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The United Way Benefit Concert

By TYLER SCHELLIE

Staff Writer

The Train Car is set to host the first ever United Way Benefit Concert on Saturday, September 8, as a way to help with United Ways 2019 campaign.

“Our Campaign takes place from the end of August through the end of December. Each year we have a campaign, and this year our campaign goal is \$250,000. We are raising this money to support our partnering agencies,” Director of United Way of Big Spring and Howard County Meghan Bias said.

The whole point of the United Way in Big Spring and Howard County is to raise money for 14 Health and Human Service partner agencies. In hopes of really having a good time, the event will take place at the Train Car and will feature a contest during the scheduled concert, along with food and refreshments, to which all of the proceeds will be benefitting the 2019 campaign.

“The Train Car is so awesome, and we are definitely lucky that they are allowing us to use their venue. There is no cover charge for the event, so we will be raising all of the money through the food and contest sales, along with a few donation buckets,” Bias said.

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BSHS's Meet the Band 2018



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

The Big Spring Pride Drive Band performs for the crowd during “Meet The Band Night” held at Blankenship Field on Monday, August 13, 2018.



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Big Spring Pride Drive band director, Rocky Harris, addresses the crowd during “Meet The Band Night” held at Blankenship Field on Monday, August 13, 2018.



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The Big Spring Pride Drive flag corps performs for the crowd during “Meet The Band Night” held at Blankenship Field on Monday, August 13, 2018.



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A large crowd of parents and fans listens to the Big Spring Pride Drive Band during “Meet The Band Night” held at Blankenship Field on Monday, August 13, 2018.

Supply drive at the YMCA



Courtesy photo

Kids line up to receive a backpack at a previous Back to School Drive at the YMCA. The Y Back to School drive is for children in grades K-6. This year the drive will take place August 18 from 9 a.m. to noon at the YMCA, located at 801 Owens St.

By AMBER MANSFIELD

Staff Writer

As everyone knows, the start of the school year is just days away. There are those who know how important it is for a child to be prepared so that they can have a successful school year, and that can depend on the tools or supplies the

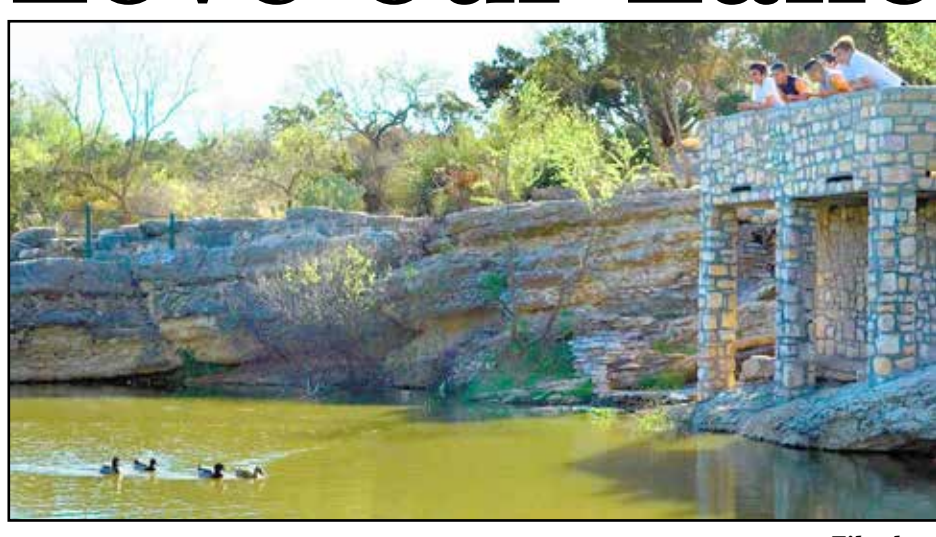
children are equipped with. This is why the YMCA is having their annual Back to School drive for children in grades K-6.

“The YMCA Back to School drive will take place Saturday, August 18, from 9 p.m. to noon,” said Dathan Jones, YMCA Director. “The child must be present to receive their school supplies.”

According to nationalservices.gov, when children have the school supplies needed to achieve in school, their focus is increased while learning at school, and this also reduces

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Love our Lake



File photo

Comanche Trail Park visitors enjoy the view as they watch ducks go by across part of the lake.

By TYLER SCHELLIE

Staff Writer

Keep Big Spring Beautiful, along with the help from local sponsors, is holding its annual Love Our Lake event Saturday, August 18th, in conjunction with Keep Texas Beautiful and the Keep Texas Waterways Clean. The event is held every year around this time to clean up our Comanche Trail Lake in order to better suit swimmers participating in Big Spring's Comanche Warrior Triathlon, which will take place August 25th.

“This is not only a great time to clean the lake for the athletes participating in the event, but any time we have a chance to clean up the community makes it worth while,” Big Spring's Economic Development Corporation Executive

Assistant, Teresa Darden said. The clean up begins at 9 a.m. Saturday morning at the Dora Roberts Community Center, and after a few hours of cleaning, hotdogs and refreshments will be served.

Bring gloves and rakes if possible, and come out to work with many volunteers to maintain beauty in the Comanche Trail Area. The Dora Roberts Community Center is located at 100 Whipkey Dr. here in Big Spring.

You can call the community center at (432) 264-2323, or for any additional information you can contact Peggy Skiles at (432) 267-3956. For information on the Comanche Warrior Triathlon, please call Haley Herrera at the Big Spring Convention & Visitors Bureau at (432) 263-8235.

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Obituaries

Rudy "Role" Balderas



Rudy "Role" Balderas, 77, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born March 20, 1941, in Crystal City, Texas, to Martina Talamantez Balderas and Rodolfo Balderas. They came to Big Spring in 1955 from Crystal City. He was an electrician, having worked a number of years at Freecom and Corbell Electric. He also did residential electrical work. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Rudy is survived by his wife, Consuelo "Connie"

Balderas of Big Spring; one sister, Blanche Levario of Austin; one brother-in-law, Willie Sotelo and his wife Leonor Sotelo of Big Spring; three sisters-in-law, Anita Sotelo of Big Spring, Maria Sotelo of Lubbock and Linda Covert of Lubbock; several nieces and nephews; and his beloved dog, Paloma.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Leonardo Balderas; and two sisters, Dora Armendarez and Carolina Guardiola.

Pallbearers will Rosendo Robles, Jeffery Robles, Angel Levario, John Sotelo, Robert Sotelo and Jaime Sotelo. Honorary pallbearers will be Donnie Cervantes, Manuel Cervantes, Nicholas Sotelo, Ponciano Torres, Samuel Sotelo, Paul Sotelo and all other nephews.

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

Paid Obituary

Keva Lee



Keva Lee, 38, of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 10, 2018, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. There will be a Gathering for family and friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Keva was born July 16, 1980, in Lamesa, Texas, to Susan Redding Lee and Doyle Thurman Lee.

She is survived by one daughter, Kyndi Lee of Big Spring; her mother, Susan Lee of Ruidoso, New Mexico; her father and step-mother, Doyle and Debra Lee of Tahoka; two brothers, Cody Lee and wife Amber of San Antonio and Colt Lee and wife Andrea of Tahoka; one sister, Kori Lee of Ruidoso; one step-sister, Jennifer Cardenas and husband Michael of Lubbock and one step-brother, Cody Scott and wife Shelle of Jayton and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the RUCRecovery.com program.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **CODY EUGENE WEIDNER**, 35, of 712 S Goliad St., was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

- **MARCUS EMORY STUR-GILL**, 29, of 1008 N Gregg St., was arrested on a charge of urinating in public place.

- **RUDY ORTEGA**, 19, of 1900 Martin Luther King, was arrested on charges of burglary of

building, and unauthorized use of motor vehicle.

- **LANCE WAYNE LAND**, 29, of 1102 Sycamore St., was arrested on a charge of tampering/fabricating physical evidence.

- **CHRISTOPHER SCOTT HOLMES**, 23, of 706 Goliad St., was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces, possession of drug paraphernalia, and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

- **DAVID RAMOS GALINDO**,

64, of 1905 Wasson Rd., was arrested on a charge criminal trespass.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2600 block of W hwy 80. and in the 3200 block of S Hwy 87.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 800 block of E I 20.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 500 block of S Birdwell Lane.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2800 block of Coronado Ave.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DAVID RAMOS GALINDO**, 64, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass.

- **CHRISTOPHER SCOTT**

HOLMES, 23, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces, possession of drug paraphernalia, and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

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Take Note

- Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018, at 7 p.m., Social time @ 6:30 p.m. - Midland Quilters Guild meeting. PROGRAM: 2019 MQG QUILT SHOW PREVIEW -Come join us and discover the hopes and dreams for MQG's 40th Annual Quilt Show to be held in the Midland Convention Center. We will take a 3-D walk through the new convention center scheduled to open in September 2019. 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>

- Maranatha Baptist Academy at 903 Johnson is now taking applications for ongoing enrolment for our Fall Session, August 1. Call 432-213-1046 for an appointment. Dr. Lillian Bohannon, Administrator. Please have shot records and birth certificate available at the time of registration. We use Accelerated Christian Education curriculum for grades Kindergarten through twelfth grade graduation. We provide information so you can home school or use our facilities for full time in our school. We also provided tutoring for all grades. If interested in a quality Christian Education at a price you can afford, please come by or give us a call.

