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Appraisal District to hold public budget hearing Wednesday

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer



Lisa Reyna

The Howard County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing regarding its budget for the 2019 fiscal year Wednesday at its office, 315 S. Main St. in Big Spring. The meeting will begin at 5:15 p.m.

The total for the proposed budget is \$1,120,281.09, some \$75,278.81 more than this year's budget.

The number of Appraisal District employees remains the same under the new budget at nine. Salaries budgeted for those nine employees ranges from \$75,500 for the chief appraiser, Lisa Reyna; to \$32,355 for a receptionist's position. All positions

include group life and health insurance, retirement, and Medicare benefits. The chief appraiser position also includes auto and phone allowances, while all other appraisers – deputy chief appraiser, senior appraiser, and two appraiser level 2s – all receive phone allowances. Positions not listed so far include an administrative assistant, an appraisal review board coordinator, and a deeds/exemption clerk.

The Appraisal District is supported by 12 local entities. Big Spring Independent School District pays the largest portion of the district's budget, with a proposed \$400,962.62

for fiscal year 2019. Other supporting entities and their proposed contributions include Howard County, with \$196,197.83; Howard County Junior College District with \$132,750.47; Forsan ISD with \$111,993.85; City of Big Spring with \$108,336.40; Coahoma ISD with \$76,400.37; Sands ISD with \$70,053.76; Stanton ISD with \$16,516.73; City of Coahoma with \$2,434.73; Perm-

ian Basin Underground Water Conservation District with \$2,413.31; Borden ISD with \$1,728.71; and City of Forsan with \$492.30.

For more information, contact the Howard County Appraisal District Office at 432-263-8301.

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

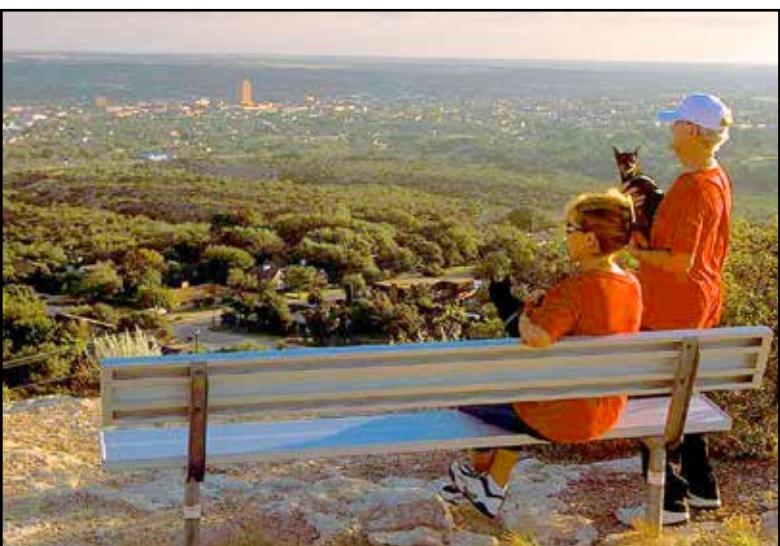
Grill 'em up!



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Elotes (corn-on-the-cob), nachos, and fruit cups were some of the many foods on the menu Friday and Saturday at the annual Holy Trinity Catholic Parish Summer Festival. More food, games, and great fellowship were also available for visitors to the event.

A walk in the park



File photo

Two people sit back and take in the sights from the Scenic Mountain during a previous walk at Big Spring State Park. This year's walk, which happens twice a year, is coming up and is slated for August 11.

By AMBER MANSFIELD

Staff Writer

Get your walking shoes ready for a scenic walk around the mountain as Big Spring State Park is having their bi-annual Walk at Big Spring State Park, August 11, at 8:30 a.m.

The walk is hosted by Midland's Walkabout Volkssport Club, which is a nonprofit organization that enjoys being active with individuals who also enjoy physical outdoor activities, and are always eager to promote good-times, fun, fitness and friendship through non-competitive walking, biking and swimming events.

"Volkssporting actually began in Germany and came to the US back in 1976," said Sammy Hunnicutt, HSE Coordinator. "The Midland Walkabout Club is just one of many walking clubs, over two hundred fifty in fact, throughout the US. There is even an International Volkssporting Association."

The Midland Walkabout Club came into being in 2001, and has been active ever since.

"The Walkabout Club sponsors ten walks in West Texas, from Big Spring to Ft. Davis," said Hunnicutt. "The walk at Big Spring State Park is one of our very best, and certainly is better than any in the Midland - Odessa area." Volkssport Club is a family friendly club and participants

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2018 Hang Gliding Nationals Dinner kicks off competition



Courtesy photo

The photograph above shows the 2018 Hang Gliding Nationals Dinner that was held at the Dora Roberts Center on Friday, August 4. Attendees and hang gliders from all over the world celebrated the beginning of the 2018 National Hang Gliding Competition here in Big Spring. Be sure to check them out in action at the McMahon Wrinkle Airpark. Launch activity is daily, between noon and 1 p.m. (weather permitting). For information about daily activities, please call 432-264-2362.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **PRISCILLA IRENE HERMANDEZ**, 38, of 1606 Mesquite St. was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **MICHAEL WILSON CARL**, 34, of 1101 Marijo was arrested on a warrant by another agency and charges of possession of drug

paraphernalia, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- **SANTOS GUTIERREZ JR.**, 44, of 2805 Ave Q, was arrested on charge of theft of property <\$100 shoplifting.
- **ERNESTO ESCOVEDO**, 41, of 311 NE 8th St. was arrested on warrants for two counts of expired registration, two counts of driving with invalid license, and

defective stop lamps.

- **ANTHONY FRANK SALAZAR**, 50, was arrested on warrants from another agency.
- **THEFT**, was reported on the 3600 block of W HWY 80, and in the 200 block of W FM 700
- **BURGLARY OF BUILDING**, was reported on the 600 block of S 2nd St.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DAREEL LEVON ANDERSON**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **KATYANA ALEXANDERIA CAMPBELL**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of forgery financial instrument, and bail jumping, and on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces, failure to identify fugitive, and evading arrest detention.
- **MICHAEL WILSON CARL**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of bail jumping, and possession of drug paraphernalia, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **JULIA ANN CHAVEZ**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of no driver's license, and failure to appear.
- **CHANCE FELKER COOKE**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of evading arrest detention.
- **BOBBY HAROLD DAVIS**, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of man delivery of controlled substance in between 4 to 200 grams.
- **WILLIS JAMES DUVALL**

JR., was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous convictions.

