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County to consider HCAD budget, 4-H proposals at Wednesday meeting

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Howard County will get its chance to give thumbs up or down to the Howard County Appraisal District's budget at their meeting Wednesday.

The meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the third-

floor courtroom at the Howard County Courthouse.

The budget, coming in at \$1,120,281.09, has been approved by the HCAD and Big Spring Independent School District. The budget must pass a majority of HCAD's 12 funding entities in order to take effect.

In other business, commissioners will consider a couple of items relating to 4-H usage of the old Howard County Airport, located off of Old Colorado City Highway north of Big Spring.

One of the items – involving a 4-H shooting range to be created at the airport – was

addressed and tabled at the Commissioner's Court meeting two weeks ago. Commissioners wanted to hear more detailed plans for the range, which would include building a permanent facility on leased land at the airport.

The other 4-H item on this meeting's agenda is in re-

gards to an acreage plan for a 4-H Flying Club to be located at the north end of the runway at the old airport.

Commissioners will also:

- Discuss and consider approval of an agreement between West Texas Centers

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Wells selected for National FFA band



Courtesy Photo of Bailey Wells

Special to the Herald

A Coahoma High School junior has been selected to perform in the national FFA Band during the 2018 National FFA Convention and Expo.

"I am really excited about meeting new people and having new experiences," said Bailey Wells, who plays trumpet in the CHS band. "This will be my first time to get on an airplane when I travel to Indianapolis. I am excited for that, and I am excited to meet new people."

Wells will join musicians from across the nation to perform during the 2018 FFA National Convention and Expo

set for Oct. 24-27 in Indianapolis.

She is the daughter of Cody and Gina Wells and has been a band student at Coahoma ISD since the seventh grade. Her father, who is also a trumpet player, inspired her to send in the audition tape to the national FFA organization, Wells said.

"He was in the 1991 national FFA Band," she said. "He told me about it because I didn't know they had a national FFA Band. I looked it up on online, and I saw examples of the 90th FFA national convention and it looked really cool. It also sets an example for my section. I am a co-leader with Aaron Turnbough for the section. I feel

like doing something like national band enunciates my way of being a leader."

Although she admitted she was a little nervous to audition, she felt she needed to show leadership to encourage other students to take chances.

"Doing something like that and then following through shows commitment," Wells said. "It shows you are a good leader. Even if you don't make it, I feel like the experience is really good, and it helps make you a better person."

For the past two years Wells, who plans to become a veterinarian, has

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No feet too small

By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer

Feet. They carry you from here to there every day. You may not think too much about them, until they start to hurt, and when they do you'll want relief. To get the right treatment, you need to know the problem, but to do that you need to know who to turn to for answers. If you can relate to this, it might be a good idea to come down to Scenic Mountain Medical Center as their Health Circle hosts their monthly Lunch and Learn, which is free to everyone and informs

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Dr. Carlos Dimidjian, DPM Podiatrist



Tiffany Crawford, Wound Care Director

Love Our Lake



HERALD photo/Tyler Schellie

Volunteers of the Love Our Lake clean up event, which took place on Saturday morning, collected dozens of bags of trash from the Comanche Trail Lake and surrounding areas in hopes of making the trails and lake a clean and pleasant environment for all of the participants in the Comanche Warrior Triathlon which will take place this Saturday, August 25, 2018.

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Wal-Mart associates pose for a photo during their celebration Monday of the Big Spring Wal-Mart store's 35th anniversary. The store first opened its doors Aug. 16, 1983. Of the store's 308 associates, 70 have worked there more than 10 years, 26 have been there more than 20 years, and 11 have been there more than 30. Four employees – Denise Ferrell, Michelle Hurrington, Carol Moorehead, and Yvonne Ramirez – were recognized as "original associates" who have been at the store since its opening. "I just appreciate all of the customers that we've had, the people who have allowed us to take care of them for the 35 years, and this group of amazing associates," said Store Manager Cindy Cowan. "They're going to be here for them every single day doing the very best they can to take care of them."

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Obituaries

Travis W. Anderson

Travis W. Anderson age 78, of Trenton, NE, passed away on Aug. 7, 2018. He was born in Heber Springs, AK on November 1, 1939 to James D. and Mary E (Van Buskirk) Anderson. Travis attended and graduated from Big Spring High School in Big Spring, TX. He then attended Howard County College in Big Spring.

On October 20, 1960 he was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Tommie Carter. The couple have been married for 57 years. Travis served his country in the National Guard being discharged in 1964.

Travis owned and managed Spring Crest Drapery Centers in Santa Fe, N. Mex., Westminster, Boulder and Longmont, CO. In Santa Fe and Boulder, the couple were active in the Jaycees, an organization for charitable and community projects. Travis was regional manager for the drapery franchise company and traveled the Midwest training new dealers.

Travis was a good table shuffleboard player, being inducted into the Colorado Shuffleboard Hall of Fame in 2004. He was a drag racer in the 50's and 60's and has over 100 wins and trophies displayed in his barn NW of Trenton. He enjoyed his pontoon boat and catching catfish at Lake Swanson with

his friend and neighbor. His pride and joy was his classic 1975 Mercury Cougar enhanced with a 460 cubic inch Ford engine.

Travis loved people and never met anyone he did not like. He had a great sense of humor. He was loved and looked up to by his younger siblings and many friends.

Upon retirement Tommie and Travis moved from Colorado to Trenton, NE in 2008. They were still faithful fans of the University of Colorado Buffalos and enjoyed the friendly rivalry with their Nebraska neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents James and Mary; infant son: Michael Wayne in 1963.

Travis is survived by his wife Tommie of Trenton; brother: David and wife Betty Anderson of Weatherford, OK; sister: Doris Hartley of Lubbock, TX. He is also survived by 3 nephews and 2 nieces.

Mr. Anderson chose cremation. No public services are planned at this time. Memorials may be left in Travis name to the El Dorado Manor in Trenton, Nebraska. Friends may leave on-line condolences at herrmannfh.com

Paid Obituary

Police, Sheriff Reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JOSEPH EDWARD OLVERA**, 31, of 803 N Gregg St. was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance pg 1 <1g

- **EDWARD JOSEPH BATEMAN**, 28, of 213 Davis Rd. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported on the 5900 block of N Service Rd.

- **THEFT** was reported on McGregor Rd./I-20, and the 300 block of Owens St.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported on the 600 block of N BELL and the 200 block of W FM

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported on the 4000 block of Parkway Rd. and on the 1600 block of S Main St.

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.

- **EDWARD BATEMAN**, was arrested by HCSO, on a warrant for driving with an invalid license.

- **ANTAVIUS JAQUAN TOLER**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Take Note

- 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 Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

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

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

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

- 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 a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

- Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club has changed its meeting time. The club now meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday and the fourth Thursday of each month. Meetings are still held at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. 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.

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 ½ Main St. All Masons are welcome.

Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125.

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Maurice Villareal

Maurice Villareal, 75, of Big Spring, died Monday, August 20, 2018, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Virginia Martinez Mancha

Virginia Martinez Mancha, 83, of Big Spring, died Monday, August 20, 2018, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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.

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

- GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Meetings are weekly May 24 through Aug. 24, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

FRIDAY

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

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Texas deputy accused of child rape dies in apparent suicide

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Texas sheriff's deputy who was jailed on charges alleging that he sexually assaulted a 4-year-old girl and threatened her mother with deportation has died from an apparent suicide.

The Bexar (bayr) County sheriff's office says 47-year-old Jose Nunez died Monday at the jail in nearby Karnes County. It says he appears to have killed himself, but it didn't say how or where in the jail he did it.

Nunez was a 10-year veteran of the Bexar County sheriff's office assigned to that county's jail when he was arrested in June on a charge of super aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Authorities said at the time that the assaults may have been going on for months or even years and that Nunez threatened the mother, who is from Guatemala, with deportation if she reported him.

Despite the threat, she took the girl to a fire station to make a report.

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and Howard County.

- Hold a public hearing on Howard County's proposed 2018-2019 budget.
- Consider taking action to adopt the budget.
- Set the salaries and expense allowances for elected officers.
- Discuss and vote on the proposed tax rate.
- Discuss a radio activator system for the emergency siren in Sand Springs.
- Discuss and consider approval of the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Pharmacy and Physician contracts
- Discuss and consider approval of the incoming physician agreements for 2018-2019.
- Discuss and consider action on the right-of-way use agreement form and rate sheet.
- Discuss and consider action on an updated right-of-way map.

If you would like to address the commissioners during the meeting, you should plan to arrive early to fill out a brief form alerting them to your intent to speak.

For more information contact County Judge Kathryn Wiseman's office at 432-264-2202.

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

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participated in the Coahoma FFA chapter, a program designed to cultivate leadership through agricultural education.

"I've always been an outgoing person, mostly," she said. "I was a little shy and then when I got into the FFA organization my freshman year, that really brought me out. It showed me what it takes to be a leader and how to be an effective one and how to get people to respond to you and respect you. It's really helped

Microsoft uncovers more Russian hacking ahead of midterms

Microsoft has uncovered new Russian hacking efforts targeting U.S. political groups ahead of the midterm elections.

The company said Tuesday that a group tied to the Russian government created fake websites that appeared to spoof two American conservative organizations: the Hudson Institute and the International Republican Institute. Three other fake sites were designed to look as if they belonged to the U.S. Senate.

Microsoft didn't offer any further description of the fake sites, and the Russian officials dismissed its claims as unfounded.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov cited the lack of detail on the hack, and said it wasn't clear "who the hackers in question are" and how they could distort the U.S. electoral system.

The revelation of new hacking efforts arrives just weeks after a similar Microsoft discovery led Sen. Claire McCaskill, a Missouri Democrat who is running for re-election, to reveal that Russian hackers tried unsuccessfully to infiltrate her Senate computer network.

