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Community critically short on O negative blood supply



HERALD file photo

United Blood Services will be stopping by Big Spring's city council chambers on Friday, August 10, for the citizens of Howard County to donate blood. One lucky donor will win two tickets to a Dallas Cowboys football game in Arlington. Above, Lynn Creswell spends her lunch donating blood at the 2017 Community Blood Drive, held at the City Council Chambers. "I love to do it," Creswell said. "I have been donating since the early 90s."

By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer

Those who wish to donate blood, especially those of the O blood type, along with Dallas Cowboys fans, will want to make their way down to the Big Spring City Council Chambers on Friday, August 10 to donate blood. Not only would you be donating potential life-saving blood, but there are also two Cowboys game tickets on the line. According to Linda Grace, senior donor recruitment representative for United Blood Services, people who donate in Friday's blood drive will have a chance to walk away with two tickets to a Dallas Cowboys game at the AT&T Stadium in Arlington.

The blood drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Big Spring City Council Chambers, located at 310 Nolan Street.

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Swim, bike, run



HERALD file photo

A contestant in the 2017 Comanche Warrior Triathlon makes his way around the tennis courts in the running portion of the event.

By TYLER SCHELLIE
 Staff Writer

It is still Summer time, and in the Summer there is always something going on to keep the locals active. Every year, a big event is held at the Comanche Trail Park and it's about that time again.

The 11th Annual Comanche Warrior Triathlon will be held on Saturday, August 25, 2018. The Comanche Warrior Triathlon is one of the only times that you are allowed to swim in the Comanche Trail Lake. With that being said, "athletes participating will begin the event with a 500 meter open water swim in Comanche Trail Lake, which will be followed with a 30k out and back bike ride on city and county roads. The race is concluded with a 5k run on closed trails and roads in the Comanche Trail Park," Hayley Herrera, Tourism Coordinator for the Big Spring Convention & Visitors Bureau said.

Registration and packet pick up will take place from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, August 24th at the Dora Roberts Community Center, along with a practice swim in the Comanche Trail Lake. Lifeguards will be on duty during the practice swim. Registration and packet pickup the morning of the event will begin at 6 a.m. on Saturday, August 25th at the Dora Roberts Community Center, and end at 7:15am. The Pre-Race meeting will start at 7:30am with the race scheduled to begin at 8 a.m.

"This year, we're having hamburgers and refreshments, provided by Scenic Mountain Medical Center, to all participants and volunteers. We are going to conclude the event with an awards ceremony," Herrera said. Many organizations get together to help out, and this event could not be put on without the help of the sponsors.

For the safety of all those involved in the event, the Comanche Trail Park will be closed on August 25, 2018, from 7 a.m. until 1p.m.

Online registration is now available at www.permianbasinevents.com and visitbigspring.com. If you have any additional questions, please contact Hayley Herrera, with Big Spring Convention & Visitors Bureau, at (432)-263-8235. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Debbye ValVerde, with the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, at (432)-263-7641.

11th annual Holy Trinity festival scheduled for this weekend



HERALD file photo

The photograph above shows Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, located at 1009 Hearn St. in Big Spring, Texas.

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Food, friends and fun will come together this weekend for the 11th annual Trinity Catholic Church Summer Festival.

The event will be held on the church grounds, 1009 Hearn in Big Spring, Friday and Saturday, starting at 11 a.m. each day.

"The meals will be served on Friday. That's about it on Friday, and then on Saturday, they start up the meals again at 11 until they're sold out," said Trinity's Coordinator of Religious Education Diana Valdez.

"Then Saturday evening is all the games, game booths, Bingo... and then we'll have other outside food like hamburgers, turkey legs, sausage on a stick, that kind of thing."

Trinity's famous Mexican food plates are the star of the show.

"They usually have asado, or the guiso, it's kind of like stew meat, and then gorditas, and then chicken flautas," Valdez said. "It all includes the rice and the salad."

Games on tap Saturday will include festival favorites such as ring toss, cake walk, dart throw, football throw, and basketball throw, as well as Bingo.

Valdez said the festival started in 2008 when three local churches consolidated to form the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish church.

For more information, call the church at 432-714-4930.

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

Jerry Foresyth Golf Scramble to raise money for college scholarships

By TYLER SCHELLIE
 Staff Writer

This Saturday, Aug. 4, the Big Spring Country Club will host the Jerry Foresyth Golf Scramble to raise money for

student scholarships for those looking to attend Texas A&M University.

"This year, we have helped 12 students get into Texas A&M, and we are always looking forward to helping more," said Jan Foresyth, Scholarship Chairman and long time Country Club member.

Grab your clubs, a few friends and head



Courtesy photo

Shown above are most of the students that received scholarships to Texas A&M, with the help of the Foresyth Golf Scramble and supporting sponsors alike. Students left to right include: Hannah Alsobrook, Omkar Sukhtankar, Brayden Worley, Sarah Marshall, Emilea Brumley, Tyler Bryans, Chris Biddison and Fletcher Mashburn. Those not pictured include: Marcella Norman, Faith Parum, Chase Dunnam, and Trevor Burchett.

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Obituaries

Oscar P. Garza



Oscar P. Garza, 60, of Big Spring, died Monday, July 30, 2018, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Sam Segundo, pastor of Family Faith Center, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Oscar was born on Dec. 23, 1957, in Ackerly, Texas, to Aurora Perez Garza and Victor Garza. He married Martha Escanuelas on April 2, 1985, in Big Spring.

Oscar is survived by his wife Martha Garza of Big

Spring; one daughter, Ashley Nicole E. Garza of Big Spring; a grandson; seven brothers, Fernando Garza (Lupe) of Cleburne, Armando Garza (Adela) of Cleburne, Robert Garza of Temple, Joe Garza of Dallas, Raul Garza (Tina) of Joshua, Albert Garza (Patsy) of Big Spring and Lupe Garza (Rachel) also of Big Spring; four sisters, Olga Galan (Avel) of Kerrville, Santos Hilario (Robert), Esperanza Garza and Gloria Garza, all of Big Spring and a number of nieces and nephews.

Oscar was preceded in death by his parents, Victor and Aurora Garza, a brother Victor Garza, Jr., a sister Irma Lozano and two additional brothers: Marcus Garza and Enrique "Ricky" Garza.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MARC DOUGLAS WOLFEY**, 24, of 1104 S Nolan St., was arrested on a charge of theft of property in \$750 to \$7,500.

- **CHRISTOPHER RYAN LITTLE**, 27, of 920 McCully St., was arrested on driving while intoxicated.

- **LUKE ROMAN**, 20, of 1900 S Main, of 1900 S Main, was arrested on charges of unauthorized use of motor, two counts of firearm.