- **ERNESTO ESCOVEDO**, 41, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of display expired registration, on driving while license invalid, display expired registration, and defective stop light.
- **JOE SOSA FLORES**, 48, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of theft of service in between \$750 and \$2,500.
- **JERRY JIMENEZ GOMEZ JR.**, 72, was arrested by BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, and display fictitious motor vehicle.
- **SANTOS HERRERA GUTIERREZ JR.**, 44, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft less than \$100.
- **PRISCILLA IRENE HERMANDEZ**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram.
- **JODY LYNN KRAMER**, 48, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram.
- **RONNIE EUGENE LEAL**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on warrants unlawful possession of firearm by felony, and possession of controlled substance less than one gram.
- **JONATHAN MATA**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of

assault causes bodily injury.

- **AKKEY MCVAE**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DARRICK DEWAYNE MOSLEY**, 50, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RODERICK JAMELL ONEAL**, 52, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ZACHRY WADE PIERCE**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on charges of evading arrest detention with vehicle, and driving while intoxicated, and on a warrant of driving with license invalid with previous conviction.
- **RAUL JOHN RIVAS JR.**, 32, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **ANTHONY FRANK SALAZAR**, 50, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of two counts of theft of property in between \$100 and \$750, and on two counts of issuance of bad check.
- **SAMANTHA BELLE SCHOLLES**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JASON CLARENCE SHAIR-RICK**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of theft of property in between \$750 and \$2,500.
- **ADRIAN ZAPIEN**, 20, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

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 Bohannon, Administrator. Please have shot records and birth certificate available at the time of registration. We use Accelerated Christian Education curriculum for grades Kindergarten through twelfth grade graduation. We provide information so you can home school or use our facilities for full time in our school. We also provided tutoring for all grades. If interested in a quality Christian Education at a price you can afford, please come by or give us a call.

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

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

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

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

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Balsaldua 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.

Obituaries

Michael Cox

Michael Cox, 64, of Stanton, died Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018, in Tennessee. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

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 500 block of Ownes. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. 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 2800 block of Lawrence. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of E 17th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell. 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 9000 block of Longshore Dr. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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West Texas commissioner pleads guilty in bribery scheme

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — A West Texas county commissioner has pleaded guilty to charges related to a bribery scheme.

Authorities say Presidio County Precinct 3 Commissioner Lorenzo Padilla (pah-DEE'-yah) Hernandez took bribes to favor a document management system contractor.

During a court hearing Friday in Midland, Hernandez pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud, wire fraud and deprivation of honest services.

Hernandez faces up to 20 years in prison when he's sentenced Nov. 19.

His co-defendant, ex-Presidio school board member Carlos Eduardo Nieto (nee-YEH'-toh), is set to go to trial on Oct. 16.

Authorities allege that beginning in 2015 the men used their positions to ensure that a company was awarded the contract to provide a document management system.

Hernandez allegedly received \$19,800 and Nieto got \$8,300 in the scheme.

Last ID made of victims from Texas apartment complex fire

SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP) — Authorities have identified all five individuals who died last month in a massive fire at two apartment complexes in San Marcos.

Officials on Friday announced that 21-year-old Belinda Moats of Big Wells was the last victim to be identified after the July 20 fire.

The four victims previously identified were: 20-year-old Dru Estes of San Antonio; 19-year-old Haley Frizzell of San Angelo; 23-year-old James Miranda of Mount Pleasant; and 21-year-old David Ortiz of Pasadena.

Officials say all the victims, except for Miranda, were current or former Texas State University students.

The blaze, which injured at least six people and displaced about 200, caused extensive damage to the Iconic Village apartments and the Vintage Pads apartments located north of Texas State University.

The cause of the blaze is still being investigated.

Texas sales tax holiday begins Friday, runs through Sunday

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas shoppers will get a tax break later this week as children prepare to return to school.

The Texas comptroller's office says the annual tax-free weekend, for a number of school-related items, begins Friday and runs through Sunday.

The Texas law exempts most clothing, footwear and school supplies priced less than \$100 from sales and use taxes for the weekend.

The sales tax holiday applies to purchases from a Texas store or from an online or catalog seller doing business in the state. Layaways are eligible.

Officials say the tax break could save buyers about \$8 on every \$100 spent.

Some purchases are not eligible for the tax break, including jewelry, handbags, purses, briefcases, luggage, wallets, watches and similar items.

The Texas tax break weekend began in 1999.

WALK

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come from the general public. Everyone is welcome. Pets are allowed at most outdoor events. The events are not timed, so you walk at your own pace. You may have as much as eight hours to complete an event, depending on the course.

Most Volkssport events are VOLKSWALKS, which are walks of 10 kilometers or 6.2 miles. (With shorter options normally

available). Most Volkswalks are friendly to families with strollers and wheelchairs as well. Other events include the popular bike rides, which includes 15 miles of riding. Swimming, snow skiing, and even kayaking and canoeing events complete the set of Volkssports.

People are welcome to walk with the club anytime, and the club always welcomes people to come join and participate in these events at their leisure. You do NOT have to be a member of any of the clubs to join a walk! Just

show up, sign up, and go on your way! For more information about any of the walks, and especially for the one in Big Spring coming up, you can check out www.midlandwalkabout.wordpress.com.

Come join us next Saturday, August 11 at 8:30 a.m. at the Big Spring State Park," said Hunnicutt. "I always say that walking around Scenic Mountain is better than therapy."

Contact Staff Writer Amber Mansfield at 432-263-7331 ext. 234, or by email at life@bigspringherald.com.

10 Things to Know for Today

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

1. MORE THAN 90 DEAD AFTER QUAKE ROCKS INDONESIA TOURIST ISLAND

Rescuers still haven't reached some devastated parts of Lombok after a powerful temblor flattened houses and toppled bridges.