The hacking attempts mirror similar Russian attacks ahead of the 2016 election, which U.S. intelligence officials have

said were focused on helping to elect Republican Donald Trump to the presidency by hurting his Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton.

This time, more than helping one political party over another, "this activity is most fundamentally focused on disrupting democracy," Brad Smith, Microsoft's president and chief legal officer, said in an interview this week.

Smith said there is no sign the hackers were successful in persuading anyone to click on the fake websites, which could have exposed a target victim to computer infiltration, hidden surveillance and data theft. Both conservative think tanks said they have tried to be vigilant about "spear-phishing" email attacks because their global pro-democracy work has frequently drawn the ire of authoritarian governments.

"We're glad that our work is attracting the attention of bad actors," said Hudson Institute spokesman David Tell. "It means we're having an effect, presumably."

The International Republican Institute is led by a board that includes six Republican senators, and one prominent Russia critic and Senate hopeful, Mitt Romney, who is running for a Utah seat this fall.

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the public on different topics of health. This month's Lunch and Learn is right around the corner, and will take place on Thursday, August 23.

The Lunch and Learns always features a highly qualified guest speaker who will give an instructional talk about different health topics, depending on their area of expertise, to the attendees of the Lunch and Learn while they are treated to a complementary meal.

These Lunch and Learns are put on by SMMC Our Healthy Circle, who is dedicated to making life, especially for those after 50, more active, informative,

fun, and full of friends by planning events, volunteering and educational opportunities like the Lunch and Learns.

"The Lunch and Learn will start at 11:30 and the topic will be 'Dealing with Foot Pain.' Our feet give us mobility for daily living and when issue arises, if not properly addressed, it can cause problems day to day," said Sherri Wigington, Our Healthy Circle Advisor. "The Lunch n Learn will be presented by Dr. Carlos Dimidjian, DPM Podiatrist who has been a podiatrist for many years. He will be there to talk about foot pains, dealing with foot pains, and addressing the importance of keeping your feet healthy. Guests can ask questions to Dr. Dimidjian

10 Things to Know for Today

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. MICROSOFT UNCOVERS MORE RUSSIAN ATTACKS AHEAD OF MIDTERMS

The tech giant says that hackers tied to the Russian government created fake internet domains that appeared to spoof two American conservative organizations: the Hudson Institute and the International Republican Institute.

2. US DEPORTS FORMER NAZI CAMP GUARD, 95, TO GERMANY

Investigators first confronted Jakiw Palij about his World War II past 25 years ago and he admitted lying to get into the United States.

3. TRUMP TO ROLL BACK OBAMA'S CLEAN POWER PLAN

The Trump administration would give states broad authority to determine how to restrict carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming.

4. TALIBAN ROCKETS HIT NEAR KABUL PRESIDENCY

The insurgent group fired the projectiles toward where the Afghan president was delivering his holiday message for the Muslim celebrations of Eid al-Adha, police say.

5. COLORADO FATHER CHARGED IN FAMILY'S

MURDER

Christopher Watts told police he killed his pregnant wife in "a rage" when he discovered she had strangled their two daughters after he sought a separation.

6. 'SILENT SAM' STATUE TOPPLED ON COLLEGE CAMPUS

Hundreds of protesters at the University of North Carolina pulled down the Confederate statue they decried as a symbol of racist heritage.

7. PRIMARIES SET FOR ALASKA, WYOMING

Voters in Alaska will choose a Republican nominee to advance to what is expected to be a hard-fought battle for governor this fall.

8. WHERE SUPPORT IN ACADEMIA HAS RISEN

Support for charter schools and private school voucher programs has gone up over the past year, with Republicans accounting for much of the increase, a survey finds.

9. ANIMAL CRACKERS BREAK OUT OF THEIR CAGES

Nabisco redesigns the packaging of its Barnum's Animals crackers after relenting to pressure from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

10. WHOGOTSLAMMED AT VMAS

The backlash was swift for Madonna's rambling and egocentric Aretha Franklin tribute during the MTV Video Music Awards.

and know they are getting the right information from a professional."

Dimidjian has more than 15 years of experience providing both medical and surgical foot care services, and provides complete care from diagnosing and treating the problem to preventing future foot disorders with the goal to help cure, so that people can get back to their active lifestyles.

"Our new Wound Care Director, Tiffany Crawford, will also be present during the Lunch and Learn," said Wigington. "She will be informing Lunch and Learn guests about how the new Peripheral Services. Everyone will be able to learn about the Peripheral Service line, podiatry, and wound care that are work-

ing together for Howard County."

There is no charge for this Lunch and Learn event, but RSVP is recommended due to limited seating. The luncheon will take place in the First Floor Classroom at Scenic Mountain Medical Center at 11:30 a.m. RSVPs can be made to Sherri Wigington at 432-268-4902.

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Jimmy Leal, 78, died Friday. Funeral service will be at 2:30 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Virginia Martinez Mancha, 83, died Monday. Services are pending.

Maurice Villareal, 75, died Monday. Services are pending.

Betty Cowley, 93, of Garland, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, August 14, 2018. Graveside service will be at 11:00 AM Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

expected to attend the 91st National FFA Convention and Expo making it one of the world's largest student conventions. The convention will be held at the Indiana Convention Center.

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Doc Edwards, manager of Indians in 1980s, dies at 81

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Doc Edwards, a major league catcher who went on to manage the Cleveland Indians for three seasons in the 1980s, has died. He was 81.

His death in San Angelo was announced by his family through longtime friends. Other details were not disclosed.

Edwards spent more than a half century in baseball. He succeeded Pat Corrales as manager of Cleveland, where in 1962 he began his major league career as a player. He managed the Indians for the 1987-89 seasons, finishing with a record of 173-207. Earlier, he was a coach for Cleveland, as well as Philadelphia and the New York Mets.

He played five years in the big leagues, mostly with Cleveland and Kansas City. He also played for the New York Yankees and Phillies. He batted .238 for his career, with 15 home runs and 87 RBIs.

Howard Rodney Edwards was born in Red Jacket, West Virginia. His nickname came from his time as a Navy medic.

Texas priest disappears amid molestation allegations

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas priest who's accused of molesting teens and stealing from his parish has gone missing.

St. Cecilia Catholic Church officials believe the Rev. Edmundo Paredes may have fled to his native country of the Philippines, The Dallas Morning News reported. He'd been a pastor at the church for 27 years.

Dallas police have found the sexual abuse allegations to be credible, said Bishop Edward Burns. Paredes is no longer allowed to function or present himself as a priest, he said.

The church first began investigating Paredes in May 2017 over allegations he stole \$60,000 to \$80,000 in cash from the parish. Paredes admitted to the financial misconduct and was suspended from the ministry and removed from the church in June 2017, Burns said.

The Catholic Diocese of Dallas wasn't aware of the sexual assault allegations at the time of the suspension, said a spokeswoman for the diocese.

Church officials then received allegations in February that Paredes molested three teenage boys more than a decade ago.

Burns disclosed the allegations to parishioners Sunday after consulting with the Diocesan Review Board, a group of non-clergy Catholics who counsel the diocese on matters involving the sexual abuse of minors. The information wasn't disclosed earlier because officials didn't want to hinder the police investigation or compromise the victims' identities, a church spokeswoman said.

The information follows a recent report from Pennsylvania that said more than 1,000 had been abused by the clergy since the 1940s.

The Catholic Church is hiring private investigators to find Paredes, Burns said.

Injured Texan hiker airlifted off Maroon Peak in Colorado

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — A 56-year-old Texas man has been rescued from Colorado's Maroon Peak after he who fell 100 feet (30.5 meters) into a gully.

The Pitkin County Sheriff's Office identified the man as Keith Brewer, of Austin. Brewer's condition was not immediately released, but one sheriff's official said he had broken ribs.

The Aspen Daily News reports that authorities were notified of an injured hiker at about 12:55 p.m. Saturday.

A passerby had reported that the man was injured severely enough that he couldn't climb out of the gully unassisted.

Brewer was evacuated by helicopter off the mountain at 3:28 p.m. and taken to Aspen Valley Hospital.

Texas pays \$600,000 to settle Kearney discrimination lawsuit

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Documents show the University of Texas agreed to pay \$600,000 to settle former women's track coach Bev Kearney's race and gender discrimination lawsuit.

Kearney and the school agreed to settle her nearly five-year-old lawsuit in June, but terms weren't released until Monday. The financial total was released under public records requests from The Associated Press and other media outlets. Kearney will receive about \$277,450 with the rest going to her attorneys.

Kearney was forced out of her job in 2013 after the school learned she had a relationship with an athlete a decade earlier. Kearney, who is black, had claimed she was treated differently than former Texas assistant football Major Applewhite, who was allowed to keep his job and was later promoted after the school learned he had a relationship with a student trainer on a bowl trip. Applewhite is now the head coach at Houston.

Emails raise questions about ex-Texas congressman, new job



In a Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017 file photo, Rep. Blake Farenthold, R-Texas, arrives for a House Committee on the Judiciary oversight hearing on Capitol Hill, in Washington. Farenthold had tried steering a federal contract to the owner of a business who gave him a \$160,000-a-year job after the congressman resigned amid sexual harassment allegations, according to a newspaper investigation published Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018.

VICTORIA, Texas (AP) — A former Texas congressman had tried steering a federal contract to the owner of a business who gave him a \$160,000-a-year job after the congressman resigned amid sexual harassment allegations, according to a newspaper investigation published Sunday.

Republican Blake Farenthold resigned in April amid bipartisan pressure over revelations that he used \$84,000 in taxpayer money to settle a lawsuit brought by a former aide who accused him of sexual harassment. A month after leaving Congress, Farenthold was hired as the lobbyist for the Calhoun Port Authority on the Texas coast. His hiring was directed by port chairman Randy Boyd, who owns a dredging company called RLB Contracting and was a political donor to Farenthold.