- 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 or 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.

- Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, handles legal issues affecting Veterans, Retirees, and their family members. They will have clinics that provides volunteer attorneys that will provide free legal advice (up to 25 minutes depending on the issue). A pro bono attorney may be assigned to handle some cases that include: bankruptcy, consumer issues/contract, child support and custody, divorce, employment, foreclosure, housing, landlord/tenant, probate and guardianship, real estate, social security/SSI, Veterans benefits/issues, wills and estate planning. The Clinic dates are on Aug. 23 and Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Northside Community Center on 110 N.E 8th St. Applicants must be financially eligible to obtain services. Please bring a copy of your DD215 and/or Veterans ID card. Appointments are required. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Pete Fierro at 432-332-1207, ext. 4511.

- The Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in the Howard College Library.

- 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.

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of S Gregg. No one was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on 10th and Johnson. No one was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on 3rd and Rannels. No one was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Scurry. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of W Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of March Circle. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of N Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of W 6th St. No one was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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10 Things to Know for Today

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today: A car crashes into pedestrians outside British Parliament, primary season comes to Wisconsin and Minnesota, Trump threatens Cuomo.

1. PEDESTRIANS INJURED IN CRASH OUTSIDE PARLIAMENT IN LONDON

A car slammed into security barriers outside the Houses of Parliament, injuring a number of pedestrians. London's Metropolitan Police say that they are treating it as a terrorist incident.

2. 'BLUE WAVE' TO BE TESTED IN KEY MIDWESTERN PRIMARIES

Democrats are fighting to beat back Republican gains across the Midwest as the 2018 primary season roars through Wisconsin and Minnesota, two states where President Donald Trump's appeal among working-class voters threaten to upend decadeslong political trends this fall and beyond.

3. TRUMP THROWS GAUNTLET DOWN TO CUOMO

Trump is daring New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo to challenge him in 2020, warning the Democrat that "anybody that runs against Trump suffers."

4. TRUMP AND OMAROSA SPAR OVER CLAIM HE USED N-WORD

Trump has tackled Omarosa Manigault Newman's explosive claim that she had heard an audiotape of him using the N-word.

5. WHERE TALIBAN OVERRUN AFGHAN ARMY BASE

The Taliban overran a base in northern Afghanistan, killing 17 soldiers, even as Afghan forces battled the insurgents for the fifth straight day in the eastern provincial capital of Ghazni on Tuesday, trying to flush them out of the city's outskirts.

6. WHICH COUNTRY SAYS IT WILL BOYCOTT US GOODS

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan says his country will boycott U.S.-made electronic goods amid a diplomatic spat that has helped trigger a Turkish currency crisis.

7. BUSINESS OWNERS, VISITORS REJOICE AS YOSEMITE REOPENS

Most of Yosemite National Park is set to reopen Tuesday after a 20-day closure that cost the tourist magnet millions of dollars and devastated local businesses.

8. GATES TESTIMONY DREDGES UP TRUMP INAUGURAL SPENDING MYSTERY

Paul Manafort's longtime deputy has admitted he embezzled hundreds of thousands of dollars from his boss — and that he "possibly" was wrongfully reimbursed by Trump's inaugural committee.

9. JUDGE SETS BAIL FOR ADULTS ARRESTED AT NEW MEXICO COMPOUND

A judge cleared the way for five defendants arrested on child abuse charges at a New Mexico compound to be released despite authorities' suspicions that the group was training children to use firearms in preparation for an anti-government mission.

10. WHERE AN ABBOT'S MURDER IN THE DESERT HAS SHOCKED CHRISTIANS

The killing of a respected bishop in a desert monastery north of Cairo has shocked Egyptians and shaken up the Coptic Church, one of the world's oldest.

NASA administrator supports Trump 'space force' proposal



NASA Administrator James Bridenstine delivers remarks as he tours the NASA Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans, Monday, Aug. 13, 2018.

By KEVIN MCGILL

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine expressed full support Monday for President Donald Trump's proposed military "Space Force" but added that it will have a role separate from NASA.

Bridenstine said in New Orleans that NASA's responsibilities involve science, space exploration and technology development. As for defense and national security, he told reporters in New Orleans: "We want to be an agency that maintains its independence from those capabilities."

Bridenstine was touring the Michoud Assembly Center, where workers are putting together major parts of systems that are planned to return Americans to the moon and, eventually, take them to Mars. In a towering building, Boeing workers are building parts of the 322-foot (98-meter) rocket known as the Space Launch System. Lockheed Martin workers are building the spacecraft called Orion.

Bridenstine, a former Republican congressman, was nominated by Trump to head NASA last year and confirmed by the Senate in April.

He touched on the work at Michoud and other NASA concerns while standing next to a massive liquid hydrogen tank — a test version of one that eventually will be part of the SLS rocket.

SPACE FORCE

Bridenstine was among the officials with Trump in June when he called for creation of a new military branch known as the Space Force. He said it's needed because the nation's space assets — including satellite technology and global positioning systems — are vital to numerous interests and industries, including communications, navigation, food and energy production, banking and climate.

"If we lose GPS, we lose banking in the United States of America. There's no milk in the grocery store in a matter of three days," he said.

The space force plan requires congressional approval. Military leaders and experts have questioned the wisdom of launching an expensive, bu-

reaucratic new service branch.

JAMES WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE

Bridenstine spoke enthusiastically about the much-delayed James Webb Space Telescope, what is now a nearly \$10 billion project. That next-generation technology is envisioned as the successor to the Hubble Space Telescope, despite an announcement in June — for the third time in less than a year — of a lengthy postponement.

Among the latest problems: In a vibration test of the telescope earlier this year in California by prime contractor Northrop Grumman, dozens of loose fasteners — some 70 pieces in all — came off. In another mishap, the wrong solvent was used to clean spacecraft propulsion valves, leading to a need for repair or replacement.

Webb, which officials now hope to launch in 2021, is meant to peer farther into space and deeper into time than ever before. It will operate from a point 1 million miles (1.6 million kilometers) from Earth.

Bridenstine gave a lengthy explanation of the infrared telescope's design and mission and added: "We are, in fact, going to see back to the very beginning of the universe, what we call cosmic dawn."

He stopped short of saying there would be financial penalties for Northrop Gumman to cover NASA's burgeoning costs on the project but said the contractor is being held accountable.

SLS AND ORION

Bridenstine praised workers at Michoud for their work on the Orion spacecraft and the SLS rocket that will launch it into space, saying their efforts are helping the U.S. get ahead and stay ahead of other nations in space.

"This is a brand new, very large project that is unmatched in the world," he said. "And it will remain unmatched for a very long time."

The SLS rocket is expected to launch an unmanned Orion mission beyond the moon and back, a 40,000-mile (64,370-kilometer) trip, in late 2019.

Bridenstine got a close up look at the Orion capsule with astronauts Stan Love and Nicole Mann, expected to be part of the crew for Orion's first crewed mission.

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UNITED

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With past events being a little more formal, United Way members have talked about making this a more fun and casual event to kick off the 2019 year.

"We just want people to come out, listen to some really good music, get some great information about what we do at United Way, and hopefully you can win a cool prize."

For more information on the United Way organization or The Benefit Concert, please call Meghan Bias at (432)-267-5201.

YMCA

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a major barrier to learning for underprivileged children. The Y is a cause-driven organization that is for youth development, for healthy living and for social responsibility. That's because a strong community can only be achieved when we invest in kids, our health and our neighbors.

"We will have different school supplies from notebooks, paper, pens, pencils, makers, map colors etc.," said Jones. "We have so many people, businesses and

organizations that are making this drive possible, and we couldn't do it without them."

Many families are struggling. With high unemployment and more than 30 million students enrolled in the free and reduced meal programs, many parents are unable to provide the basic school supplies their children need to be effective. When a community steps in to help out, the reward can be benefiting to, not just for those receiving, but also to those who give.

The YMCA is located at 801 Owens St. For more information, please call the YMCA at 432-267-8234.

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Texas prisons still face guard vacancies despite bonuses

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas prison system is still facing staffing shortages seven months after designating \$9 million to bring down the 14 percent officer vacancy rate.

The Houston Chronicle reports the Texas Department of Criminal Justice has 3,675 unfilled positions, about 30 more than January when state officials started addressing the issue. But prison officials have called it progress since vacancy numbers are down from a peak in April.

The system's vacancy rate has long been an issue in part due to facilities' remote locations, tough working conditions and relatively low pay.

