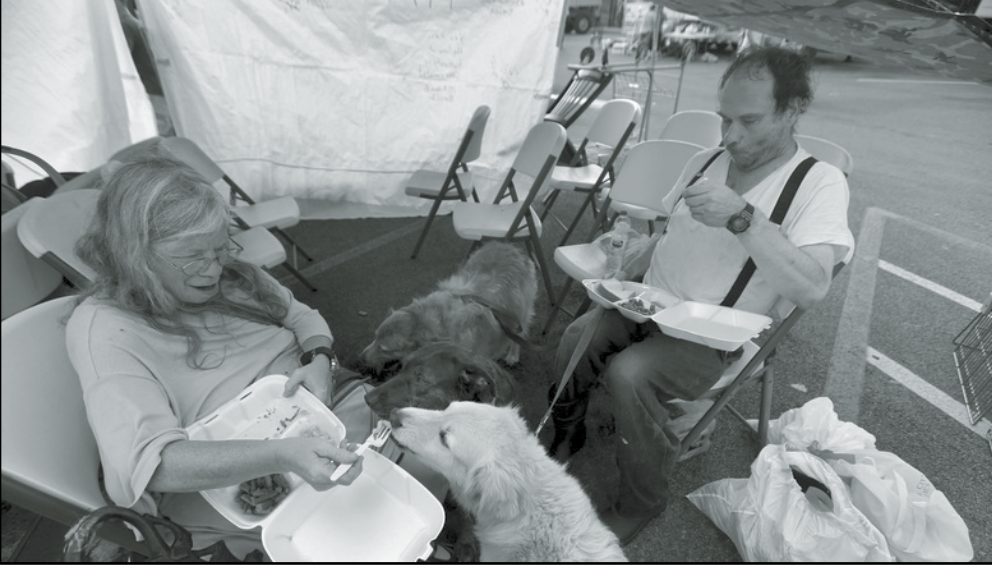
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At top, Jamica Batts sits on a hotel bed with her two-month-old baby Jarasiah Batts as they pack to leave Monday, Sept. 4, 2017, in Houston. Batts and her brother Alvin may now be forced to go from the hotel they have been staying in after Hurricane Harvey, to an area shelter. At bottom, evacuees Donna Herzog and her husband Richard Herzog, with their five dogs, eat food served by volunteers, in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Harvey, in a staging area as they wait for buses to go to evacuation shelters in Vidor, Texas, Friday, Sept. 1, 2017.

HOUSING

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Convention Center, about 1,500 people remain and several said they were homeless, disabled or from public housing.

About 2,800 were at the NRG Center, another convention center that opened after George R. Brown reached double its original capacity.

Morris Mack, who arrived at the convention center Aug. 30, sat outside the main entrance, sharing a cigarette.

He hasn't been able to re-enter his home in a public housing development in northwest Houston, and he didn't know whether it would be flooded.

While he registered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for assistance, Mack's cellphone was damaged by floodwaters, and he didn't have a working email address, making it difficult for the agency to get in touch with him or send him a check. He was hoping that once government offices reopen, he could get a government assistance card, which he could then use to get a cellphone to communicate with FEMA.

"I'm just trying. I can only wait now," Mack said.

Harvey struck Texas on Aug. 25 as a Category 4 hurricane, but brought the worst flooding to Houston and other areas as a tropical storm.

The rain totaled nearly 52 inches (1.3 meters) in some spots, and the storm is blamed for at least 60 deaths.

FEMA about 560,000 families are registered for its housing assistance program. It said 53,630 residents displaced by Harvey are currently in government-funded hotel rooms.

The temporary housing has been provided for 18,732 households, said FEMA spokesman Bob Howard. Once people are granted the assistance, there is a minimum allotment of 14 days, but that can be extended if necessary.

FEMA officials also are weighing other options, such as mobile homes, should the need arise.

After Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans in 2005, FEMA bought thousands of mobile homes for people left homeless, but the program was plagued by problems.

Some flood victims who lived in the homes were exposed to high levels of formaldehyde, which was used in building materials.

Some people choosing to go back to their homes after Harvey were trying to make do the best they could.

But at the Clayton Homes, some apartments were filled with water and floors caked in mud and sewage. Clayton Homes residents were among the first to arrive at the convention center last weekend, many riding in the back of city dump trucks.

The complex is bounded on one side by Buffalo Bayou, the muddy waterway that jumped its banks and sent water rushing into homes.

Piles of garbage and soggy furniture sat next to the gnarled remains of a fence separating the bayou from the complex. The rotting stench was present in parts of the complex.

Rosie Carmouche spent two days at George R. Brown with her two children. But she didn't want to stay too long, fearing for her possessions.

"They made you feel as comfortable as they possibly can. I will give them that," Carmouche said. "But when your mind is — you know what kind of community you live in? It's hard."