Emails obtained by the Victoria Advocate show that Farenthold's office arranged a meeting

in May 2015 between Boyd and the Army Corps of Engineers about a government project. Federal officials took the meeting but declined working with Boyd's company, citing ethical and environmental rules, after which Farenthold's office followed up with the Corps by to see "if there is anything our office can do to be helpful (to the Corps) and Mr. Boyd."

Boyd donated \$5,000 to Farenthold's campaign a day after the congressman's office began arranging a meeting for him with the Corps, according to Federal Election Commission records.

The Victoria Advocate is suing the port over allegations of open meetings law violations when it hired Farenthold. In a deposition this month, Farenthold said his favor to Boyd wasn't exceptional.

"It's certainly not my job to push one person over another to get a government contract," Farenthold said, "but it is to bring

economic development to the district I represent."

The contract Farenthold discussed with the Corps involved the Houston Ship Channel, which was not in Farenthold's district.

Boyd said during a July deposition that he considered Farenthold a friend, but he didn't think the former congressman had helped him or any board member in securing a government contract.

"I don't believe he's able to by law, but I don't know," Boyd said. "Not to my knowledge."

Boyd told the newspaper that his donation to Farenthold after the meeting was arranged was "coincidental."

Legal experts and a political watchdog group described Farenthold's business favor as ethically questionable.

"The problem is, one, did he (Farenthold) intervene appropriately?" said Meredith McGehee, of Issue One, a Washington, D.C., nonprofit that seeks to reduce pay-for-play politics.

"Two, did he do so because this entity or the people involved were contributors? And three, did he get this job as a reward for what he had done for him as a public official? And the fourth question is, obviously, what the heck is the owner of a dredging company doing as chair of the port authority?"

Boyd said his company has given a tremendous amount of money to the community and that "we believe in doing what's right, and that there is no conflict of interest with us and the port."

Farenthold was first elected in 2010. He had originally pledged last year to return the \$84,000 used in the lawsuit settlement but later reversed course. He also rebuffed Republican Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's request that he use the money to help pay for the special election to fill the remainder of his term.

US school districts weigh duty to youth migrant shelters



By SALLY HO

Associated Press

When San Benito, Texas, school leaders learned of an influx of children to a migrant shelter in their small town near the U.S.-Mexico border, they felt obliged to help.

The superintendent reached out and agreed to send 19 bilingual teachers, mobile classrooms and hundreds of computers to make the learning environment resemble one of his schools.

While a government contractor bears responsibility for educating children at the highly guarded center, local officials say they stepped up partly because of a law that calls on school systems to educate any child, anywhere within their district.

"This is not a political issue. This is not a racial issue. This is a moral obligation, and actually our legal obligation," said Michael Vargas, who leads the board of the San Benito Consolidated Independent

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AP photo

In this June 18, 2018, file photo, dignitaries take a tour of Southwest Key Programs Casa Padre, a U.S. immigration facility in Brownsville, Texas, where children are detained. When school leaders in San Benito, Texas, learned of an influx of children to a migrant shelter in town, they felt obliged to help. The superintendent reached out and agreed to send 19 bilingual teachers and hundreds of computers to make the learning environment as similar as possible to one of his schools.



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School District.

San Benito is one of a small number of U.S. school systems that are preparing for the first day of school on both their public campuses and in new classrooms set up at nearby federal youth migrant shelters. In neighboring Brownsville, Texas, the superintendent is working on an agreement to deploy teachers and services to help educate 800 children housed in federal facilities in her district.

The school systems pitched in amid an outcry over the separation of children from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border under the Trump administration's zero-tolerance policy for illegal immigration. Several hundred children remain separated from their parents, but most of the thousands of young people held in federal shelters across the U.S. are unaccompanied minors who arrived in the country without their families.

The Associated Press inquired with public school districts in 61 cities nationwide where shelters are known to exist within their boundaries. Among the 50 that responded, most said they had no contact with the shelter or federal program authorities. Some outside the border states, including Camden, New Jersey, said they only recently discovered the existence of migrant shelters in their community.

Many noted they would educate all children regardless of immigration status, as required by law, if their families or legal guardians sought enrollment on their campuses.

"Until this becomes a real-time issue for us, we have no official position," said Superintendent Dennis Blauser of the Oracle, Arizona, school district.

In Texas, some districts already had longstanding agreements to run classrooms with public school teachers at migrant shelters.

By law, the federal contractors that operate the shelters are required to have a "care provider" give children six hours a day of structured learning time.

Southwest Key, the largest contractor operating such facilities, has agreements with two school districts, including San Benito. It is also working to create partnerships with the Brownsville Independent School District and with a charter school network run separately by Southwest Key's parent organization.

Salvador Cavazos, Southwest Key's vice president of educational services, said the nonprofit shelter operator has for years offered great basic services but is now welcoming more help from outside school systems as an enhancement as the number of children in its care grows.

He said Southwest Key gets appreciative feedback from families after the average 30- to 45-day stay for each child, and most students leave with some level of academic gain. He said the children do "a lot of good work" studying through a project-based curriculum that is aligned with state standards.

"They do history projects. They do class presentations. They do read-alouds with the books and novels that they're reading," said Cavazos, a former school teacher and administrator.

The districts' role is largely limited to their regular school year, though the shelters also provide

supplemental curriculum during summer months.

Rochelle Garza, a Brownsville, Texas-based attorney who advocates for the children in court noted the students can be detained for a semester or more with repeating instruction as other kids cycle in and out.

Brownsville Superintendent Esperanza Zendejas said she felt a responsibility to honor the spirit of a 1982 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that affirmed all children in the United States are entitled to enroll in their local public school district for a free education.

Zendejas said the district also has an obligation to work around the troubling circumstances of such a vulnerable population of children, just as the law enforces for homeless children. She said her school district is well-equipped and willing to handle the important task, and ready to provide teachers and special education, bilingual and support services.

"The question of who gets educated in our country is coming up, and my belief is everybody should receive an education if you are in this country," Zendejas said.

But Thomas Saenz, president of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, said the children should be released from custody and be allowed to learn at public school campuses instead of the schools creating an inadequate experience within the confines of the shelter.

"It's not a time for amateurs, and some school districts are frankly amateurs in dealing with short-term incarcerated youth after trauma" from family separation, Saenz said.

The San Benito school district's agreement with Southwest Key, signed in May, is modeled on a similar arrangement in Harlingen, Texas. It gives the district control of curriculum and instruction, while Southwest Key has responsibilities that typically would fall to a guardian, including getting the children ready for school. It also requires facility staff to assist in the classrooms and intervene in the event of a crisis.

The district said it will recoup its costs for the teachers and the 570 Chromebooks and laptops on the federally contracted sites by counting those children as part of its official enrollment. The district expects that will bring in about \$2.8 million in state funding.

Still, there has been some blowback from critics over a school district that in recent years struggled financially. Vargas, of the San Benito district board, said he was confronted with unexpected hostility by some in the impoverished border town who fear the plan will siphon resources from their own schools.

"I would hear it from other people going to church: 'Why are we going to help — insert derogatory term — kids?'" he said.

The Texas Education Agency has said local school districts intervening would be doing so voluntarily because the legal obligation to provide educational services to children in federal detention lies with the federal government.

Cavazos said Southwest Key's ultimate goal is to help the children transition into a regular classroom environment so they can continue their education.

"I would hope that they are able to thrive in the communities that they end up (in), even if it is their home country," he said.

Retailers, airlines lift US stocks higher, extending gains



This July 15, 2013, file photo shows a sign for Wall Street outside the New York Stock Exchange. The U.S. stock market opened at 9:30 a.m. EDT on Monday.

By ALEX VEIGA

AP Business Writer

Retailers and airlines helped lift U.S. stocks broadly higher Monday, extending the market's gains from last week.

Consumer-focused companies and industrial stocks grabbed most of the gains. Banks and health care stocks also rose. Energy companies climbed along with the price of U.S. crude oil.

Technology companies lagged the broader market, weighing down the Nasdaq composite index for much of the day.

The market's latest gains, while modest, added to what has been a mostly solid summer for stocks. The S&P 500, the market's benchmark index, has posted a weekly gain in six of the past seven weeks.

On Monday, the S&P 500 rose 6.92 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,857.05. The Dow Jones Industrial Average climbed 89.37 points, or 0.3 percent, to 25,758.69.

The Nasdaq composite recovered from a morning slide, adding 4.68 points, or 0.1 percent, to 7,821.01. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks also rebounded, picking up 5.75 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,698.69.

Stocks got off to a mixed start as investors weighed the latest corporate earnings and deal news.

Since last week investors have been feeling cautiously optimistic about the prospects for an end to the trade dispute between the U.S. and China, which has led to costly, dueling tariffs between the two nations and caused uncertainty in the markets. Hopes rose late last week on news that China will send an envoy to Washington this month to discuss a way out of the standoff before President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping meet in

November.

"Is there motivation to get it resolved before November? Sure, but it's not going to be resolved any time soon," said Tom Martin, senior portfolio manager with Globalt Investments. "It's going to continue to be an overhang and there's going to be a lot of posturing before any real deals are reached."

On Monday, investors bid up shares in consumer-focused companies, with several big department store chains leading the way. Macy's was the biggest gainer in the S&P 500, vaulting 6.1 percent to \$38.21. Kohl's picked up 3.2 percent to \$78.85, while Nordstrom rose 4 percent to \$61.56. Gap gained 2.8 percent to \$32.17.

Airlines climbed as part of a broader rise in industrial sector stocks. American Airlines Group jumped 5.8 percent to \$39.99, while United Continental gained 3.9 percent to \$85.22. Southwest Airlines rose 3.3 percent to \$61.63.

Estee Lauder climbed 3.4 percent to \$140.56 after the cosmetics company reported quarterly results that topped Wall Street's forecasts. The company's forecasts from better-than-expected global sales, particularly in Asia.

