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Art camp masterpieces



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Works of art created by youngsters attending the Kids' Summer Art Camp at the Heritage Museum of Big Spring adorn the museum's display area. The art camp is hosted by local artist, Terri Chaney, and features classes split into different age ranges. "Creativity isn't in the schools as much as it used to be, and they need that experience," said Chaney. "I think it's vital for everyone to have some kind of creative outlet." Anyone who is interested in seeing the works of art can go down to the museum from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For questions or information, call the Heritage Museum at 267-8255.

Big Spring State Park Monthly Walk

By TYLER SCHELLIE
 Staff Writer

Big Spring State Park Monthly Walk hosted by Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club, is underway. Volkssport is a non-competitive walking sport started in Germany in which participants can fit their walking into their own schedule and participate at their own pace. The event is overseen by the American Volkssport Association (AVA) and the Internationaler Volkssportverbund (IVV); as well as locally by the Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club.

This year, the start point is at the Days Inn motel, 2701 South Gregg St., near the Walmart Supercenter.

Registration at Days Inn, but please be sure to allow staff to attend to customers. This fall, walkers can start anytime between 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Upon reaching the start point, ask for the start box, which has all of the materials you may need. All walkers must register, sign a waiver, and obtain a start card and route map for the walk. Upon completion of the walk, return to Days Inn Motel for your IVV stamp.

If you want the event credit, put your start card and \$3 fee in a pre-addressed envelope and put it in the mail. No refunds. If you don't want event credit, leave your completed card in the box. You may stamp your books every time you walk this walk. The walking trail is inside the Big Spring State Park. It includes asphalt roads, dirt paths and a gravel trail.

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McCollum and Wetzel set to perform Thursday

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Songs are gonna be swapping Thursday evening at

series at the venue, and the "Song Swap" is the first installment in that series.

Parker McCollum is an Americana country singer



McCollum



Wetzel

who resides in Austin. His music incorporates genres as diverse as blues, roots rock, soul and folk rock. His albums include 2015's "The Limestone Kid" and

the Spring.

The City of Big Spring, BAD Events, and the FMH Foundation are presenting "Song Swap at the Spring," featuring country music artists Parker McCollum and Koe Wetzel.

The event will take place at the newly-renamed "F. Marie Hall Plaza and Performance Stage" at Big Spring's Historic Spring. Hall's FMH Foundation donated a sizeable portion of the money to renovate the Spring and build the stage and plaza. As part of the requirements included by the foundation for the grant, Big Spring will institute an annual concert

2017's "Probably Wrong."

Koe Wetzel, an East Texas native based out of Stephenville, features what he calls "Texas Rock and Roll." Albums include 2015's "Out on Parole" and 2016's "Noise Complaint."

Response for the event has been high, and all of the free tickets have already been issued.

For more information contact the Big Spring Visitor's Center at 432-263-8235.

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

Anderson orientation scheduled Thursday

By TYLER SCHELLIE
 Staff Writer

Anderson Accelerated is having their orientation Thursday, Aug. 16, at 5 p.m.

Orientation gives returning or new students and their parents a chance to meet with the faculty and gather all of the information needed for the upcoming school year.

"This is a very helpful back to school event, that allows us to revisit and reconnect with the students and parents we had last year. We will be going over some of the slight changes made to the program, such as new hours of operations," Heidi Wagner, principal of Anderson Accelerated, said. "The goal is to make sure everyone is on the same page."

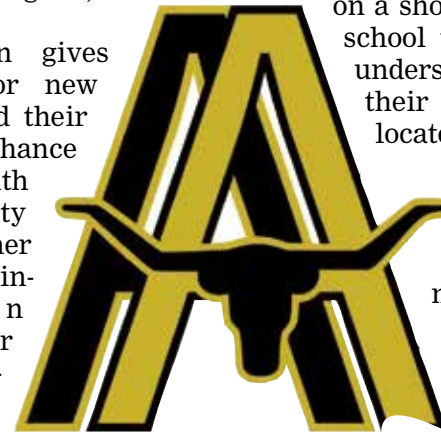
The orientation will not only be a learning experience where students will gather to just talk with the teachers, they will be going

on a short tour of the school to help them understand where their classes are located, and much

more. There will be pizza and refreshments for everyone to enjoy while chatting with staff, friends, and classmates.

For additional information you can contact staff through the Anderson Accelerated Facebook page; or, to contact the school, call 432-264-3641 ext. 1101.

Contact Staff Writer Tyler Schellie at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.



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Obituaries

Mary Ruth Adian Morgan



Mary Ruth Adian Morgan, 94, of Rising Star, Texas, passed away on July 27, 2018, at her home in Rising Star.

Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31, 2018, at The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road, with Dr. Jeff Reid officiating. Burial will follow at Elmwood Memorial Park, 5726 US-277, Abilene, Texas. Visitation will be 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, at The Hamil Family Funeral Home.

Mary was born in Coleman County, Texas, to Franklin Alexander Adian and Gertrude Abernathy on June 18, 1924. She graduated from Mozelle High School in Mozelle, Texas. She spent 44 years working for Southern Pacific as a Telegraph Operator. Mary was a member of the First Baptist Church of Rising Star.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Franklin and Gertrude Abernathy; son, Walter Ray Morgan, Jr.; one grandson, Michael Stephen Faulkner; four brothers, Reuben, Joseph, John Thomas and Charles Adian; three sisters, Inez Dobbins, Loree Kehl and Irene Hammond.

Surviving Mary is her three children, Lynda Faulkner of Rising Star, Daniel Lee Morgan of Brownwood, David Frank Morgan of Rising Star; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Murray Day, Jimmy Minor, Doug Hatchett, Billy Hale, Stan Adian and Larry Adian.

The Family request in lieu of flowers that memorials be made to Alpha Omega Hospice, P.O. Box 162041, Fort Worth, Texas 76161

Memories may be shared and condolences submitted online at www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Paid Obituary

Billy W. Sanders,

Billy W. Sanders, "Pa", age 76, of Coahoma, went to his heavenly home on July 29, 2018, in Temple, Texas.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, August 1, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, with Gordon Ray Mitchell officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

The casket will lie in state from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

He was born March 30, 1942, in Marathon, TX to James and Helen Sanders.

He married the love of his life, Gloria Thomas, on October 3, 1963. He had numerous positions through the years with Chevron and retired after 30 years of service.

Billy truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures and he was a man of many skills. He enjoyed

spending time with his family, especially his grandkids. He loved hunting, fishing, and rebuilding old cars and tractors.

He was preceded in death by two infant daughters and his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Gloria; son, James and his wife, Michele; daughter, Sue and her husband, Frankie; sister, Elaine and her husband, Larry; grandchildren, Brandon and his wife, Jennifer, Kayla, Nichele, Katelynn, Haley, and Holden; along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family suggests memorials to The American Diabetes Association, 3001 N. Big Spring St., Midland, Texas 79705 or www.diabetes.org

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

Paid Obituary

Police and Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ESTEPHANEY NAVARRO-SERRANO**, 23, of 1407 Settles St. was arrested on a four warrants for other agencies.
- **WESLEY ALLEN EDMONDSON**, 31, of P.O. Box 834 was arrested on warrants for driving with an invalid license.
- **JAMES ELWYN RHODES JR**, 53, of 801 W FM 700 was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

- **WESLEY ALLEN EDMONDSON**, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for driving with an invalid license.
- **CARLOS VELEZ GONZALEZ** was arrested by BSPD on two charges of Burglary of a vehicle, and a charge of fraud use/possess identifying info.
- **MELISSA JURADO** was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **LANCE WAYNE BIDDLE LAND** was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for possession of a danger-

- **THEFT** was reported on the 100 block of E Robinson Rd.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported on the 5000 block of Dawson Rd.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported on the 1500 block of E FM 700
- **BURGLARY IN PROGRESS** was reported on the 3900 block of Hamilton St.

ous drug.

- **KRISTY MICHELLE LIVINGSTON** was arrested by HCSO was arrested on a charge of theft of property <= \$2,500.
- **HEZEKIAH STEPHON MCNALLY** was arrested by BSPD on two charges of burglary of vehicles.
- **ESTEPHANEY NAVARRO-SERRANO** was arrested by BSPD on warrants for speeding, no drivers license safety seat sys, child passenger, and violating promise to appear.
- **JAMES ELWYN RHODES JR** was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JUAN RODRIGUEZ** was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Aylesford. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block

of N. Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lark. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of E 15th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 5100 block of Dawson Dr. No transport needed.
- **BUILDING FIRE** was reported on the 2100 block of Alabama, the fire was contained.

Take Note

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

• 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.

• Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, handles legal issues affecting Veterans, Retirees, and their family members. They will have clinics that provides volunteer attorneys that will provide free legal advice (up to 25 minutes depending on the issue).

A pro bono attorney may be assigned to handle some cases that include: bankruptcy, consumer issues/contract, child supper and custody, divorce, employment, foreclosure, housing, landlord/tenant, probate and guardianship, real estate, social security/SSI, Veterans benefits/issues, wills and estate planning. The Clinic dates are on Aug. 23 and Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Northside Community Center on 110 N.E 8th St. Applicants must be financially eligible to obtain services.

Please bring a copy of your DD215 and/or Veterans ID card. Appointments are required. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Pete Fierro at 432-332-1207, ext. 4511.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chap-

lains 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.

• 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.

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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.

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

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WALK

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Trail rating is 3. This walk is not advisable for wheelchairs, walkers or strollers. These events are open to everyone. An adult must accompany

children ages 12 and younger. These events count toward acquisition of IVV achievement awards. All participants are reminded to bring their books. Insert cards will be available at the start point. Water and restrooms are available at the Days Inn Motel and at the headquarters of the

park, which is the start of the walk. It is recommended that you bring your own snacks and carry your own water for the duration of the walk. The sponsoring club, Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club, will make every effort to make the walk safe and enjoyable for all.