Prison officials this year expanded \$4,000 and \$5,000 hiring bonuses to 29 understaffed units and increased starting pay 12 percent. New guards can make now \$36,000 per year instead of \$32,000.

Prison officials say the figures would be worse without the pay bumps and bonuses.

Lawsuit: Texas school district welcomed convicted teacher

WACO, Texas (AP) — A federal lawsuit says a Texas school district permitted a former teacher who had sexual contact with a student to be involved in school organizations and allowed her on district-owned property to watch sports games the student participated in.

The lawsuit filed Friday by the student argues the Abbott Independent School District created a "hostile educational environment" for the student and engaged in behavior aimed to chill the reporting of harassment and misconduct.

The lawsuit says even though the former teacher was convicted in 2014 of improper relationship between educator and student, she attended meetings on school property and was allowed to serve as a board member for an athletic booster club.

The district superintendent didn't comment Monday on the case's specifics, but said the district will consult with attorneys.

Texas firefighters with cancer often denied workers' comp

HOUSTON (AP) — Union leaders and state lawmakers say many Texas cities are denying workers' compensation to firefighters with cancer.

The Houston Chronicle reports that state figures show more than 90 percent of the 117 workers compensation claims filed by Texas firefighters with cancer have been denied in the past six years. Union officials say cities have ignored a state law requiring the government to presume that firefighters' cancers are caused by exposure to carcinogens on the job.

Houston's benefits provider didn't respond for comment. But firefighters say cities use a memo by the Texas Intergovernmental Risk Pool to dodge the cancer presumptive law. The memo only presumes three types of cancer are caused by firefighting: testicular, prostate and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

A bill to allow workers to challenge bad faith claim denials died in the Senate this past session.

Immigration cases tossed in fallout from high court ruling

By AMY TAXIN

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Immigration courts from Boston to Los Angeles have been experiencing fallout from a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that has caused some deportation orders to be tossed and cases thrown out, bringing more chaos to a system that was already besieged by ballooning dockets and lengthy backlogs.

The little-known ruling addressed what might seem like a narrow procedural issue over how to properly provide notices to immigrants to appear in court for deportation proceedings. But it is having broader implications in immigration courts that are in charge of deciding whether hundreds of thousands of people should be allowed to stay in the United States.

Since the decision was issued in June, immigration attorneys have been asking judges to throw out their clients' cases. Some immigration judges have refused to is-

sue deportation orders for immigrants. And in a recent case in Washington state, a Mexican farmworker had an indictment for illegally re-entering the country tossed out.



This April 23, 2018 file photo shows the Supreme Court in Washington.

AP photo

It isn't clear how many people's immigration cases could be affected. Some immigration judges have denied attorneys' requests, but others in states including Tennessee, New Jersey and California have granted them.

"The potential consequences of the decision are massive," said Jeremy McKinney, an immigration attorney in Greensboro, North Carolina. The Supreme Court's 8-1 decision focused on the case of a Brazilian handyman seeking to apply for a special green card given to immigrants who have been in the country

at least 10 years, have good moral character and whose American relatives would suffer if they were deported.

Wesley Pereira came to the United States on a

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FEMA says it didn't treat Puerto Ricans differently

By MIKE SCHNEIDER

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Federal Emergency Management Agency says it didn't handle housing vouchers for displaced residents of Puerto Rico any differently from those of displaced Texas and Florida residents after last year's hurricanes.

FEMA said in court papers filed Friday that it's unfair to compare the three responses to the hurricanes because the governors of the two states and the island made different requests for federal assistance. The agency is fighting a lawsuit brought by Puerto Rican evacuees who are asking a judge to

extend vouchers allowing them to live in hotels until they find more permanent housing. The vouchers expire at the end of the month.

"It is common sense that the impact of each disaster is unique, causing different types and amounts of damage, and affecting different numbers of people,"

government attorneys wrote.

Moreover, FEMA said in the filing that it had approved \$3.9 billion in assistance for Puerto Rico for Hurricane Maria, \$2.4 billion for Texas for Hurricane Harvey and \$1.1 billion for Florida for

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Cooler weather helps crews fight Southern California fire

LAKE ELSINORE, Calif. (AP) — Aided by slightly cooler temperatures, firefighters made steady progress Sunday in battling a wildfire that destroyed 16 structures as it raged through Southern California's Cleveland National Forest.

The Holy Fire was 41 percent contained Sunday afternoon after burning across 35.5 square miles (92 kilometers) of dry timber and brush, said Lynne Tolmachoff of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

"The weather out here in California seems to be cooling down today and over the next couple days, and that should hopefully help firefighters get even more containment," Tolmachoff said. "They should make better progress over the next couple of days."

They'll need to, with temperatures, expected to again reach 100 degrees or more by the end of the week.

The Holy Fire — named for Holy Jim Canyon, where it began last Monday — is one of nearly 20 blazes burning across California as the state sees earlier, longer and more destructive wildfire seasons because of drought, warmer weather attributed to climate change and home construction deeper into forests.

With firefighters beginning to get a better handle on the blaze, they began to lift evacuation orders over the weekend for areas previously in its path, said Tolmachoff, who did not have exact numbers. More than 20,000 people were reportedly told to evacuate at



AP photo

A Cal Fire firefighter sprays water on the smoldering remnants of the Oak Fire Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018, near the Grass Valley community of Alta Sierra, Calif.

one point.

Aircraft have made flight after flight, dumping water and bright pink retardant on the blaze to protect Lake Elsinore and other foothill communities near the flames.

The man accused of deliberately starting the fire appeared in court on Friday, but his arraignment was postponed.

Forrest Clark, 51, made several outbursts, claiming his life was being threatened and saying the arson charge against him was a lie. A court commissioner ordered his bail to remain at \$1 million.

Elsewhere, the largest wildfire ever recorded in California — the Mendocino Complex

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tourist visa from Brazil in 2000 and settled in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, where he has two American-born children. In 2006, Pereira was arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence and given a notice to appear in immigration court, but it didn't include specifics about his hearing. More than a year later, a mailer with that information was sent to him but got returned as undeliverable, and an immigration judge ordered him deported when he didn't show up.

Pereira was pulled over in 2013 for driving without headlights on, and with the deportation order on his record, immigration authorities detained him.

By then, he had lived in the country long enough to seek a green card. But the U.S. government said Pereira could only count the time before he received the notice toward his green card aspirations.

The Supreme Court disagreed, saying a notice that doesn't list the time and place of a hearing isn't a notice under the law, and that Pereira was building up time in the country toward his application all the while. Without listing time and place, "the Government cannot reasonably expect the noncitizen to appear for his removal proceedings," Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote in the majority decision.

Justice Samuel Alito issued a lone dissent, saying that the U.S. government can't put an accurate date on notices since one agency issues them and another sets the hearings. Simply adding an arbitrary date, he said, will likely "mislead many recipients and to prejudice those who make preparations on the assumption that the initial date is firm."

Since the ruling, immigration lawyers have been arguing that the undated notices their clients received in recent years aren't valid. In some cases, they're asking for deportation cases to be thrown out entirely, and in others, for a deportation order to be wiped from immigrants' records so they can get another chance to argue they should be allowed to remain in the country.

"You can't really order someone deported for not showing up when you didn't tell them when to show up," McKinney said.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which seeks to carry out deportations for the government, has been pushing back. The agency that forms part of the Department of Homeland Security, has been litigating the issue and appealing judges' decisions to throw out deportation cases, according to ICE.

A spokesman for the Executive Office for Immigration Review, which is part of the Department of Justice, said a mechanism is being worked out so Homeland Security officials can issue notices with a specific date, time and place, but those without can still be accepted by the immigration courts.

Immigration judges have taken diverse approaches to these requests, with some approving and others denying them.

But there are many to be dealt with in an already backlogged immigration court system with more than 700,000 pending cases.

In a Los Angeles courtroom, immigration judge Lori Bass received so many requests she scheduled up a special hearing to handle them. In Arlington, Virginia, an immigration judge held an impromptu group hearing to address 20 such requests, which accounted for about half that session's docket, said immigration attorney Parastoo Zahedi.

Judge Dana Marks, president emeritus of the National Association of Immigration Judges, said a significant number of cases are affected and with judges taking different views the issue will likely wind back up in the courts. In the last month, she said she's seen about 50 such motions in her immigration court in San Francisco.

"It is a very thorny legal issue," Marks said. "It highlights again how unbelievably complicated immigration law is."

The ruling's impact has also stretched beyond the immigration courts. A federal judge in Spokane, Washington dismissed an indictment against 30-year-old farmworker Jose Virgen-Ponce for illegally re-entering the United States after finding he was improperly deported to Mexico two years ago on an incomplete notice.

Virgen-Ponce, who came to the country in 2006 and has several drug- and driving-related convictions, is being held in an immigration detention facility in Tacoma, Washington, while U.S. authorities again seek to deport him.