Traders also welcomed the latest corporate deal news.

SodaStream jumped 9.4 percent to \$142.11 after PepsiCo agreed to buy the Israeli maker of carbonated drink machines for \$3.2 billion. China Biologic Products Holdings surged 8.7 percent to \$100 after the company received a takeover offer from an investor group for \$118 a share in cash.

Technology stocks, which have outperformed other sectors this year, slumped Monday. Intel fell 1.3 percent to \$46.50.

"The biggest thing you're seeing is the continued divergence between growth and value (stocks)," said Martin, noting that investors have lately been rotating portfolios to favor value stocks more than growth stocks, such as technology, which finished slightly lower Monday.

"The valuation of technology stocks is high, relative to other areas," Martin said.

U.S. benchmark crude rose 0.8 percent to settle at \$66.43 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, the standard for international oil prices, added 0.5 percent to close at \$72.21 per barrel in London.

The pickup in oil prices helped lift energy sector stocks. Baker Hughes gained 3.2 percent to \$32.01.

Bond prices rose. The

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Smoke across US West blots out mountains, poses health risks



The sun is seen through smoky air as it sets Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018, behind the Narrows Bridge in Tacoma, Wash. Poor air quality will be common across parts of the Pacific Northwest this week as winds push smoke from surrounding wildfires into the region, forecasters and regulators said, and air quality alerts are in effect for much of Washington state through Wednesday.

By SALLY HO and GILLIAN FLACCUS

Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Smoke from wildfires clogged the sky across the U.S. West, blotting out mountains and city skylines from Oregon to Colorado, delaying flights and forcing authorities to tell even healthy adults in the Seattle area to stay indoors.

As large cities dealt with unhealthy air for a second summer in a row, experts warned that it could become more common as the American West faces larger and more destructive wildfires because of heat and drought blamed on climate change. Officials also must prioritize resources dur-

ing the longer firefighting season, so some blazes may be allowed to burn in unpopulated areas.

Seattle's Space Needle was swathed in haze, and it was impossible to see nearby mountains. Portland, Oregon, residents who were up early saw a blood-red sun shrouded in smoke and huffed their way through another day of polluted air. Portland Public Schools suspended all outdoor sports practices.

Thick smoke in Denver blocked the view of some of Colorado's famous mountains and prompted an air quality health advisory for the northeastern quarter of the state.

The smoky pollution, even in Colorado, came from wildfires in British

Columbia and the Northwest's Cascade Mountains, clouding a season that many spend outdoors.

Portland resident Zach Simon supervised a group of children in a summer biking camp who paused at a huge water fountain by the Willamette River, where gray, smoky haze obscured a view of Mount Hood.

Simon said he won't let the kids ride as far or take part in as many running games like tag while the air quality is bad.

"I went biking yesterday, and I really felt it in my lungs, and I was really headachy and like, lethargic," Simon said Monday. "Today, biking, you can see the whole city in haze and you can't see the skyline."

In Colorado, Sid Vaughn, who works at a Boulder shoe store called the Boulder Running Co., did his usual 9-mile run Monday despite the smoke.

"It didn't feel that great to my lungs," he said.

Forest fires are common, but typical Seattle-area weather pushes it out of the way quickly. The latest round of prolonged smoke happened as hot temperatures and high pressure collided, said Andrew Wineke, a spokesman for the state Ecology Department's air quality program.

It's a rare occurrence that also happened last year, raising concerns for many locals that it may become normal during wildfire season. Wineke said climate change is expected to contribute to many more fires.

"The trend is clear. You see the number of forest fires increasing, and so there's going to be wildfires," Wineke said. "There's going to be smoke. It's going to be somewhere."

The Federal Aviation Administration said airplanes bound for the Sea-

Tac International Airport, Seattle's main airport, may be delayed because of low visibility.

In Spokane, air quality slipped into the "hazardous" range. Thick haze hung over Washington's second-largest city, forcing vehicles to turn on their headlights during the morning commute.

The air quality was so bad that everyone, regardless of physical condition or age, will likely be affected, according to the Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency.

The haze caused Gonzaga and Eastern Washington universities to cancel soccer matches Sunday, and Spokane to delay some garbage service until Tuesday to protect workers.

Health officials say signs of smoke-related health symptoms include coughing, scratchy throat, irritated sinuses, headaches, stinging eyes and runny nose. Those with heart disease may experience chest pain, irregular heartbeats, shortness of breath and fatigue.

Patients at Denver's National Jewish Health, a respiratory hospital, were reporting worsening symptoms, hospital spokesman Adam Dormuth said.

In Portland, six tourists from Lincoln, Nebraska, posed for a photo in front of the Willamette River with the usual Mount Hood backdrop shrouded in haze. The group of siblings and friends rented an RV and drove in to visit a sister who recently moved to the area.

"We are disappointed that we can't see the mountains and the whole city, because our relatives live here and tell us how pretty it is, and we're missing it," Bev Harris said. "We're from tornado alley, and we don't have wildfires. It's a different experience."

Flash flood hits hikers in gorge in southern Italy; 8 dead



Rescue vehicles gather in Civita, Italy, Monday, Aug. 20, 2018. Italy's civil protection agency says at least five people have been killed when a rain-swollen river flooded a gorge in the southern region of Calabria. The Italian news agency ANSA reported Monday that 12 people were brought to safety in the flash flood. It was unclear how many people were missing. The flood hit a group of hikers in the Raganello Gorge.

MILAN (AP) — Heavy rain flooded a gorge filled with hikers Monday in the southern region of Calabria, killing at least eight, Italy's civil protection agency said. At least another five were missing.

The prefect's office said 23 people were rescued from the flash flood in the Raganello Gorge. They included a 10-year-old boy treated for hypothermia who was among sev-

en that the civil protection agency said were hospitalized.

It was unclear how many people were missing but there were at least 36 hikers in two organized groups inside the 12-kilometer- (7 1/2-mile-) long gorge, a popular aquatic trekking spot. TV images show rescuers scaling down the side of a steep rock face to bring hikers to safety.

Guides are not required, mak-

ing it impossible to know how many people were on their own inside the canyon.

"The problem is we don't know how many people were knocked over by this flood," Carlo Tansi, the head of civil protection in Calabria, told Sky TG24. "This is a split in the terrain that is very tight and high."

At its most narrow point, it is just meters (yards) wide and with walls varying from 400 meters (1,300 feet) to 700 meters (2,300 feet) in height.

Luca Franzese, of the alpine rescue squad in Calabria, said the height of the flood waters was some 2 1/2 meters (eight feet) deep.

"The wave of flooding of the Raganello stream happens often in the winter, but it has never happened in the summer, when the stream is very popular among tourists," Franzese told the news agency ANSA.

The gorge on the eastern side of the Pollino National Park boasts aquatic trekking along the stream that cuts through the massive rock, where hikers pass by water falls, water tubs and natural slipways, according to a website. The gorge is broken down into three sections, the upper, mid and lower canyons, with hikes averaging between 2 1/2 and 3 1/2 hours and varying in difficulty.

Guides include spelunkers and rescue instructors, who supply helmets, wet suits and other equip-

Europe sees sharp rise in measles: 41,000 cases, 37 deaths

BERLIN (AP) — The World Health Organization says the number of measles cases in Europe jumped sharply during the first six months of 2018 and at least 37 people have died.

The U.N. agency's European office said Monday more than 41,000 measles cases were reported in the region during the first half of the year — more than in all 12-month periods so far this decade.

The previous highest annual total was 23,927 cases in 2017. A year earlier, only 5,273 cases were reported.

The agency said half — some 23,000 cases — this year occurred in Ukraine, where an insurgency backed by Russia has been fighting the government for four years in the east in a conflict that has killed over 10,000 people.

France, Georgia,

Greece, Italy, Russia and Serbia also had more than 1,000 measles infections each so far this year.

Measles, among the world's most contagious diseases, is a virus that's spread in the air through coughing or sneezing. It can be prevented with a vaccine that's been in use since the 1960s, but health officials say vaccination rates of at least 95 percent are needed to prevent epidemics.

Vaccine skepticism remains high in many parts of Europe after past immunization problems.

Measles typically begins with a high fever and also causes a rash on the face and neck. While most people who get it recover, measles is one of the leading causes of death among young children, according to the WHO.

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yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 2.82 percent from 2.87 percent late Friday.

The dollar fell to 110.23 yen from 110.60 yen late Friday. The euro strengthened to \$1.1467 from \$1.1443.

Gold rose 0.9 percent to \$1,194.60 an ounce. Silver added 0.3 percent to \$14.67 an ounce. Copper gained 1.5 percent to \$2.69 a pound.

In other energy futures trading, heating oil rose 0.7 percent to \$2.11 a gallon. Wholesale gasoline gained 1.7 percent to \$2.02 a gallon. Natural gas fell 0.2 percent to \$2.94 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Major indexes in Europe fin-

ished higher. Germany's DAX added 1 percent, while France's CAC 40 rose 0.7 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 gained 0.4 percent.

In Asia, Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 gave up 0.3 percent. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 added 0.1 percent. South Korea's Kospi was little changed. Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 1.4 percent. Shares also rose in Taiwan.

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Cano lifts Mariners to 7-4 win over Astros

By **TIM BOOTH**

AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — Robinson Cano is searching for any way to help the Seattle Mariners stay in the playoff race and try to make up for the 80 games he was gone while being suspended.

On Monday night, it was hitting a game-winning home run — his first long ball in more than three months.

"It was a good swing but to be in that situation to hit a homer to get the team ahead and win the game, it's pretty special," Cano said.