For more information you can contact Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club, attention Alex Rose, at 432-687-2588; or Days Inn at 432-267-5237.

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Assault on compound, roadside bomb kill 26 in Afghanistan



Smoke rises from a building after a deadly attack including a suspected suicide car bombing and gunbattles, in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, Tuesday, July 31, 2018. An Afghan provincial official said a coordinated attack was underway by the Taliban in the city of Jalalabad, the capital of eastern Nangarhar province.

By RAHIM FAIEZ
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A coordinated assault on a government compound in eastern Afghanistan

killed at least 15 people and a roadside bomb in the western part of the country killed 11 on Tuesday, Afghan officials said.

A suicide car bomb went off outside a repatriation center in the eastern

city of Jalalabad, allowing two gunmen to storm the compound and setting off a six-hour battle. At-tahullah Khogyani, a spokesman for the provincial governor, said the militants killed at least 15 people, including a woman and a policeman.

He said another 15 people were wounded before the two gunmen were killed by security forces.

Another 31 civilians were wounded in the bus bombing, which took place in the western Farah province, according to Abdul Jabar Shahiq, the provincial health department chief. He said the bus was on its way from Herat province to the capital, Kabul, and that women and children were among the casualties.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks. The Taliban and the Islamic State group carry out near-daily attacks in the Nangarhar province, of which Jalalabad is

the capital. The Taliban also have a strong presence in Farah, where they often plant roadside bombs to target government officials or security forces. Such attacks often end up killing civilians.

Farah has seen heavy fighting in recent months, with local officials and tribal elders requesting reinforcements to support the overburdened army and police. In May, more than 300 Taliban launched a multi-pronged attack on the city of Farah, the provincial capital, before they were repelled. At least 25 government forces were killed in the fighting.

The U.N. mission to Afghanistan said 1,692 civilians have been killed in the first six months of this year, the highest six-month casualty rate since the systematic documentation of such casualties began in 2009.

Since the United States and NATO formally concluded their combat mission at the end of 2014, a resurgent Taliban have stepped up attacks across the country and an Islamic State affiliate has staged high-profile attacks that have killed scores of civilians.

On Tuesday, IS claimed responsibility for a suicide car bombing the day before in Nangarhar province that killed the commander of a local government-allied militia and three others.

ICE, Border Patrol at Senate hearing on family separations



In this May 24, 2018, file photo, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, speaks to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington. The Republican chairman and top Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee want federal investigators to examine charges that immigrants have suffered sexual, physical and emotional abuse at two government agencies' detention centers. Grassley of Iowa and California's Dianne Feinstein have written to the inspectors general of the departments of Homeland Security, and Health and Human Services, that the allegations are "extremely disturbing and must be addressed. This is not a partisan issue."

By ALAN FRAM

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Judiciary Committee is demanding answers from federal immigration officials about the Trump administration's separation of migrant children from their families and its struggle to reunite them, a fraught

effort that's drawn election-year criticism from both parties.

But a hearing scheduled for Tuesday on the topic may have a wider focus after the committee's bipartisan leaders asked federal investigators to probe reports of sexual and other abuse of immigrants at government detention facilities.

Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, and top panel Democrat Dianne Feinstein of California asked late Monday for an examination of alleged sexual, physical and emotional mistreatment of immigrants held at agency facilities, saying the problems may have been occurring since 2014 or earlier.

With President Donald Trump already under fire for taking thousands of migrant children from their detained parents — and botching the reunification of many — the request for the investigation elevated yet another issue to the administration's list of immigration headaches.

"These allegations of abuse are extremely disturbing and must be addressed," Grassley and Feinstein wrote in a letter to the

departments of Homeland Security and Health and Human Services. "This is not a partisan issue as reporting suggests many have been occurring for years. Immigrant families and children kept in federal custody deserve to be treated with basic human dignity and respect and should never be subjected to these forms of abuse."

Set to testify Tuesday to the Judiciary panel were officials from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Border Patrol and other agencies.

Trump began a policy of "zero tolerance" this spring, prosecuting all migrants caught entering the U.S. without authorization. To help discourage border crossing, his administration also began separating children from their detained parents, rather than following the policy used by previous administrations, which generally released the entire family pending court action.

Under withering public rejection and criticism from congressional Democrats and Republicans alike, Trump stopped taking children from their parents. But of the more than 2,500 children held, hundreds were not reunited by last week. That includes more than 400 whose parents were deported.

U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw in San Diego set a deadline of last Thursday to reunite the families. While he commended administration officials for reuniting many parents in its custody with their children, it faulted them for leaving hundreds of families still apart and warning that a better system must be in place.

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Minnie Jones, 46, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home

Oscar P. Garza, 61, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Trump threatens shutdown over border security, GOP disagrees

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**

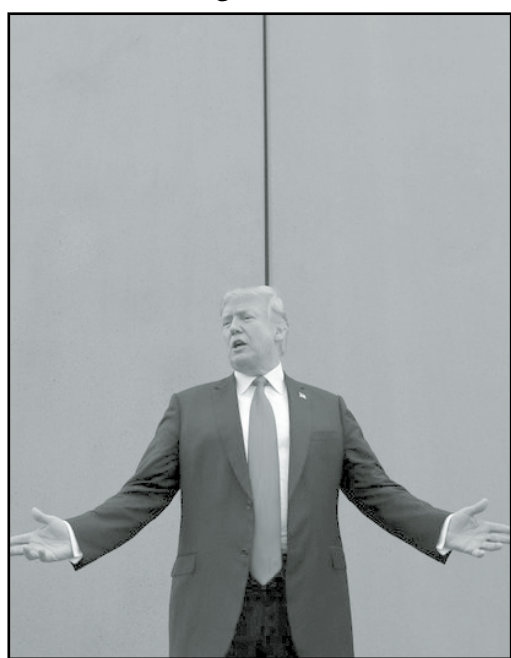
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans anxious about keeping control of Congress think it's a bad idea, but President Donald Trump still says he's willing to close the government over border security issues, including money he wants to build a promised U.S.-Mexico border wall.

"I would be willing to 'shut down' government if the Democrats do not give us the votes for Border Security, which includes the Wall!" Trump tweeted Sunday. "Must get rid of Lottery, Catch & Release etc. and finally go to system of Immigration based on MERIT!"

"We need great people coming into our Country!" Trump said.

Trump returned to the idea after a meeting at the White



AP photo

In this March 13, 2018, file photo, President Donald Trump speaks during a tour as he reviews border wall prototypes in San Diego.

House last week with House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., where they were said to have agreed on the way forward on government funding for the budget year that starts Oct. 1.

McConnell told a radio interviewer last week that a shutdown so close to the Nov. 6 midterm elections won't happen. McConnell acknowledged, however, that the border funding issue in particular was unlikely to be resolved before the balloting.

Ryan said on Capitol Hill after the meeting: "The president's willing to be patient to make sure that we get what we need so that we can get that done." He added that money for the wall was "not a question of

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Hope grows as deadly Northern California blaze slows down



AP photo

A firefighter walks along a containment line while battling a wildfire Saturday, July 28, 2018, in Redding, Calif.

By **JONATHAN**

J. COOPER and SUDHIN THANAWALA

Associated Press

REDDING, Calif. —

The deadly Northern California wildfire that has forced tens of thousands of people to flee their homes slowed down Sunday after days of explosive growth, giving officials hope even as they announced the discovery of a sixth fatality.

Meanwhile officials said a second firefighter died fighting a huge blaze to the south near Yosemite National Park. Brian Hughes, 33, was struck by a tree and killed while working as part of a crew removing brush and other fuel near the so-called Ferguson fire's front lines, national parks officials said.

In Redding, officials stuck a hopeful tone for the first time in days.

"We're feeling a lot more optimistic today as we're starting to gain some ground rather than being in a defensive mode on this fire all the time," said Bret Gouvea, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's incident commander on the blaze around Redding, a city about 230

miles (370 kilometers) north of San Francisco.

Gouvea spoke at a news conference with fire and law enforcement officials. Shasta County Sheriff Tom Bosenko said authorities found a sixth victim of the blaze at a home that was consumed by flames, though he declined to say where. The victim's identity was not released.

The sheriff's department is also investigating seven missing persons reports, Bosenko said. Redding police have an additional 11 reports of missing people, though many of them may simply not have been checked in with friends or family, said Redding police Sgt. Todd Cogle.

The so-called Carr Fire that affected Redding — a city of about 92,000 people — was ignited by a vehicle problem on Monday about 10 miles (16 kilometers) west of the city. On Thursday, it swept through the historic Gold Rush town of Shasta and nearby Keswick fueled by gusty winds and dry vegetation. It then jumped the Sacramento River and took out subdivisions on the western edge of Redding.

The latest tally showed

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Caesars launching sports betting in New Jersey, Mississippi

By **WAYNE PARRY**

Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. —

Two Atlantic City casinos owned by Caesars Entertainment are joining New Jersey's growing sports betting market this week, and another two in Mississippi will do so in mid-August.

Bally's casino in Atlantic City started taking sports bets Monday

morning. Its sister casino in Atlantic City, Harrah's, will start taking sports bets on Wednesday.

The company says it soon will offer mobile sports betting, as well, although it did not set a timetable. The gambling industry is closely watching to see which casino will be the first in New Jersey to offer online sports betting fol-

lowing a May ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court on a case brought by the state that cleared the way for all 50 states to offer legal sports betting, should they choose.

Starlette Hedgepath of Halifax, North Carolina, placed the first sports bet at Bally's, plunking \$100 down on the Dallas Cowboys to win the NFC title.

"But not the Super

Bowl, even though I wish they would do that, too," she said.

After gambling until 5 a.m. and grabbing four hours' sleep, a friend woke her and urged her to return to the casino floor to be there for the start of sports betting. Her bet on the Cowboys was her first sports bet, "not counting one or two

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3 dead, 7 wounded after gunmen in New Orleans fire on crowd



AP photo

People react at the scene of a shooting in New Orleans, Saturday night, July 28, 2018.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Two armed individuals walked up to a crowd gathered Saturday evening outside a strip mall in New Orleans and opened fire, killing three people and wounding seven more, the police chief said.