Florida on edge, evacuations coming as Hurricane Irma nears

By **TERRY SPENCER and KELLI KENNEDY**

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Hurricane Irma's size and strength put the entire state of Florida on notice on Tuesday, and residents and visitors prepared to leave in anticipation of catastrophic winds and floods that could reach the state by this weekend.

Throughout South Florida, officials readied evacuation orders and people raided store shelves, buying up water and other hurricane supplies.

Long lines formed at gas stations and people pulled shutters out of storage to protect their homes and businesses.

Parker Eastin filled up his gas tank at a busy fuel station. He and his girlfriend said they decided to plan well in advance after seeing what Hurricane Harvey did to Texas.

"We ordered water off Amazon because the stores were out and also ordered food," said Eastin, a 43-year-old lawyer who has lived in Florida 12 years. "Seeing the devastation in Texas is a sad reminder that you have to take the events very seriously."

Irma's winds were 185 mph on Tuesday, a strong Category 5 storm, and forecasters say it could strengthen more as it neared the eastern-most Caribbean islands, according to the National Hurricane Center in Miami. The storm had the

most powerful winds ever recorded for a storm in the Atlantic Ocean and posed an immediate threat to the small islands of the northern Leewards, including Antigua and Barbuda, as well as the British and U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

The last major storm to hit Florida was 2005's Wilma, its eye cutting through the state's southern third as it packed winds of 120 mph (193 kph). Five people died.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott declared a state of emergency in all 67 counties to give local governments "ample time, resources and flexibility" to prepare for the storm.

In the Keys, a chain of 42 low-lying islands that includes Key West, government officials said visitors would be told to leave Wednesday and residents should be out by the following day.

"This is not one to fool around with," said Monroe County spokeswoman Cammy Clark, whose county covers the Florida Keys.

Under a mandatory evacuation order, no one is forced by police or other government agencies to leave, but anyone who stays should not expect to be rescued if they are in danger, officials said.

The island chain only has one highway connecting it to the mainland. Keys residents are famous for riding out hurricanes, but

Randy Towe, who owns a recreational fishing company in the Keys, said Irma is different.

"I've talked to a lot of Conchs (Keys natives) whose families have lived here a hundred years and they say this certainly might be a big one," said Towe, who has lived in the Keys 36 years.

He said owners of large boats secured them in canals by tying them to mangrove roots.

Smaller boats were put on trailers and into storage. He plans to evacuate with his family if Irma's forecast doesn't change.

The deadliest storm to hit the Keys struck on Labor Day in 1935. More than 400 people died in winds estimated at 185 mph (297 kph) and a storm surge of 18 feet (5.5 meters).

Bridges and railroad beds were washed away, cutting off the middle and lower Keys except by sea and air.

In 1960, Hurricane Donna hit the Keys on Sept. 10 with sustained winds of 140 mph (225 kph) and storm surge reached 13.5 feet (4 meters). Four people died.

On the Florida mainland, Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez urged tourists to cut their vacations short and said residents may be asked to leave as early as Wednesday.

"The potential is too great for us not to take action right now," Gimenez said.

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Lady Steers dominate Lake View 3-0

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

Tuesday night's volleyball match between the Lady Steers and the Lake View Chiefs of San Angelo was filled with excitement, but Big Spring showed how aggressive they can be at the net and came away with a 3-0 sweep to get the match win.

Thanks to Logan Terrazas' aggressive serves, the Lady Steers were able to get off to a hot start in the first set and established a quick 5-1 lead. Their strength at the net was present from the get-go. With kills by Terrazas, Kayleigh Penny, and Chloe Gang, the girls brought themselves to a 9-5 lead over the Lady Chiefs.

Big Spring allowed Lake View to tie the game up at tens with a few unforced errors, and from there, both teams went back and fourth keeping the game within one point. The Lady Steers found themselves down 21-23, but with a huge kill by Penny that went off the block and out, they were able to gain some momentum and went on to tie the contest up at 25.

After a time-out was taken by Lake View in attempt to regroup, the Lady Steers capitalized on an unforced error from the Lady Chiefs and put the set to an end with a perfectly placed kill right in the middle hole by Terrazas.

Set two started out close, but Big Spring let the game get away from them as they quickly found themselves in a 14-6 deficit. Penny let off

two back-to-back monster kills that brought the team the victory they needed to attempt what would turn into an amazing come back.

With an ace from Penny, huge kills by Gang and Trinity Galloway, and great defense from the entire team to back them up, the Lady Steers fought their way back to a 21-19 lead and forced a frustrated Lady Chiefs team to take a time out.

Courtney Myers continued to deliver behind the service line for the remainder of the game as Big Spring took advantage of two Lake View errors and iced the game with a Myers ace and Terrazas kill from the middle with a final set two score of 25-19.

The Lady Chiefs were not going to go down without a fight, and they showed how scrappy they could be in the first half of the third set. Both teams went point-for-point, not giving the other an inch.