- **BURLGARY IN PROGRESS** was reported in the 2500 block of Dow Dr.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1300 block of E 3rd St., and in the 1800 block of S Gregg St.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1000 block of Ridgeroad Dr.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 2600 block of S Gregg St.

- **DISTURBANC** was reported in the 1100 block of NW 8th St.

Sheriff

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

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

- **YVETTE HERNANDEZ GARCIA**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on charge driving with license with previous convictions suspended.

- **MELISSA JURADO**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge public intoxication.

- **RICHARD SHANE KNIGHT**, 39, was arrested by GLASS on charges of possession of controlled substance in between one and four grams.

- **CHRISTOPHER RYAN LITTLE**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **HEZEKIAH STEPHON MCNALLY**, 17, was ar-

rested by HCSO on a charge of parole violation.

- **TRINITY LEWIS OWEN**, 39, was arrested by HCSO on warrants of bail jumping and fail to appear, theft of property in between \$100 and \$750.

- **NATHANIEL LOUIS PITTMAN**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on charge of driving with license invalid with previous convictions.

- **ANELIESE MARGARET ROETTGER**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **LUKE ROMAN**, 19, was arrested by BSPD on charges of unauthorized use of vehicle, and two counts of firearm.

- **MARC DOUGLAS WOLFEY**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property in between \$750 and \$2,500.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, handles legal issues affecting Veterans, Retirees, and their family members. They will have clinics that provides volunteer attorneys that will provide free legal advice (up to 25 minutes depending on the issue). A pro bono attorney may be assigned to handle some cases that include: bankruptcy, consumer issues/contract, child 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 Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in the Howard College Library.

- The Emergency Services

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

- Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade.

Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated.

Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716.

- Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding.

To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

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

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

Minnie Nicole Jones



Minnie Nicole Jones, 46, Carrollton, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, July 28, 2018, in Ft. Worth. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 3, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Hebrew Jones and Walton Stone, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Minnie was born on Dec. 3, 1971, in Big Spring, Texas, to Vivian Bledsoe Jones and Hebrew Jones, Jr.

Minnie is survived by her parents Vivian and Hebrew Jones of Big Spring; one brother, Bruce Jones (Kimberly) of Midlothian; two sisters, Monique Jones of Arlington and Marquel Hickey (Jolee) of Odessa; five nieces; two nephews; several aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of other family and friends.

Minnie was preceded in death by her grandparents, Bessie Lee Anderson, Vivian Bledsoe, Minnie Jones and Hebrew Jones, Jr.

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

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N HWY 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Westover. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of E 18th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

- **MOBILE PROPERTY/VEHICLE** was reported in the 1300 block of W 2nd. It was contained.

- **BUILDING** was reported in the 3900 block of Parkway. It was contained.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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2 ex-police officers get prison for lying to hide drug theft

MCALLEN, Texas (AP) — Two South Texas ex-police officers have been sentenced to federal prison for lying to federal agents to hide a theft of cocaine that had been seized in a drug bust.

A federal judge sentenced 30-year-old Salvador Hernandez of Mission to two years in prison, while 27-year-old Richard Leon Castillo of Pharr drew a prison term of one year and four months.

They were found guilty by separate juries of lying to Drug Enforcement Administration agents investigating three cocaine bundles missing from a 40-bundle seizure made on Aug. 27, 2016.

Both will remain free on bond until they report to prison on a date still to be determined.

8 candidates vying to replace convicted Texas state senator

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Eight candidates are competing in a bipartisan special election to replace Democratic Texas state Sen. Carlos Uresti, who stepped down in June after being sentenced to 12 years in prison on federal fraud charges.

Uresti's term doesn't expire until 2020 and his San Antonio district is heavily Democratic. But with such a crowded field, no candidate may win a majority, forcing a runoff.

Tuesday's best known hopefuls are Democrats Roland Gutierrez, a current state representative, and Pete Gallego, a former, longtime state House lawmaker who served one term in Congress. Also running is Republican Pete Flores, who Uresti beat in 2016.

Uresti was convicted of 11 felonies stemming from being general counsel and partial owner of an oilfield service company that prosecutors say operated a Ponzi scheme to defraud investors.

Texas man found in Colorado river identified

LOVELAND, Colo. (AP) — A 37-year-old Texas man found dead in a northern Colorado river has been identified as Michael Brown of Houston.

The Loveland Reporter-Herald reports that the Larimer County Coroner's Office also determined that Brown died from injuries suffered in an accidental fall from a cliff.

Brown's body was found last Friday in the Big Thompson River. He had been reported missing after he became separated from his brother as the two were hiking to a friend's cabin Thursday night.

2 dead, 2 hurt after car hits ambulance in South Texas wreck

ROCKPORT, Texas (AP) — Authorities say two men heading to work have been killed when their car struck an ambulance and both vehicles rolled on a rural South Texas highway.

The Texas Department of Public Safety says both people in the car died at the scene before dawn Tuesday on Highway 35 near Rockport.

DPS Sgt. Nathan Brandley says the ambulance had dropped off a patient at a Corpus Christi hospital and was returning to Rockport.

Brandley says it appears the car, carrying two men to work at a nearby plant, failed to yield at a stop sign and hit the ambulance. Two emergency medical personnel in the ambulance suffered injuries not believed to be life-threatening and both men were transported to a hospital.

Names of the two men who died weren't immediately released.

Texas district accepts gun donations after school shooting

SANTA FE, Texas (AP) — A Houston-area school district where 10 people were shot to death in May has accepted about \$220,000 worth of guns, ammunition and weapons training donated for its security staff.

The Daily News reports that the Santa Fe Independent School District also received tens of thousands of dollars in donations following the May 18 shooting at Santa Fe High School.

School officials say a group of anonymous locals donated the weapons and ammunition, including eight AR-15 rifles. The Houston Astros Foundation donated \$13,000 for protective vests and other safety equipment for the district's police force.

School board President J.R. Norman says the donated weapons will be used by the district's expanded police force for the upcoming school year. He says there aren't any programs in place for armed teachers.

Houston firefighters sue city over ballot initiative on pay

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston firefighters union is suing city officials, accusing them of misusing public resources to oppose a ballot measure that would give firefighters pay similar to what Houston police officers receive.

The Houston Chronicle reports the lawsuit is part of a public spat between firefighters and the city over efforts to place the "pay parity" ballot initiative before voters in November.

The union accuses Mayor Sylvester Turner and a council member of violating the Texas Election Code by speaking out against the measure during public meetings in July.

In a statement Tuesday, the union said the city officials are trying to stop city officials from discussing a proposal that "will put the city in deeper financial distress."