The shooting happened on a busy thoroughfare about 3 miles (4.83 kilometers) from the French Quarter, police said.

Police chief Michael Harrison, speaking to reporters late Saturday in televised comments, said the two suspects believed to be wearing hoodies had a rifle and a handgun. He said they appeared to have fired

indiscriminately into the crowd, striking ten people. Before fleeing they took time to stand

over one person.

"We believe that they actually stood over one of the individuals and fired multiple rounds and then after that fled," he said.

Police responding to the shooting found three victims - two men and one woman - who were pronounced dead at the scene. Seven other victims - five men and two women - were taken to two separate hospitals. Four of them were driven in private vehicles, and three were transported by ambulance.

Harrison said one underwent surgery and was in critical condition; the other six were in various conditions but none were considered life-threatening.

Harrison spoke with

family members and friends at the scene of the "volatile and tense situation." He called on people to come forward and help police find the killers and also asked people not to take matters into their own hands.

"This was an extremely tragic incident. A lot of people were out here tonight. A lot of people, we know, saw what happened, heard what happened. And we need

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TRUMP

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if, it's a question of when."

The White House did not immediately respond to request for comment on what may have changed since the meeting.

Trump has pledged to campaign aggressively, starting after Labor Day, to help Republicans retain control of the House and Senate, but GOP lawmakers don't appear to be rallying to his side on this not-so-new idea.

Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation" that it would be unhelpful to shut down the government just before elections "so let's try and avoid it."

Trump campaigned on the promise of building a wall to deter illegal immigration and making Mexico pay for it. Mexico has refused.

Trump has gotten some wall money from Congress, and likely will get more, though the total is short of the \$25 billion he has requested.

He also wants changes to legal immigration, including scrapping a visa

lottery program. In addition, Trump wants to end the practice of releasing immigrants caught entering the country illegally on the condition that they show up for court hearings, along with shifting the U.S. immigration system to one based more on individual merit and less on family ties. Democrats and some Republicans have objected to those proposals.

Both chambers will have a short window to act before government funding expires at midnight Sept. 30.

The House is in recess and won't return until after Labor Day. The Senate will stay in session for most of August, except for a weeklong break scheduled to begin Aug. 6. McConnell canceled most of his chamber's recess to give senators time to work on the annual spending bills.

Trump would be taking a political risk if he allows most government functions to lapse on Oct. 1 — the first day of the new budget year — roughly a month before the elections, when Republican control of both the House and Senate is at stake.

House Republicans released a spending bill this month that provides

\$5 billion next year to build Trump's wall, a plan he supports.

Democrats have long opposed financing Trump's wall but don't have enough votes by themselves to block House approval of that amount, but they do have the strength to derail legislation in the closely divided Senate.

The \$5 billion is well above the \$1.6 billion in the Senate version of a bill funding the Department of Homeland Security. The higher amount matches what Trump has privately sought in conversations with Republican lawmakers, according to a GOP congressional aide who wasn't authorized to publicly talk about private discussions and spoke on condition of anonymity.

At the White House meeting, Trump, Ryan and McConnell agreed that Congress is on track to enact more than half of federal spending before the new budget year begins Oct. 1, but that DHS funding, including the border wall money, doesn't have to be settled before then, according to a person familiar with the meeting who was not authorized to discuss it publicly and insisted on condition of anonymity.

BLAZE

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at least 657 homes destroyed and another 145 damaged, with the fire having consumed 149 square miles (386 square kilometers).

After days of fortifying the areas around Redding, fire crews were increasingly confident that the city would escape further damage. The fire had not grown inside the city limits since Saturday, Gouvea said.

Some of the 38,000 people forced to evacuate said they were frustrated because they didn't know whether their homes were standing or were destroyed. Authorities had not reopened any evacuated neighborhoods where fires raged due to safety and ongoing investigations and urged people to be patient, saying they would soon let residents back.

Fed up, on Sunday morning Tim Bollman hiked 4 miles (6 kilometers) on trails up steep terrain to check on the Redding home he built for his wife and two sons 13 years ago. He found rubble.

"There's not even anything to pick up," he said. "It's completely gone."

He took hundreds of photos, recorded video and texted his wife.

"It's the craziest frickin' thing you have ever seen," he said, his eyes filled with tears. But then he composed himself.

"It is what it is," he sighed, and then hiked off.

Keswick, a mountain town of about 450 people, was reduced to an ashy moonscape of blackened trees and smoldering rubble. The San Bernardino County Fire Department was called in to tamp down smoking piles of debris that were scattered

around the town amid downed electricity lines.

"What we're seeing here is an incomplete burn situation," Capt. Doug Miles said as his crew used picks, shovels and rakes to open up piles that just days ago were family homes. The flames laid waste to about 25 blocks, and the "mop up" work was likely to take days. He said his crew would be looking for anything salvageable, but there was little left standing.

The fatalities included two firefighters and a woman and her two great-grandchildren.

"My babies are dead," Sherry Bledsoe said through tears after she and family members met Saturday with sheriff's deputies.

Her two children, 5-year-old James Roberts and 4-year-old Emily Roberts, were stranded with their great-grandmother, Melody Bledsoe, 70, when flames swept through the family's rural property Thursday on the outskirts of Redding.

The sixth victim, who was not identified, did not evacuate despite receiving an evacuation warning, Bosenko said.

It is the largest fire burning in California, threatening more than 5,000 structures. The flames were just 5 percent contained, though Gouvea said he expected that number to climb.

"We're here till the end, and we will get to an end, and we will bring some peace to this chaos," he said.

The firefighters killed in the blaze included Don Ray Smith, 81, of Pollock Pines, a bulldozer operator who was helping clear vegetation in the path of the wildfire. Redding Fire Inspector Jeremy Stoke was also killed, but details of his death were not released.



AP photo

This July 14, 2018, photo shows people placing bets on sporting events at the Meadowlands Racetrack in East Rutherford N.J.

BETTING

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at the dog track in Florida."

"I think this is wonderful for you all," she said of New Jersey's fast-growing sports betting market. "This is going to be big."

Bally's and Harrah's will become the third and fourth Atlantic City casinos with sports betting, joining Borgata and Ocean Resort. Two horse racing tracks, Monmouth Park in Oceanport, and the Meadowlands in East Rutherford, also offer sports betting in New Jersey.

By mid-August, Harrah's Gulf Coast in Biloxi and Horseshoe Tunica, both in Mississippi, will begin taking on-premises sports bets. The company says it may expand the mobile betting app to other states besides New Jersey, if and when it makes financial

sense to do so.

Kevin Ortzman, who runs Caesars Entertainment's three Atlantic City casinos, said sports betting will bring a new customer through the doors, and soon, online. He said he hopes to have that approval from New Jersey gambling regulators by mid-August, while noting that numerous other gambling companies are all seeking the same thing at the same time in New Jersey.

As of Monday, no one had yet been approved for mobile or online sports betting in New Jersey.

"The sports betting customer is not your typical core gaming customer that Atlantic City has been used to," he said. "Offering this as another wagering opportunity opens up a whole new chance to integrate this with our food and beverage, gaming and entertainment offerings."

The company is partnering

with Scientific Games to offer the sports betting technology through its OpenBet sports book.

Sports betting began in mid-June in New Jersey at the Borgata and Monmouth Park. Ocean Resort began offering it in the last three days of the month.

During that two-week period, they took in \$16.4 million worth of sports bets.

The Meadowlands, which began sports betting July 14, took in nearly \$3.5 million in sports bets during its first nine days of accepting such bets.

Numerous other gambling companies have applied for permission from New Jersey gambling regulators to offer in-person or mobile sports betting, or both, by the time football season starts in the first week in September.

CROWD

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more than anything for people to come forward to help the NOPD right now solve this case," Harrison said.

He said police do not know whether it was gang-related.

Lawrence Russo was buying a scratch-off ticket at nearby gas station when he heard what he at first thought were firecrackers before he realized they were gunshots. He told NOLA.com/The Times-Picayune that he heard a total of 13 to 16 shots fired.

"They never stop killing each other," he said, shaking his head as he spoke.

Near the scene of the shooting, beyond the police tape, people could be seen crying and hugging one another in comfort.

The New Orleans Advocate (<https://bit.ly/2AlrJXt>) reported that a woman stood behind the crime scene tape shouting, "Pick my brother up," as two bodies lay uncovered. NOLA.com/The Times-Picayune reported two men were trying to console two sobbing women as one of the women shouted: "That's my baby."

Mayor LaToya Cantrell said in a statement: "There is no place in New Orleans for this kind of violence. I speak for everyone in our City when I say we are disgusted, we are infuriated, & we have had more than enough. Three more lives — gone. It has to end. It's unacceptable anywhere."

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Serious about laughter, National Comedy Center ready to open

By CAROLYN THOMPSON

Associated Press

JAMESTOWN, N.Y. — Comedian Billy Crystal asks the question in a video that welcomes visitors to the National Comedy Center.

"Everybody else has a place," he says. "Why not us?"

It may be as good a reason as any for the construction of the high-tech new center devoted to what has made people laugh from Vaudeville to now.

But there's more to it.

The nonprofit center in Jamestown was inspired by hometown hero, Lucille Ball, who envisioned a place where comedy would be celebrated as an art form. The city of about 30,000 people in the southwest corner of New York already is home to the annual Lucille Ball Comedy Festival and the Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum.

"But it was always (Ball's) preference that Jamestown become a destination for the celebration of all comedy in a way that would foster and inspire the next generation of artists," says National Comedy Center Executive Director Journey Gunderson. "What we've done here is finally bring her vision to fruition."