Cano hit a three-run shot in the bottom of the eighth inning to lift Seattle to a key 7-4 win over the Houston Astros, the Mariners fifth straight win over their division rival. Even before he stepped to the plate in the eighth, Cano was on his way to a big night with a pair of doubles — his first two extra-base hits since coming back from his suspension for violating base-

ball's joint drug policy

Those were precursors to his drive to left-center field off Houston's Collin McHugh (5-2) with one out in the eighth. The pitch was a borderline strike, but Cano got enough to drive it out to the opposite field on a night the ball struggled to carry due to smoke from wildfires in Canada choking the Seattle area.

"From the first game of his year I was trying to use more of the field," Cano said. "That was the kind of hitter I was when I first came up and I've always been a guy who used the whole field so if they pitch away I'm just going to go where they pitch."

It was Cano's fifth home run and his first since May 12 against Detroit. Seattle pulled within 3 1/2 games of Houston in the division race, while the Astros fell back into a tie with Oakland for the top spot in the AL West.

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AP photo
Houston Astros second baseman Yuli Gurriel, left, and Seattle Mariners' Robinson Cano eye the ball after Cano arrived at second base on his double in the sixth inning of a baseball game, Monday, Aug. 20, 2018, in Seattle.

Davis homers, A's top Rangers 9-0



AP photo
Oakland Athletics' Khris Davis swings on a pitch from Texas Rangers' Bartolo Colon in the fifth inning of a baseball game, Monday, Aug. 20, 2018, in Oakland, Calif. Davis' jersey is signed by Anthony Slocumb, a child from the Make A Wish Foundation, seen on Davis' left shoulder. Davis hit his 37th home run of the season wearing the signed jersey.

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Khris Davis hit a long home run after letting a young fan from the Make-A-Wish Foundation sign his jersey, Ramon Laureano hit the first two homers of his career, and the Oakland Athletics beat the Texas Rangers 9-0 on Monday night.

Davis' shot for his 37th homer of the year was estimated at 438 feet and clanked off a window in the suite-level in left-center field. He did it wearing a uniform signed by 10-year-old Anthony Slocumb. The Oakland sixth-grader attended the game with a group from the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and Davis asked him to sign his jersey before the game.

Laureano connected in the second and again in the sixth with a three-run shot that chased Bartolo Colon (7-11), the 45-year-old Rangers starter scratched a day earlier against the Angels because of back stiffness.

Stephen Piscotty homered in the seventh and Marcus Semien added an RBI double to back Mike Fiers (9-6) as Oakland matched Houston atop the AL West.

INDIANS 5, RED SOX 4
BOSTON (AP) — Greg Allen hit

a tiebreaking homer right after Boston pitcher Rick Porcello was struck in the midsection by a line drive, and Corey Kluber tied for the major league wins lead.

Kluber (16-6) pitched into the seventh inning and matched Washington's Max Scherzer and the Yankees' Luis Severino for the most victories in the majors. Michael Brantley and Melky Cabrera also homered to help the AL Central-leading Indians improve to 14-4 in August.

Xander Bogaerts an early two-run single and an RBI single in the ninth for East-leading Boston. Ian Kinsler flied out with two runners on base, leaving the Red Sox with just their fifth loss in 22 games.

In a matchup of the AL's last two Cy Young Award winners, it was 3-all into the seventh. Porcello (15-6) retired the next batter and retired the next hitter. Yan Gomes followed with a liner that hit Porcello near the stomach — Porcello retrieved the ball near the mound, then to second for a forceout, and then slid to his knees, grabbing the spot where he was hit.

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Kris Richard brings fiery new style, Seattle success to Cowboys

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**

AP Pro Football Writer

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Kris Richard wears cleats to practice just in case the new secondary coach of the Dallas Cowboys decides to jump in on a play, which he did in training camp.

The former defensive coordinator for the Legion of Boom in Seattle was the highest-ranking hire in an overhaul of Jason Garrett's staff after the Cowboys missed the playoffs for the fifth time in seven full seasons under their coach.

The fiery Richard (pronounced ruh-SHARD) takes over a group that has one thing in common with the crew he had in his early days with the Seahawks: youth. For now, it's a stretch to say there's another Richard Sherman, Earl Thomas or Kam Chancellor on the Dallas roster.

"There's really no need to even talk about that," said Richard, also given the title of passing game coordinator. "We're not trying to be them. We're trying to be us. If we want to have success, then this has been the formula that has been successful in the past. If we want to do right, if want to have a great impact, then this is the style of the play we need to use."

It's an aggressive style: cornerbacks close to the line of scrimmage as opposed to the softer zone looks often employed by defensive coordinator Rod Marinelli. The Cowboys say they wanted a new philosophy. They definitely added someone not afraid to be

heard.

"You never want a coach to be the reason why you're hyped in a practice or a game," second-year cornerback Chidobe Awuzie said. "But I'd definitely say he amplifies it, just the whole defense. He sets the tone for us a lot of times before the practice even starts."

Richard isn't any quieter after practice starts. If a defensive back breaks up a pass in the end zone during 7-on-7 drills, Richard celebrates as if he made the play himself. Feeling the need to illustrate something during 7-on-7 work, he jumped in and covered tight end Geoff Swaim for a play.

Easy to spot because of his bald head and full beard, Richard is a stark contrast to his predecessor, the soft-spoken Joe Baker.

"Just how he commands the room," safety Jeff Heath said. "You could hear a pin drop. Everybody's on the edge of their seat. He's really captivating when he talks to the team. I think you could just tell how passionate he is about football, how passionate he is about coaching guys, coaching the guy first, the player second."

Richard joined the Seahawks as assistant defensive backs coach in 2010, the same year Thomas was drafted in the first round and Chancellor in the fifth. Sherman came in the fifth round a year later, when Richard took over coaching that position.

By the end of the 2015 season — the year Richard was named defensive coordinator — Seattle had led the NFL



AP photo
In this Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018, photo, Dallas Cowboys assistant coach Kris Richard walks on the field before an preseason NFL Football game in Arlington, Texas. Richard wears cleats to practice just in case the new secondary coach of the Dallas Cowboys decides to jump in on a play, which he did in training camp.

in scoring defense four times and total yards allowed twice with a Super Bowl title. Thomas and Sherman had six All-Pro nods between them.

The Seahawks slipped in Richard's last two seasons in part because of injuries. Thomas missed the final month in 2016, and Seattle played the second half of last season without Sherman, Chancellor and pass rusher Cliff Avril. After Richard was fired, the Cowboys didn't wait long to bring

him in. "He has (a) resume that is hard to beat relative to coaching defense," owner Jerry Jones said. "Up close, he's the real thing. The impression you have of him is the way he actually lives in terms of how he interworks with the players, how he does with his fellow coaches, how he does as a part of the whole team. All of that's there."

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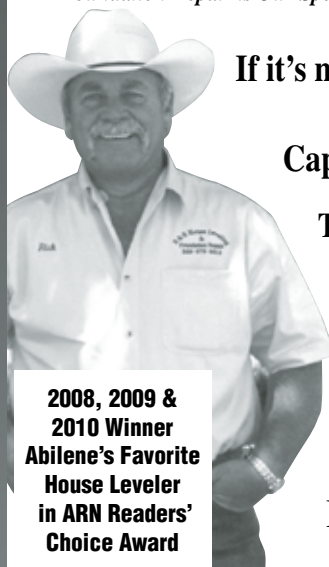
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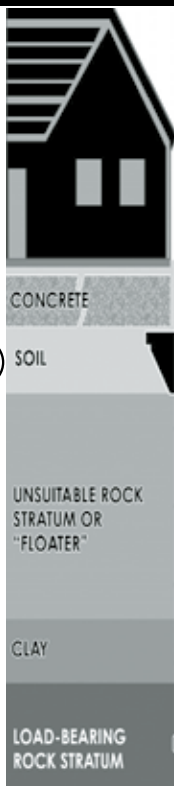
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	7	5					6	
	6		8	3				
6								8
	1							
2		9	1	7				
		1		5	4			
							7	
		3	9		1	4		

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

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By Steve Becker

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♠	J 10 5		
♥	7 5 2		
♦	A Q 10		
♣	K Q 6 2		
WEST			
♠	K 9		
♥	K Q 8 4		
♦	J 7 6 3 2		
♣	J 4		
EAST			
♠	7 3		
♥	9 6 3		
♦	9 5 4		
♣	10 8 7 5 3		
SOUTH			
♠	A Q 8 6 4 2		
♥	A J 10		
♦	K 8		
♣	A 9		

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 ♣	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	6 ♠		

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clubs, ruffed by West, who then cashed the heart queen.

The Polish declarer made the slam when he first cashed three diamonds (discarding a heart) and then the ace of trumps before playing the three top clubs. West ruffed the third club with the king, but it was then too late to score a heart trick.

In the women's final, Jacqui Mitchell and Gail Moss of the U.S. reached six spades as shown, and again the heart king was led. Moss won, played three diamonds, pitching a heart, and then tried three rounds of clubs, discarding her last heart.

The British West trumped, but instead of returning a heart (which would have left South no option but to ruff and play the ace of spades), she cleverly returned a diamond. Moss ruffed with dummy's ten and mullied the situation over.

Why had West voluntarily presented her with an entry to dummy? Whatever West's reason, all signs pointed to her having the king of spades. So instead of trying a finesse, Moss led a trump to the ace, caught West's king and made the slam.

At the other table, the British South played in six notrump, which had no chance after the king-of-hearts lead. The 17 IMPs the U.S. team gained proved critical, since it won the match — and the world title — by only 11 IMPs.