The city council is set to decide the ballot measure's fate on Aug. 8.

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Print your own pistol? Trump 'looking into' computer dispute



Sen. Edward Markey, D-Mass., left, and Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Ct., display a photo of a plastic gun on Tuesday, July 31, 2018, on Capitol Hill in Washington. Democrats are calling on President Donald Trump to reverse an administration decision to allow a Texas company to make blueprints for a 3D-printed gun available online.

By **MATTHEW DALY and CATHERINE LUCEY**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump came under heavy pressure Tuesday to block blueprints for 3D printers to make deadly plastic guns, stepping into the dispute after his

administration agreed to allow plans for guns that could be easy to conceal and difficult to trace.

Trump tweeted he was "looking into" the issue and consulting with the National Rifle Association.

The election-year headache is a problem of the administration's own making. After a yearslong

court battle, the State Department in late June settled a case against a Texas company that wants to provide directions that would allow people to computer-print their own guns.

The settlement, which took gun-control advocates by surprise, allowed Austin-based Defense Distributed to resume posting blueprints for the hard-plastic guns at the end of July.

Democrats sounded the alarm, warning about "ghost guns" that can avoid detection and pose a deadly hazard.

"All you need is a little money and you can download a blueprint from the internet to make a gun at home," said Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer.

"No background check. No criminal history check."

The company's website said downloads would begin Wednesday, but blueprints for at least one gun — a plastic pistol called

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2 Texas communities named Reno face confusion challenges



In this July 27, 2018 photo, trees are reflected in Walnut Creek, in Parker County, near Reno, Texas. There are two towns named Reno in the state. So after 140 years, leaders in the Parker County town of Reno might change its name, maybe to Reno Springs.

By **BUD KENNEDY**

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

RENO, Texas (AP) — Texas has two Renos, and that's no longer funny.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports misdelivered mail is stacking up. Callers are dialing the wrong number. Worst of all, fire or medical emergency calls are going to the wrong Reno 911.

So after 140 years, leaders in the Parker County town of Reno might change its name, maybe to Reno Springs.

In a larger town named Reno 160 miles away in northeast Texas, Mayor Bart Jetton answered a reporter's phone call the way he has answered hundreds

AP photo

of calls from the 817 area code. "I hate to interrupt you," he said wearily, "but — are you trying to reach the Reno in Parker County?"

His staff gets calls every day looking for the other Reno, "more and more as they're growing," Jetton said.

"Nobody can get through on the phone to that Reno in Parker County. So they call us for help. We get their hateful phone calls and stuff."

In the Parker County town of Reno, Police Chief Tim Holzschuh said it's not just a matter of wrong numbers.

"We had a report of a suicidal person from a relative calling long-distance," he said.

"It took a while for the officer on duty to deduce that it was the Reno in Lamar County. Those moments can make a difference."

Cellphones, Google and Siri aren't helping.

Callers searching for "Reno Texas" or "Reno police" get directed first to renotexas.us, the northeast Texas town. The second choice is cityofrenotx.com in Parker County.

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the Liberator — have been posted on the site since Friday. A lawyer for the company said he didn't know how many blueprints had been downloaded since then.

Outrage over the administration decision is putting

gun-control back into the election-year political debate, but with a high-tech twist.

The president seemed to express surprise. He said on Twitter he was looking into the idea of a company providing plans to the public for printing guns, and he said it "doesn't seem to make much sense!"

Democrats agreed and said Trump had the power to stop it.

Sen. Edward Markey of Massachusetts said Trump has boasted that he alone can fix problems afflicting the country.

"Well, fix this deadly mistake that once again your administration has made," Markey said.

Connecticut Sen. Richard Blumenthal went further, saying that if Trump does not block the open printing of 3D guns, "Blood is going to be on his hands."

At least one Republican also expressed concern.

"Even as a strong supporter of the Second Amendment -- this is not right," Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski

tweeted, linking to a news story on the guns.

Eight states have sued to block the administration's decision, contending that the plastic weapons are a boon to terrorists and criminals and threaten public safety.

The NRA said in a statement that "anti-gun politicians" and some members of the news media wrongly claim that 3D printing technology "will allow for the production and widespread proliferation of undetectable plastic firearms."

In truth, "undetectable plastic guns have been illegal for 30 years," said Chris W. Cox, executive director of the NRA's political arm. A federal law passed in 1988 — crafted with NRA support — bars the manufacture, sale or possession of an undetectable firearm.

Trump spokesman Hogan Gidley made much the same point, saying the administration supports the law against wholly plastic guns, including those made with a 3D printer.

And Texas Sen. John Cornyn, the second-ranking Republican, said, "People shouldn't be under the impression they can download this and make an undetectable firearm."

But Democrats called the law weak and said gun users can get around it by using weapons with a removable metal block that the gun doesn't need in order to function.

Markey, Blumenthal and other Democrats filed legislation that

would prohibit the publication of a digital file online that allows a 3D printer to manufacture a firearm. Democrats also filed a separate bill to require that all guns have at least one non-removable component made of metal.

The second measure is intended to ensure that even guns primarily made of plastic can be discovered by metal detectors.

Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, blocked a Democratic request to bring the bill straight to the Senate floor, citing First Amendment free speech concerns.

In a suit filed Monday in Seattle, eight Democratic attorneys general asked a judge to block the federal government's settlement with Defense Distributed.

People can use the blueprints to manufacture plastic guns using a 3D printer. But industry experts have expressed doubts that criminals would go to the trouble, since the printers needed to make the guns can cost thousands of dollars, the guns themselves tend to disintegrate quickly and traditional firearms are easy to come by.

Unlike traditional firearms that can fire thousands of rounds in a lifetime, the 3D-printed guns normally last only a few rounds before they fall apart, experts say. They usually hold a bullet or two and then must be manually loaded. And they're not usually very accurate.

Chris Knox, communications director for The Firearms Coalition, a gun-rights group, called the Liberator handgun a "very crude...zip gun" and said the growing debate over 3D printed guns was an overreaction.

Cody Wilson, the founder of Defense Distributed, first published downloadable designs for a 3D-printed firearm in 2013. The plans were downloaded about 100,000 times until the State Department ordered him to cease, contending the effort violated federal export laws since some of the blueprints were downloaded by people outside the United States.

The State Department reversed course last month, agreeing to allow Wilson to resume posting the blueprints.

The company filed its own suit in Texas on Sunday, asserting that it's the victim of an "ideologically fueled program of intimidation and harassment" that violates the company's First Amendment rights.

Meanwhile, Defense Distributed agreed to block temporarily Pennsylvania residents from downloading the plans after state officials went to federal court in Philadelphia on Sunday seeking an emergency order. The company said it had also blocked access to users in New Jersey and Los Angeles.