After 32 rallies filled with crucial aces, hard kills, big blocks, and amazing digs by both teams, the score was knotted at sixteens.

Following a monster kill down the line by Penny, Terrazas went on a dominant service streak from behind the line, where six of her eight serves were aces. Mix that with a Galloway kill from the middle on an overpassed ball by Lake View, and the Lady Steers climbed their way up to a 23-16.

Frustrated and flustered, the Lady Chiefs take a time out to clear

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Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

The Lady Steers celebrate a victory following Big Spring's three set win over San Angelo Lake View on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.



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Lady Steer Kayleigh Penny passes the ball to the setter during Big Spring's three set win over San Angelo Lake View on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

Elliott's 6-game ban upheld, but will play Week 1



AP photo

This Aug. 12, 2017 file photo shows Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott looking on from the sidelines during the second half of a preseason NFL football game against the Los Angeles Rams in Los Angeles.

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**
AP Pro Football Writer

SHERMAN, Texas — An arbitrator denied Dallas running back Ezekiel Elliott's appeal of a six-game suspension in a domestic violence case Tuesday, but the 2016 NFL rushing champion will play in the opener because of the timing of the decision.

Elliott attorney Jeffrey Kessler told the judge near the end of a nearly 2 1/2-hour hearing in federal court that Elliott's suspension was sustained by arbitrator Harold Henderson.

At the start of the hearing, NFL attorney Daniel Nash told the judge it was "his understanding" that Elliott could play Sunday night against the New York Giants because the league didn't want to rush the judge.

U.S. District Judge Amos Mazzant said he would rule on Elliott's request for a temporary restraining order by Friday. If the request is denied and no further legal action taken, Elliott's suspension would start in Week 2 at Denver. He would be eligible to return Nov. 5 against Kansas City.

"We are extremely disappointed

with Mr. Henderson's inability to navigate through league politics, and follow the evidence, and, most importantly, his (sic) conscience," attorneys Frank Salzano and Scott Rosenblum said in a statement released after the hearing.

Elliott was suspended by Commissioner Roger Goodell after the league concluded he had several physical confrontations last summer with Tiffany Thompson, a former girlfriend. Prosecutors in Ohio didn't pursue the case, citing conflicting evidence.

The 22-year-old Elliott denied the

allegations in sworn testimony during an appeal hearing last week. He attended Tuesday's hearing in Sherman, about 65 miles north of Dallas, sitting quietly in a suit and tie and facing away from the audience and mostly toward the judge.

The NFL Players' Association sued in federal court on behalf of Elliott last week before Henderson ruled, saying the appeal hearing was "fundamentally unfair" because the running back was prevented from confronting his accuser in the Ohio case.

Kessler reiterated most of the NFL-PA's arguments before Mazzant, who pressed Nash for answers on the claim from Elliott's legal team that a co-lead investigator who questioned Thompson's credibility was left out of a key meeting with Goodell during the yearlong probe.

Henderson said in his ruling that the NFL complied with its personal conduct policy in punishing Elliott and rejected any claims that Elliott's attorneys presented new evidence at the appeal.

"In a case involving violation of a policy, fair and consistent means whether the process and result were in compliance with the terms of that policy," Henderson wrote. "This one is, in every respect."

After Henderson's ruling, the NFL filed a lawsuit asking a federal court in New York to enforce Elliott's suspension. The Southern District of New York falls under the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which last year backed Goodell's four-game suspension of New England quarterback Tom Brady over Deflategate.

According to the letter Elliott received informing him of the suspension last month, the NFL believed he used "physical force" three times in a span of five days in a Columbus, Ohio, apartment last July resulting

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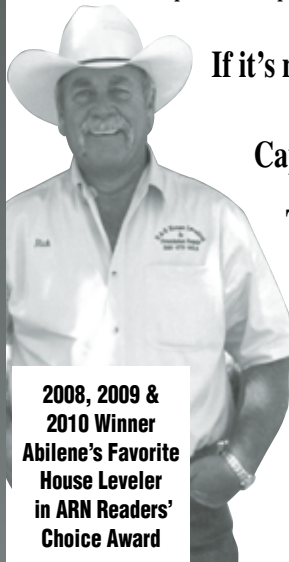
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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your inner drive to teach, help and mentor others is stronger than usual today. In fact, if you don't have people around you who need guidance, you'll attract some.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Getting things done leads to confidence. Confidence leads to decisiveness. Decisiveness leads to action. Action leads to momentum. Momentum leads to success. So start getting things done.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You interrupt the pattern and take control. They don't know what you're going to do next. (You do!) They don't know what the whole thing is leading to. (You do!) They're a little off-balance. (They hold on to you.)