West Va. justice impeached; other justices in crosshairs



AP photo

This combination of photos shows West Virginia state Supreme Court justices, from left, Robin Davis on Oct. 3, 2012, Allen Loughry on Oct. 3, 2012, Beth Walker on March 16, 2016 and Margaret Workman on Dec. 29, 2008. The West Virginia House of Delegates is considering impeachment articles against all four justices.

By **JOHN RABY**

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A West Virginia Supreme Court justice facing a 23-count federal indictment was impeached Monday for spending \$363,000 on his office renovations — part of an extraordinary move by lawmakers to consider putting the entire court on trial in the Senate.

The state House of Delegates voted 64-33 to send the impeachment article, one of eight

against suspended Justice Allen Loughry, to the state Senate for a trial.

The House was to consider and make recommendations on 13 other articles later Monday, including allegations Loughry lied about taking home a \$42,000 antique desk and a \$32,000 suede leather couch; and that Chief Justice Margaret Workman and justices Robin Davis and Beth Walker made excessively

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AP Source: Soul icon Aretha Franklin is seriously ill

By **MESEIN FEKADU**

AP Music Writer

NEW YORK — Fans and friends, including Mariah Carey and Missy Elliott, offered prayers and well wishes to Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin, who is seriously ill.

A person close to Franklin, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the person was not allowed to publicly talk about the topic, told The Associated Press on Monday that the singer is seriously ill. No more details were provided.

Carey, who considers Franklin one of her biggest influences, wrote on Twitter that she is "praying for the Queen of Soul." Missy Elliott said that the public has to celebrate iconic artists before they die.

"So many (of them) have given us decades of Timeless music," the rapper wrote on Twitter.

Mark Frost, Andy Cohen and Ciara also posted about Franklin, who is considered one of the greatest singers of all-time and is known for hits like "Respect" and "(You



AP photo

In this Feb. 11, 2011 file photo, Aretha Franklin smiles after the Detroit Pistons-Miami Heat NBA basketball game in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman."

Franklin, who had battled undisclosed health issues in recent years, canceled planned concerts earlier this year after she was ordered by her doctor to stay off the road and rest up. She was originally scheduled to perform on her 76th birthday in March in Newark, New Jersey, and at the New Orleans Jazz

and Heritage Festival in April.

Last year, the icon announced her plans to retire, saying she would perform at "some select things." One of those select events was a

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Hurricane Irma.

The evacuees said in a court filing Friday that FEMA isn't doing enough for the Puerto Ricans left homeless by Hurricane Maria, in contrast to how it treated Texas residents after Hurricane Harvey last year. Attorneys for the evacuees said FEMA had provided housing assistance in a "discriminatory manner."

"FEMA is barred from either providing or terminating disaster assistance ... in an unequal manner on account of race, color, nationality, type of citizenship,

English proficiency or economic status," said the attorneys for the evacuees. "Plaintiffs ... are mostly Spanish-speaking persons of color with a unique national identity and type of citizenship ... They were hit the hardest, needed the most but have received the least."

Before ending the vouchers, the agency should make sure the evacuees find long-term housing, either through rental assistance or home-repair help, attorneys for the Puerto Rican evacuees said.

Tens of thousands of Puerto Ricans are estimated to have moved to the mainland United States after last September's devastating storm. Hundreds of families

are still using the vouchers. In many cases, FEMA workers have called evacuees and told them to go back to Puerto Rico, said the evacuees' attorneys, who called it harassment.

In cases where FEMA has helped with rental assistance, the amount is based on Puerto Rican market rates and don't cover the more expensive rent in the mainland United States, the evacuees said.

"This means that poorer Puerto Rican ... evacuees must remain in transitional housing for a longer period of time in order to amass the amount of money needed to move out," they said.

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— burning north of Sacramento destroyed more than 100 homes. It was nearly 70 percent contained. On Sunday, it had covered 525 square miles (1,359 square kilometers).

The two-week-old Carr Fire that killed eight people and burned more than 1,000 homes was more than 50 percent contained on Saturday.

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Google tracks your movements, like it or not

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google wants to know where you go so badly that it records your movements even when you explicitly tell it not to.

An Associated Press investigation found that many Google services on Android devices and iPhones store your location data even if you've used a privacy setting that says it will prevent Google from doing so.

Computer-science researchers at Princeton confirmed these findings at the AP's request.

For the most part, Google is upfront about asking permission to use your location information. An app like Google Maps will remind you to allow access to location if you use it for navigating. If you agree to let it record your location over time, Google Maps will display that history for you in a "timeline" that maps out your daily movements.

Storing your minute-by-minute travels carries privacy risks and has been used by police to determine the location of suspects — such as a warrant that police in Raleigh, North Carolina, served on Google last year to find devices near a murder scene. So the company will let you "pause" a setting called Location History.

Google says that will prevent the company from remembering where you've been. Google's support page on the subject states: "You can turn off Location History at any time. With Location History off, the places you go are no longer stored."

That isn't true. Even with Location History paused, some Google apps automatically store time-stamped location data without asking. (It's possible, although laborious, to delete it.)

For example, Google stores a snapshot of where you are when you merely open its Maps app. Automatic daily weather updates on Android phones pinpoint roughly where you are. And some searches that have nothing to do with location, like "chocolate chip cookies," or "kids science kits," pinpoint your precise latitude and longitude — accurate to the square foot — and save it to your Google account.

The privacy issue affects some two billion users of devices that run Google's Android operating software and hundreds of millions of worldwide iPhone users who rely on Google for maps or search.

Storing location data in violation of a user's preferences is wrong, said Jonathan Mayer, a Princeton computer scientist and former chief technologist for the Federal Communications Commission's enforcement bureau. A researcher from Mayer's lab confirmed the AP's findings on multiple Android devices; the AP conducted its own tests on several iPhones that found the same behavior.

"If you're going to allow users to turn off something called 'Location History,' then all the places where you maintain location history should be turned off," Mayer said. "That seems like a pretty straightforward position to have."

Google says it is being perfectly clear.

"There are a number of different ways that Google may use location to improve people's experience, including: Location History, Web and App Activity, and through device-level Location Services," a Google spokesperson said in a statement to the AP. "We provide clear descriptions of these tools, and robust controls so people can turn them on or off, and delete their histories at any time."

To stop Google from saving these location markers, the company says, users can turn off another setting, one that does not specifically reference location information. Called "Web and App Activity" and enabled by default, that setting stores a variety of information from Google apps and websites to your Google account.

When paused, it will prevent activity on any device from being saved to your account. But leaving "Web & App Activity" on and turning "Location History" off only prevents Google from adding your movements to the "timeline," its visualization of

your daily travels. It does not stop Google's collection of other location markers.

You can delete these location markers by hand,

rival advertising technology company. "More data for them presumably means more profit."

The AP learned of the issue from K. Shankari, a



AP photo

In this Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018, photo a mobile phone displays a user's travels in New York.

but it's a painstaking process since you have to select them individually, unless you want to delete all of your stored activity.

You can see the stored location markers on a page in your Google account at myactivity.google.com, although they're typically scattered under several different headers, many of which are unrelated to location.

To demonstrate how powerful these other markers can be, the AP created a visual map of the movements of Princeton postdoctoral researcher Gunes Acar, who carried an Android phone with Location history off, and shared a record of his Google account.

The map includes Acar's train commute on two trips to New York and visits to The High Line park, Chelsea Market, Hell's Kitchen, Central Park and Harlem. To protect his privacy, The AP didn't plot the most telling and frequent marker — his home address.

Huge 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.

Critics say Google's insistence on tracking its users' locations stems from its drive to boost advertising revenue.

"They build advertising information out of data," said Peter Lenz, the senior geospatial analyst at Dstillery, a

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expensive upgrades to their offices.

Some legislators said they didn't support impeaching any justice for wasteful spending, only for articles pertaining to lying, cheating or stealing.

But John Shott, a Mercer County Republican who chaired the House Judiciary Committee hearings that drew up the impeachment articles, asked whether there is public confidence in the court, and if not, "we need to take action to try to rebuild that trust."

Several lawmakers noted the Supreme Court has a separate budget and is currently allowed to spend as it sees fit. But Shott said the court should spend that money wisely "and for the benefit of its citizens."

A proposed constitutional amendment this fall would bring the state courts' budget partly under legislative control.

Loughry, who wrote a 2006 book chronicling West Virginia political corruption, was indicted in June on 23 counts of mail fraud, wire fraud, lying to federal law enforcement, witness tampering and obstruction of justice. Justice and legislative leaders have asked him to resign. Loughry has not responded and did not testify at the committee hearings.

"Ladies and gentlemen, this is a day that none of us really want to be here," Delegate Tom Fast, a Republican from Kanawha County, said at the start of Monday's session.

One impeachment article accuses Loughry of lying to the House Finance Committee in January about his involvement in his Supreme Court office renovations, including a custom-designed wooden-inlay map showing all 55 West Virginia counties embedded in the floor.

Loughry also was cited in separate articles for us-

ing state money to frame personal items at his office; the use at his home of state-owned computers and an expensive, antique desk; and using state-owned vehicles for personal use, including over holidays.