Associated Press writer Lisa Marie Pane in Boise, Idaho, contributed to this story.

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"I keep their police chief's phone number on my desktop," Holzschuh said

His northeast Texas counterpart, Reno Police Chief Jeremy Massey, said, "We feel each other's pain."

He has a dangerous-misdial story, too. "I've had a call about somebody driving down the road shooting a weapon. We finally figured out it was the other Reno."

His dispatchers ask callers from the 817 area code, "Do you want Parker County?"

"We get a lot of confusion from state agencies," Massey said.

"And the district attorney's office from Tarrant County calls asking about court cases. They don't seem to know how to reach the other Reno either."

Not to mention Reno, Nevada, or El Reno, Oklahoma.

Before ZIP codes, federal regulations prohibited two post offices from having the same name. The Parker County town had a post office in 1884, but lost it.

In 1996, the U.S. Postal Service tried to award the address "Reno, Texas" solely to the Parker County town for its larger projected population. But postal officials relented when then-U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's office intervened.

According to U.S. Census estimates, the Lamar County town of Reno has 3,300. The local Reno, which bridges Parker and Tarrant counties north of Azle, has 2,907 but is growing faster. (The Parker County town also legally incorporated first, in 1966.)

Mayor Pro Tem John Basham suggested the name Reno Springs, according to the Azle News.

The original Reno Springs fed the town cotton gin along Walnut Creek just south of today's city hall and Walnut Creek Baptist Church, according to late Fort Worth geologist Gunnar Brune's book "Springs of Texas."

(Other springs nearby gave a neighboring town its name: Springtown.)

City name changes are not unusual. In 1999, a growing Wise County town changed its name to New Fairview to distinguish from a Fairview in Collin County.

Repeat wildfire evacuations leave some Californians weary



A burned car is seen in front of a wildfire ravaged home Tuesday, July 31, 2018, in Lakeport, Calif. Battalion Chief John Messina said Tuesday fire crews slowed the spread of one of the blazes into towns near Clear Lake, including Lakeport, a city of 5,000. He says the fire instead spread into the Mendocino National Forest.

By JANIE HAR and BRIAN SKOLOFF

Associated Press

UPPER LAKE, Calif. (AP) — Jessyca Lytle fled a fast-moving Northern California wildfire in 2015 that spared her property but destroyed her mother's memorabilia-filled home in rural and rugged Lake County.

Less than three years later, Lytle found herself listening to scanner traffic and fire-proofing her mother's new home on Tuesday as another wildfire advanced and turned the sun into a tiny orange dot suspended in the smoke.

"Honestly, what I'm thinking

right now is I just want this to end," Lytle said, adding that she was "exhausted in every way possible — physically, emotionally, all of that. "But you can't stop doing what you have to do, and you can't stop facing what you have to face," she said.

Firefighters pressed their battle against a pair of fires that have burned 117 square miles (300 square kilometers) across Mendocino and Lake counties. In all, roughly 19,000 people have been warned to flee and 10,000 homes remain under threat.

Derek Hawthorne, a firefighter and spokesman for the fire crews, said the hot weather was not ideal

but the wind where he was in the city of Upper Lake was on their side.

"It's blowing into the fire, and it's kind of blowing it back on itself," he said.

Elsewhere, the Carr Fire had burned more than 880 homes and killed six people in and around Redding. Another 348 outbuildings were also destroyed, and the blaze is now the seventh most destructive wildfire in California history, fire officials said.

In Riverside County, east of Los Angeles, an arson fire that destroyed seven homes last week was 82 percent contained Monday.

People in Lake County, an impoverished community of 65,000 about 110 miles (180 kilometers) north of San Francisco, know about evacuations.

The 2015 Valley Fire, which came on the heels of two other fires, killed four and destroyed 1,300 homes when it blew up unexpectedly during a September heat wave. It wiped out entire neighborhoods prized for their privacy and sense of community and turned scenic areas into charred forest.

Since then, parts of the county have been evacuated regularly due to fire, most recently in June.

Evacuation orders remained in effect Tuesday for the town of Lakeport, the county seat, along with some smaller communities and a section of the Mendocino National Forest.

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Comanche Trail Golf Course hosting City Golf Championship

By JORDAN PARR
Sports Editor

The Comanche Trail Golf Course is hosting the annual City Golf Championship for anyone that is a current Howard County resident, member of the Big Spring Country Club or Comanche Trail Golf Course this Saturday and Sunday August 4th and 5th at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

This is a 36 hole individual

play format with three divisions; men's division, women's division and seniors division (60 and up). Assigned tee times can be made for Saturday at the player's convenience while Sunday's tee times will be assigned according to flight.

To make a tee time for Saturday and for pricing contact the Comanche Trail Pro Shop at (432)-264-2366. All players must declare Championship Flight.



Astros snap five-game skid with 5-2 win over Mariners

By TIM BOOTH
AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — Charlie Morton did what's become expected on the mound in getting his 12th victory, while Evan Gattis and Josh Reddick provided the pop needed with the big names missing from the Houston Astros' lineup right now.

Gattis hit a two-run home run to put Houston ahead, Reddick capped it with a two-run shot in the ninth inning, and the Astros snapped a five-game losing streak with a 5-2 win over the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday night.

Already without Jose Altuve and Carlos Correa, the Astros lost George Springer for most of Tuesday's game with a sore shoulder.

"We've just got to go in there and do our job and not try to make up too much for those guys because obviously we're not those guys and what they can do," Reddick said. "We've got to piece it together and hopefully put a few guys (together) that can make one of them."



Houston Astros' Evan Gattis (11) tips his helmet to Marwin Gonzalez (9) and Alex Bregman after his two-run home run against the Seattle Mariners in the sixth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, July 31, 2018, in Seattle.

AP photo

Gattis' 21st home run of the season came in the sixth off Seattle starter Mike Leake and snapped a 1-1 tie. Leake left a breaking ball in the middle of the plate and Gattis clubbed it over the left field fence to put the Astros in front.

Reddick greeted new Seattle reliever Zach Duke with a shot to deep right-center field in the ninth. It was the first home run allowed this season by Duke, who was acquired in a trade with Minnesota.

Morton (12-2) struck out eight and didn't allow Seattle to put together a sustained rally. Seattle's offense was limited to Jean Segura's solo home run and Mitch Haniger's RBI single. Morton was pulled after the sixth, despite giving up just two runs and throwing 90 pitches. The sixth inning was the only time Seattle had multiple runners on base and Morton got out of the jam after Haniger's single by getting Chris Hermann to ground out with two runners on.