Cosmic Attraction and the Full Moon

Attraction isn't a natural force of the universe; it's (SET ITAL)the(END ITAL) natural force. With the full moon in Pisces drawing up passionate feelings, the people, work, things and ideas we are very attracted to will have an even stronger pull than usual. This goes beyond a habit of thought or a bodily sensation. Some feelings are more akin to spiritual convergence.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll find that you don't have time to do all that's proposed, implied or expected. But if you refrain from anything resembling a complaint or a worry, your energy will double up and you'll be most productive.

Lead the way. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Meeting new people will be the highlight of your day. In a way, people are all the same. You find this reassuring. In more ways, people are different, and those subtle differences will be a source of wonderment today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No one is holding back with you today. It's like there's a collective belief that you're strong, calm and capable -- that you can handle the good, the bad, the truth. They're right.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People can count on you to behave in a particular way in most situations. Today you'll manage to accomplish something very difficult. You'll be simultaneously appropriate and surprising.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Respect is shown through good manners, common courtesy and adherence to expectations of behavior. Any breach in this regard will pack more punch than usual today, but things go smoothly if you follow

the rules. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** When you recognize the lingering shadow of loneliness over a person or over an area of your own life, let it be an invitation instead of a condition. Reach out in compassion. Make a connection.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It starts with curiosity. You really do want to understand your surroundings much better. As you follow your instincts and impulses you capture the imagination (and support) of others along the way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your attitude is a response to your worldview. What you're learning is changing how you see the world. So your beliefs and, by extension, your attitude will change, too.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 6). Though you're a peaceful spirit, metaphorically you'll change from hunter to trapper this year: You'll stop stalking what you want and build an irresistible lure to attract it instead. After Novem-

ber's victory, your guiding principle will be: How can I help? A path of service will lead to a grand adventure. Leo and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 18, 31, 6 and 22.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My parents want us to spend every holiday with them, and I just can't manage it. Travel is expensive. Furthermore, when I hear about my friends going on actual vacations for Christmas vacation (instead of visiting family the whole time), I feel really jealous. The thing is, I really don't see my parents very often and I'm probably being spoiled by even suggesting that I would do something other than spend the holidays with them. Will an adult Aquarius ever get to spend Christmas the way she really wants to -- namely, sipping margaritas on a remote island beach?"

Sure, a more traditional-minded person, perhaps a Capricorn or Virgo, might long for the traditions of home around the holidays. You can't help

that you were born an open-minded Aquarius on a mission to shake things up. Your ruling planet is Uranus, after all -- the king of change and rebellion. Perhaps if you were more rebellious during the year you wouldn't feel you had to act out at Christmas time. Schedule your dream vacation for a time when it won't cause disruption in your family and figure out how you can make it happen.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader" comic Jeff Foxworthy's masterful approach exudes the sophisticated artistry that comes from years of schooling. Foxworthy was born when Mercury, Venus and Uranus were in Leo, the sign of entertainment. Foxworthy recently starred as the voice of a big blue ox named Babe in the comedy animation "Bunyan and Babe."

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Annie's Mailbox

Uncomfortable With Opposite-Sex Nurse

Dear Annie: I would like your opinion on a very distressing problem that I -- along with a lot of other females, I'm sure -- have. It concerns my desire to have control over who sees my body while in a non-emergency medical situation. I recently was confined to a hospital bed for four days because of a non-emergency situation. While there, a male nurse tried to pressure me

into letting him conduct very private and intrusive exams and procedures on me. He became almost belligerent in trying to make me believe that he had "every right" to do what he wanted simply because he was a trained nurse.

Annie, I was sexual abused in the past and am traumatized at the mere thought of a strange man -- even if he is a nurse -- touching me. Please don't write me off as just some kook who doesn't want to be hassled; it

goes so much deeper than that, and unless people have been through what I've been through, they can't understand. The philosophy of a lot of hospitals and medical settings seems to be that a male nurse is entitled to tell me what he can do with or to my body.

Fortunately, I was given a female nurse after I spoke with a supervisor and convinced her that I would leave the hospital and die before allowing this strange man to take care of me. It's not as if the majority of nurses aren't women and readily available anyway. Please help by putting out the word of how much damage can be done to people like me. -- Tortured in New York

Dear Tortured: Health care providers should put each individual patient's needs front and center. When you made clear that you were uncomfort-

able with this nurse's touching you, he should have stopped, even if he was just trying to administer care. After all, it's not "care" if it's unwanted and distressing. Though hospitals aren't required to give female nurses to female patients, many will try to accommodate such requests, especially if the patient has been a victim of abuse in the past. The next time you're scheduling a visit to the hospital or doctor's office, let the staff know your needs upfront.

Additionally, this might be a good time to revisit counseling to address the trauma of your abuse. If you need help finding a counselor, you can call the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Helpline at 800-662-4357.

Dear Annie: I suspect that most millennials do not even

read newspapers, but here is my message for them.