Loughry also was cited along with Workman, Davis and Walker for failing to control expenses, including more than \$1 million in renovations to their individual offices, and not maintaining policies over matters such as state vehicles, working lunches and the use of office computers at home.

Loughry, Davis and Workman also were cited for authorizing senior status judges to be overpaid in violation of state law.

Justice Menis Ketchum retired and agreed to plead guilty to a federal wire fraud count involving the personal use of state-owned vehicles and fuel cards.

A special election already is set in November to fill the remainder of Ketchum's term. After Tuesday, Republican Gov. Jim Justice would appoint a replacement for any impeached justice to serve until the 2020 election.

Minority Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee where the articles were voted on last week had tried to speed up the impeachment process in the hopes of beating an Aug. 14 deadline for arranging a special election in November if any justice is impeached. Instead, the committee took its time, even conducting a tour of the state Supreme Court offices earlier this month.

Circuit judge Paul T. Farrell has been sworn in to act as the court's chief justice for the Senate trial.

The last time the Legislature was involved in similar proceedings was 1989, when state Treasurer A. James Manchin was impeached by the House of Delegates after the state lost \$279 million invested in the bond market. Manchin resigned before the state Senate took up the impeachment measure. He was never charged and the state recovered \$55 million from lawsuits against nine New York brokerage firms involved in the losses.

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gala for Elton John's 25th anniversary of his AIDS foundation in November in New York City, where Franklin closed the event with a collection of songs including "I Say a Little Prayer" and "Freeway."

Abdul "Duke" Fakir, the lone surviving original member of the Four Tops, told the AP on Monday morning they have been

"very close" for decades and their most recent conversation was about a week ago by phone. Fakir said they talked after Franklin had stopped by his Detroit house when he wasn't there.

"She was telling me she rides around the city every now and then — she talks about how beautiful it is again," Fakir said. "We were reminiscing about how blessed we were — only a couple two of us are around from that era. We were just kind of reminiscing about the good times we

had."

Fakir, who calls Franklin "baby sis" because he's older than she is by six years, said despite her health troubles "she was talking about the future."

"She talked about this great, big special she was going to have in New York, with all her great friends performing," he said. "It made me feel good as well — she was still hoping and wishing and dreaming as we do in this business."

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2.	Lake Travis (3)	194
3.	Katy	176
4.	Austin Westlake	174
5.	Converse Judson	105
6.	Cypress Fairbanks	97
7.	Longview	77
8.	Galena Park North Shore	73
9.	Duncanville	72
10.	Southlake Carroll	25
Others receiving votes: Waco Midway 19. Spring Westfield 16. Klein Collins 16. DeSoto 13. Euless Trinity 7. Cibolo Steele 5. The Woodlands 4. Smithson Valley 3. Denton Guyer 3. Humble Atascocita 2. San Angelo Central 2.		

Class 5A	School	Total
1.	Aledo (13)	202
2.	Dallas Highland Park (3)	184
3.	Lufkin (5)	150
4.	Denton Ryan (1)	137
5.	Mansfield Legacy (2)	134
6.	Manvel	106
7.	College Station	88
8.	Frisco Lone Star	71
9.	Fort Bend Marshall	66
10.	Cedar Park	35
Others receiving votes: A&M Consolidated 30. CC Calallen 30. Hutto 25. Angleton 19. Port Neches-Groves 17. Tyler 8. Ennis 6. Lubbock Coronado 4. Marshall 4. Colleyville Heritage 2. Crosby 1. Dripping Springs 1.		

Class 4A	School	Total
1.	Carthage (10)	222
2.	Argyle (11)	215
3.	West Orange-Stark (3)	166
4.	Waco La Vega	138
5.	Stephenville	120
6.	Cuero	100
7.	Gilmer	80
8.	Texarkana Pleasant Grove	73
9.	Kennedale	55
10.	Liberty Hill	37
Others receiving votes: Midlothian Heritage 35. Melissa 14. Silsbee 14. Graham 13. Lubbock Estacado 8. Kilgore 7. Henderson 6. WF Hirschi 6. Midland Greenwood 5. Wimberley 4. Rusk 1. Levelland 1.		

Class 3A	School	Total
1.	Newton (15)	221
2.	Brock (9)	214
3.	Canadian	154
4.	Goliad	135
5.	Rockdale	122
6.	Gunter	117
7.	Atlanta	87
8.	Childress	67
9.	Yoakum	46
10.	Lexington	42
(tie)	Franklin	42
Others receiving votes: Waskom 18. Kemp 15. Wall 9. New London West Rusk 7. Shallowater 7. Sonora 7. Grandview 4. Colorado City 2. Big Sandy Harmony 2. Malakoff 2. Mount Vernon 2. Woodville 1. Bufalo 1. Cameron Yoe 1.		

Class 2A	School	Total
1.	Refugio (14)	215
2.	Mart (8)	209
3.	Shiner	156
4.	Mason	149
5.	Wellington (1)	144
6.	Muenster (1)	138
7.	Burton	65
8.	De Leon	56
9.	Albany	46
10.	Tenaha	35
Others receiving votes: San Augustine 24. Bosqueville 20. Valley View 16. Stratford 13. Crawford 11. New Deal 9. Hearne 4. Falls City 3. Bremond 3. Lovelady 2. Price Carlisle 1. Sundown 1.		

Buffs go full contact as they prepare for upcoming season



Herald Photo/Jordan Parr

The Buffs' first team offense works on their passing game against full contact defense Monday evening in Forsan. The team looks really sharp this early in the season and has moved the ball well all practice.



Herald Photo/Jordan Parr

The Buffs' first team offense gets their timing down on designed quarterback runs and read option plays Monday evening in Forsan. The team showed a lot of poise and discipline in practice, and their focus this early in the season is an impressive part of their team dynamic.

Record-setting Colon wins again as Rangers top D-backs 5-3

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Bartolo Colon kept the Texas Rangers close after a rough first inning in his first start since setting the record for victories by a Latin American pitcher.

His catcher helped the 45-year-old right-hander extend that mark.

Robinson Chirinos hit a go-ahead, three-run homer in the fourth while finishing with four RBIs, and Colon made it through five innings in the Rangers' 5-3 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Monday night.

Colon (7-10) retired 10 consecutive batters after allowing run-scoring doubles by A.J. Pollock and Steven Souza Jr. in the first. Pollock's liner was misplayed in right field by Joey Gallo.

Big Sexy got his 247th career win, two more than Dennis Martinez of Nicaragua. A native of the Dominican Republic, Colon has four more victories than countryman and Hall of Famer Juan Marichal.

"He's been doing it for so long, he knows when he gives up some runs he can come back and keep the game close," Chirinos said. "That's what he did tonight."

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AP photo

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Bartolo Colon (40) throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Arizona Diamondbacks, Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, in Arlington, Texas.

Healy, Mariners rally past Astros 4-3 in 10 for 4-game sweep



AP photo

Seattle Mariners' Ryon Healy drops his bat after hitting a home run against the Houston Astros during the ninth inning of a baseball game Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018, in Houston.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Edwin Diaz was supposed to be off on Sunday after earning saves in each of the last three games for the Seattle Mariners.

Instead, after the Mariners tied the Houston Astros in the ninth inning, the All-Star closer told bullpen coach Brian De Lunas to call the dugout to say that he wanted to try to make it

four in a row.

Ryon Healy hit a tying home run with two outs in the ninth, Mitch Haniger delivered an RBI double in the 10th and Diaz finished up as the Mariners beat Houston 4-3 to sweep a four-game series from the AL West leaders.

Diaz allowed one hit in a scoreless 10th for his major league-high 46th save. Manager Scott Servais was pleased but not surprised that Diaz offered to help out on Sunday.

"Sometimes you've got to do that," he said. "That's how Eddie's wired and how this team is wired."

It's the first time in franchise history that Seattle swept a four-game series from the Astros. The third-place Mariners pulled within four games of Houston.

"It feels like a really bad weekend," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said. "Which is all it is ... but we'll be fine. This is not something we can't overcome."

Healy loved that Diaz volunteered to pitch in the 10th.

"I got larger goosebumps after hearing that than after I hit the homer, to be honest," he said.

Healy's solo drive off Hector Rondon made it 3-all. Pinch-hitter Dee Gordon singled Roberto Osuna (1-1) with one out in the 10th, and the speedster easily scored on Haniger's double that skipped down the left field line.

"That's the defending world champions. We're excited," Gordon said. "That was a big run for us there in the 10th inning. We definitely could have laid down and let them walk us off, but we didn't."

Zach Duke (5-4) pitched 1 1/3 innings for the win.

The Astros had managed just three singles and trailed 2-0 entering the eighth when James Pazos hit Kyle Tucker with a pitch.