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Cowboys tap several sources to fill Witten's leadership void



Dallas Cowboys linebacker Sean Lee walks on the field during NFL football training camp in Oxnard, Calif. Lee, now Dallas' only offensive or defensive player in his 30s (he's 31), always used to wait until the end of the week to address reporters in the locker room during the season. There's talk of him moving that up to be more visible, and the 2016 All-Pro has left no doubt he knows things are different without Jason Witten, who retired.

AP photo

By SCHUYLER DIXON
AP Pro Football Writer

OXNARD, Calif. — Sean Lee responded with strong words to criticism from former teammate Dez Bryant.

Tyrone Crawford felt compelled to tell the team these Dallas Cowboys won't be in the business of dramas such as Bryant's Twitter-fed rant early in training camp over who he felt was responsible for his off-season release.

With tight end Jason Witten's sudden retirement after 15 years for a TV job, the Cowboys can't defer to the franchise leader in games, starts and catches on any number of topics. Crawford, a defensive lineman, doesn't think they can replace the 2012 NFL Man of the Year either.

"If you're being real with yourself, Jason Witten's one of the best ever to do it," Crawford said. "And if you knew him as a man, one of the best men you'll ever get to meet. To me, there's never going to be another Jason Witten that's going to be around me."

Still, the Cowboys have to figure out life without Witten's leadership.

Ask around, the answers will vary.

Quarterback Dak Prescott is a natural choice, both through leadership skills he demonstrated before replacing Tony Romo and the fact that the 25-year-old is already going into this third season as the starter.

Lee, now Dallas' only offensive or defensive player in his 30s (he's 31), always used to wait until the end of the week to address reporters in the locker room during the season. There's talk of him moving that up to be more visible, and the 2016 All-Pro has left no doubt he knows things are different without Witten.

Center Travis Frederick and Zack Martin, who just signed a contract making him the highest-paid guard in the NFL, come up as well. But Frederick stops short of the idea of leadership by committee.

"Committee makes it sound like it's a huge group of guys," said Frederick, who started all 80 games in his first five seasons. "Traditionally in a team like this, you have a group of captains that are a strong group of leaders, maybe five, six guys. I think you're going to find that here."

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Robert Griffin III finding new opportunities with Ravens

By TODD KARPOVICH
Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Robert Griffin III rolled to his right and threw a tight spiral down the middle of the field to a receiver that was being closely covered by a pair of defenders.

Several plays later, he dropped back and launched a 50-yard pass to a receiver running down the far sideline.

Griffin is quietly making a comeback as a backup quarterback for the Baltimore Ravens.

Though starter Joe Flacco and rookie Lamar Jackson have received most of the attention at training camp, Griffin hopes to make some noise at the annual Hall of Fame game against the Chicago Bears on Thursday night. It will be his first taste of NFL action since 2016.

"I'm very excited," Griffin said. "I don't think I can put into words how fun this whole process has been, being here in Baltimore and just having the opportunity to grow with this team. I just want to go out there and

show they can trust me and hopefully lead us to a win."

Griffin won the Heisman Trophy as a junior at Baylor and was the second overall pick in the 2012 draft by the Washington Redskins. He was the NFL's rookie of the year before his career was derailed by injuries.

Griffin missed the 2015 season after sustaining a concussion during the preseason. After being released by Washington, he signed with the Browns in 2016. He started the regular-season opener, but sustained a shoulder injury. Griffin was able to play the final four weeks and was the starting quarterback the last time the Browns won a game, beating San Diego on Dec. 24, 2016.

He did not play football last year, but stayed in shape by training at the University of Central Florida. Griffin said he also spent hours watching film, studying the defense of various NFL teams.

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AP photo

Baltimore Ravens quarterback Robert Griffin III throws a pass during an NFL football training camp practice in Owings Mills, Md. Though starter Joe Flacco and rookie Lamar Jackson have garnered much of the attention at training camp, Griffin hopes to make some noise in a preseason game Thursday night, his first taste of NFL action since 2016.

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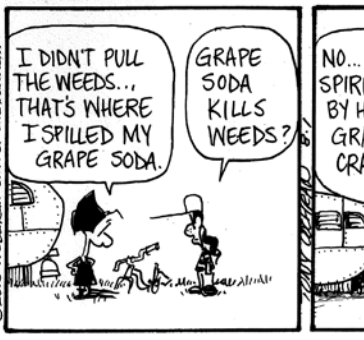
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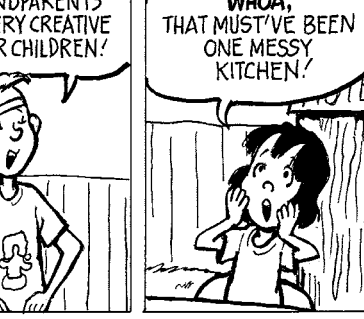
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 1, the 213th day of 2018. There are 152 days left in the year.
 Today's Highlight in History: On August 1, 1966, Charles Joseph Whitman, 25, went on an armed rampage at the University of Texas in Austin that killed 14 people, most of whom were shot by Whitman while he was perched in the clock tower of the main campus building. (Whitman, who had also slain his wife and mother hours earlier, was finally gunned down by police.)
 On this date:
 In 1714, Britain's Queen Anne died at age 49; she was succeeded by George I.
 In 1876, Colorado was admitted as the 38th state.
 In 1907, the U.S. Army Signal Corps established an aeronautical division, the forerunner of the U.S. Air Force.
 In 1911, Harriet Quimby became the first woman to receive a U.S. pilot's certificate from the Aero Club of America. (Quimby's accomplishments included being the first woman to fly across the English Channel; she was killed in an accident in July 1912 at age 37.)
 In 1936, the Olympics opened in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler.
 In 1944, an uprising broke out in Warsaw, Poland, against Nazi occupation; the revolt lasted two months before collapsing.
 In 1957, the United States and Canada announced they had agreed to create the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD).
 In 1975, a 35-nation summit in Finland concluded with the signing of a declaration known as the Helsinki Accords dealing with European security, human rights and East-West contacts.
 In 1981, the rock music video channel MTV made its debut.
 In 1994, Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley confirmed they'd been secretly married 11 weeks earlier. (Presley filed for divorce from Jackson in Jan. 1996, citing irreconcilable differences.)
 In 2001, Pro Bowl tackle Korey Stringer, 27, died of heat stroke, a day after collapsing at the Minnesota Vikings' training camp on the hottest day of the year.
 In 2007, the eight-lane Interstate 35W bridge, a major Minneapolis artery, collapsed into the Mississippi River during evening rush hour, killing 13 people.
 Ten years ago: Some 30 mountaineers began a disastrous attempt to scale K2 in Pakistan; 11 of them died in a series of accidents, including icefalls. Crowds of Chinese watched a total solar eclipse along the