2. TRUMP APPEARS TO CHANGE STORY ON TRUMP TOWER MEETING

Calling it "totally legal," the president tweeted that his son met with a Kremlin-connected lawyer in 2016 to collect information about Hillary Clinton.

3. 'RIGHT-HAND MAN' SET TO TESTIFY

Rick Gates, who cut a plea deal with special counsel Robert Mueller's team, will take the stand in the financial fraud trial of his former boss and mentor, Paul Manafort.

4. VENEZUELA HUNTS FOR ASSASSINATION SUSPECTS

Investigators raid hotels and seize vehicles while grilling six suspects for details of the drone plot on President Nicolas Maduro's life.

5. GOP SEEMINGLY GIVING KAVANAUGH FREE PASS

The Supreme Court nominee is breezing past questions over his views on executive power and his approach to gay marriage, abortion and other



AP photo

Workers remove the debris at a building damaged by an earthquake in Bali, Indonesia, Monday, Aug. 6, 2018. A powerful earthquake struck the Indonesian tourist island of Lombok on Sunday, shaking neighboring Bali, one week after another quake on Lombok killed more than a dozen.

legal issues.

6. US ALLIES PAYING AL-QAIDA TO GO AWAY

The U.S.-backed, Saudi-led coalition in Yemen has cut secret deals with al-Qaida fighters, paying some to leave key areas and letting others retreat with weapons, equipment and looted cash, AP learns.

7. SAUDIS ORDER CANADIAN ENVOY TO LEAVE COUNTRY

Ambassador Dennis Horak is being expelled from the ultraconservative kingdom after his nation criticized the recent arrest of women's rights activists.

8. JAPANESE STUDENTS USE VR TO RECREATE HIROSHIMA BOMBING

The virtual reality experience recreates the sights and sounds before, during and after the U.S. dropped an atomic bomb on the city 73 years ago.

9. HOW OREGON IS REACTING TO PROTEST AFTERMATH

Portland police are accused of being heavy-handed against people protesting a rally by extreme-right demonstrators, prompting the city to review the officers' use of force.

10. 'FACTS OF LIFE' STAR CHARLOTTE RAE DIES

The actress who played a wise and patient housemother to a brood of teenage girls on the long-running sitcom "The Facts of Life" was 92.

Texas Republicans squelch 'red flag' gun law prospects

By JIM VERTUNO

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas schools have been adding metal detectors and armed personnel in an effort to improve campus security in response to the deadly May attack at a Houston-area high school that left eight students and two teachers dead.

Among the steps that Texas apparently won't be taking anytime soon is tightening restrictions on gun access for people deemed dangerous to themselves or others.

In the aftermath of the May 18 attack at Santa Fe High School, Republican Gov. Greg Abbott suggested that Texas should look for ways to keep guns away from people who pose "an immediate danger to others," which is the point of so-called red flag laws like those passed by six states since the February massacre at a high school in Parkland, Florida.

But faced with criticism from gun enthusiasts in the country's largest conservative state, Abbott — who gets top ratings from the National Rifle Association — later clarified that he was only suggesting such laws be part of a broader conversation about school security and that he thinks there's growing opposition to the idea of gun restrictions.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Texas Senate, was even more forceful.

"I have never supported these policies, nor has the majority of the Texas Senate," he said minutes after the last in a series of state Senate hearings on gun violence.

The one-two punch by the state's top Republicans drew cheers from gun rights advocates in a state that has more than 1.2 million handgun license holders and allows the open carry in public of handguns and long rifles.

While they vary from state to state, red flag laws generally allow law enforcement or family members to ask a judge to order the seizure or surrender of guns from someone who is deemed dangerous,

often because of mental health concerns or threats of violence. About a dozen states have red flag laws, including Republican-led Florida, which passed its law following the Parkland school attack.

Texas can deny a handgun license based on a person's mental health history, but that restriction applies to the license to carry a handgun, not buying one. The state can seize weapons from people determined to be in a mental crisis in some circumstances.

Some gun rights activists worry that expanding red flag laws would allow the government to seize someone's guns based on the suspicion of a threat or a false report without that person having acted violently.

"Red flag laws are nothing more than ways to take guns out of the hands of law-abiding persons on nothing more than mere suspicion," said C.J. Grisham, leader of gun rights group Open Carry Texas, which has pushed to reduce gun restrictions for years. "You never get good policy when you base it off of emotion."

Abbott's suggestion after the Santa Fe attack that Texas should consider keeping guns away from people who pose an immediate danger to others surprised many because neither he nor any of the state's Republican leaders even suggested tightening gun laws after last November's massacre at a church in Sutherland Springs, near San Antonio.

Police said the teenage suspect in the Santa Fe shooting took his father's weapons and that there hadn't been any prior reports that he may have been mentally ill. But a red flag law might have helped in the church shooting. The Air Force failed to properly notify federal law enforcement agencies of the gunman's previous felony domestic violence conviction and the gunman had spent time at a mental health hospital in New Mexico.

Shortly after the Santa Fe school shooting, Abbott held meetings with law enforcement officials, educators, mental health experts, attack survivors and victims' family members.

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Rutilio "Curly" Guevara, 92, died Thursday. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Lady Steers and Bulldogettes come together for their first competitive play of the season



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A Coahoma player passes the ball up to the front row during the Bulldogette's scrimmage game with Big Spring played on Saturday, August 4, 2018.



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A Coahoma player passes the ball up to the front row during the Bulldogette's scrimmage game with Big Spring played on Saturday, August 4, 2018.



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A Big Spring player gets a hard hit during the Lady Steer's opening scrimmage of the season on Saturday morning, August 4, 2018.

Osuna addresses new Astros teammates in closed-door meeting

By DOUG PADILLA

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Roberto Osuna is getting a second chance with the Houston Astros. They also made it clear they won't give him another one.

The All-Star closer met his new Astros teammates Sunday and addressed the club for 10 minutes in a closed-door meeting after completing a 75-game suspension for violating Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy.

The winning World Series champions acquired Osuna on Monday in a trade with the Toronto Blue Jays while he was still serving his penalty. The reliever was arrested and charged with assaulting his girlfriend May 8 in Toronto. Few details have been made public and the next court date in the case is scheduled for Sept. 5.