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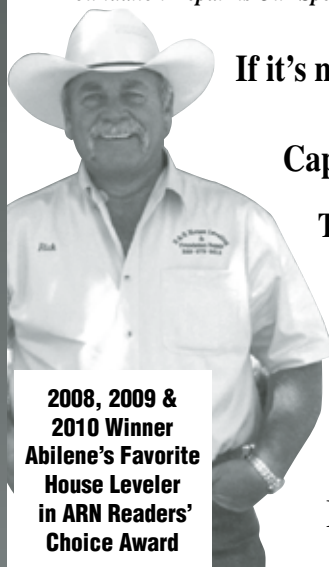
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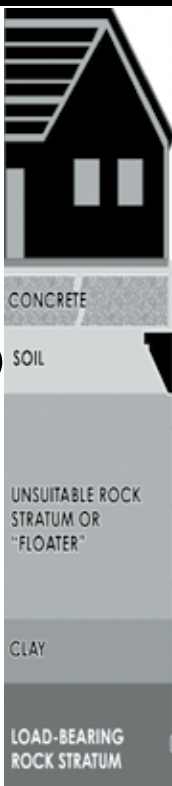
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Spaghetti Moon

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



There are days when your mind is a waffle, with little compartments ready to accept sweet bits of information and keep them separate from each other. But today, you're much more spaghetti-like mentally, and the information will mix and mingle accordingly. The Libra moon favors the outcome of this integrated approach to life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). To provide love, acceptance and security for someone is among the top gifts that a human could give. Give it to yourself to whatever degree you can and your relationships are guaranteed to be all-around better.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've a talent for connecting with other species. It's as if you can communicate with them through the instincts you share. You'll be a friend to the animals today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you want it to stick, you're

going to have to do it again and again and again. "As a single footstep will not make a path on earth, so a single thought will not make a pathway in the mind." -- Henry David Thoreau

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Yes, sometimes you don't fit in. That doesn't matter. Do you, and do it to the best of your ability. There is no other person on the entire earth who could do you better.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Although you didn't exactly mouth the words, you still made a promise -- or at least you feel in your heart somewhat indebted. It was implied in your behavior, and now you'll be asked to make

good on that promise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll take a risk and feel the exhilarating high that comes from putting yourself on the line. Whether or not you win is irrelevant. Your life will improve either way. Without risk, there is no reward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Infatuation is full of expectancy, whereas unconditional love expects nothing. You'll feel flattered by the attention of an interested party, though you're not quite sure how to categorize this attention.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You admire people who keep in touch with others over the span of years, as it shows adaptability. People change so much, becoming someone different in each era. It's a gift, to be loved through the ages.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Everyone is deserving of compassion. Everyone is deserving of care. You'll be a protector for someone who needs it. It's not a

good day, however, to be a protector for those who don't need or want it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Thinking of something as "mine" is very distinct from thinking of something as "ours." The shared responsibility makes people act differently and make different choices.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Even if you're not obligated to, the day will favor your choice to leave home, get out and talk to people. Casual conversations build relationships and relationships build your future.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your influence on the situation at hand will be more mental rather than practical, and don't underestimate the power in this.

To help people think differently is perhaps the most important leadership skill.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 14). You don't care who chooses the path -- you've evolved beyond having a big ego. What matters to you is the special experience, the life-en-

hancing benefit, the good time had by all. Because of this, it will be among your most interesting years, with an adventure for every season. You'll receive an award in January. Capricorn and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 20, 44, 48 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Leo woman born 8/2/51 at 2:07 p.m. in the Bronx, New York. I fell in quickly in love with a Sagittarius man two years ago, but was very hurt when he became physically and emotionally unavailable a few months later. He has re-entered my life and, yes, I still like him very much. Will it work this time?"

What a fun-loving chart you have! Your colorful style shines through -- no doubt it is why this Sagittarius was attracted to you immediately. I see self-esteem issues that manifest in the tendency to value yourself based on the attention you get from people you perceive to be a higher status. Break the bad habit of giving your

power away in this manner!

Start with this Sagittarius man. Use him as a testing ground and a way to develop emotional muscle tone. When you no longer care whether he likes you or not, you'll know you've gone to the next level in your personal life -- the level where you're willing to love yourself and be with people who genuinely want a relationship with you. And there will be many once you move past this guy.

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

ANSWER:

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Let's not rock the boat

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East-West vulnerable.

- NORTH**
♠ J 9 3
♥ A Q 10 9 8
♦ A Q
♣ J 10 9
- WEST**
♠ 5 4 2
♥ K J 6
♦ 10 9 8 5 4
♣ A Q
- EAST**
♠ Q 10 8 7
♥ 7 4 2
♦ 7 6 3 2
♣ 6 3
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♦ K J
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The bidding:
North 1♥ East Pass South 2♣ West Pass
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When you are a defender and see declarer pursuing a line of play that will lead to defeat, you should do everything possible to keep him on that course.

Consider this deal where West made an excellent play that led to South's downfall. Declarer won the diamond lead in dummy with the queen, East showing interest in the suit by signaling with the six.

West noted that declarer had

played the jack on the queen and inferred that South had started with the doubleton K-J. At the same time, West also noted that South could make five heart tricks by taking a double finesse in that suit.

So when declarer led the jack of clubs from dummy at trick two and let it ride, West won the trick with the ace! This naturally created the impression in South's mind that East had the queen of clubs.

West then returned a diamond, the A-K falling together on the trick. Declarer now led the ten of clubs from dummy and repeated the finesse against East's presumed queen. To his dismay, West won and cashed three diamond tricks to sink the contract.

Now let's suppose West had won the first club trick with the queen and returned a diamond. South would no doubt have abandoned the club suit and instead turned his attention to hearts, where he would have reaped a rich harvest with the aid of the double finesse.

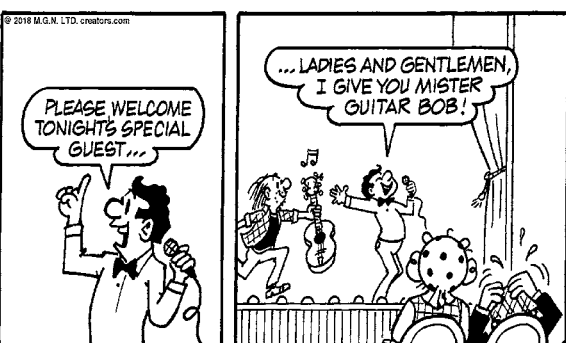
West realized at the outset that South was headed up the wrong road by attempting to establish clubs, and he encouraged declarer to continue on that course with his clever false-card at trick two.

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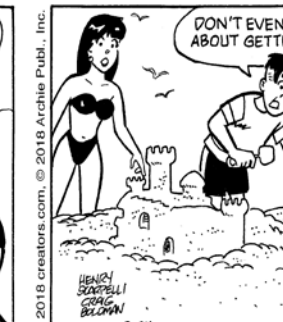
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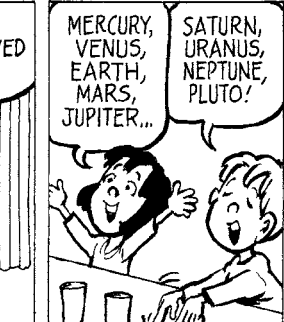
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 14, the 226th day of 2018. There are 139 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 14, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law.

On this date:

In 1848, the Oregon Territory was created.

In 1900, international forces, including U.S. Marines, entered Beijing to put down the Boxer Rebellion, which was aimed at purging China of foreign influence.

In 1917, China declared war on Germany and Austria during World War I.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman announced that Imperial Japan had surrendered unconditionally, ending World War II.

In 1947, Pakistan became independent of British rule.

In 1948, the Summer Olympics in London ended; they were the first Olympic games held since 1936.

In 1969, British troops went to Northern Ireland to intervene in sectarian violence between Protestants and Roman Catholics.

In 1973, U.S. bombing of Cambodia came to a halt.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter and Vice President Walter Mondale were nominated for second terms at the Democratic national convention in New York.

In 1992, the White House announced that the Pentagon would begin emergency airlifts of food to Somalia to alleviate mass deaths by starvation.

In 1997, an unrepentant Timothy McVeigh was formally sentenced to death for the Oklahoma City bombing.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush signed consumer-safety legislation that banned lead from children's toys, imposing the toughest standard in the world.

Five years ago: Israeli and Palestinian negotiators kicked off their first substantive round of peace talks in nearly five years, meeting at an undisclosed location in Jerusalem. Riot police swept away two

encampments of supporters of ousted Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi in Cairo, sparking running street battles. Former Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill., was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison for illegally spending \$750,000 in campaign funds on personal items.