country's ancient Silk Road, one week before the start of the Summer Games in Beijing.
 Five years ago: Defying the United States, Russia granted Edward Snowden temporary asylum, allowing the National Security Agency leader to slip out of the Moscow airport where he had been holed up for weeks. President Barack Obama faced congressional critics of the National Security Agency's collection of Americans' telephone records as he and Vice President Joe Biden joined lawmakers on both sides of the issue for an Oval Office meeting.
 One year ago: By a vote of 92-5, the Senate confirmed President Donald Trump's nomination of Christopher Wray as FBI director. He replaced James Comey, who was fired by Trump amid the investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential campaign.
 Today's Birthdays: Singer Ramblin' Jack Elliott is 87. Former Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., is 81. Actor Giancarlo Giannini is 76. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Roy Williams is 68. Blues singer-musician Robert Cray is 65. Singer Michael Penn is 60. Rock singer Joe Elliott (Def Leppard) is 59. Rock singer-musician Suzi Gardner (L7) is 58. Rapper Chuck D (Public Enemy) is 58. Actor Jesse Borrego is 56. Actor Demian Bichir is 55. Rapper Coolio is 55. Actor John Carroll Lynch is 55. Rock singer Adam Duritz (Counting Crows) is 54. Movie director Sam Mendes is 53. Country singer George Ducas is 52. Country musician Charlie Kelley is 50. Actress Jennifer Gareis is 48. Actor Charles Malik Whitfield is 46. Actress Tempestt Bledsoe is 45. Actor Jason Momoa is 39. Actress Honeysuckle Weeks is 39. Singer Ashley Parker Angel is 37. Actress Taylor Fry is 37. Actor Elijah Kelley is 32. Actor James Francis Kelly is 29. Actress Ella Wahlestedt is 20.

Thought for Today:
 "The only fool bigger than the person who knows it all is the person who argues with him."

Stanislaw J. Lec
 Polish writer
 (1909-1966).

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♥ A 10 8 2
♦ A Q J
♣ J 8 5 3

WEST

♠ 5 3
♥ 6 4 3
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ 10 9 7 2

EAST

♠ A K J 10 9 8 6
♥ K
♦ 8 5 3
♣ K 4

SOUTH

♠ Q 2
♥ Q J 9 7 5
♦ K 10 4
♣ A Q 6

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♣	4 ♠	5 ♥

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Consider the South hand, for example. What should South bid after East's four-spade overcall? In the actual deal, he bid five hearts. Apparently, South was more intent upon scoring a vulnerable game than he was upon taking the sure profit he

could collect by doubling four spades. Had we been in his boots, we would have doubled.

West led a spade, and East cashed the A-K before shifting to a diamond. Declarer won with the king and led the queen of hearts, West following low. South was sufficiently inspired to play the ace, catching East's king. Had we been in his boots, we would have finessed and gone down one.

After drawing two more rounds of trump, declarer led a low club from dummy and finessed the queen, on which West dropped the nine. South fell for the falsecard, deciding that West had started with the 10-9 alone.

So he crossed to dummy with a diamond and led the jack of clubs, hoping to pin East's king and West's ten on the same trick and thus make dummy's eight high. This was a fatal decision, and South went down one, eventually losing a club to the ten. Had he led the five from dummy instead of the jack, he would have made the contract.

South's play of the jack was clearly wrong. If he had first cashed his remaining diamond, he would have learned that East had started with three diamonds, a heart, seven spades (for his bid) and, hence, exactly two clubs. A low club lead from dummy was therefore bound to catch the king.

Tomorrow: A switch in time saves nine.

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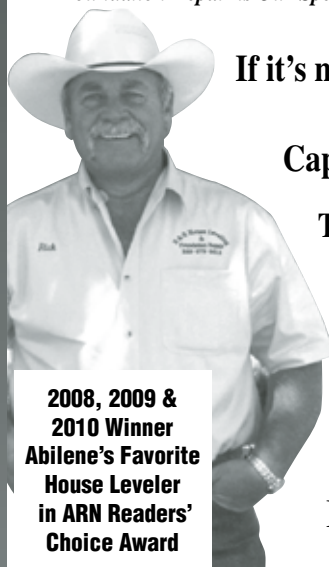
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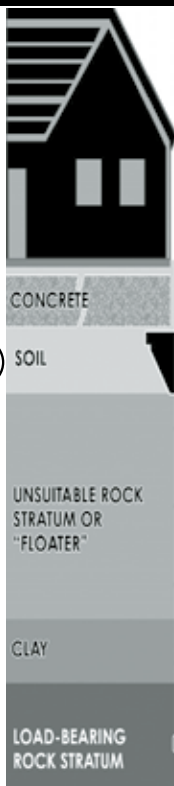
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Cosmic Combining Experiment

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll say the words, take the actions, make the commitments that fix things, knowing full well that you could just as easily, with other words, actions and promises, blow them apart.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Methods for improvement come and go. So do styles of dress, food, entertainment... Some of yesterday's "normal" now seems barbaric. With an eye to the future, something about your current life needs immediate change.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You become part of whatever you're experiencing, and it becomes a part of you. It's a truth you'll feel today, and it just might change your mind and involvement with certain environments.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's good to be a little careful about what you say and how you present yourself, but if you're too careful it's uncomfortable for all. Trust that you're acceptable. Accept yourself and they will, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The world is

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



shifting before your eyes today. Someone you admire is a big part of this. You like how this person sees the world, and it changes your view, which changes what you choose to look at.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're charged with the responsibility of creating yourself, your happiness, the meaning you derive from life. It's a privilege, a pleasure and a lot. You're not always up for it. Rest will refresh you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're attractive whether or not you want to be or try to be. This makes your life slightly complex. You'll be in a position to step lightly, dodge trouble and move quickly to avoid getting detoured from your goal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Relationships are always a risk. The risk is not that they will be bad; the risk is that they will be good. To leave a bad relationship is a rather obvious choice. A good relationship often brings both reward and limitation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You feel like you know what you want, but don't be

surprised if you get it and find out that it wasn't a good fit. Humans are notoriously bad at knowing what will make them happy. Continue the experiment, and have fun with it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You make the plan and your crew will follow it. You'll get both credit and blame, and both are good. You make life interesting and memorable for those around you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your personal experience with a full range of human error coupled with the disappointment it has caused you will make it all the more difficult for you to believe the best in others, and yet you will. You are to be commended.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It has never been hard for you to understand that people in the general public matter. You may never see them again, and yet each is an important individual whom you pride yourself in treating with the utmost respect.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 1). There's quite a history back there, and you'll put it to good use.