If you are planning a wedding, find someone to advise you on wedding protocols, including writing proper thank-you notes. Do not use the internet to thank gift givers. Do not use Facebook, email or even a telephone. It should be a handwritten note; the note should mention the gift; and it should be sent out as soon as possible. Wedding gifts are more expensive than in the past, yet they receive less acknowledgment.

Your generation seems to be focused on making weddings big affairs -- yet often without the level of expertise or manners that should accompany such an event. Keep it small, gracious and welcoming for the

folks giving you their best wishes. Forgo trying to throw an affair more lavish than you are knowledgeable enough to manage! -- Disgusted in Florida

Dear Disgusted: I agree that modest weddings are wonderful weddings. Social media have contributed to the "go big or go home" attitude many people seem to have toward wedding planning these days. I encourage young couples to celebrate their love, not their Instagram likes.

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Opening lead — ace of diamonds.
There were times when Sylvia's approach to the game was excessively simplistic. However, even in these cases the magic wand that so often shielded her from disaster enabled her to come out on top.

Sylvia held the South hand at the club one day and opened the bidding with four spades. It is hard to blame West for bidding five diamonds, whereupon North seized the nearest megaphone and doubled. This was no ordinary double: in fact, it is said that

it shattered windows a mile away. But Sylvia, who was not only tone-deaf but had a trickless hand besides, decided to pull the double to five spades. North, infuriated by this turn of events, decided to teach Sylvia a lesson and angrily bid seven spades.

West led the ace of diamonds, ruffed by Sylvia, and she quickly counted up to 12 tricks consisting of eight trumps (she had not taken into account the possibility that one opponent could have all four missing trumps), the A-K of hearts and the A-K of clubs. She also saw that her 13th trick could come from ruffing a heart in dummy.

So she led a heart to the king, ruffed a second diamond, crossed to the club king and ruffed another diamond. Next came a club to the ace and a fourth diamond ruff, followed by a heart to the ace and a fifth diamond ruff.

By this time, nine tricks had been played, and Sylvia's remaining cards were the K-Q-10 of trumps and seven of hearts, while East's last four cards were the J-9-6-3 of trumps. At trick 10, Sylvia ruffed the heart seven with dummy's ace of trumps, forcing East to undertruff. She then led a club from dummy and scored the last three tricks with the K-Q-10 of trumps. Sylvia had struck again.

Tomorrow: Luck is the residue of design.
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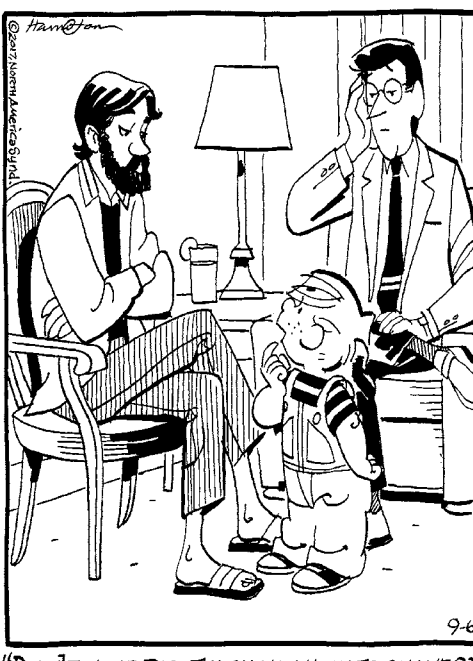
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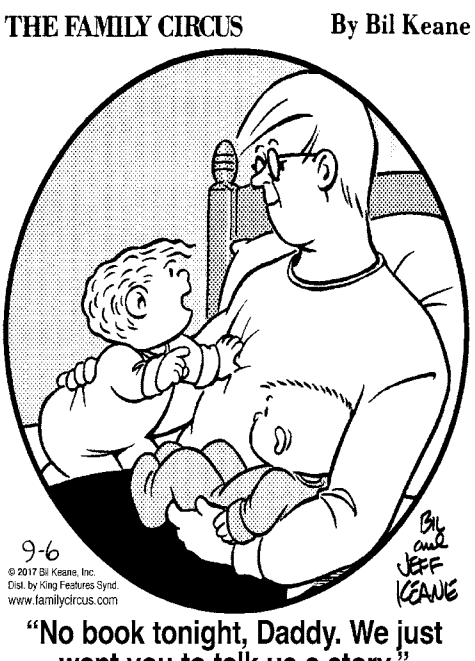
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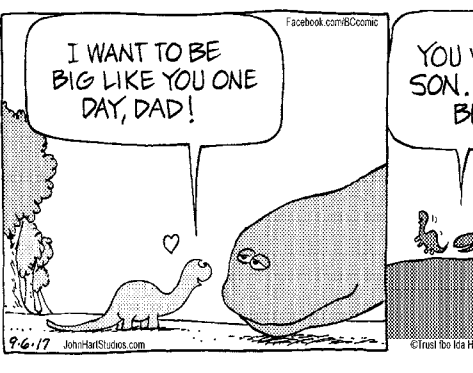
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BLONDIE