Located in a repurposed 1930 art-deco train station, the center is part museum, part hall of fame and part video arcade, keeping visitors smiling as they move through displays of comedic artifacts. There's the "puffy shirt" from a 1993 "Seinfeld" episode and scripts from the 1960s "Dick Van Dyke Show" along with lively immersive exhibits that invite visitors to explore sound effects and props and make cartoons and memes.

The bravest can take the stage in "Comedy Karaoke," trying out lines from Jeff Foxworthy or others, or sit at a game show-like set and try to crack up an opponent. But there also are plenty of chances



In this July 24, 2018 photo, the main entrance to the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, N.Y. is shown. The center was inspired by the late Lucille Ball, who wanted her hometown to be a destination for people to learn about and celebrate comedy as an art form. Its grand opening celebration starts Aug. 1.

AP photo

to laugh at the pros in action. A club-like comedy lounge shows stand-up bits, and a movie theater has clips of classic scenes with celebrity commentary. A hologram theater initially will feature Jim Gaffigan's evolution as a performer.

The grand opening celebration starts Aug. 1.

"I'm stunned by the technology," says Andrew Tangalos of Charlotte, North Carolina, who with his wife, Bonnie, was part of a group invited to test the exhibits on Tuesday before the official opening. They started by selecting preferred comedians, shows and movies at a lobby kiosk. After tapping computer-chip enhanced bracelets at exhibits, the couple's last stop was a station that revealed their comedy profile. It told Bonnie she leaned toward satire and observational humor.

The 37,000-square-foot (3,437-square-meter), \$50 million center received \$9 million in funding from New York state, along with private and federal support. The House of Representatives on July 23 unanimously approved a bill designating it as the nation's official comedy center. U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, whose cousin, comedian Amy Schumer is in the opening week lineup, is working on Senate

only "Blue Room," reserved for the material that's gotten comedians into trouble over the years.

"Down in the Blue Room it's completely uncensored and we actually address a lot of topics like the history of taboo, censorship, seven dirty words and things like that," Gunderson says. Among displays is the trench coat Lenny Bruce would wear in anticipation of going from stage to jail.

"There's enough content in here that you could spend a week and not see everything," says Stephen Platenberg, creative director of Cortina Productions, the McLean, Virginia, interactive design firm for the project.

The grand opening week also includes events with Lily Tomlin and original "Saturday Night Live" cast members Dan Aykroyd, Garret Morris and Newman.

"I hope people leave here having a great time, seeing some cool content that's nostalgic or makes them laugh, doing some things they never thought they'd do," Platenberg says, "but then also learn about something about their sense of humor and comedy in general."

LA-bound LeBron opens school in Akron as part of legacy

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — LeBron James is leaving home again and leaving behind something he says is more meaningful than any of his NBA championships.

James, who this month ended his second stay with the Cleveland Cavaliers by signing with the Los Angeles Lakers, has opened a public school for challenged children in his hometown.

The NBA great admitted to having "jitters" before the opening, an event he said is "going to be one of the greatest moments — if not the greatest — of my life."

The I Promise School initially will house 240 third- and fourth-graders. The Akron school will expand each year, adding second and fifth grades next year and will have students from grades 1-8 by 2022.

James was to be at the school Monday to welcome students and make his first public comments since deciding to join the Lakers.

James spent 11 seasons with the Cavs, winning a title in 2016 to end Cleveland's 52-year drought without a pro sports championship. His departure ended a four-year run with the Cavs after he returned in 2014 following four seasons with the Miami Heat.

Following his eighth straight appearance in the NBA Finals, James said he was still in "championship mode" as he headed into free agency. But he's going to a Lakers team that missed the playoffs again last season and seems years away from competing for a title in the rugged Western Conference.

James was also drawn to Los Angeles by the appeal of playing for one of the league's most storied programs and the chance to work with Hall of Famer Magic Johnson, the Lakers' president and a player James idolized since he was a kid.

James also chose Los Angeles in part because it represents the next chapter in his life. He already owns homes there and he has a film production company in the city.

50 years on, McDonald's and fast-food evolve around Big Mac

By CANDICE CHOI

AP Food Industry Writer

NEW YORK — McDonald's is fighting to hold onto customers as the Big Mac turns 50, but it isn't changing the makings of its most famous burger.

The company is celebrating the 1968 national launch of the double-decker sandwich whose ingredients of "two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions and a sesame seed bun" were seared into American memories by a TV jingle. But the milestone comes as the company reduces its number of U.S. stores. McDonald's said Thursday that customers are visiting less often. Other trendy burger options are reaching into the heartland.

The "Golden Arches" still have a massive global reach, and the McDonald's brand of cheeseburgers, chicken nuggets and french fries remains recognizable around the world. But on its critical home turf, the company is toiling to stay relevant. Kale now appears in salads, fresh has replaced frozen beef patties in Quarter Pounders, and some stores now offer ordering kiosks, food delivery and barista-style cafes.

The milestone for the Big Mac shows how much McDonald's and the rest of fast-food have evolved around it.

"Clearly, we've gotten a little more sophisticated in our menu development," McDonald's CEO Steve Easterbrook said in a phone interview.

As with many of its popular and

long-lasting menu items, the idea for the Big Mac came from a franchisee.

In 1967, Michael James "Jim" Delligatti lobbied the company to let him test the burger at his Pittsburgh restaurants. Later, he acknowledged the Big Mac's similarity to a popular sandwich sold by the Big Boy chain.

"This wasn't like discovering the light bulb. The bulb was already there. All I did was screw it in the socket," Delligatti said, according to "Behind the Arches."

McDonald's agreed to let Delligatti



AP photo

This Dec. 29, 2009 file photo shows a Big Mac hamburger at a McDonald's restaurant in North Huntingdon, Pa.

sell the sandwich at a single location, on the condition that he use the company's standard bun. It didn't work. Delligatti tried a bigger sesame seed bun, and the burger soon lifted sales by more than 12 percent.

After similar re-

sults at more stores, the Big Mac was added to the national menu in 1968. Other ideas from franchisees that hit the big time include the Filet-O-Fish, Egg McMuffin, Apple Pie (once deep-fried but now baked), and the Shamrock Shake.

"The company has benefited from the ingenuity of its small businessmen," wrote Ray Kroc, who transformed the McDonald's into a global franchise, in his book, "Grinding It Out."

Franchisees still play an important role, driving the recent switch to fresh from frozen for the beef in Quarter Pounders, Easterbrook says. They also participate in menu development, which in the U.S. has included a series of cooking tweaks intended to improve taste.

Messing with a signature menu item can be taboo, but keeping the Big Mac unchanged comes with its own risks. Newer chains such as Shake Shack and Five Guys offer burgers that can make the Big Mac seem outdated. Even White Castle is modernizing, recently adding plant-based "Impossible Burger" sliders at some locations.

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Choo drives in 4 in Rangers' 9-5 win over Diamondbacks

By JOHN MARSHALL

AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — A storm knocked out the lights at Chase Field. The Texas Rangers are starting to find a little of their power, even if it is too late.

Shin-Soo Choo homered twice and had four RBIs, helping the Rangers rally after a power outage delay to beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 9-5 Monday night.

"We went through a stretch where later innings were a challenge for us," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "Late runs are always quality for us and it's a situation where we're seeing some of these young guys grow in their at-bats."

Choo hit a three-run homer off Robbie Ray in the fifth inning and added a solo shot against Matt Andriese (0-1) in the eighth for his sixth 20-homer season.

A thunderstorm outside Chase Field caused some of the lights to go



AP photo
Texas Rangers Shin-Soo Choo, middle, celebrates with Elvis Andrus (1) and Delino DeShields in the fifth inning during a baseball game against the Arizona Diamondbacks, Monday, July 30, 2018, in Phoenix.

out in the sixth and, after a 21-minute delay, pinch-hitter Willie Calhoun lined a run-scoring single to right to put the Rangers up 5-4.

Eddie Butler (2-1) got the final out in the sixth inning and Rowned Odor hit a solo homer off Andriese in the seventh for the go-ahead run.

Texas, which had 12 hits, has won four straight since losing five of nine, but is still 21 games behind Houston in the AL West.

"It's something we've seen throughout some of the challenges of these games, offensive guys continue to show up, battle through at-bats, find a way to put runs across the board," Banister said.

Steven Souza Jr. hit a three-run homer and Eduardo Escobar had two RBIs in his first game at Chase Field since being traded from Minnesota to Arizona.

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Pirates get closer Keone Kela from Rangers for 2 prospects



AP photo

Texas Rangers relief pitcher Keone Kela (50) throws against the San Diego Padres during the ninth inning of a baseball game in Arlington, Texas. The Pittsburgh Pirates have acquired hard-throwing closer Keone Kela from the Texas Rangers for two players to be named, in a deal announced late Monday, July 30, 2018.

Associated Press

PHOENIX — The Pittsburgh Pirates have acquired hard-throwing closer Keone Kela from the Texas Rangers for minor league starter Taylor Hearn and a player to be named.

The deal was announced late Monday night after the Rangers' 9-5 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

"It was a challenging trade," Rangers GM Jon Daniels said. "Keone has been awesome the last couple years, a dominant closer for us. Ultimately felt where we are, it made sense to consider these kind of deals where we can get multiple players."

The surging Pirates are 3 1/2 games behind Arizona for the final NL wild-card spot, with Atlanta and Colorado also ahead of them in the standings. The Pirates entered Monday with a 4.23 Pirates ERA, 10th best in the NL.

"Kela is an experienced, quality, high-leverage reliever who projects to

be a significant addition to our late-game options for the next few seasons," Pirates general manager Neal Huntington said.

The 25-year-old Kela has 24 saves and a 3.44 ERA this season. He will be arbitration eligible beginning next season and will not be eligible for free agency until after the 2021 season.

Kela learned of the deal after being called from the bullpen in the seventh inning Monday night.

"I'm still a little shocked, but I'm excited that it's a new beginning, a new journey that I get to venture into," he said. "Just forever grateful for the opportunity to play here in Texas, all the support from the fans."