Tomorrow: Common-sense defense.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Last Day of Leo Sun Advice

Today's social stars come with a feeling similar to being stuck in an elevator of strangers with whom you have seemingly nothing in common. But by asking a few key questions, you'll find out that you are much more alike than you might have guessed, and in fact are "trapped" with the ideal group. Make it count before things start moving again.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

There are many reasons you "should" be happy. But reasons you "should" be happy are not reasons you are. You cannot feel happiness by other people's standards. Accept your feelings; they are the bottom line on the matter.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

Any effort to make yourself feel accepted, comfortable and soothed internally, and generally happy, will be well worth the effort. After all, how can you radiate a beautiful aura while feeling dark on the inside?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You'll spend many hours of highly focused attention on productive and practical activities so that by evening it may feel like you have very little psychic energy to invest on your loved ones. Then love will repower you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Your water sign nature will help you get

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



comfortable with the changes that come today. You'll be the boat, uniquely poised between two worlds, part in the ocean and part above it, ready to ride it out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Every generation thinks they are misunderstood by the generation before them and underappreciated by the generation behind them. When feelings arise on this topic, just know that they're shared by all ages.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

With so many people around you who need you, you have to be convinced to be selfish these days. Just don't forget that you're a person, too, and you can't give what you don't have. Replenish yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Visible reality is not the boss of you. But neither is the unseen world. Both will try to entice you, order you around, tell you what to want, how to feel. Get your balance between the two so you can stand your own ground.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Pretend you're an actor who can disengage yourself from the role at will. Step outside of it for a moment to figure out how best to play this. With a little detachment, you'll notice something about the plot you didn't before.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

You'll help to assemble a group. Logistics and practicalities must be handled. Also consider, though there may be room in the room for all of the people, is there also room for their egos?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

You can call on your talent to win the hour, but it won't win the day. That can't be won alone. Teamwork is the way. You'll use your social intelligence to trust, empathize and make the fair move.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Theories can only live in their own fictional world and are best either contained there or put into practice. There's a fine line between a theory that has never been tested and a lie.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

In the past, your sensitivity and empathy were exploited, but these are still among your most precious gifts to the world. Don't be afraid to use them, but do use them with a bit more discernment.

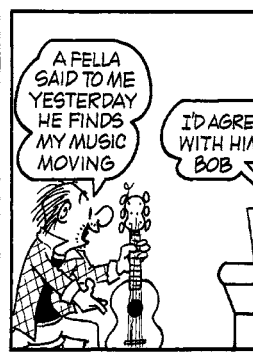
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Thought for Today:

"Paradoxical as it may seem, to believe in youth is to look backward; to look forward we must believe in age."

Dorothy L. Sayers
English author
(1893-1957)

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 21, the 233rd day of 2018. There are 132 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On August 21, 1831, Nat Turner launched a violent slave rebellion in Virginia resulting in the deaths of at least 55 whites. (Turner was later executed.)

On this date: In 1609, Galileo Galilei demonstrated his new telescope to a group of officials atop the Campanile (kahm-pah-NEE'-lay) in Venice.

In 1858, the first of seven debates between Illinois senatorial contenders Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas took place.

In 1911, Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" was stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris. (The painting was recovered two years later in Italy.)

In 1912, the Boy Scouts of America named its first Eagle Scout, Arthur Rose Eldred of Troop 1 in Rockville Centre, N.Y.

In 1940, exiled Communist revolutionary Leon Trotsky died in a Mexican hospital from wounds inflicted by an assassin the day before.

In 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed an executive order making Hawaii the 50th state.

In 1961, country singer Patsy Cline recorded the Willie Nelson song "Crazy" in Nashville for Decca Records. (The recording was released in October 1961.)

In 1963, martial law was declared in South Vietnam as police and army troops began a violent crackdown on Buddhist anti-government protesters.

In 1983, Philippine opposition leader Benigno S. Aquino Jr., ending a self-imposed exile in the United States, was shot dead moments after stepping off a plane at Manila International Airport. The musical play "La Cage Aux Folles" opened on Broadway.

In 1987, Sgt. Clayton Lonetree, the first Marine court-martialed for spying, was convicted in Quantico, Virginia, of passing secrets to the KGB. (Lonetree ended up serving eight years in a military prison.)

In 1991, the hard-line coup against Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev collapsed in the face of a popular uprising led by Russian Federation President Boris N. Yeltsin.

In 1992, an 11-day siege began at the cabin of white separatist Randy Weaver in Ruby Ridge,

Idaho, as government agents tried to arrest Weaver for failing to appear in court on charges of selling two illegal sawed-off shotguns; on the first day of the siege, Weaver's teenage son, Samuel, and Deputy U.S. Marshal William Degan were killed.

In 2000, rescue efforts to reach the sunken Russian nuclear submarine Kursk ended with divers announcing none of the 118 sailors had survived.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush issued a federal disaster declaration for parts of Florida affected by Tropical Storm Fay. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice arrived in Baghdad for discussions with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and other top Iraqi officials. Twin Taliban suicide bombings at Pakistan's largest weapons complex killed at least 67 people. At the Summer Olympics, Japan defeated the U.S. softball team, 3-1, to win the gold medal. Kerri Walsh and Misty May-Treanor won their second consecutive gold medal in beach volleyball, beating Wang Jie and Tian Jia of China. The U.S. women's soccer team won the gold medal by beating Brazil 1-0 in extra time.

Five years ago: Army Pfc. Bradley Manning was sentenced at Fort Meade, Maryland, to up to 35 years in prison for spilling an unprecedented trove of government secrets. (The former intelligence analyst, now known as Chelsea Manning, was later sentenced to up to 35 years in prison. The sentence was commuted by President Barack Obama in his final days in office.) The National Security Agency declassified three secret court opinions showing how in one of its surveillance programs, it scooped up as many as 56,000 emails and other communications by Americans not connected to terrorism annually over three years.

One year ago: Americans witnessed their first full-blown coast-to-coast solar eclipse since World War I, with eclipse-watcher's gathering along a path of totality extending 2,600 miles across the continent from Oregon to South Carolina. In a national address, President

Donald Trump reversed his past calls for a speedy exit from Afghanistan and recommitted the United States to the 16-year-old conflict, saying U.S. troops must "fight to win." A collision between the destroyer USS John McCain and an oil tanker near Singapore left ten U.S. sailors dead. London's Big Ben bell atop Parliament's clock tower fell silent for four years of repair work that would keep

it quiet on all but a few special occasions.

Today's Birthdays: Former NFL player and general manager Pete Retzlaff is 87. Actor-director Melvin Van Peebles is 86. Playwright Mart Crowley is 83. Singer Kenny Rogers is 80. Actor Clarence Williams III is 79. Rock-and-roll musician James Burton is 79. Singer Harold Reid (The Stabler Brothers) is 79. Singer Jackie

DeShannon is 77. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Willie Lanier is 73. Actress Patty McCormack is 73. Pop singer-musician Carl Giammarese (jee-ah mah-REE'-see) is 71. Actress Loretta Devine is 69. NBC newsmen Harry Smith is 67. Singer Glenn Hughes is 66. Country musician Nick Kane is 64. Actress Kim Cattrall is 62. Actress Alicia Witt is 43.

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Minor disagreement
 - 5 Without delay, in memos
 - 9 Athlete's negotiator
 - 14 Mexican food that's folded
 - 15 Narrow road
 - 16 Helicopter blade
 - 17 Concerning
 - 18 Tiny bit
 - 19 Inspirational slogan
 - 20 Hold in, as a sneeze
 - 22 Winter skating surface
 - 24 Homeowner's document
 - 25 Common parting words
 - 28 "I beg your pardon?"
 - 29 Japanese maker of the Outback SUV
 - 33 ___ Lanka
 - 36 Reveal a secret
 - 39 Trooper's speed detector
 - 40 Common parting words
 - 44 Islamic Almighty
 - 45 Wise one
 - 46 Medicine prescribers: Abbr.
 - 47 Give as a gift
 - 49 All over again
 - 52 Common parting words, from the Spanish
 - 58 Bring under control
 - 61 Triumphed
 - 62 Underground room for wine
- DOWN**
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 - 2 Spaghetti, for example
 - 3 Part of a long play
 - 4 Not enough
 - 5 Estrange
 - 6 ___ Paulo, Brazil
 - 7 Playful prank
 - 8 Tranquility
 - 9 Elbow's location
 - 10 Gift to a party guest
 - 11 Suffix for luncheon
 - 12 Brief memo
 - 13 Walked (on)
 - 21 "Well, ___-di-dah!"
 - 23 Newspaper execs.
 - 26 News stories
 - 27 Mystical glow
 - 30 Father of Cain
 - 31 Sudden attack
 - 32 Caterer's coffeepots
 - 33 Wild guess
 - 34 Make angry
 - 35 Misfortunes
 - 37 Meadow
 - 38 Permissible by law
 - 41 Soaped up
 - 42 Horse-stopping shout
 - 43 Persistence
 - 48 Direction opposite ENE
 - 50 Mother of Cain
 - 51 "Weeping" tree
 - 53 Frog cousins
 - 54 Declare void
 - 55 Cut drastically, as prices
 - 56 Dining surface
 - 57 Fire-setting crime
 - 58 "Step right ___ way!"
 - 59 Highest-rated
 - 60 Stubborn beast
 - 64 Pigpen
 - 66 Coffee alternative

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Some old geezers to watch this season

By **BARRY WILNER**

AP Pro Football Writer

Anyone who pays attention to the NFL knows that Tom Brady is 41 as he heads into the season. He's hardly the only geezer, in football terms, still on the field or hoping to be when the season kicks off next month.

Indeed, Brady isn't even close to the oldest guy suiting up these days. His former teammate in New England, Colts kicker Adam Vinatieri, is 45.

There are plenty of players currently on rosters who are older than Rams coach Sean McVay, now 32. Hey, that's in the midst of the prime competing years for most positions.