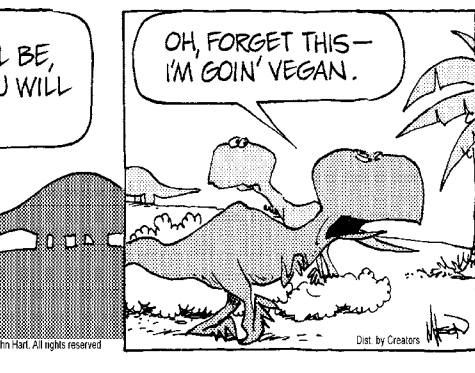
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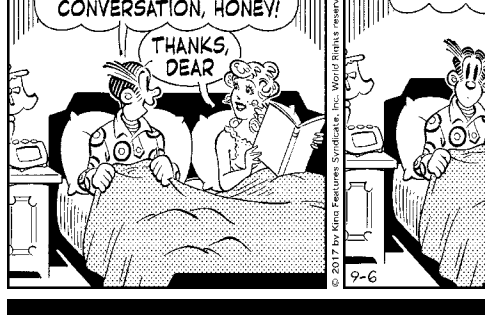
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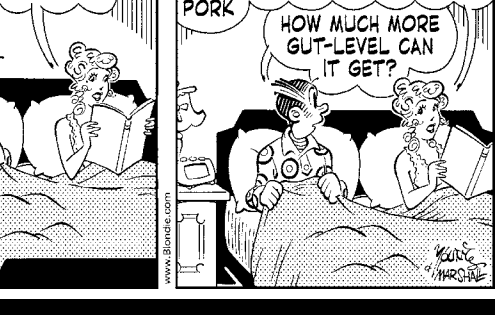
AAH, THE ID COUNTY FAIR...

BLONDIE



BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW GUT-LEVEL IT WAS...

AGNES



ALL I SAID WAS I LIKE SHREDDED PORK, BUT YOU PREFER PULLED PORK

AGNES



WELL, SAY FAREWELL TO MY TYPICAL AND ALWAYS WONDERFULLY PREDICTABLE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE!

HI AND LOIS



IT'S GONNA BE HARD FOR SUNBEAM TO FIND OUR HOUSE TODAY!

This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 6, the 249th day of 2017. There are 116 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On September 6, 1901, President William McKinley was shot and mortally wounded by anarchist Leon Czolgosz (CHAWL-gawsh) at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York. (McKinley died eight days later; Czolgosz was executed on October 29.) On this date: In 1861, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant occupied Paducah, Kentucky, during the Civil War. In 1916, the first self-serve grocery store, Piggly Wiggly, was opened in Memphis, Tennessee, by Clarence Saunders. In 1925, the silent film horror classic "The Phantom of the Opera," starring Lon Chaney, had its world premiere at the Astor Theater in New York. In 1939, the Union of South Africa declared war on Germany. In 1943, 79 people were killed when a New York-bound Pennsylvania Railroad train derailed and crashed in Philadelphia. In 1954, groundbreaking took place for the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in western Pennsylvania. In 1966, birth control advocate Margaret Sanger died in Tucson, Arizona, at age 86, eight days before her birthday. South African Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd (feh-FOORT) was stabbed to death by an apparently deranged page during a parliamentary session in Cape Town. In 1970, Palestinian guerrillas seized control of three U.S.-bound jetliners. (Two were later blown up on the ground in Jordan, along with a London-bound plane hijacked on Sept. 9; the fourth plane was destroyed on the ground in Egypt. No hostages were harmed.) In 1975, 18-year-old tennis star Martina Navratilova of Czechoslovakia, in New York for the U.S. Open, requested political asylum in the United States. In 1985, all 31 people aboard a Midwest Express Airlines DC-9 were killed when the Atlanta-bound jetliner crashed just after takeoff from Milwaukee's Mitchell Field. In 1997, a public funeral was held for Princess Diana at Westminster Abbey in London, six days after her death in a car crash in Paris. In 2002, meeting outside Washington, D.C. for only the second time since 1800, Congress convened in New York to pay homage to the victims and heroes of September 11. Ten years ago: President George W. Bush and Chinese President Hu Jintao (hoo jintow), in Sydney, Australia, for an Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, called for greater international cooperation in tackling climate change without stifling economic growth. Death claimed opera superstar Luciano Pavarotti in Modena, Italy, at age 71 and author Madeleine L'Engle ("A Wrinkle in Time") in Litchfield, Connecticut, at age 88. Five years ago: President Barack Obama conceded only halting progress toward solving the nation's economic woes, but vowed in a Democratic National Convention finale, "Our problems can be solved, our challenges can be met."