One year ago: Under pressure from right and left, President Donald Trump condemned white supremacist groups by name, declaring them to be "repugnant to everything that we hold dear as Americans." The CEO of Merck, the nation's third-largest pharmaceutical company, resigned from a federal advisory council, citing Trump's failure to explicitly condemn white nationalists who marched in Charlottesville, Virginia. (Kenneth Frazier was one of the few African Americans to head a Fortune 500 company. The CEOs of Intel and Under Armour also resigned from the American Manufacturing Council later in the day.) Texas A&M University, citing security concerns, called off a white supremacist rally on its campus that had been planned for the following month. Thousands of protesters and dozens of supporters were waiting outside New York's Trump Tower as the president returned for the first time since his inauguration. A jury in Denver, siding with pop star Taylor Swift, ordered a fired radio DJ to pay her a symbolic \$1 after concluding that he had groped her.

Birthdays: Broadway lyricist Lee Adams ("Bye Bye Birdie") is 94. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Russell Baker is 93. College Football Hall of Famer John Brodie is 83. Singer Dash Crofts is 80. Rock singer David Crosby is 77. Country singer Connie Smith is 77. Comedian-actor Steve Martin is 73. Movie director Wim Wenders is 73. Actor Antonio Fargas is 72. Singer-musician Larry

Graham is 72. Actress Susan Saint James is 72. Actor David Schramm is 72. Author Danielle Steel is 71. Rock singer-musician Terry Adams (NRBQ) is 70. "Far Side" cartoonist Gary Larson is 68. Actor Carl Lumbly is 67. Olympic gold medal swimmer Debbie Meyer is 66. Actress Jackie Harry is 62. Actress Marcia Gay Harden is 59. Basketball

Hall of Famer Earvin "Magic" Johnson is 59. Singer Sarah Brightman is 58. Actress Susan Olsen is 57. Actress-turned-fashion/interior designer Cristi Conaway is 54. Rock musician Keith Howland (Chicago) is 54. Actress Halle Berry is 52. Actor Ben Bass is 50. Actress Catherine Bell is 50. Country musician Cody McCarver

(Confederate Railroad) is 50. Rock musician Kevin Cadogan is 48. Actor Scott Michael Campbell is 47. Actress Lalanya Masters is 46. Actor Christopher Gorham is 44. Actress Mila Kunis is 35. Actor Lamorne Morris is 35. TV personality Spencer Pratt is 35. NFL quarterback-turned-baseball player Tim Tebow is 31.

Bergen Baldwin Evans American author (1904-1978).

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ACROSS

- Voice above tenor
- Wallpaper adhesive
- Speedy
- Lion's sound
- Luau greeting
- Group waiting for a cashier
- Pie à la __
- Twelve-month spans
- Practical applications
- The tube, as opposed to movies
- Allow
- 1/60 of a min.
- Saloon doors, when opening or closing
- Liquid in salad dressing
- Teachers' org.
- __ Jima (1945 battle)
- Uninterested
- Women's links org.
- Harmless fibs
- Be jealous of
- Submarine detector
- Prefix for cycle or pod
- Photo, for short
- Passes, as time
- Kids' backyard hideaway
- Baton Rouge sch.
- Garment's edge
- Trait of a hothead
- "Take __ a compliment"

DOWN

- Nebraska city
- Leaf of a book
- Hold tightly
- Ward off
- "Once __ a time . . ."
- Sacred
- "We're Off __ the Wizard"
- Time gone by
- Jacket sleeves
- Weaver's device
- "Look what I did!"
- Last words of a threat
- Salary range
- Actor Baldwin
- Flies high
- Tossed
- Enter gradually
- Winter ailment
- Path in a theater
- Look of disdain
- Exams
- Allowed by law
- SSW opposite
- Audacity
- Extremely evil
- Triumphant cry
- Child's punishment, perhaps
- Propels with oars
- "So that's what you're up to!"
- Parking ticket penalty
- Peach discards
- Richard of *Pretty Woman*
- Without a warranty
- Work at a keyboard
- Fish story
- Rub off the blackboard
- "No __, ands, or buts!"
- Partner in crime
- Fill with air, as a tire
- Dark-meat chicken part
- Back-in-style style
- Computer message
- Juliet's love
- Golf hazards
- "My country, 'tis of __ . . ."
- Daddy
- Swelled heads
- Payment to a landlord
- Secret agent

Answer to previous puzzle

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South Texas town, people recovering nearly a year after Harvey

By **LEE HAYWARD**

Corpus Christi Caller-Times
REFUGIO, Texas — Armonie Brown pauses for a second when asked about Hurricane Harvey.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reports Brown saw friends and teammates lose their homes and all their belongings, while the school he went to was heavily damaged in the storm that hit last Aug. 25.

But he is positive about the town and his future, and also how he has reconnected and is living with his mother. The recovery is ongoing in Refugio, a town of more than 2,800, and the surrounding county, but the spirit that has helped the town come back is what Brown likes to talk about.

"It was pretty hard going. . . It hurt a lot of us and hurt a lot of the community," Brown said. "But we still have pride. We just keep on digging deep and we got through it."

A year ago, Brown's mother, LaVena Williams, was cleaning out a closet in her modest two-bedroom home in Refugio to hunker down for the storm a few months after moving back to the city.

Brown, one of three siblings, was living with his grandmother at the time. Williams decided to stay in town because of an unreliable car; plus, she was unsure that she could afford to evacuate.

On the advice of his grandmother — who lived in a trailer — Brown went to take shelter at the home of team-



AP photo

In this photo taken in Aug. 2018, Refugio defensive lineman Armonie Brown sits in the high school's locker room in Refugio, Texas. Brown saw friends and teammates lose their homes and all their belongings, while the school he went to was heavily damaged by Hurricane Harvey that hit last Aug. 25.

mate Kaleb Wright. There were nearly 20 people staying at the home as the storm approached. Brown's younger brother was with Williams, and his sister was with friends out of town.

Brown said he endured a sleepless night at the house, which suffered major damage when the roof collapsed. When he walked outside the next morning, Brown got ready to go to Raymondville. But he had not been able to reach his mother.

Meanwhile, Williams left her home that same morning, which sustained some damage and had a tree knocked down in her yard. She went by the house Brown was staying at, but nobody was there.

"I didn't know the roof had collapsed, and I went by the house and nobody was there," Williams said.

They reconnected later that day before Brown went to Raymondville.

"It was heartbreaking just to see her

— I loved that she was OK," Brown said.

A year later, Brown has been living with his mother in her two-bedroom house, and he is one of the most recruited football players south of San Antonio. He already has nine NCAA Division I scholarship offers from schools such as Army, Syracuse and the University of Texas-San Antonio. Williams said she has no preference on his choice and only wants him to get out of Refugio and experience other places.

Williams and Brown have always been close, but Williams lived in other cities trying to make a better life for her children while they stayed in other places. She returned to Refugio because "it's home." Recently, Brown, Williams and his younger brother moved into a three-bedroom house in Refugio.

"Of course, Armonie picks the biggest bedroom," Williams said with a laugh.

As Brown has grown into a young man, Williams has seen how he volunteers his time to help others after the storm. And Brown says his mom tells him how proud she is of him every day as he sees his town recovering.

"It's been pretty good and we've been talking a lot about family, trying to get everything together," Brown said. "She says, she's proud of me every day. She loves the person I've (become)."

"I really love the town of Refugio, it's been very good to me," he said.

Texans donate old turf to school flooded in Hurricane Harvey



AP photo

Houston Texans fans wait along a fence line for players to sign autographs during training camp at the Methodist Training Center on Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, in Houston.

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — A high school hit hard by Hurricane Harvey is getting a new playing surface thanks to the Houston Texans.

The Texans said Monday that they're donating the turf they played on at NRG Stadium last season to C.E. King High School after its field was destroyed in flooding from Harvey, which hit the area last August.

"These guys get to go out there every day and know that they're playing on something that J.J. Watt played on," King coach Derek Fitzhenry said. "Of course, that's everybody's favorite player, so it's exciting."

Fitzhenry and several members of the team were guests of the Texans at practice on Monday, and Watt spoke to the group for a few minutes before posing for pictures with them.

"It means a lot to me to play on a field the Texans played on," senior linebacker Rodrick Crumedy said. "I've never even stepped on an NFL field, so stepping on one every day will mean a lot to me."

Students at the high school had to attend classes in an elementary school last year because of damage from the flooding, and much of the team's equipment and facilities were lost. Almost a year later, the team is excited about a fresh start this season on

its fancy albeit gently used turf.

"These guys have really come through that struggle really well," Fitzhenry said. "A lot of that stuff is behind us now and we're excited for this year."

Before Watt spent time with the guys, several other players stopped by to chat with them on their way off the field after practice. Linebacker Benardrick McKinney encouraged them to work hard and wished them luck on their season. Safety Tyrann Mathieu smiled broadly as he autographed miniature helmets for the players.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Howard County Junior College District will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 6.10 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Tax Code, Chapter 26). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at 12:30 p.m. at Howard College, in the Tumbleweed Room of the Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

The second public hearing will be held on Friday, August 24, 2018, at 12:30 p.m. at Howard College, in the Tumbleweed Room of the Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Dr. John Freeman, Mr. Maxwell Barr, Mrs. Patricia Bennett, Mr. Adrian Calvio, Mr. Michael Flores, Mr. Mark Morgan

AGAINST: none

PRESENT and not voting: none

ABSENT: Ms. Emma Krabill

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the Howard County Junior College District last year was \$74,676. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.314285 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$234.70.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the Howard County Junior College District this year is \$78,916. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.218950 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$172.79.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.232316 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$183.33.