You don't have to look backward to do this. Trust that you've already learned from it and you now have everything you need to build toward the idea you've created about what you're supposed to be and do next. Go make your vision real. You've got this. Libra and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 42, 10, 13 and 8.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "What does it mean to be a

mutable sign? I was told that's what I was and that it was good for business -- no idea why, though. Was that an insult? I'm a Pisces."

Each sign falls into one of three categories. Astrologers call these categories "modalities." They represent a sign's particular strength in working with others. I find that knowing what modality a person is can be very helpful for team building. The ideal team would have at least one person from each modality. The three modalities are cardinal, mutable and fixed. Think of it as beginning, middle and end. The cardinal signs

are initiators. They love to dream, envision and begin projects. They are Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn. The next modality, mutable, likes to work out the kinks of a project or relationship. They adjust as necessary to make things run smoothly, and maybe that is the quality noted by the person who said you were "good for business." Mutable signs are Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces. A fixed modality sign brings it home. They are the finishers of the zodiac, and they are driven to do whatever it takes to perfect the project or relationship. They! are Taurus, Leo, Scor-

pio and Aquarius. **CELEBRITY PROFILES:** From "Game of Thrones" to the upcoming feature film "Aquaman," Jason Momoa's intensely visceral charisma has a way of bringing fantasy worlds to life. The Leo star was born when the sun, Mercury, Venus and Jupiter were all in the sign of the king cat: That's an unusual amount of royal astral-influence. Leo is also the sign of playfulness, children, the heart and show business.

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Boxing club in West Texas helps build bodies, character

By BOB CAMPBELL

Odessa American
ODESSA, Texas — Ramon Franco has been teaching boys how to box for 13 years at Odessa Boxing Club.

The Odessa American reports the big thing he's learned is that there are no losers in the amateur branch of the sport.

"I was at a tournament in Fort Worth when a coach from another city asked if I would wrap his kid's hands," Franco said. "The kid quit crying when I told him not to be afraid because they were knockout wraps. He didn't win, but he didn't quit."

"It takes a lot to go up those steps. I tell kids they're a winner already when they get in that ring because not just anybody can do it."

Franco has reported training more than 100 boys since building his club from scratch at 1109 Edgeport Dr. in northwest Odessa.

It's well-equipped with two rings, five heavy punching bags, speedbags and other accessories along with industrial fans to ameliorate the summer heat. Franco's only professional to date is 23-year-old middleweight Joey Alday Jr., who has scored seven knockouts in his first eight bouts.

Overseeing his grandson and fellow amateurs Jesus Almance and Rey Galindo as they worked out June 18, Franco said many more boys try boxing than stay with it. "It's not for everybody," he said.

"I can tell right off the bat if a kid really wants to learn. A lot of them start like, 'Hey, I want to try it.' They look good, but once they get hit they don't want to do it. Others can't take the heat because it gets hot in here when the gym is full."

"It's great to run into guys you trained as kids. They're young men with families of their own and they bring their kids in to be trained. We need sponsors to help us go places because it costs a lot of money."

Franco charges \$70 a month and averages coaching 12 boys at a time.

One who immediately showed the requisite resolve was Alday, who began coming to the club at age 10 with his dad, his primary trainer. "Joey has always been a hard worker, one of those kids who went that little extra to get where he was going," Franco said.

Alday is based in the Los Angeles suburb of Woodland Hills, but still trains here

when he's in town. "The kids see him working out and stop and watch him," said Franco, 60, who works as Alday's cutman.

"When they're sparring or hitting the bags and take a break, he tells them how to be more disciplined and shows them how to work with their punches. I've always said Joey has the desire to become a champion."

A native Odessan who attended Ector and Odessa high schools, Franco owns a home building and remodeling company, RF Construction, and works as a carpenter for the Ector County Independent School District. He and his wife Mary Isabel have three children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He received the Doug McLean Outstanding Achievement Award in 2008 from the Colorado-based USA Boxing organization.

Asked how a budding boxer can survive with one more seasoned, Franco said, "You have to be smooth in the ring

on you.

"Use the jab to keep him at a distance. The pros are totally different. The pro game to me is a fight. They want to see somebody get knocked out. We take good care of the kids in the amateurs. They wear headgears and are protected. The doctors check them out every time and sign a book. Some stumble, but knockouts are rare."

Based on the boxers' ages, the length of rounds in the three-round bouts graduates from 60 to 90 seconds and from two to three minutes.

Franco said the sport is so popular among Hispanics because "it's just in our blood."

"In the history of boxing, Mexican boxers go back years and years, brought from generations on up," he said. "It's one-on-one and you're fighting a guy who is equal to you in weight."

With his son in California, Joe Alday Sr. said Franco "is a very good coach, knowledgeable in the boxing game and one of the best guys I've met."

"Ramon is real straightforward and when he is in the gym, he is all business," Alday said. "He cares about the kids and works them out hard. He knows how to speak to them, get them thinking and motivate them. He is a great guy who has grown to be like a family member to us."

While training for a recent bout, Joey Jr. said Franco "is an awesome guy who will tell you the truth no matter how harsh it is."

"Alongside my dad, I've been with Ramon since I was 10 years old," the 160-pounder said. "He has been a huge part of my team and always will be. Outside the ring, he and my dad have been the most incredible people. They've always helped me with the right life decisions. I can't thank them enough."

Asked why boxers have to take up the sport early to be successful later, Alday said, "Because it takes six years to develop all that experience and soak up all that knowledge."

COWBOYS

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"But there's been a lot of guys in training. I think that Dak is one of the guys that's most naturally a leader that I've ever been around in my life."

Bryant shockingly called Lee a "snake" on Twitter while suggesting the ninth-year linebacker had a hand in the club's decision to move on from its career leader in touchdown receptions.

Equally shocking was Lee's response, acknowledging that he and Bryant had been at odds over Lee's feeling that Bryant wasn't always accountable. Lee even suggested Bryant still wasn't holding himself accountable. It was the first time Lee had been forced to defend himself on such terms, and he left no doubt how he felt.

"I've been in a leadership role for a long time now and I need to take it to that next level," Lee said. "But there's also, we have a core group of guys. We have a lot of guys where it's easy to be a leader on this football team because of how many great leaders we have, all the way through, from the top to bottom."

Crawford, a seventh-year player who has been growing into a leadership role over several seasons, wasn't happy that the team found itself in the middle of an unexpected tiff.

"When it comes to things like that and getting focused, I get angry and I say what I want to say and that's what

it is," Crawford said. "I feel like I need to say the right things at the right time and I do and that's it."