Hearn is 3-6 with a 3.12 ERA in 19 starts at Double-A Altoona this year. The 23-year-old left-hander is a graduate of Royse City High School, located about 50 miles west of Globe Life Park in Arlington.

Osuna sent to Astros by Blue Jays for Giles in closer swap



AP photo

Toronto Blue Jays' pitcher Roberto Osuna throws against the Minnesota Twins in a baseball game in Minneapolis. The Houston Astros traded Ken Giles to the Blue Jays along with a pair of pitching prospects for Roberto Osuna. Houston also sent right-handers David Paulino and Hector Perez to Toronto as part of the deal, struck a day before the deadline for trades without waivers.

By JANIE McCAULEY

AP Baseball Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Before Roberto Osuna steps onto the mound as Houston's new closer, the Astros want him to stand in the clubhouse and explain himself.

Swapping a closer with on-field problems for one with off-field troubles, the defending World Series champion Astros traded Ken Giles to the Toronto Blue Jays along with a pair of pitching prospects for Osuna on Monday.

The 23-year-old Osuna is eligible to pitch in the big leagues starting Sunday after a 75-game suspension under Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy. He has made six scoreless one-inning appearances in the minors since July 14, the last three at Triple-A.

"It's a tough situation. I think the

thing for us to remember here is that the details haven't come to light," Houston pitcher Justin Verlander said. "We don't know the whole story. Obviously, I've said some pretty inflammatory things about stuff like this in the past, and I stand by my words."

"But I think with an ongoing case as is this one, just see what happens. But it will be interesting. I think he plans to talk to us when he gets here and we'll go from there and see what happens," Verlander said.

Osuna is to pitch in another minor league game this week before joining the champions on Sunday.

Houston also sent right-handers David Paulino and Hector Perez to Toronto as part of the deal, a day before the deadline for trades without waivers.

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Paxton, Cruz power Mariners over Cole, Astros 2-0

By DOUG MILLER

Associated Press

SEATTLE — James Paxton wanted a healthy return from the disabled list and a chance to beat the first-place Houston Astros.

He and the Seattle Mariners got just that with a tidy 2-0 victory Monday night.

Paxton excelled in his first start since suffering lower back inflammation in Anaheim on July 12, and he needed to in order to outduel Houston starter Gerrit Cole, who had a perfect game through four innings.

Both pitchers traded high-90s fastballs and sharp breaking stuff in a scoreless tie until Nelson Cruz's two-run double in the sixth inning accounted for all the scoring.

"Cole was about as good as you can get, and Pax is out there matching him back and forth," Mariners manager Scott Servais said. "Probably one of the top pitching games that we've seen all year, on both sides of the ball."

Cole (10-3) retired the first 12 batters he faced, striking out six, until he hit Cruz with a pitch leading off the fifth. After Segura's single, Denard Span hit a clean single to right-center, and Cruz lined a first-pitch slider inside third base.

Segura scored easily, and the ball caromed off the protruding side wall, allowing Span to narrowly beat catcher Max Stassi's tag after a strong throw by left fielder Marwin Gonzalez.



AP photo
Seattle Mariners starting pitcher James Paxton throws against the Houston Astros during the first inning of a baseball game,

"He was dealing," Cruz said of Cole. "We battled. We found a way to get runners on base. He's a really tough pitcher to score runs on."

Paxton (9-4) was solid for Seattle, scattering three hits — two of them infield singles — over seven innings. He struck out eight, did not walk a batter, and threw 59 of his 82 pitches for strikes.

"He was good," Astros shortstop Alex Bregman said. "His fastball was jumping. 12-6 curveball and

then a cutter as well. Both pitching performances were pretty dominating tonight, him and Gerrit. We just came up a little short."

Cole allowed four hits over 6 2/3 innings, striking out eight and walking two.

Mariners reliever Alex Colome covered the eighth and closer Edwin Diaz pitched the ninth for his 40th save. The Mariners improved to 63-43 and cut the lead of Houston (67-41) in the AL West to three games.

FELIX'S FUTURE

Amid speculation that Felix Hernandez's spot in Seattle's rotation could be in jeopardy, Servais said he and general manager Jerry Dipoto have decided to keep the veteran right-hander in the five-man rotation for the time being. Hernandez is 8-9 with a 5.58 ERA.

"That could change, but as of now it's where we're at," Servais said. "We'll continue to talk about it. You just want to do what you can to give your club the best chance to win every time out."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: SS Carlos Correa, who has been on the disabled list since June 26 (lower back soreness), hit off a high-velocity machine and said it went well. He expects to play in minor league rehab games soon. ... 2B Jose Altuve, on the DL with right knee soreness since July 26, is in Houston to attend to family matters and is slated to rejoin the team in Los Angeles over the weekend.

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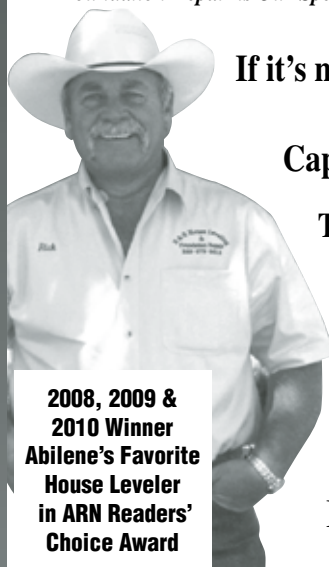
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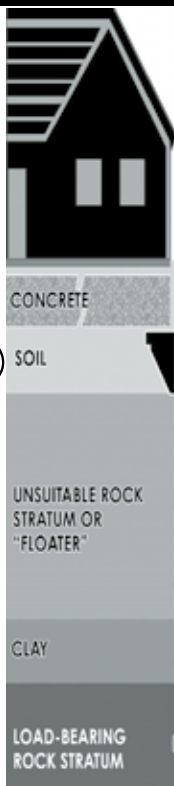
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Ponderous Pisces Moon

There's much we don't understand about our world. Even fundamental discoveries, such as gravity and energy, hold enough mystery for top scientists to devote their lives to researching them. As for relationships and love, such matters are even more mysterious. Under the Pisces moon, pondering these matters we'd normally take for granted will yield personal breakthroughs.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's a job that needs doing and you'll be assigning duty. Keep in mind that not all confident people are capable and some of the most capable people are severely unconfident.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The usual self-help advice says you can either react emotionally to events or use them as lessons. Why then, in the moment, does it seem like you don't have a choice? Maybe because you're not a robot. And that advice is overly reductive.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When opportunity knocks, it's your chance to show initiative, charm, brightness and the intention to understand and help. These are the qualities that will encourage opportunity to come around more often.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's one thing to help people who don't help you back, and it's quite another to help people because they can't help you back. In that helper lives the heartbeat of kindness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't get caught up in measuring yourself to anyone, not even your former self. You are, after all, not that person either. All you

can be is the best possible version of your current self.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Social circles, much like solar circles, run on principles of attraction and repulsion. Your conscious awareness of what some people are attracted to will play into this and you'll make a choice about what to present.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). To lay your heart on the line would normally require courage, though today it just may be a matter of math. The potential gains from confessing your feelings are greater than the risk.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Make the right choice, learn, make the wrong choice, learn ... and it will keep going back and forth pingpong-style today. You're awake and so you can't help but come out of the game smarter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People's tests for one another are not often conscious. They run one another through obstacles and observe the results in order to figure out who is wor-

thy of attention, how much and what kind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If all you do today is understand a little more than you did yesterday, it's a good day. And if you somehow diminished the suffering of others, too, you can count the day as great.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In life and art, the value of framing cannot be underestimated. The obvious focal point is for amateurs. Also, consider the scale of things. What if you went bigger? What if you zoomed in?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You lost something back there. At the time you thought it was everything, and now you're perfectly content (if not better off) without it. In that light, maybe today's stress needn't affect you much.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 31). This year is like traveling on a gigantic cruise ship. You'll make yourself at home, live it up, have your needs taken care of while barely noticing that you're also on your way to an adventurous destination

unlike the last. The opportunity to start a new business or change jobs happens in October. Romance and fun in 2019. Capricorn and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 44, 38, 1 and 9.

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Taurus is connected with the second house of money and wealth, but those born under the sign of the bull should be careful not to get too wrapped up in the financial bottom line. Since you realize that your relationships are your true wealth, you're already ahead in the game. There really is no fair way to compare your life, wealth and choices with anyone else in the world. You are better off to stand by

all you've done so far. Never discount your experiences. You will need to educate yourself, network and choose a mentor to help you come up with a plan. Tauruses are a hardy crew. Focus on feeling young and strong, and you'll rise above the stereotypes and ageism prevalent in our society. Fill up with self-belief -- that is your ticket to creating new streams of income.

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

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

EAST
♠ 4
♥ Q 9 5 2
♦ J 6 4
♣ K Q 8 5 3

North
♠ 10
♦ K 10 7 3
West
♠ Q J
♦ Q 8 5
East
♥ Q
♦ J 6 4
♣ K

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West Pass
North 2 ♣
East Pass

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South was in four spades, and it didn't look difficult to make when dummy came down. His probable losers were a spade, a diamond and a club, assuming normal breaks.

Declarer ducked the opening club lead and took East's trump shift with the ace at trick two. After cashing the K-A of hearts, he played the king of

spades and discovered that West had two trump tricks coming.