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Browns' Landry would love to have Dez Bryant join him

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer
BEREA, Ohio — Jarvis Landry is friends with Dez Bryant. He'd like to be teammates.

With the Browns in the market for another playmaker because of Josh Gordon's absence and uncertainty, Landry said Monday that he hopes Bryant, a three-time Pro Bowler wide receiver in Dallas, joins him in Cleveland.

"If he wants to be here then obviously we're open arms and we'd love to have him," Landry said. "He'd be a great addition to our team and our offense — for sure."

Bryant has expressed mild interest in the Browns, who have had him on their radar for weeks and are trying to schedule a meeting with the 29-year-old.

Last week, after general manager John Dorsey said Bryant had not returned any of his phone calls, the sometimes volatile wideout posted on Twitter that he intends to visit Cleveland sometime this week.

"Starting my visits next week," Bryant posted on his personal account while the Browns were playing the New York Giants. "I'm coming to the Land to see you Mr Dorsey."

Landry, who came to the Browns in an offseason trade with Miami, said he has spoken with Bryant. He thinks Cleveland would be a perfect fit for him and that he would thrive in coordinator Todd Haley's offense.

"Attitude," Landry said when asked what Bryant could bring to the Browns. "Obviously, effort. You look



AP photo

This June 5, 2018, file photo shows Cleveland Browns wide receiver Jarvis Landry warming up during the team's organized team activity at its NFL football training facility in Berea, Ohio. Landry says he would love for free agent Dez Bryant to join him in Cleveland. Landry said Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, that he has been in touch with Bryant, a three-time Pro Bowler who was released in April by the Dallas Cowboys.

at the plays he's making down the field, underneath. He can really do it all — given the opportunities. I think coach Haley would do a great job of getting him the ball if he was here, but if not, then we got guys who can make plays, too."

Just not enough of them.

The Browns don't know when — or if — they'll get Gordon back. The former Pro Bowler, who has played in just 10 games since 2013 because of numerous drug violations, has missed training camp while taking care of his health. The team has offered no specifics about Gordon's absence, but both Dorsey and coach Hue Jackson have expressed optimism he'll return at some point.

Cleveland's receiving corps lacks experience. Rookie Antonio Callaway is currently listed as a starter and Rashard Higgins, who has just 33 catches in two years, has made progress but may not be ready for an ex-

panded role.
Bryant had 69 receptions for 838 yards and six touchdowns last season.

While there's no denying Bryant's skills, the Browns have to factor in whether they want to add a player who has clashed with coaches and recently called out former teammates on a Twitter rant.

Does he fit?
On Sunday, Jackson was asked if there was a concern about adding a player of Bryant's ilk to a group of developing receivers.

"It is a discussion," he said. "I think we have a lot of good things going, but at the same time I do not think you can ever have too many good football players as long as they fit and as long as it is the right fit for the organization, for the locker room and for all involved. I think that is John's charge. That is what he is trying to do. I think we will continue to do that in a number of different positions."

"If we can get better, we still need to continue to get better, and I think that is how he sees it."

Bryant amassed 531 catches for 7,459 yards and 73 touchdowns in Dallas, but he became disruptive when he wasn't the primary focus of the passing attack.

Landry doesn't think Bryant would complain about being a second or third target, and he pointed to Haley's tenure as Arizona's offensive coordinator as proof he knows how to include multiple receivers.

"In this offense, everybody is an option and it's just about who's making the plays," he said. "Just looking at Todd's history, especially what he did in Arizona with (Steve) Breaston, Larry (Fitzgerald) and Anquan (Baldin), those three guys. I think it's an opportunity for us all to get better. If we add a guy to the room, awesome. If not, then we got to keep moving, so we'll see how it goes."

RANGERS

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Chirinos' 443-foot drive into the visitors' bullpen in left-center was his 16th homer of the season and ended Arizona right-hander Zack Greinke's streak of nine straight starts allowing two runs or fewer. Chirinos added an RBI single in the eighth.

Ronald Guzman led off the third with his 13th homer after Greinke (12-8) retired the first six Texas hitters.

Greinke permitted six hits and four runs in 6 1/3 innings with two walks and six strikeouts while dropping his third straight start after winning his previous seven decisions.

"I think they're the best offense in baseball the last month," Greinke said. "So going in in their home park is going to be tough. But I made more mistakes and got behind in more counts than needed to make it a little bit tougher."

Colon gave up four hits and three runs while setting a Texas record with his 22nd straight start with two or fewer walks. He issued one free pass and struck out three. Colon has won both his starts in August after losing all five in July.

Rangers reliever Eddie Butler retired all six batters he faced. Cory Gearrin got Eduardo Escobar on a tapper in front of the plate to end the eighth with runners at the corners in a one-run game, and Jose Leclerc struck out two in a perfect ninth for his second save.

BELTRE'S HAMSTRING

Rangers manager Jeff Banister said Adrian Beltre reinjured his left hamstring while scoring from second base on Chirinos' single in the eighth. He was replaced at third base by Jurickson Profar in the ninth. The Rangers said Beltre, who got career hit No.

3,137, would have an MRI on Tuesday. Beltre has missed 27 games over two stints on the disabled list with a strained left hamstring.

TOP OF THE HEAP

The Diamondbacks began the night a game ahead of the Dodgers for the lead in the NL West. Los Angeles played San Francisco at home later Monday. "Our pitching has been outstanding, and that's the reason we are where we're at," manager Torey Lovullo said. "I feel like we've earned it. Could it be better? Yeah."

NICE SNAG, SKIP

Banister made a nifty, one-handed catch on a bouncer into the dugout from Guzman in the fourth inning, reaching above his head with his right hand. Three innings earlier, he stayed away from a smash by Escobar. Both were batting left-handed. "It was just inside my reach," Banister said. "The first one I was not going to be able to catch. That one would have hurt for a long time."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: RHP Doug Fister is headed home for the season because his right knee strain isn't responding to treatment as hoped. Fister hasn't pitched since limping off the mound after throwing the first pitch of the sixth inning against Houston on June 8. ... RF Nomar Mazara (right thumb sprain) will play nine innings in a rehab assignment for Double-A Frisco on Tuesday. He's been out since July 17.

UP NEXT

Arizona LHP Patrick Corbin (9-4, 3.15 ERA) makes his first career appearance against the Rangers in the finale of the two-game series. Texas RHP Yovani Gallardo (7-1, 6.11) has the most wins in the majors since June 23 with seven, and the highest run-support average by almost two runs at 11.43 during that same span.

ASTROS

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Pinch-hitter Yuli Gurriel singled before Alex Bregman's single off Nick Vincent with one out cut the lead to 2-1.

Carlos Correa then hit an RBI single to tie it. It was his first hit since coming off the disabled list on Friday after missing six weeks with a sore back. A sacrifice fly by Evan Gattis scored Bregman to put Houston on top.

Houston starter Dallas Keuchel allowed seven hits and two runs — one earned — in seven innings.

The Mariners got a solid start from Erasmo Ramirez, who gave up just three hits in five scoreless innings in his first game since April 27.

Ramirez came off the disabled list before the game to make his third start of the season after sitting out more than three months with a shoulder injury. He took Felix Hernandez's spot in the rotation after the one-time ace was demoted to the bullpen on Thursday night after going 0-4 in his last five starts in a season where he's posted a career-high 5.73 ERA.

Healy got the Mariners on the board with an RBI single in the second.

Mike Zunino's solo homer made it 2-0 in the seventh.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: Hinch said OF Jake Marisnick, who went on the disabled list with a groin injury on Saturday, is

expected to be out several weeks. ... C Brian McCann, who has been out since June 30 with a knee injury which required surgery, could begin a rehabilitation assignment next week.

RELIEF DEBUT DELAYED

Hernandez, who has made 398 career starts, has been in the bullpen for four games but has yet to make his first career relief appearance. It looked like he'd get in on Sunday when he warmed up two different times, but after the game turned, he sat back down.

THEY SAID IT

Correa on the team's recent struggles: "We're going to come through and get out of this scuffle and play great baseball once again. We have great hitters in the lineup that can do a lot of damage. It's just about clicking and putting great at-bats together."

UP NEXT

Mariners: Seattle opens a three-game series at Oakland on Monday with LHP Marco Gonzales on the mound. Gonzales, who won five straight from June 29-July 29, looks to get back on track after losing his last two starts.

Astros: The Astros are off on Monday before Justin Verlander is scheduled to start in the opener of a two-game interleague series against the Colorado Rockies on Tuesday night. Verlander will try again to get his 200th win after he allowed six runs in two innings of his last start before being ejected for arguing about a balk in an 8-6 loss to the Mariners.

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