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with answers: AT SEA, SHOD, SCAT, MOIST, NOWI, OHNO, PUNCHBOWLS, DOTE, MRS. LOWS, REAPED, MESS, BULB, AUDITS, DIPLOMAT, STOLE, BENT, TELE, PUNK, DREGS, TWIN, CROC, AIDE, PLEBE, ANTACIDS, CREDIT, RARE, RUES, PASTRY, AIRS, TOP, AUTO, COFFEECUPS, IRAN, ORAL, NINES, LAGS, WERE, TRACT

HI AND LOIS



WOW, IT'S SO FOGGY OUT, I CAN'T EVEN SEE THE STREET!

THE OTHER COAST

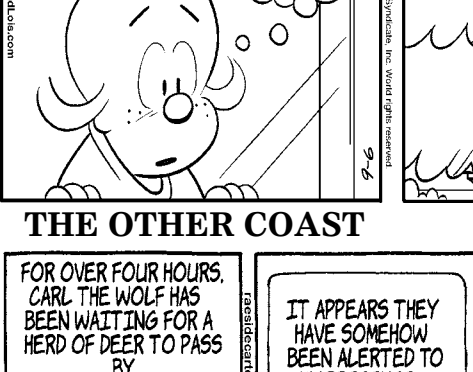


FOR OVER FOUR HOURS, CARL THE WOLF HAS BEEN WAITING FOR A HERD OF DEER TO PASS BY.

Newsday Crossword

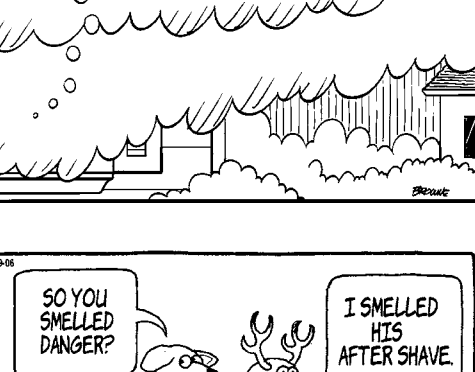
- ACROSS: 1 Sea, to Cousteau; 4 Finance deg.; 7 Lawyer's post-trial filing; 13 Lone; 15 Make alterations to; 16 The badly misbehaving teens were ...; 18 Negates; 19 Take a break; 20 Pub beverage; 21 Bring about; 23 Bake-sale org.; 26 Interject; 27 Informal language; 29 Fringe benefit, for short; 30 Jack's beanstalk adversary; 31 Cultural, as cuisine; 33 ... so their parents gave them a ...; 36 Trip to the grocery, say; 37 Boot out; 38 Defeated; 39 On the (out to sea); 40 Speedometer abbr.; 43 Paese (Italian cheese); 44 Metal in tubas; 46 Singer Amos; 47 Go sightseeing; 48 Pronoun category of "it"; 50 ... and as punishment, they were ...; 55 Inflation; 56 Withheld from, with "of"; 57 Rapid; 58 Golf peg; 59 Pay-_-view movie; 10 Conclusion; 11 Era; 12 Was in first place; 13 Underwater diver's gear; 14 Definite article; 17 Part of FDA; 21 Walking stick; 22 They're over a buck in the woods; 23 Actor Sean; 24 High school math class; 25 Dog show org.; 27 Sagittarius or Scorpio; 28 Praise highly; 29 Golfer Mickelson; 30 Small fly; 31 NFL broadcaster; 32 Unnamed ones; 33 Source of shade; 34 Transmitted verbally; 35 Rotation line; 36 Recede; 39 With no decoration; 40 Driving force; 41 Like best; 42 Brought on board; 44 Studied hard, with "up"; 45 Rosy-cheeked; 46 Garden bulb; 47 Manicotti shape; 48 "Uh-uh"; 49 Make a blunder; 50 Fuel for some ranges; 51 Tear (off); 52 Mine resource; 53 Banned pesticide; 54 Bank charge

SNUFFY SMITH



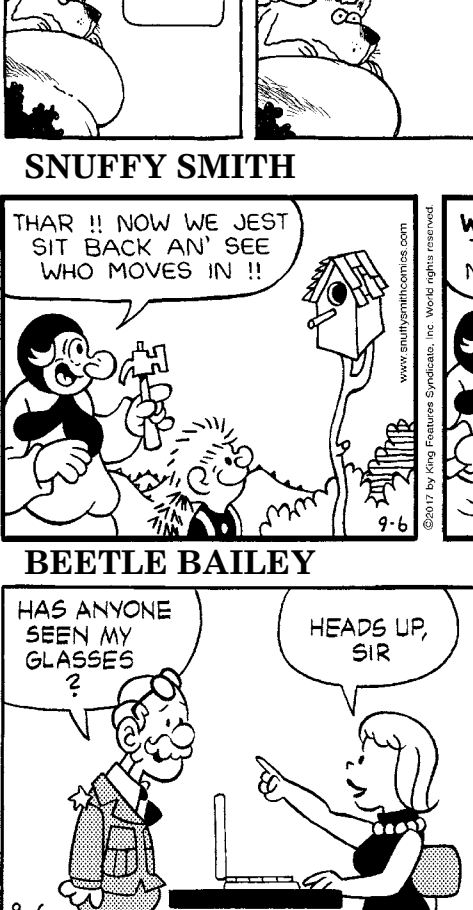
THAR !! NOW WE JEST SIT BACK AN' SEE WHO MOVES IN !!