"We want that Roberto will not let us down," the Astros said in a state-



AP photo

Houston Astros relief pitcher Roberto Osuna is interviewed in the dugout before a baseball game against the Los Angeles Dodgers in Los Angeles, Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018. Osuna served a 75-game suspension for violating Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy.

ment Sunday. "If there is any type of issue in the future, we will take immediate and decisive action — it will not be tolerated."

Speaking with reporters in the dugout, Osuna revealed little about the morning meeting in the Astros' clubhouse at Dodger Stadium and did not discuss the case pending against him. He was reinstated from the restricted list and added to the active roster before Sunday's game against Los Angeles, with Houston pitcher Lance McCullers Jr. going on the 10-day disabled list due to elbow discomfort.

Osuna did not pitch in a 3-2 loss to the Dodgers.

"I was very happy to meet them and very happy to be a part of this team and be a part of this World Series championship team," Osuna said through a translator. "I will do my best to win another World Series this year."

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Astros OF George Springer exits with thumb injury vs Dodgers

By DOUG PADILLA

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — All-Star outfielder George Springer left Houston's game against the Los Angeles Dodgers after injuring his left thumb trying to steal second base in the third inning Sunday.

Springer exited with discomfort in his thumb following a headfirst dive into the bag. He was thrown out by Dodgers catcher Yasmani Grandal.

It's unclear how long the 2017 World Series MVP might be sidelined.

"At first, I thought it was the base that caught him and then when I got out there both (Chris) Taylor and (Brian) Dozier told me that the glove clipped his (left) hand," Astros manager AJ Hinch said after his team's 3-2 loss. "He was in a lot of pain. It bothered him, so it was an easy deci-

sion to bring him out. He is going to get evaluated. Other than that I have no idea."

Jake Marisnick replaced Springer in center field for the Astros. Marisnick robbed Taylor of a home run to end the sixth.

Springer was the World Series MVP last year after hitting five home runs in seven games against the Dodgers. He went deep in the first inning Sunday for his sixth leadoff home run this season.

The two-time All-Star also left Tuesday's game at Seattle when he injured his left shoulder while diving to make a catch in the first inning. He was not in the Astros' lineup Wednesday.

Springer started all three games in the weekend series against the Dodgers, getting an extra-base hit in each game of the World Series rematch.



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Houston Astros' George Springer, left, exits with a trainer after getting injured while trying to steal second base during the third inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

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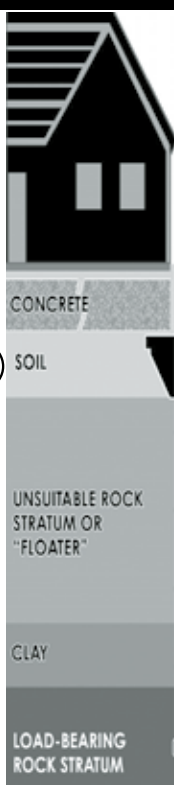
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is still an emotional creature.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The fun part about parades, as opposed to, say, a theater, is that the action keeps marching on and it's never the same clown twice. You're in a prime position to watch the parade go by today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've something of value to give, and you're in a generous mood, too. Negotiations will ensue. Just be sure to leave some "meat on the bone" for you and yours. A truly good deal will feed everyone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll gravitate toward situations and relationships in which you're likely to pick up certain skills along with other perks. The skills will prove to be the most valuable part of the arrangement.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have an idea that hasn't quite found its best use yet. Experiment. Before it became packing material, Bubble Wrap was marketed as wallpaper. New arenas bring new solutions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's

a day for getting organized and being your own project manager. What will it take to pull off the goal? What needs to happen first, second and third?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It will be nearly impossible to get your work done unless you take precautions against distraction. Turn off your devices, and go somewhere quiet where no one can interrupt you. The world will still be there when you get back.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Decisions to make, actions to take, conflict to solve -- and you can certainly handle it all on your own, although it will be much more fun (and the outcome will be slightly different) if you bring along a trusted sidekick.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 6). You're full of questions, and the answers will make you laugh, think and learn. Bonus: Asking the right people will get you promoted and paid. There's a mighty blessing in November, a winning ticket in February. March brings a long process in which daily efforts will mark-

edly improve life and, in particular, finances. Cancer and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 3, 24, 22 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "Is 'what have you done for me?' a bad question to ask? I want to give unconditional love, but if that's my rule, I'm never going to get the chance to have what I want out of life. How is a Cancer supposed to balance a caring, nurturing heart with the material and ego necessities of life? I doubt I'll become enlightened during this lifetime, so shouldn't I at least have some moments of selfish fun?"

Of course it's fine to consider what others have done for you. Yes, you should love those who can't return your love, but not exclusively, and sometimes from afar. Don't the people who can love you back and do things for you deserve love, too? And aren't you a person who needs fun? I'm not sure what sort of life you're going for here, Cancer. The life of a monk or a similar spiritual devotee usually comes with the struc-

tures and traditions of a particular religion. For those raised in the Free World -- who have endless options when it comes to religion, lifestyle, work, relationships and life in general -- spiritual evolution takes on a different meaning and dimension. If you're not going to join the monastery, then perhaps you should give yourself more spiritual leeway in light of the complexities of even the simplest modern life.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: When pop artist Andy Warhol suggested that "in the future everyone will be world-famous for 15 minutes," he was making a statement consistent with his Leo nature. Fame-conscious lions love the attention of the spotlight, and they enjoy casting it on others, too. The advent of YouTube has made Warhol's prediction true. Warhol's sun, Mercury, Venus and Neptune were all in creative Leo.

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SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ Q 10 8 7
♥ 10
♦ A 9 8 7 2
♣ 8 4 2
WEST
♦ A K 9 6 5
♥ Q J 6 2
♦ 6
♣ 9 7 6

EAST
♦ 3 2
♥ K 7 4 3
♦ Q 5
♣ K Q J 10 3

SOUTH
♦ J 4
♥ A 9 8 5
♦ K J 10 4 3
♣ A 5

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♦ 1♠ 3♦
Dble 4♦ 4♥

Opening lead — ace of diamonds.
In "The Maltese Falcon," Sydney Greenstreet's character, Kasper Gutman, refers to Sam Spade, played by Humphrey Bogart, as a man of "nice judgments."