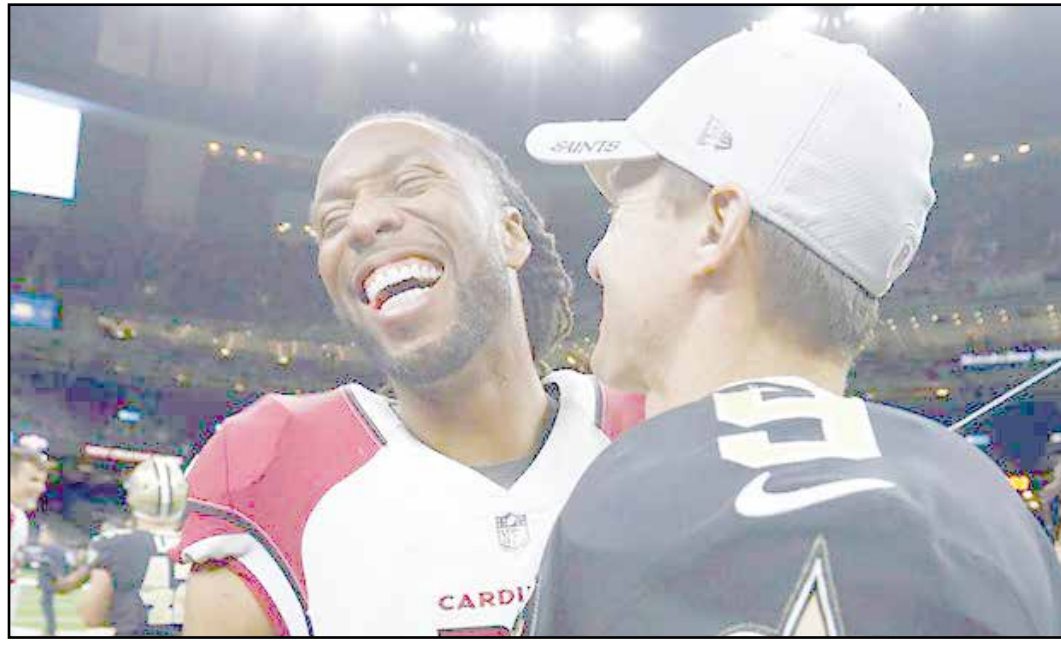
Here's a look at six 30-somethings who could be impactful this season. We're steering away from the kickers, who tend to age a lot more slowly than anyone else.

Drew Brees, Saints quarterback — There are no signs of Brees slowing down at age 39. He's in the perfect offense, which he knows so well he could probably run it from a rocking chair.

Helping mightily are skill position players such as Alvin Kamara, Mark Ingram when he returns from a four-game suspension for violating the NFL policy on performance-enhancing substances, Michael Thomas, Ted Ginn Jr., and Benjamin Watson (37 himself).

Also aiding Brees: A defense can't throw anything at him he hasn't seen — again and again.

"I understand that I don't have a whole lot of time left," says Brees, who'll be 40 in January and whose contract expires after the 2019 season.



AP photo

Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald laughs with New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees (9) in the second half of an NFL preseason football game in New Orleans, Friday, Aug. 17, 2018. The Cardinals won 20-15.

"You've got to work and have high expectations and sacrifice and do maybe even more now than I ever have."

Andrew Whitworth, Rams left tackle — Whitworth was a stud for Cincinnati for 11 seasons, but the Bengals must have believed he was through in 2016 because they let him walk as a free agent. Now 36, he comes off an All-Pro first year in which the Rams were dominant on offense.

Despite all those years in the trenches, Whitworth looks as sharp and powerful as the day he came out of LSU in 2006. He has a shot at his first Super Bowl with a supremely talented roster around him.

Julius Peppers, Panthers defensive end — Like Brees, Peppers will some-

day wind up with a bust in Canton, Ohio. At 38, he's no longer an every-down player, but he's an every-day leader.

Peppers can provide ample force as a pass rusher if he's mixed in efficiently, something Carolina is quite good at with its D-line. That's essential in the league's best division, facing Brees and Matt Ryan twice a season.

Peppers was placed on the physically unable to perform list in July, but the Panthers don't seem too concerned about his availability — or production — when the games count.

Terence Newman, Vikings cornerback — Now this is really impressive: a DB who will be 40 before the

season kicks off, yet can handle the speed- and agility-based duties in an increasingly fast-paced game.

Newman enters his 16th pro season — he was the fifth overall selection by Dallas in 2003 — and this will be his fourth year in Minnesota. The league's oldest defensive player likely will see some time at safety on a game-changing defense. To see any time at all in an NFL secondary at such an advanced age is stunning.

"You have to figure out something else that you want to do, once you get to my age," Newman said when he re-signed in May. "I think this will be my last year. No matter what happens, this will be it for me."

Vernon Davis, Redskins tight end — Once among the elite tight ends of the NFL, Davis remains at 34 enough of a force on the field and a positive influence off it to be a factor for Washington. He averaged 15.1 yards a reception for the Redskins a year ago, third best in his distinguished career.

Alex Smith often targets his tight end — Travis Kelce became a star catching Smith's passes in Kansas City — and Davis knows just about everything about playing the position.

L.P. Ladouceur, Cowboys long snapper — At 37, this is his 14th year with the Cowboys; how many fans would recognize the Canadian in Big D without his jersey on?

Long snappers always are unsung, fitting the cliché of only getting noticed when they mess up. Ladouceur almost never does, and he's now the longest-tenured Cowboy with Jason Witten retired.

Monday's Sports in Brief

Associated Press

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Alabama will begin its quest for a second consecutive national championship with a rare three-peat. The Crimson Tide is just the second team to be ranked No. 1 in the preseason Associated Press Top 25 poll for three straight seasons. Alabama received 42 out of 61 first-place votes.

No. 2 Clemson received 18 first-place votes. Georgia is No. 3 and Wisconsin is fourth. The Badgers received one first-place vote. Ohio State was ranked No. 5.

The preseason AP poll started in 1950 and since then only Oklahoma from 1985-87 had started No. 1 in three straight years until now.

Ring up another milestone for coach Nick Saban's Tide dynasty. Alabama has won five national championships since 2009 and now has been No. 1 to start the season five times under Saban. Last season was the first time Saban's team started and finished the season No. 1.

BASEBALL

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Khris Davis asked a young fan from the Make-A-Wish Foundation to sign his jersey, then slugged a mighty home run for the Oakland Athletics in a 9-0 win against the Texas Rangers.

Davis let 10-year-old Oakland sixth-grader Anthony Slocumb print his name in blue ink on Davis' white jersey, then wore the uniform while hitting his 37th home run in the third inning. Slocumb, in remission from a rare cancer called Langerhans cell histiocytosis, was at the Coliseum with a group from the Make-A-Wish Foundation's Greater Bay Area chapter. His mother, Natalie Sanchez, was delighted by Davis' gesture.

"I was down there with the other kids and then

two other players came down and then he came down," an overjoyed Slocumb said in an interview with The Associated Press outside the Coliseum. "So, I was like, 'You're my favorite player' and he was like, 'Cool.' I said, 'Can you sign my jersey?' and then he said, 'Sure, do you want to sign mine, too?' And I was like, 'Sure,' so we basically signed each other's jerseys. That's what happened."

Davis' shot was estimated at 438 feet. It came off starter Bartolo Colon and clanked off a window in the suite-level in left-center, a rare spot for home runs to reach here.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Chicago White Sox manager Rick Renteria will stay in a Minnesota hospital overnight after complaining of lightheadedness.

The 56-year-old Renteria was at the ballpark when the issue arose and was taken to Hennepin County Medical Center as a precaution. A team official says Renteria went through tests, but didn't have any further information.

Bench coach Joe McEwing managed the club for Monday night's 8-5 victory over the Twins. The teams begin a two-game set in Chicago on Tuesday night.

McEwing says Renteria is "an amazing leader and amazing person." He says the team's "thoughts and prayers were with him the whole evening."

Renteria is in his third season as the White Sox manager.

AUTO RACING

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP) — IndyCar driver Robert Wickens will have surgery for a spinal injury suffered in a crash at Pocono Raceway.

IndyCar said in a statement the 29-year-old Canadian was scheduled for surgery Monday night in an Allentown hospital. The series was not expected to issue another immediate update on his condition.

Wickens was airlifted from the race track following a crash in the opening laps of Sunday's race. IndyCar said he suffered injuries to his lower extremities, right arm and spine, and a pulmonary contusion.

Wickens' car sailed into the fence at Pocono when he and Ryan Hunter-Reay made slight contact. Hunter-Reay's car spun and Wickens' car launched over it and into the fence. A large hole was torn into the fence and the race was delayed two hours to repair the damage.

Wickens is a rookie in IndyCar but a championship driver in touring cars in Europe. He left that series this year to try IndyCar alongside childhood friend James Hinchcliffe. The two Canadians became friends racing against each other in the junior ranks and Hinchcliffe lured Wickens back to North America.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State trustees set a private meeting for Wednesday to talk about the future of coach Urban Meyer as the university seeks to quickly move past a scandal that has consumed the football program for nearly a month.

Meyer has been the subject of an investigation into the handling of domestic-abuse allegations against former assistant coach Zach Smith.

The university said factfinders briefed the board on Monday. The panel will convene in a public session on Wednesday morning before going behind closed doors to discuss the next steps. President Michael V. Drake will have the final say on whether Meyer keeps his job or faces other consequences.

"(Monday's) briefing is to ensure that board members are adequately prepared to discuss this matter at Wednesday's meeting," Ohio State spokeswoman Emily Caldwell said Monday in an email.

No timetable was given for final resolution of the matter, which has overshadowed the team's preparation for the 2018 season that begins at home Sept. 1.

COWBOYS

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Quick to dismiss what will surely be constant comparisons to his Seattle days, Richard does acknowledge the success can make a difference as he tries to instill his message with just his second NFL team.

"There is a bit of proof in the pudding, per se," Richard said. "I think that's the whole idea, is bringing the fact that, yeah, we're going to do our best not to recreate it, but to make our own."

Terence Newman was the last Dallas defensive back with five interceptions in a season — eight

years ago. There have been failed efforts since to find playmakers.