BEETLE BAILEY



WOW !! I'D HEARD TH' REAL ESTATE MARKET IS PURTY TIGHT, BUT...

BEETLE BAILEY



HAS ANYONE SEEN MY GLASSES?

SNUFFY SMITH



WHERE?! WHAT?!!

ZEKE

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in injuries to Thompson's face, neck, shoulders, arms, hands, wrists, hips and knees.

Prosecutors in Columbus decided about a year ago not to pursue the case in the city where Elliott starred for Ohio State, but the NFL kept the investigation open. The league said its conclusions were based on photographs, text messages and other electronic evidence.

Kessler again questioned why Henderson didn't allow Thompson or Goodell to testify at the appeal hearing, as did Mazzant. The judge

seemed sympathetic to Kessler's claim that investigator Kia Roberts was kept out of the loop while believing that Elliott shouldn't be suspended.

The NFLPA has blamed the exclusion of Roberts on NFL special counsel Lisa Friel, who was hired as a result of changes three years ago in the personal conduct policy that stiffened penalties in domestic cases.

The changes came after the league was sharply criticized for its handling of the case involving former Baltimore running back Ray Rice.

Nash countered that procedures with the league's investigation and the appeal were "grounded in policy" through the labor deal with the players.

"You can't second-guess that," Nash told Mazzant.

Last year, Elliott missed a large portion of the preseason because of a hamstring injury before rushing for 1,631 yards and helping the Cowboys to a 13-3 record. Dallas didn't use Elliott in the first three preseason games this year but he had eight touches in 10 plays in his only series in the finale against Oakland as the appeal played out.

NOTES: QB Kellen Moore was re-signed Tuesday after getting released on the original cut to the 53-man roster. Coach Jason Garrett hasn't indicated whether the sixth-year veteran or undrafted rookie Cooper Rush will be the backup. The Cowboys didn't want to expose Rush to waivers. ... LB Mark Nzeocha was signed to the practice squad, replacing WR Brian Brown.



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Lady Steer Logan Terrazas gets one of her big hits during Big Spring's three set win over San Angelo Lake View on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

BSHS

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their heads and focus on the crucial plays coming up. They took advantage of Terrazas' serve into the net, and as their rotation would have it, their strongest server stepped behind the service line.

Lake View was able to go on a six-point run of their own thanks to a pair of aces and a few unforced errors by the Lady Steers, but that was quickly put to bed by Penny as she ended an extensive rally with a perfectly placed roll, and a hard strong-side kill for the game winner.

The Lady Steers snagged the game in three set wins with scores of 27-25, 25-19 and 25-22.

Head volleyball coach Katie Voss had plenty to say of the girls' strength at the net and also behind the service line.

"I am proud of the way our hitters performed tonight and I truly believe that we have the best hitters in our district. There is no doubt about it. All of our hitters are capable of doing what Kayleigh, Chloe, and Logan did tonight. They were just focused. Tonight I think it just clicked. I always said early on, it's going to have to click with us before it can go just effortlessly. It definitely clicked tonight, they did everything right

and it proved on the scoreboard that when the little things come together, the big things take care of themselves," said Voss. "Logan is probably our best server that we have. No, it's not going to go over every single time but her serves are also one of the hardest serves to receive. She has kind of found her groove over the past few weeks, and thank goodness for that, because we start district in two weeks. We just hope to capitalize on that and for all of them to just keep working hard. All of the girls can actually jump serve, but they are all a little fearful right now. So, we keep working on it in practice and one day they're all going to come out and surprise everybody and be just like Logan."

Coming up this Saturday, Big Spring will host Seminole in Steer Gym at 11:00 a.m.

"This weekend, I hope to see what we saw tonight. There are a few little things that we need to correct over the next few days, and luckily we have an extra day of practice this week. I don't know a whole lot about Seminole. I haven't read anything about them, and I try not to focus too much on everybody else because I feel like if we do what we are supposed to be doing, then we'll be just fine," said Voss. "I do know that they are coming off of a big tournament win from a couple of weekends ago

and they're probably going to be stiff competition that we probably haven't seen in a few weeks. So, we are going to have to be on our toes and really be ready. If we play like we did tonight, we will be just fine."



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Big Spring's Ashley Gonzalez passes the ball during the Lady Steers' three set win over San Angelo Lake View on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

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