In many ways, this description can be applied to successful bridge players. At the highest levels of the game, the difference between winning and losing is often determined by "nice judgments."

Take this deal, which was instrumental in France's 27-IMP victory over the United States in the final of the 1997 world team championship. The bidding shown occurred when Herve Mouiel and Franck Multon

were North-South for France against Bobby Wolff and Bob Hamman of the U.S. Mouiel's three-diamond bid was pre-emptive, and Wolff's double was "responsive," indicating moderate values and length in the unbid suits. Hamman's subsequent four-heart bid ended the auction.

Mouiel led the ace and another diamond, ruffed by Hamman, who then played the heart queen, ducked by South. When Hamman next tried the heart jack, Multon won and returned the nine of hearts to dummy's king. This left Multon in position to draw dummy's last trump and run his diamonds after he won the club ace, and the result was down four — plus 200 for France.

At the other table:
East South West North
1♠ 1♦ 1♠ 4♦
Pass 5♦ Dble

Eric Rodwell, South for the U.S., continued to five diamonds after his partner's pre-emptive raise to four, and was doubled by Alain Levy. Levy led the spade ace and switched to a club, establishing a club trick for the defense before the king of spades could be driven out. So Rodwell finished down one, another 200 points and 9 IMPs all told to France.

Of course, if Levy had cashed the spade ace at trick two, Rodwell would have made the contract, but that sort of misjudgment was decidedly uncommon for the French at the 1997 world championship.

Tomorrow: Plays that go against the grain.

	KMID (3)	UNI (4)	KPEJ (5)	KOSA (7)	KTLE (8)	KWES (9)	KMLM (12)	KPBT (13)	KWWT (14)	KWES2 (15)	WTBS (33)	TNT (34)	ESPN (35)	ESPN2 (36)	FSN (38)	USA (55)	A&E (58)	DISC (60)
5:30 PM	Local 2 ABC	P. Luche Noticiero	Broke Girl Mom	CBS 7	Tele Noticias	News	Creation	Over Business	Mama's Jeff'sons	American	Fam. Guy	Outer guys, Eva Mendes (DVS)	SportsCenter	Around Pardon	OU Crimson Clas	Mod Fam	The Inside Story: Jaws	Street Out-laws
6:30 PM	Jeopardy!	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	CBS 7	Exatlón (SS)	News	Families	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	MLB Baseball: Teams TBA.	Little League Baseball	Power of Pregame	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Street Out-laws	Street Out-laws
7:30 PM	The Bachelor (DVS)	El rico y Lázaro	So You Think You Can Dance	Mom	Life in Salvation	American Ninja Warrior (DVS)	Being	Antiques Roadshow	Griffith	Penn & Teller	Fam. Guy	Movie: Transformers, Josh Duhamel (DVS)	Little League Baseball	MLB Baseball: Seattle Mariners at Texas Rangers.	WWE Monday Night RAW	National Lampoon's Vacation	Street Out-laws: Full	Street Out-laws
8:30 PM	La bella	La pilota	News	Elementary	El Señor de los	Dateline NBC	Light of Southwest	Elizabeth King	G. Pyle	Whose? WKRP	Fam. Guy	SportsCenter	MLB Baseball: Seattle Mariners at	Postgame Camp	(.05) The Sinner	Diesel Brothers	Street Out-laws	
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10:30 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero	Mod Fam	Late Show-Colbert	Titulares	Tonight Show	American House	Beyond Newsline	Perry Mason	Rules	Brooklyn	SportsCenter	Around Pardon	World Poker	Law & Order: SVU	(.04) Inside Story: Cad-dyshack	Street Out-laws	
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12:30 AM	Extra	Cachito de Cielo	Two Men	How I Met	Access	Programa	News	Light of Southwest	Paid Prg.	Broke Girl	Bones	SportsCenter	MLB Baseball: Seattle Mariners at	Law & Order: SVU	(.04) Inside Story: Cad-dyshack	Street Out-laws		
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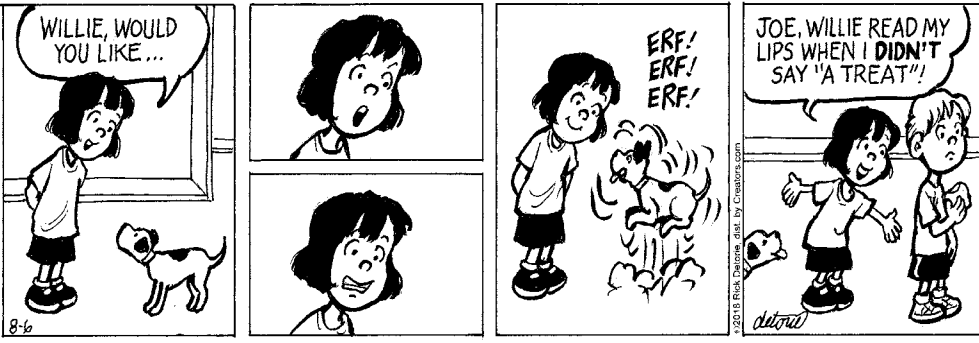
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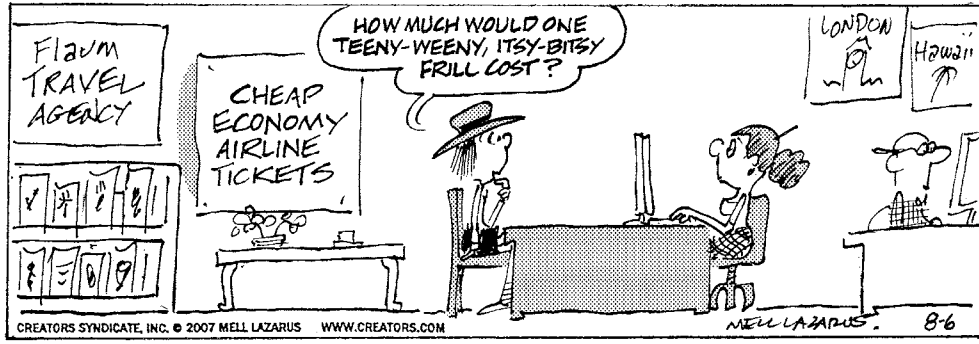
ONE BIG HAPPY



NEST HEAD



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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Aug. 6, the 218th day of 2018. There are 147 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On August 6, 1945, during World War II, the U.S. B-29 Superfortress Enola Gay dropped an atomic bomb codenamed "Little Boy" on Hiroshima, Japan, resulting in an estimated 140,000 deaths. (Three days later, the United States exploded a nuclear device over Nagasaki; five days after that, Imperial Japan surrendered.)