This put a totally different light upon matters. South couldn't make the contract now unless he found a way to avoid a diamond loser, since he had already lost a club and was bound to lose two in spades. With this goal firmly in mind, he ruffed a heart in dummy, then cashed the ace of clubs and trumped a club in his hand to produce this position:

South
♠ 8
♥ 10
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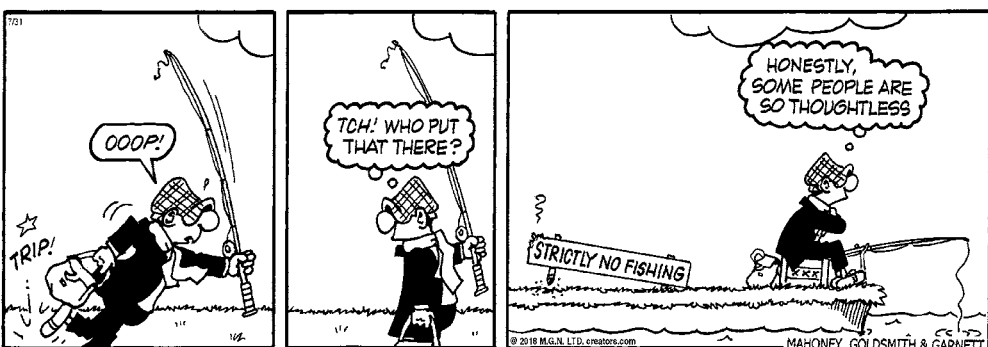
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West did as well as he could when he led the queen instead. But declarer, playing for the honors to be split, went up with dummy's king and finessed the nine on the return to bring in his game.

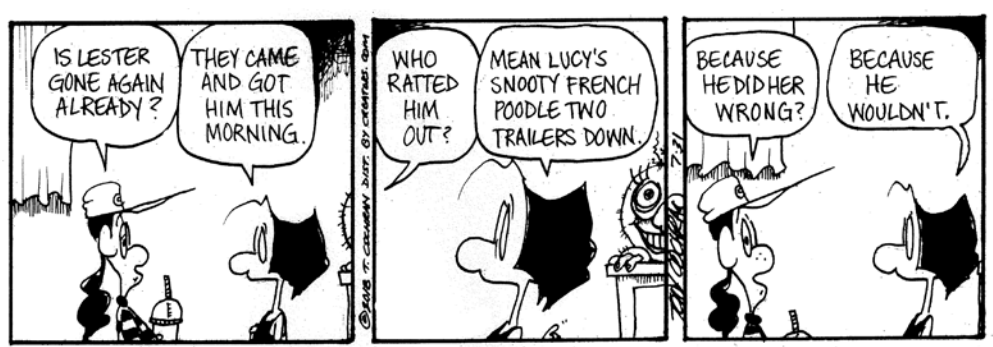
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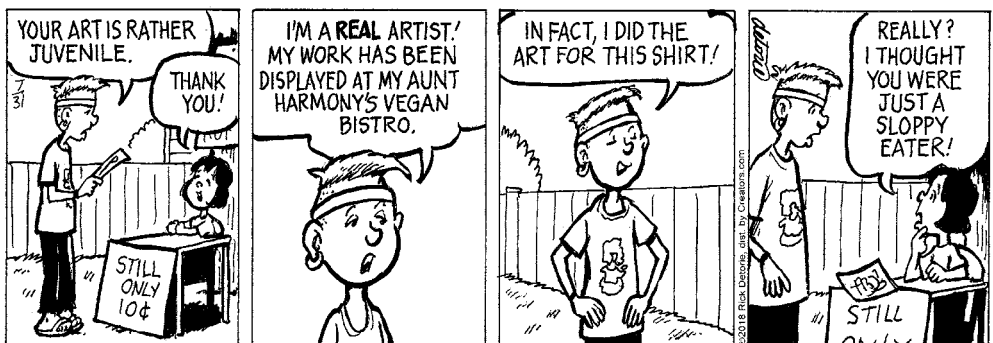
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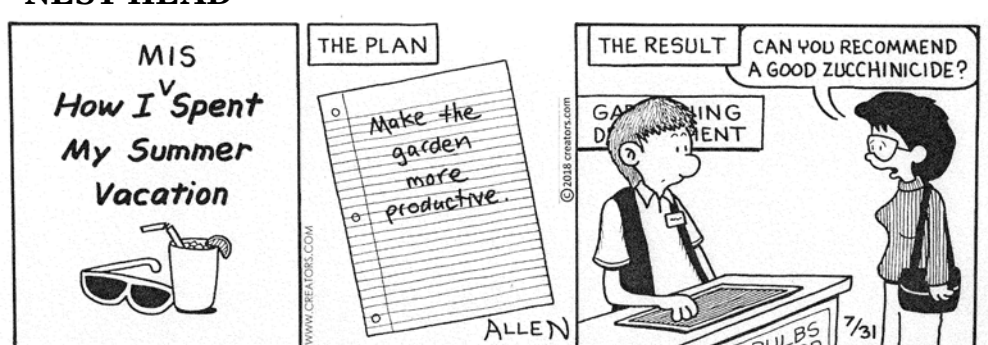
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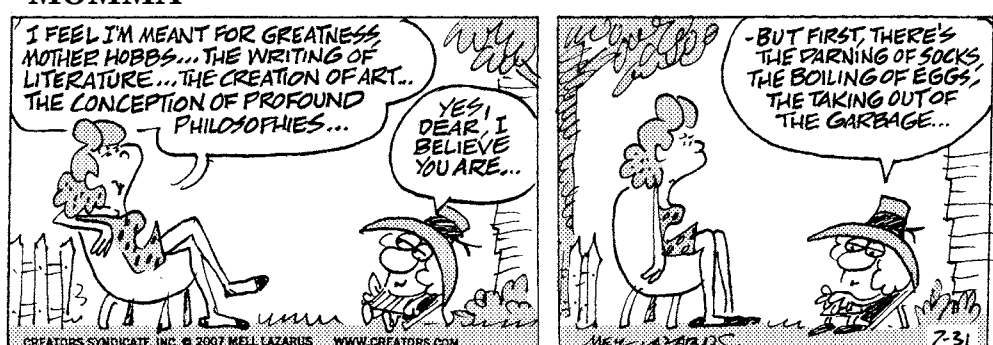
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This Date In History

all 113 people aboard died. In 2002, a bomb exploded inside a cafeteria at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, killing nine people, including five Americans. Ten years ago: Scientists reported the Phoenix spacecraft had confirmed the presence of frozen water in Martian soil. Three teenagers were shot to death when a gunman opened fire on a group of young people who'd gathered to go swimming in the Menominee River near Niagara, Wis. (The gunman, Scott J. Johnson, was later sentenced to life in prison without parole.) Five years ago: President Barack Obama's national security team acknowledged for the first time that, when investigating one suspected terrorist, it could read and store the phone records of millions of Americans. Voters in Zimbabwe went to the polls in national elections that were won by President Robert Mugabe amid opponents' allegations of fraud. One year ago: Retired Marine Gen. John Kelly was sworn in as White House chief of staff, replacing Reince Priebus. Hours later, White House communications director Anthony Scaramucci was let go, just 11 days after he was appointed to the job. Former Arizona sheriff Joe Arpaio was convicted of a criminal charge for refusing to stop traffic patrols that targeted immigrants. (Arpaio was later pardoned by President Donald Trump.) The Trump administration slapped financial sanctions on Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro after a weekend election that gave his ruling party virtually unlimited powers. Los Angeles reached a deal with international Olympic leaders to host the 2028 Summer Games. (The games were officially awarded to Los Angeles in September.) Today's Birthdays: Actor Don Murray is 89. Jazz composer-musician Kenny Burrell is 87. Actress France Nuyen is 79. Actress Susan Flannery is 79. Singer Lobo is 75. Actress Geraldine Chaplin is 74. Former movie studio executive Sherry Lansing

is 74. Singer Gary Lewis is 73. Actor Lane Davies is 68. Actress Susan Wooldridge is 68. International Tennis Hall of Famer Evonne Goolagong Cawley is 67. Actor Barry Van Dyke is 67. Actor Alan Autry is 66. Jazz composer-musician Michael Wolff is 66. Actor James Read is 65. Actor Michael Biehn is 62. Rock singer-musician Daniel Ash (Love and Rockets) is

61. Actor Dirk Blocker is 61. Entrepreneur Mark Cuban is 60. Rock musician Bill Berry is 60. Actor Wally Kurth is 60. Actor Wesley Snipes is 56. Country singer Chad Brock is 55. Musician Fatboy Slim is 55. Rock musician Jim Corr is 54. Author J.K. Rowling (ROHL'-ing) is 53. Actor Dean Cain is 52. Actor Jim True-Frost is 52. Actor Ben Chaplin is 49. Actor Loren Dean is

49. Actress Eve Best is 47. Retired NFL quarterback Gus Frerotte is 47. Actress Annie Parisse (pah-REES') is 43. Actor Robert Telfer is 41. Country singer-musician Zac Brown is 40. Actor-producer-writer B.J. Novak is 39. Actor Eric Lively is 37. Country singer Blaire Stroud (3 of Hearts) is 35. Singer Shannon Curfman is 33. Hip-hop artist Lil Uzi Vert is 24.

Thought for Today:

"The trouble with the public is that there is too much of it."

Don Marquis
American journalist, poet and dramatist
(1878-1937).