The Cowboys believe that changed with last year's draft: Awuzie in the second round, followed by Jourdan Lewis in the third. Dallas made it three defensive backs out of the first five picks with safety Xavier Woods in the sixth round.

The biggest move for Richard since coming over was immediately returning 2015 first-rounder Byron Jones to cornerback after a year at safety and a career of going back and forth. Richard likes Jones' size on the outside — another part of the model in Seattle.

The Cowboys have three interceptions in the first two preseason games, including a highlight-reel

grab when Awuzie made a leaping tip with one hand and caught the ball falling backward last week against Cincinnati.

Dallas is thin at safety after a hamstring injury to Woods against the Bengals that could keep him out of the opener. Woods' absence will only fuel speculation about the future of Thomas, a holdout in Seattle. He was seen telling Garrett to "come get me" in the tunnel after Seattle eliminated Dallas from playoff contention last December.

Richard has his answer for that Seattle question as well.

"Everyone who's here is everyone we need," Richard said. "And that's always our focus."

For Richard, it's a fiery focus.

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Porcello was checked on the mound, took a practice toss or two, and stayed in the game. Two pitches later, Allen hit a drive into the Indians' bullpen for his second home run of the season.

CARDINALS 5, DODGERS 3

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dodgers closer Kenley Jansen allowed ninth-inning homers to Jedd Gyorko and Matt Carpenter in his return from the disabled list.

Gyorko pinch hit and sent a 1-1 pitch into center field leading off. Carpenter followed with his NL-leading 34th homer, also to center, stunning the small crowd that remained through the four-plus-hour game.

Jansen (0-4) retired the next two batters before giving up a single to Marcell Ozuna. He got pinch-hitter Tyler O'Neill to end the inning, but the damage was done. It was his first appearance since being hospitalized with an irregular heartbeat on Aug. 9.

Closer Bud Norris walked Matt Kemp leading off the bottom of the ninth before striking out the next three batters to end the game and get his 25th save. Brett Cecil (1-1) retired Cody Bellinger with two on to end the eighth.

BRAVES 1, PIRATES 0

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Bryse Wilson worked five solid innings, becoming the third 20-year-old pitcher to start in his big league debut for Atlanta this season.

Wilson (1-0) allowed three hits, struck out five and walked three as Atlanta increased its NL East lead to one game over idle Philadelphia while ending its four-game skid.

Dan Winkler pitched the ninth, working around a leadoff single for his second save.

Pittsburgh has allowed exactly one run in five straight games, but has lost three of them. The organization hasn't done that since July 13-18, 1888, when they were the Alleghenys, according to Stats.

The Braves scored in the first inning when Freddie Freeman hit a two-out double and scored on Nick Markakis' single.

Pirates starter Chris Archer (4-6) was removed after four innings because of left leg discomfort. Pittsburgh is optimistic he'll make

his next scheduled start. **MARINERS 7, ASTROS 4**

SEATTLE (AP) — Robinson Cano hit his first home run since returning from an 80-game suspension, a three-run shot in the eighth inning that lifted Seattle to a key win over Houston.

Seattle won its fifth straight against the Astros, thanks to a huge night from Cano. He doubled twice earlier in the game — his first two extra-base hits since coming back from his suspension for violating baseball's joint drug policy. But those were precursors to his drive to left-center field off Houston's Collin McHugh (5-2) with one out in the eighth.

It was Cano's fifth home run of the season and his first since May 12 against Detroit. Seattle pulled within 3 1/2 games of Houston in the division race, while the Astros fell back into a tie with Oakland for the top spot in the AL West.

Alex Colome (4-5) pitched a perfect eighth and Edwin Diaz closed out the ninth for his 48th save.

GIANTS 2, METS 1, 13 INNINGS

NEW YORK (AP) — Mets left fielder Dominic Smith plowed into shortstop Amed Rosario on a potential inning-ending popup in the 13th and the ball dropped, giving San Francisco the tiebreaking run.

The Giants had runners at first and third with two outs when Brandon Crawford lifted a lazy pop. Rosario ranged into shallow left field, waved off Smith and was in position for a routine catch.

But the bulky Smith, who more often plays first base, came charging in and barged into Rosario. The ball ticked off Rosario's glove and fell to the ground, and Andrew McCutchen scored on a botched play scored as an error on Smith.

The Giants ended their four-game losing streak. Derek Law (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings for the win.

Tyler Bashlor (0-2) got the loss.

BLUE JAYS 5, ORIOLES 3

TORONTO (AP) — Kendrys Morales homered twice, Marco Estrada pitched 5 1/3 innings to win his second straight start and Toronto improved to 8-0 at home against Baltimore.

Morales hit a one-out solo homer in the fourth, then added a

three-run drive in the fifth — both off Baltimore right-hander Andrew Cashner (4-11) — for his 22nd career multihomer game.

Renato Nunez replied with a solo home run for the struggling Orioles, who have lost nine of their past 11.

Estrada (7-9) allowed three runs and seven hits, improving to 9-2 in 18 career games against Baltimore. Ken Giles finished for his 16th save in 16 opportunities.

WHITE SOX 8, TWINS 5

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Matt Davidson homered, Lucas Giolito (9-9) struck out six in six innings and Chicago spoiled Stephen Gonsalves' major league debut.

Playing without manager Rick Renteria, Chicago won for the fourth time in five games in the makeup of snowed-out April contest. Davidson drove in three runs, and Jose Abreu had two hits and two RBIs.

Renteria experienced lightheadedness before the game and was taken to a hospital as a precaution. Bench coach Joe McEwing served as the manager, and the team said tests on Renteria didn't show any problems.

Jake Cave and Max Kepler homered for the second straight day for Minnesota, which had won five of six.

Gonsalves (0-1) surrendered four runs in just 1 1/3 innings.

RAYS 1, ROYALS 0

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Ryan Yarbrough helped extend Tampa Bay's shutout streak to 23 innings, and the Rays got their only run via video replay.

Yarbrough (12-5) pitched 5 1/3 innings in relief of opener Hunter Wood. The rookie left-hander gave up two hits and a walk while striking out six, earning his

major league-leading 10th relief win.

Jose Alvarado pitched the ninth for his fifth save and stretched the Rays' streak of scoreless innings, which included 14 over the weekend in Boston.

Willy Adames drove in the game's first run. After singles by Ji-Man Choi and Kevin Kiermaier in the second inning, Adames hit a two-out chopper over third base. Adames beat Rosell Herrera's throw across the diamond, but it took a 43-second review to reverse the original out call.

The run came off right-hander Jorge Lopez (0-3), who pitched five innings in his second major league start.

BREWERS 5, REDS 2

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Travis Shaw and Christian Yelich homered, Chase Anderson settled in after giving up two solo homers and Milwaukee rallied for a victory.

Shaw's two-run homer off Homer Bailey put the Brewers up 3-2 in the sixth. Jesus Aguilar singled to open the inning and Shaw followed with his 25th homer, lining an 0-2 pitch into the right-field seats.

Anderson (8-7) entered tied for the NL lead with 24 homers allowed and gave up second-inning solo shots to Eugenio Suarez and Phillip Ervin as the Reds took a 2-0 lead. Anderson then retired the final 14 hitters he faced.

Jeremy Jeffress pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

Bailey (1-11) kept the Brewers off the scoreboard until Yelich's 20th homer, a one-out solo shot in the fifth that made it 2-1. Bailey, who has not won since May 12, allowed three runs on five hits in six innings, striking out five and walking one.

ASTROS

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"It's like making a huge trade at the deadline for a middle of the order bat," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said. "It's hard to navigate through him."

Seattle finally came through with runners in scoring position after starting 1 for 12, the only hit being Mitch Haniger's RBI single in the sixth inning that pulled the Mariners even at 4-4. Dee Gordon reached on an infield single with one out in the eighth — with manager Scott Servais ejected during the at-bat — and Haniger followed with a walk. Cano got a fastball on the outside part of the plate and drove it out.

Seattle's pitching was also outstanding, retiring 21 of the final 22 Houston batters. Felix Hernandez was solid in his return to the rotation after a brief demotion to the Seattle bullpen. Relievers Adam Warren and Alex Colome (4-5) were perfect to the ninth where Edwin Diaz finished off his league-best 48th save, tying the franchise record.

The only batter to have success was Marwin Gonzalez, who homered in the first and added a two-run double in the third off Hernandez. Houston was limited to one hit after the third inning.

"They outhit us, and they put a lot of pressure on us from the very beginning of the game," Hinch said.

FELIX'S START

Hernandez allowed four runs and scattered five hits — three of those to Gonzalez — in six innings. Despite the four earned runs it was one of his better starts of the season.

"The last three in-

nings the ball was coming out much better," Hernandez said.

EJECTION

Servais was ejected protecting Gordon after he started arguing a strike call by home plate umpire Mike Muchlinski. Servais stepped between the two and was quickly tossed. It was his third ejection of the season.

MVP RETURNS

The Astros expect to activate 2B Jose Altuve off the 10-day disabled list before Tuesday's game. Altuve has been out since July 26 with a sore knee. He played one game for Triple-A Fresno on Sunday and collected his first-ever Triple-A hit. Altuve made the jump directly from Double-A to joining the Astros.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: OF George Springer was scratched from the lineup due to a sore left quad. Hinch said Springer reported the soreness after arriving at the ballpark. It's not considered serious and Springer could have been used off the bench if needed. ... C Brian McCann and RHP Chris Devenski will continue their rehab assignments with Double-A Corpus Christi later this week. Their chances of rejoining the Astros will be re-evaluated next week when the club comes off the road and returns to Houston.

Mariners: LHP James Paxton threw for the second straight day as he recovers from the forearm contusion suffered when he was hit by a line drive. Paxton threw at about 90-100 feet but still no set timetable on his potential return. ... Relief pitcher Sam Tuivailala had surgery late last week to repair a ruptured Achilles tendon suffered earlier this month. Recovery time is expected to be six to eight months.



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