On this date: In 1914, Austria-Hungary declared war against Russia and Serbia declared war against Germany.

In 1926, Gertrude Ederle became the first woman to swim the English Channel, arriving in Kingsdown, England, from France in 14 1/2 hours.

In 1942, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands became the first reigning queen to address a joint session of Congress, telling lawmakers that despite Nazi occupation, her people's motto remained, "No surrender."

In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Gherman Titov became the second man to orbit Earth as he flew aboard Vostok 2; his call sign, "Eagle," prompted his famous declaration: "I am Eagle!"

In 1962, Jamaica, formerly ruled by Britain, became an independent dominion within the Commonwealth of Nations.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act.

In 1973, former Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista, 72, died in exile in Spain. Entertainer Stevie Wonder was seriously injured in a car accident in North Carolina.

In 1978, Pope Paul VI died at Castel Gandolfo at age 80.

In 1986, William J. Schroeder (SHRAY-dur) died at Humana Hospital-Audubon in Louisville, Kentucky, after living 620 days with the Jarvik 7 artificial heart.

In 1997, Korean Air Flight 801 crashed into a hillside a short distance from Guam International Airport, killing 228 of the 254 aboard the Boeing 747.

In 1999, in Canton, Texas, a 36-year-old woman facing life-long heart problems that she blamed on the diet drug combination fen-phen was awarded \$23.3 million in the first such lawsuit to reach a jury. (The case was settled for less than a tenth of that amount during an

appeal.)

In 2003, actor Arnold Schwarzenegger used an appearance on NBC's "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" to announce his successful bid to replace California Gov. Gray Davis.

In 2009, Sonia Sotomayor was confirmed as the first Hispanic Supreme Court justice by a Senate vote of 68-31.

Ten years ago: The government declared that Army scientist Bruce Ivins was solely responsible for the anthrax attacks that killed five and rattled the nation in 2001. (Ivins had committed suicide on July 29.) A U.S. military jury convicted Osama bin Laden's former driver, Salim Hamdan (sah-LEEM' hahm-DAH'n), of supporting terrorism in the first war crimes trial at Guantanamo Bay (however, the jury imposed a surprisingly light 5 1/2-year sentence, making Hamdan eligible for parole in five months; the U.S. later transferred Hamdan to his home country of Yemen, which released him in January 2009.) President George W. Bush, on his Asia tour, met with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak; Bush then traveled to Thailand, where he met with Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej (sah-MAK' sun-TAH'-rah-ved).

Five years ago: President Barack Obama said during an appearance on NBC's "The Tonight Show" that he was "disappointed" that Russia had granted temporary asylum to National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden, defying administration demands that the former government contractor be sent back to the U.S. to face espionage charges. U.S. Army Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan went on trial at Fort Hood, Texas, charged with killing 13 people and wounding 32 others in a 2009 attack. (Hasan, who admitted carrying out the attack, was convicted and sentenced to death.)

One year ago: Vice President Mike Pence, in a statement released by the White House, described as "disgraceful and offensive" a New York Times report suggesting that he was laying the groundwork for a possible presidential bid in 2020 if President Donald Trump

does not run.

Today's Birthdays: Children's performer Ella Jenkins is 94. Actor-director Peter Bonerz is 80. Actress Louise Sorel is 78. Actor Michael Anderson Jr. is 75. Actor Ray Buktenica is 75. Actor Dorian Harewood is 68. Actress Catherine Hicks is 67. Rock singer Pat MacDonald (Timbuk 3) is 66. Country musician Mark DuFresne

is 50. Movie writer-director M. Night Shyamalan (SHAH'-mah-lahn) is 48. Actress Merrin Dungey is 47. Singer Geri Halliwell Horner is 46. Actor Jason O'Mara is 46. Singer-actor David Campbell is 45. Actress Vera Farmiga is 45. Actress Ever (cq) Carradine is 44. Actress Soleil (soh-LAY') Moon Frye is 42. Actress Melissa George is 42.

(Confederate Railroad) is 65. Actress Stephanie Kramer is 62. Actress Faith Prince is 61. Rhythm-and-blues singer Randy DeBarge is 60. Actor Leland Orser is 58. Actress Michelle Yeoh (yoh) is 56. Country singers Patsy and Peggy Lynn are 54. Basketball Hall of Famer David Robinson is 53. Actor Jeremy Ratchford is 53. Actor Benito Martinez is 50. Country singer Lisa Stewart

Thought for Today: "A successful lie is doubly a lie; an error which has to be corrected is a heavier burden than the truth."