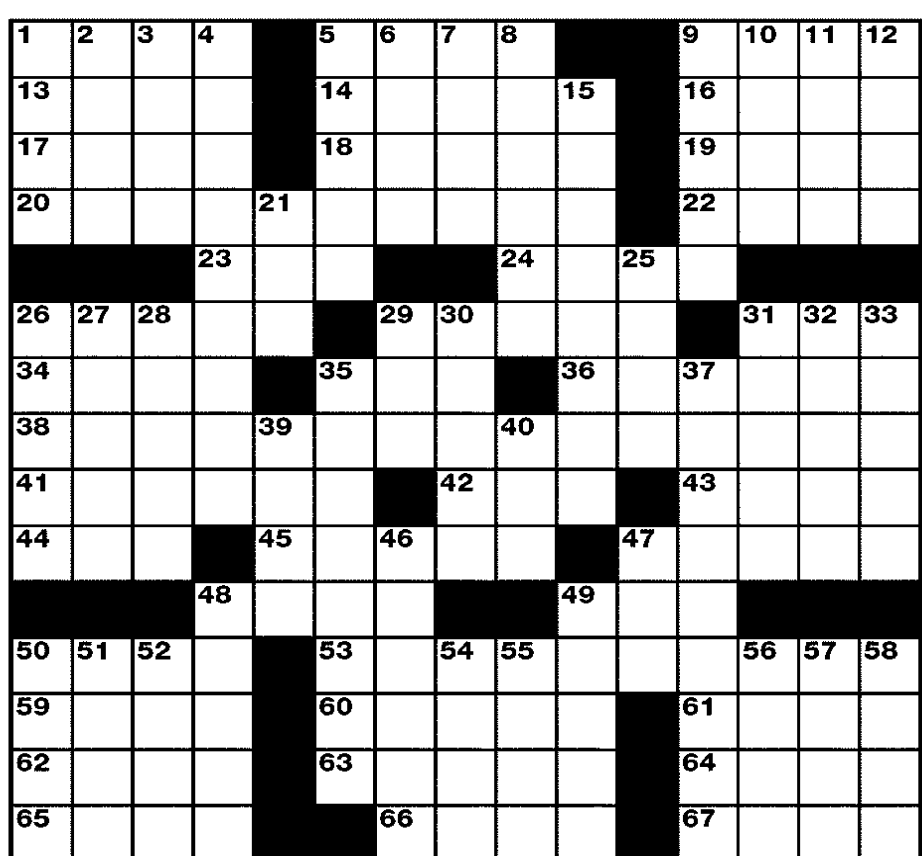
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Hoofbeat sound
 - 5 ___ mater (one's former school)
 - 9 Cakes of soap
 - 13 Possess
 - 14 Dog walker's strap
 - 16 Vicinity
 - 17 At any time
 - 18 Electric car brand
 - 19 Male deer
 - 20 HAND that picks crops
 - 22 Castaway's home
 - 23 Batteries for some remotes
 - 24 Biblical garden
 - 26 Informal speaking
 - 29 Pet protection org.
 - 31 Tip of a sock
 - 34 Clock readout
 - 35 Opposite of post-
 - 36 Little ___ Annie
 - 38 HAND given to a performer
 - 41 Arched part of the foot
 - 42 Plaything
 - 43 Stiffly formal
 - 44 Winter L.A. clock setting
 - 45 Make laugh
 - 47 Fresh-mouthed
 - 48 What "+" means
 - 49 Balloon filler
 - 50 Living room furniture
 - 53 HAND, in some stud poker games
 - 59 "Once ___ a time . . ."

- 60 Quitting phrase in poker
 - 61 Enthusiasm
 - 62 Payment to a landlord
 - 63 Adorable kid
 - 64 Tubular pasta
 - 65 Finishes up
 - 66 A smaller amount
 - 67 Take ___ the waist (tailor's job)
- DOWN**
- 1 Gourmet cook
 - 2 Molten rock
 - 3 More than
 - 4 Long-lasting hairdo
 - 5 Glee club women
 - 6 Impolite look
 - 7 Costume ball headwear
 - 8 In dreamland
 - 9 Washbowl
 - 10 ___ and crafts
 - 11 Authentic
 - 12 Wise person
 - 15 Computer printout
 - 21 Dog's tail movement
 - 25 ___ Grey tea
 - 26 Piece of bacon
 - 27 Roaring cats
 - 28 "You have to see it!"
 - 29 Dog's bark in the comics
 - 30 Theater chairs
 - 31 Day after Wed.
 - 32 Spring in the desert
 - 33 Adversary
 - 35 Top 40 songs, for example
 - 37 Celebrity photographers
 - 39 Distribute the cards
 - 40 "The Raven" writer
 - 46 Functional
 - 47 [Not my mistake]
 - 48 Trousers
 - 49 Peruvian peaks
 - 50 "I'd be glad to!"
 - 51 Unlock
 - 52 ___ of (having affection for)
 - 54 Cast a ballot
 - 55 Yale students
 - 56 Bridle strap
 - 57 Facts and figures
 - 58 Narrow opening



Answer to previous puzzle

ADAM	THEM	SMOKE
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PUSS	FEE	VILEST
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RADIO	LIST	MENU
ISLET	ALTO	ANDS
BEERS	DEAR	SOOT

'Completely different' Elliott preps for Cowboys sans drama



Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott (21) and Dallas Cowboys linebacker Jaylon Smith (54) battle on a run during NFL football training camp, Saturday, July 28, 2018, in Oxnard, Calif.

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

OXNARD, Calif.— Ezekiel Elliott never has offered much about his state of mind at training camp a year ago when the star running back of the Dallas Cowboys faced the possibility of a suspension over domestic violence allegations.

So let his position coach explain the difference now that the drama is gone.

"You go at this time last year, he's very stressed out," running backs coach Gary Brown said. "Wasn't himself. Looked big. Now he looks happy and jubilant and lean and just going out there and having some fun. So it's a completely different Zeke than it was last year."

The six-game suspension was announced while the Cowboys were in

California last year. Elliott's legal team sued after the club had returned to Texas, sparking a two-month court fight that finally ended with the 2016 NFL rushing leader serving the ban halfway through the season.

Elliott had an uneven start last year before looking more like the rookie sensation who helped lead the Cowboys to an NFC-best 13 wins alongside quarterback Dak Prescott, the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year on that playoff team. Then Elliott ran out of legal options, the Cowboys lost three straight games and Dallas ultimately missed the postseason at 9-7.

There isn't any waiting and wondering now.

"I am just ready to go out there and prove myself and be the running back I am for this team," Elliott said in his first meeting with reporters at camp.

"And go out there and have a good year."

The suspension wasn't the only thing that had Elliott in the headlines last year.

There was video of him pulling down a woman's shirt during a St. Patrick's Day parade in Dallas. The NFL cited that incident in its letter detailing his punishment while saying it didn't play a role in the outcome of a yearlong investigation conducted despite prosecutors in Ohio not pursuing the case. Elliott also was linked to a fight outside a bar not long before the team reported to California last July, although his name didn't appear in the police report detailing the incident.

This offseason came and went without any significant headlines.

"I am being more cautious, more focused on my game," said Elliott, who turned 23 last week. "And focused on having a good year."

After leading the league with 1,631 yards rushing in 2016, Elliott had the best per-game rushing average last season at 98.3 yards. His 2,614 yards through two seasons are the most in franchise history, ahead of NFL all-time rushing leader Emmitt Smith and another Hall of Famer, Tony Dorsett.

The Cowboys aren't making any secret about building their offense around him. Dallas dumped Dez Bryant, the franchise leader in touchdown receptions, in a cost-cutting move in the offseason. They believe the passing game with Prescott is best-suited feeding off Elliott.

That's why the Cowboys were as interested as Elliott was in a quiet offseason for the former Ohio State star.

"It's important for him, it's important for his teammates, it's important

— obviously — for our franchise and what people's thoughts are on him," executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones said. "I think it was huge that he was able to really get his hands around what this is all about — the challenges that are out there. Hopefully it'll continue."

With Bryant and 15-year tight end Jason Witten gone, Elliott mentions leadership every time he talks to reporters now. While acknowledging that vocal leadership doesn't come naturally for him, he's shown some signs in position drills at camp.

"I think he's grown into it pretty well," Brown said. "Obviously he's not a vocal leader. But I think he leads by example. When guys see him finishing the way he finishes and working the way he works, that speaks louder than his voice."

As for Brown's "happy" thoughts about Elliott, the 2016 All-Pro will whoop and holler from time to time while carrying the ball to end zone even after the whistle blows during practice.

"I think he's in good spirits," backup running back Rod Smith said. "I've seen what he went through last year and seeing him to be able to overcome all of that and just to see him now just having to worry about nothing but football, it's a beautiful feeling."

Owner Jerry Jones supported Elliott's legal fight even though it kept the issue lingering over the team when a quicker resolution might have given the Cowboys a better chance at a playoff push late in the season.

"I just think he looks veteran-ish," Jones said Sunday. "I think he looks confident. I think he's getting good hard work in. Fundamental work. He just looks sound to me. I'm glad to see him get that solid work in."

Hall of Fame to "honor" absent Owens as part of 2018 class



Football fans tossing footballs on the lawn outside the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Despite his decision to not attend Saturday's Pro Football Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, Terrell Owens will be "honored" by the hall for his NFL career.

By BARRY WILNER, AP

Pro Football Writer

Despite his decision to not attend Saturday's Pro Football Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, Terrell Owens will be "honored" by the hall for his NFL career.

Hall President David Baker tells The Associated Press on Monday that the Canton, Ohio, shrine's mission statement begins with the goal "to honor the heroes of the game."

So Owens, who instead will be making an appearance at the University of Chattanooga, where he played college football, will be part of the 2018 class exhibit that includes a glass locker for each new member; their pictures on the light standards of Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium; a role in opening videos shown within the stadium; and mention in any reference to the 2018 class.

Baker said NFL Network and ESPN, which both televise the inductions, will show a video of Owens' career to the audience at home. That video will not be shown in the stadium.

"It's difficult he will not be here to put on the jacket, unveil his bust, make a speech, and attend the parade," Baker says. "For those things, there's nothing we can do."

Owens has cited the fact it took three years of eligibility for him to make the hall, claiming there were

false representations of him as a teammate during the voting process. He also noted that no former players vote, ignoring that Hall of Famers James Lofton and Dan Fouts are among those on the committee.

The 44-year-old Owens had a mostly sensational 15-year career playing for San Francisco, Philadelphia, Dallas, Buffalo and Cincinnati. He is second to Jerry Rice in receiving yards and third in touchdown catches behind Rice and Randy Moss, who is entering the hall this week and will attend the festivities.

But he also eventually wore out his welcome in those cities, and now Canton probably can be added to that list.

Though he will always be received properly at the hall, Baker says.