When Prescott became the starter because of a preseason back injury sustained by Romo two years ago, he spent half that season repeating that it was Romo's team. Somewhere in the middle of an 11-game winning streak, though, the conversation changed. The qualities to lead were already there.

"It's just about finding new ways to lead and it's going to continue to evolve each and every year — every year that I get more experience and I get older," Prescott said. "New ways I can come in contact with my teammates, motivate them or do whatever I have to do to get the best out of them."

Asked specifically about what Witten's departure meant for Lee's leadership role, coach Jason Garrett almost cut off the question.

"Witt was the guy who was out in front, the most veteran guy, incredibly well-respected guy," Garrett said. "But all these guys have been grasping that mantle for a long time. There's no one guy that can lead as a player. It just doesn't happen that way. You have to have it throughout your team."

The Cowboys had some tangible proof during the first week of training camp.

NOTES: Dallas placed rookie WR Cedrick Wilson, a sixth-round pick, on injured reserve with a shoulder injury and signed rookie Ricky Jeune out of Georgia Tech.

ASTROS

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"He pitched great. His command of his pitches was overall good tonight. Got some big swings and misses when he needed to," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said.

Hector Rondon pitched the ninth for his 10th save.

Leake (8-7) escaped a bases loaded jam in the fourth inning, but couldn't avoid giving up a run in the fifth. Leake left a 0-2 pitch to Reddick in the middle of the plate and his two-out single scored Tony Kemp. Gattis added his homer an inning later.

Leake allowed eight hits and struck out four. He allowed three earned runs or more for just the fourth time in his past 13 starts.

"Felt good (early), I was mixing and matching and kind of keeping them off-balance, and then they got me a couple times," Leake said.

INJURY CONCERN

As if the Astros needed more injury concerns, Springer left the game in the second inning with left shoulder soreness. Springer fell awkwardly on the shoulder making a div-

ing attempt to stop Denard Span's triple in the first inning. He was replaced by Kyle Tucker.

Springer said he received treatment throughout the game.

"It just didn't feel right. I know when it feels right and I know when it doesn't. Got some stuff done during the game and again we'll see what happens tomorrow," Springer said.

NO OFFENSE

The Mariners ended July scoring just 77 runs in 23 games, an average of 3.3 runs per game. It was a drastic drop over June when the Mariners averaged 4.5 runs per game and went 19-9 overall. Segura's homer was his eighth of the season and Haniger was in a 2-for-26 skid before his RBI single.

"We just haven't been able to put big numbers up there. We've had innings here and there, but it's going to take everybody contributing, it's not just one guy to go up there and hit the big three-run homer," Seattle manager Scott Servais said.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: Houston SS Carlos Correa went through a full pregame workout on Tuesday including hitting and fielding during batting practice. Correa also

did an extensive running program as well. Hinch said if all goes well Correa could go out on a rehab assignment as early as Thursday with Double-A Corpus Christi. Correa has been out since June 26 with a back injury. ... 2B Altuve joined the Astros in Seattle, but will simply be doing rehab work the next few days on his injured right knee. Hinch said it would likely be in Los Angeles before the team tests Altuve with any baseball activity.

Mariners: LHP Roneis Elias was placed on the 10-day DL with a strained left triceps. Servais said Elias felt the arm start to bother him last weekend in Anaheim and an MRI revealed the strain.

UP NEXT

Astros: Dallas Keuchel (8-9) has gone 5-1 with a 2.16 ERA over his past eight starts. He had won five straight before losing to Texas in his last start.

Mariners: Wade LeBlanc (6-1) looks to continue his career-best season. LeBlanc got a no decision in his last start against the Angels. He's made one start this season against the Astros, allowing three runs in four innings in a no decision in June.

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"He has street credibility immediately," Ravens quarterbacks coach James Urban said. "He loves football and had the taste of not being around it for awhile, so he's hungry and enjoying every moment. We talk all of the time: control what you can control and when the opportunity comes, you take advantage of it."

Griffin, 28, worked out with the Ravens a few months prior to the NFL Draft. He performed well enough to earn a one-year deal reportedly worth \$1 million with a \$100,000 signing bonus. So far, Ravens coach John Harbaugh is confident the team made the correct decision.

"I think it's been great having Robert here. He's a very talented pro," Harbaugh said. "He's a top pick in the draft, so he has talent. He's healthy for the first time in quite a few years."

Griffin is fully aware that any role with the team will be serving as a backup to Flacco. The biggest question now is whether the Ravens will carry three quarterbacks into the regular season.

"It will be a tough decision," Harbaugh said. "Any time you keep an one player at one position as extra, it's one less player at another position you decide to lose. I'm not even thinking about that right now. We'll let that happen when the time comes."

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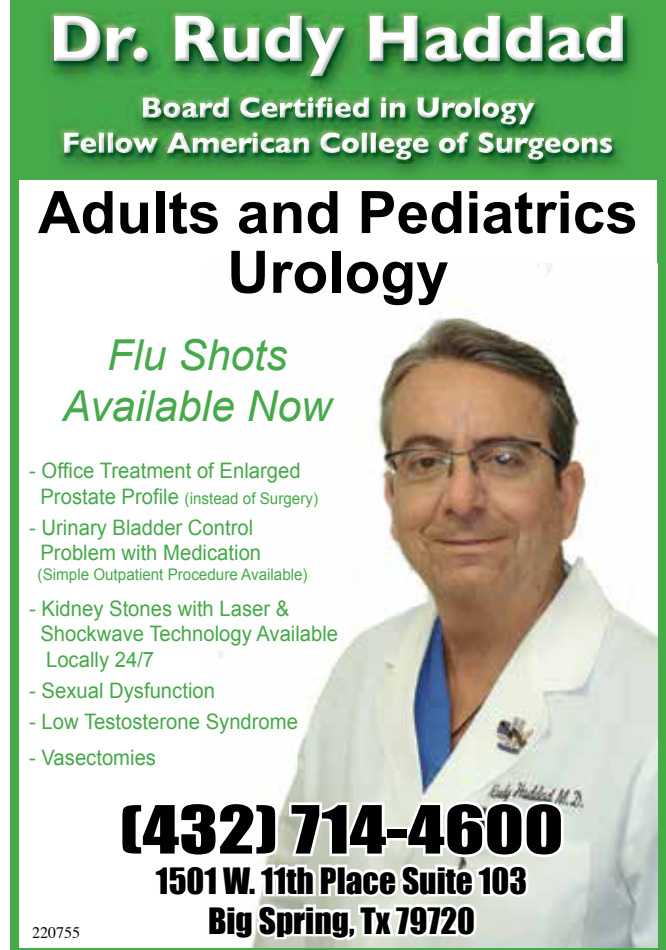
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