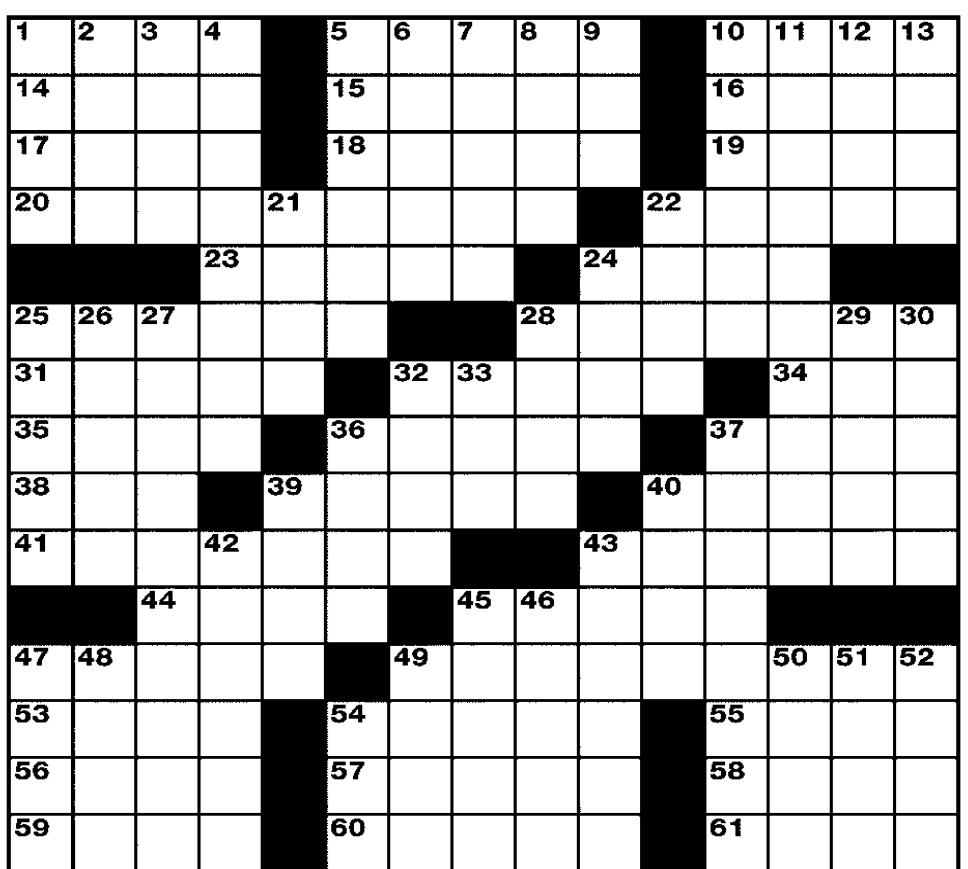
Dag Hammarskjöld
U.N. Secretary-General
(1905-1961).

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Newsday Crossword

SUMMER WEAR by Gail Grabowski
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Young sheep
 - 5 Goes out with
 - 10 Partially open, as a door
 - 14 Jai ___
 - 15 Martini garnish
 - 16 Nevada city near Tahoe
 - 17 Ballad or hymn
 - 18 Big brawl
 - 19 Tattles (on)
 - 20 Collarless summer tops
 - 22 Beehive product
 - 23 After-dinner candies
 - 24 Wood-cutting tools
 - 25 Gambling establishment
 - 28 Showily skillful person
 - 31 Grownup
 - 32 Cross the goal line
 - 34 Rock that's mined
 - 35 Rooftop wind-direction indicator
 - 36 Cider fruit
 - 37 Raisin ___ (type of cereal)
 - 38 Something cracked for an omelet
 - 39 Mindful (of)
 - 40 State-run numbers game
 - 41 Bring to you, as mail
 - 43 Enticing promotional piece
 - 44 Surrounded by
 - 45 Swindle
 - 47 Made simpler
 - 49 Beach sandals
 - 54 Without assistance
- DOWN**
- 7 Leans slightly
 - 8 Preholiday times
 - 9 Get a look at
 - 10 Archery missiles
 - 11 Denim cutoffs
 - 12 Poker pot payment
 - 13 Optimistic
 - 21 Helpful clue
 - 22 Detest
 - 24 Feeling achy
 - 25 ___ in (collapsed)
 - 26 Maxim
 - 27 Beachgoer's eyewear
 - 28 Center of a bagel
 - 29 Give a speech
 - 30 Male singing voice
 - 32 Practice for a boxing match
 - 33 EMT's skill
 - 36 Really impressed
 - 37 Ship's cargo quantity
 - 39 Very enthusiastic
 - 40 Piece of lettuce
 - 42 "That is to say . . ."
 - 43 Wigwag relatives
 - 45 Puffy sky sight
 - 46 Door-swinging hardware
 - 47 ___ so (nevertheless)
 - 48 Assistant
 - 49 Arctic ice sheet
 - 50 Approximately
 - 51 ___ moss (gardening material)
 - 52 Soaks (up)
 - 54 Shape of a rainbow



Answer to previous puzzle

T	A	P	A	M	I	F	F	S	G	R	E	Y
I	R	A	N	A	M	O	R	E	R	A	V	E
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Tavon Austin starts fresh with Cowboys after trade from Rams

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

OXNARD, Calif. — Tavon Austin never really had a fresh start with a new coach in Los Angeles because of a wrist injury that plagued him and a hamstring that popped before the last of five disappointing seasons with the Rams.

The eighth overall pick in the 2013 draft believes the opportunity has arrived through a trade to the Dallas Cowboys and the health that Austin hoped would come with it. Having something to prove is nothing new for the 5-foot-8 hybrid receiver/returner/runner.

"There's always going to be a chip on my shoulder, No. 1 because I've always been small," Austin said. "I had the same thing coming out, when I went No. 8. So the chip's always going to be there regardless. But last year was a little hard, my injury and I didn't get a fair chance over there."

At first, Austin really didn't know what to make of the draft-day deal that sent a sixth-round pick to L.A. He had largely been a spectator when the Rams ended a 12-year playoff drought in the first season under offensive-minded coach Sean McVay.

Austin's first conversation with owner Jerry Jones boosted his spirits, and he later told reporters he was close to a recovery from ligament damage in his left wrist. He hasn't missed a day at training camp as part of a revamped group of targets for quarterback Dak Prescott.

While he played in all 16 games for the NFC West champions with nine starts, Austin had just 13 catches for 47 yards. Most of his work was as a runner (59 carries, 270 yards and his



Dallas Cowboys running back Tavon Austin, left, runs by teammate linebacker Sean Lee during NFL football training camp in Oxnard, Calif. Austin never really had a fresh start with a new coach in Los Angeles because of a wrist injury that plagued him and a hamstring that popped on him before the last of five disappointing seasons with the Rams. The eighth overall pick in the 2013 draft believes the opportunity has arrived through a trade to the Cowboys and the health that Austin hoped would come with it.

only touchdown). Most of his time was spent on the bench.

"Last year was the first time I had hit rock bottom dealing with an injury and the media bashing me saying I couldn't do it," said Austin, who had 1,689 yards and 12 touchdowns receiving and 1,238 yards and nine TDs rushing with the Rams, who were in St. Louis when they drafted him.