"I told him I am very disappointed, it is unprecedented, and we've certainly been trying to persuade him to come," Baker says. "He has a whole city here, with 4,800 volunteers who do everything to honor these guys. For him, this could be the opportunity to be honored the way I believe he always felt he should be honored."

"We respect he has strong feelings of his own and I respect his right to make that decision. I invited him to the hall, even at the last moment he would be welcomed, and he is welcomed every day the rest of his life. Even though he is not here, we will honor him to the best of our ability."

2018 Property Tax Rates in Howard County Junior College District

This notice concerns the 2018 property tax rates for Howard County Junior College District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$8,020,071
Last year's debt taxes	\$1,461,848
Last year's total taxes	\$9,481,919
Last year's tax base	\$3,016,981,084
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.314285/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$9,427,728
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$4,305,867,891
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$0.218950/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$7,980,619
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$4,305,867,891
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.185343/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.200170/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.032164/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.232334/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Howard County Junior College District adopts a 2018 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.218950 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2017 taxes by -\$24,856.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Unencumbered M&O Funds	\$0

Schedule B - 2018 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract		Interest to be		Total Payment
	Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid		
General Obligation Refunding Bond, Series 2016	\$1,005,000	\$421,400	\$4,040		\$1,430,440
Total required for 2018 debt service					\$1,430,440
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A					\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources					\$0
- Excess collections last year					\$41,148
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2018					\$1,389,292
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2018					\$0
= Total debt levy					\$1,389,292

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 S. Main (County Annex Bldg) Big Spring, TX.

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Class act: LeBron ensures legacy with ground-breaking school

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer
AKRON, Ohio — LeBron James wore a tailored, slim-fitting, gray designer suit and black-rimmed glasses. He wanted to make a strong impression on the first day of school.

After all, it's his school. Hoping to inspire and provide support to kids facing the same problems he experienced during a rough childhood, James officially opened the I Promise School, a cutting-edge center built in a partnership with the NBA star's family foundation and Akron City Schools.

As the Goodyear blimp soared over him, James reminded a crowd that included family, friends and fans who will now watch him play for the Los Angeles Lakers after four more mesmerizing

seasons with the Cleveland Cavaliers, that he's one of them.

Just a kid from Akron. "I know exactly what these 240 kids are going through," he said, referring to the third- and fourth-graders who comprise the school's first classes. "I know the ups the downs. I know everything they dream about. I know all the nightmares they have, because I've been there."

Long before he became a globally celebrated sports celebrity and three-time champion, James was a lost little boy growing up without a father and wondering where his life was headed. He and his mom, Gloria, struggled for years. There was little money and less structure.

They moved constantly, and there were long periods when James didn't attend

school — he missed 82 days in fourth grade — because Gloria didn't have a car and there was no other way of transportation.

"We didn't have stability day to day where I didn't know where I was going to be living, so it was no way that I could even get there," he said. "So, it was a surprise to me when I woke up and I was actually going to school. So, I just felt like every day I was just waking up and I had just a bunch of time of nothing. There were just a lot of empty days, empty nights and just kind of a no future thought process."

"I was just kind of living in the moment, so, that's just how it was."

His past is shaping the future for others.

James has modeled the school, and so many other

education initiatives started by Michele Campbell, executive director of The LeBron James Family Foundation, to combat the obstacles he faced. He's giving at-risk children, some with learning disabilities and others from broken homes, opportunities they couldn't have imagined, including food and other amenities.

The I Promise School's curriculum is centered around the foundation's "We Are Family" philosophy, an encompassing approach that allows for student growth and family development. The school follows a non-traditional schedule with year-round programming and days that began at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m.

The school, which will expand to include grades 1-8 by 2020, also has a resource cen-

ter that helps families "navigate daily challenges and facilitate long-term planning," and parents of I Promise students can earn their GEDs or high school diplomas.

It's cutting-edge, daring and potentially a template for inner-city schools around the country. James has already seen success stories with kids who began in his I Promise program in 2011.

"I've had kids come up to me and say, 'I was part of your program when you had the bike-a-thon and now I'm on my way to Akron U, or I'm on my way to Kent State,'" James said. "And they just thank me and they thank us. They thank me for the structure and what we've been able to do for them. Like half the battle is the kids just having someone that they are like, 'Oh, this guy believes in us.'"

RANGERS

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The Diamondbacks scored one run after the power delay while Texas had four.

"The timing couldn't have been worse," Diamondbacks manager Torey Lovullo said. "I felt like it could have been a different outcome had that not happened. But we've got to make a pitch and we didn't execute."

Ray worked through some traffic in the first four innings before running

into trouble in the fifth. The left-hander walked two and Choo lifted his 19th homer over the wall in left for a three-run shot.

The Diamondbacks answered in the bottom half with the help of a throwing error by third baseman Adrian Beltre, going up 4-3 when Souza bounced a three-run homer off the top of the wall in left.

Ray was lifted after a one-out walk in the sixth inning and Texas went ahead 4-3 on Robinson Chirinos' run-scoring single against Yoshihisa Hirano.

Ray allowed four runs on three hits

and struck out six with four walks.

ANDRIESE'S STRUGGLES

While Escobar had a strong first game at Chase Field, Andriese did not. The right-hander was acquired from Tampa Bay and had one appearance on the road, allowing a run in two innings against San Diego.

Andriese entered Monday's game in the seventh inning and was hit hard in two innings, allowing three runs on six hits.

"it's very frustrating, but it's baseball," he said. "You just have to go out there and compete. The next opportunity I get, it's a new day."

CHOO'S BOUNCEBACK

Choo had four strikeouts against Houston on Sunday, a rarity during his 14-year career. He struck out his first at-bat against Arizona, but hit a hard ground ball his second and followed with two homers.

"After the first at-bat, he came into the dugout and found a rhythm with his swing," Bannister said. "The second at-bat, he fouled some pitches off and on that ground ball to second base, he seemed to barrel it up. I think that unlocked him a little bit, just with his timing and his swing."

OSUNA

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The Astros lead the AL West but were set to begin a series at Seattle having lost a season-high four in a row. They also acquired reliever Ryan Pressly from Minnesota last week.

Osuna has not pitched in the majors since May 6, two days before he was put on administrative leave when he was charged with one count of assault in Toronto — which remains pending.

"This has been exceptionally difficult," Blue Jays general manager Ross Atkins said on a conference call.

Verlander and Lance McCullers Jr. voiced disdain for domestic abusers in March when video leaked of former Astros prospect Danry Vasquez beating his girlfriend. Vasquez was released by Houston following an arrest for the incident in 2016. KRIS-TV in Corpus Christi obtained and aired the video, which showed Vasquez, still partly in uniform, hitting his girlfriend in a stairwell at Double-A Corpus Christi's stadium.

"(Middle finger emoji) you man," Verlander tweeted. "I hope the rest of your life without baseball is horrible. You deserve all that is coming your way!"

"This is the reality of domestic violence," McCullers wrote. "It's always brutal, always sickening. We must fight for the victims, video or not. He should be in jail. If you need help, find it. People care."

Osuna is 0-0 with nine saves in 10 chances and a 2.93 ERA in 15 games this season. He was an All-Star last year, when he went 3-4 with 39 saves and a 3.38 ERA.

The right-hander would be eligible to pitch in the postseason, unlike players suspended under the drug policy this year, such as Seattle second baseman Robinson Cano, who is ineligible.

"We did a lot of background work and whatever we were able to do as third parties. And that's all I can say," Astros general manager Jeff Luhnow said.

Osuna lost 89 days' pay, which comes to \$2,536,022 of his \$5.3 million salary, and the suspension delayed his eligibility for free agency by one year until after the 2021 season.

"The due diligence by our front office was unprecedented. We are confident that Osuna is remorseful, has willfully complied with all consequences

related to his past behavior, has proactively engaged in counseling, and will fully comply with our zero tolerance policy related to abuse of any kind," Astros general manager Jeff Luhnow said in a statement.

In a statement released by Houston, Osuna said: "I thank Jeff Luhnow and the entire Astros organization for believing in me. I will not let them down."

The 27-year-old Giles is 0-2 with 12 saves and a 4.99 ERA this season, and was currently in the minors.

Giles punched himself in the face this season while heading to the dugout after giving up a three-run, ninth-inning homer to the Yankees' Gary Sanchez on May 1.

He will have the chance to close for the Blue Jays. He's expected to join them Tuesday.

"I know what happened down there but we've had a lot of guys really come into their own once they come to this team," Toronto manager John Gibbons said. "Hopefully that happens here. It'll be a new start for him, too, which I'm sure he needs."

Giles was optioned to Triple-A Fresno on July 11, a night after the hard-throwing righty appeared to curse at manager A.J. Hinch when he lifted him from the game.

Atkins said Giles has shown "he's willing to be accountable for those actions."

"It's unfortunate," the GM said. "I'm sure that contributed to him being available."

The 27-year-old Giles had 34 saves in 38 chances with a 2.30 ERA and 11.9 strikeouts per nine innings for the Astros last season. Houston won its first World Series title, but he struggled in the postseason. He allowed two runs in three innings against Boston in the AL Division Series. He surrendered three more runs, taking the loss in Game 4 of the League Championship Series against the New York Yankees, and allowed five runs in a pair

of World Series appearances against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Giles entered Game 4 in the ninth with the game tied at 1 and allowed all three batters he faced to reach base. Giles took the loss and did not appear again in the series.

Giles has a \$4.6 million salary and is eligible for free agency after the 2020 season.

Hinch spoke to Osuna, who expressed his gratitude for the opportunity.

"It was a big day for us, obviously, and huge news on a lot of fronts," Hinch said. "And I think it obviously brings us to the center of attention for a lot of reasons."

Gibbons, who spoke with Hinch before the deal, will be cheering for Osuna.

"I love the kid. I've been his only manager," Gibbons said. "He's had some issues he's had to deal with. I wish him well but more importantly more so than baseball I hope he gets his life together."

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