"But I stayed true to myself and I knew what happened to me. I wasn't a person to cry or point fingers or find

any sympathy. If I went out there, I went out there. I thought I was ready, so that's what it was."

Austin tries to stay out of the spotlight after practices at camp, only occasionally stopping for interviews. The 28-year-old is soft-spoken and reserved, but quick with a smile once he gets to talking.

The Cowboys signed a pair of free agents in Allen Hurns and Deonte Thompson, dumped franchise touchdown receptions leader Dez Bryant

in a cost-cutting move and drafted Michael Gallup in the third round, a day before the trade for Austin.

The change of scenery offered Austin the rare chance to fill a leadership void despite being new to Dallas. Not only are the Cowboys likely to have four new receivers on the 53-man roster, they have a new coach at the position as well.

"He's that veteran guy that I don't know that I've really had that I can say, 'Hey, get them to do this,'" receivers coach Sanjay Lal said. "Because even in the walkthrough, he's working through his footwork, he's sinking his hips, which is how you build muscle memory. Don't waste these reps."

The way Austin sees it, he didn't get Lal's attention by doing anything unusual.

"I've never been a captain of a team," Austin said. "But people always listen just because of my work ethic. When I'm out there just talking, I'm having fun and No. 2 just competing. It's just in me. I definitely will take the role on being in leadership."

He'll also take the role of coming out of the backfield — assuming that happens at some point. With almost as many carries (184) as catches (194) in his career, Austin figures to remain a hybrid back. The Cowboys just haven't shown much of the backfield component in camp.

"You can call him whatever you want to call him," coach Jason Garrett said. "He's obviously very quick. He's very fast. We're comfortable lining him up as a receiver outside or inside and certainly in the backfield as well. He's done all those things."

Now Austin gets to try them with that elusive fresh start.

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OSUNA

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asked if he could shed some light on why he was suspended, Osuna replied: "Not right now."

MLB handed Osuna the second-longest penalty since its domestic violence policy was enacted three years ago. The pitcher did not appeal.

"Because of the ongoing legal proceedings, very little can be said about the incident itself or the case involving Roberto," the Astros said. "Our decision to acquire Roberto was based on the entirety of information that we gathered during our extensive evaluation. That included as much information as we could gather about the specific incident and the charges that were filed but it also included as much information as we could gather about his actions before and after the incident, as well as his personal reputation among his former teammates and coaches. The information regarding this specific incident weighed heavily on our decision but when evaluating the entirety of the information, we felt that Roberto deserved a second chance."

"We are now focused on ensuring that Roberto makes a positive impact off the field while he is a member of the Houston Astros," the team added. "We welcome being held accountable for all of our personnel decisions. Time will tell which ones were right and wrong."

Looking for late-inning relief help, the Astros acquired Osuna from the Blue Jays before last Tuesday's trade deadline. The move raised eyebrows in the clubhouse and all around baseball after Houston had previously stated its no-tolerance policy regarding domestic violence.

The team released minor leaguer Danry Vasquez last spring after surveillance video surfaced showing him assaulting a woman.

McCullers and fellow starting pitcher Justin Verlander were outspoken about their disgust on Twitter at that time.

"Universally, this club has a hard time with domestic violence," manager AJ Hinch said. "This is bad. I want us to know that this is bad. Domestic violence is bad, allegations are bad and we take them very seriously. But we are not involved in the court case. We are not aware of any of the details and we

will have to react and respond and deal with it accordingly as it comes up."

Osuna is well aware of the stir his acquisition has caused in Houston as he joins a team that supplied so much civic pride in the wake of last year's devastating floods triggered by Hurricane Harvey.

"I understand the situation (and) know it's a sensitive subject," Osuna said. "I understand the reaction they're going to have."

Astros general manager Jeff Luhnow sat with Osuna as he addressed the media Sunday and said the decision to add him to the team was essentially his own. Luhnow said his hope is that Osuna's presence with the Astros can ultimately turn into a "positive thing."

"This was a tough decision," Luhnow said. "Everybody had different points of view, but ultimately, I'm the one that made the decision to make the trade. My focus was on giving Roberto a second chance. I understand that it was going to raise conversation and awareness of this topic, and I'm OK with that."

Luhnow's plan is to have Osuna speak to Astros minor league players about the pitfalls of being a young athlete, while also becoming active in the Houston community.

"While there's been a lot of negativity around it, I do ultimately believe that over the long haul we can turn this into a very positive event for our team, for Roberto personally, for everybody else that was affected, and for the community of Houston and our fan base," Luhnow said. "That's our goal. I think Roberto shares that goal, and we're going to have to earn that."

Osuna sounded agreeable.

"Of course," he said. "I'd like to put myself in a position to help people. I'm here to do what the organization tells me. This is an organization that has a good relationship with the city of Houston, and I'm going to do my best to do what I can."

Astros third baseman Alex Bregman was asked if he welcomes Osuna's addition.

"Yeah," Bregman said, then paused.

"I don't really know what happened; I don't think anybody does," he added. "I think it's a tough situation. ... My dad's a defense attorney so until you're proven guilty of something you're innocent, as far as I'm concerned. I definitely believe in second chances and that's all I'm really going to say about this."

Luhnow also made a point to address female Astros fans who are struggling with the team's decision to add a player accused of domestic violence.

"I think the conversation is incredibly important and valuable," Luhnow said. "There are a lot of components to the conversation. We do need to have it, and it's a sticky conversation, the topic of any sort of alleged abuse, the topic of domestic violence. There's also some related topics of condemning someone with no information. I see a lot of that out there. There's not a lot of people that have real information about what happened or who the person is, and yet they're pretty quick to judge and condemn."

Hinch said he wouldn't hesitate to use Osuna and would like to get him into a game as soon as possible. The 23-year-old right-hander is the youngest pitcher in major league history to reach 100 saves.

Hinch also seemed aware that even though Osuna has joined the Astros, the controversy might not subside any time soon.

"We will do our best as a team and as a family and a group to help him navigate through this, to help ourselves to navigate through this, and hopefully my hope for him is that he does take some of this culture, this vibe and the character on our team and absorb it," Hinch said.

"I let him know, this team will make you a better person, it will make you a better player and it potentially can make you a championship player. Today is the first day of that."

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