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Commissioners say 'yes' to Howard County budget, 'no' to HCAD budget

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

At a busy Howard County Commissioners Court meeting Wednesday, commissioners approved the county budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, and rejected the Howard County Appraisal District's budget for the same time period.

The county's General Fund, according to

the approved budget, will have revenue of \$13,286,200; while General Fund expenditures will be \$13,541,925.

Commissioners also set the proposed tax rate for the new fiscal year at 32.8024 cents per \$100 valuation, up from the effective tax rate (the rate required to bring in the same revenue as last year) by 5.94 percent. The rate should bring in \$793,572 more than this year. The actual tax rate for 2017-2018 has been 44 cents per \$100 valuation. The projected revenue is greater even though the actual tax rate has decreased by about 11.2 cents per 100 valuation because property values have increased significantly.

The rate proposed has not yet been adopted.

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline
 Howard County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Lisa Reyna, center, presents the district's proposed 2018-2019 fiscal year budget to Howard County Commissioners at their meeting Wednesday afternoon. The commissioners rejected the budget, which must be approved by seven of the district's 12 funding agencies to be adopted.

A true message for all ears

By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer

In today's society with temptation everywhere, it can be hard even for an adult to not stray from doing right. Just as children need discipline and correction in order to stay on the right path, God tells us in Scripture that we are all His children and He corrects us as a father. God wants us to succeed and have a future of hope and success, just like we want to see for our own children. It's with those same hopes and concerns of temptation, and wanting better for every child that made Skateland Reloaded (SLR) Owners, Cody and Amanda Williams, put on an event that will feature guest speaker, Kyle Dendy, as he reveals his story with a message at the end that there is hope.

ally.

At age 18, his influence continues to spread as he points others to Jesus. Dendy speaks on empowering individuals of all ages and backgrounds to find and follow their purpose.

"The reason for this event is to encourage and inspire our youth that they do have a purpose and a reason for being here. God has great plans for their lives, and we want to help them connect to that truth," said Amanda. "This is going to be an event for families that have been hurting or have had hardships in their families, who might be feeling hopeless and like all is lost. All is not lost, and we want to remind them and encourage them to look to the One who can help them...Jesus."

Amanda also stated that during the event, the concession will be open. Bringing money for food and drinks will be a good idea as no outside food or drinks will be permitted inside.

Skating will follow if there is time after the speaker. SLR will have skating at a discounted price that evening if skating does take place. The main purpose of this day is all about the message of hope that Kyle Dendy is bringing.

"One of the main things I want the community to know is that Skateland Reloaded is here for the kids and their families. Yes, it is a business, but it is so much more than that! God has very special things planned for these kids, and Kyle Dendy is just the beginning of the ways He's going to show these kids His love for them," said Amanda. "Cody and I were watching Life Today and Kyle was on that day. We knew he had to come speak to our kids! We reached out to him and he's so excited to come help change the lives of our youth in Big Spring."



Kyle Dendy

"Guest speaker Kyle Dendy will be coming to SLR Sept. 15th at 6 p.m.," said Amanda. "Skateland Reloaded is putting this event on and it's a free event to the community. There will be no charge to listen to Kyle speak."

From the Dallas area, Kyle Dendy is the author of the bestselling book, *The Purpose Playbook*, and has reached out to tens of millions of people with his videos on social media, and even more on his nationwide speaking tours and television appearances.

Kyle is a passionate preacher, evangelist, author, spoken word artist, and entrepreneur. He currently leads Kyle Dendy Ministries and One Generation Under God, which both exist to spread the gospel message of Jesus Christ nationally and internation-

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Dominguez forms Young Republicans Club in Howard County

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Are you a young Republican in Howard County? Nolan Dominguez might have something for you.

Dominguez is an 18-year-old Howard College student and also the lieutenant to Howard County's Republican Party Chairman, Lloyd Duck. He's also starting up a Young Republicans Club for Republicans 18 to 40 in Howard County.

"Young Republicans' is actually a federation across the state of Texas that is involved politically in different areas, whether that is getting young voters together, planning events for politicians, and outreaching to new voters, 18-year-



Nolan Dominguez

olds and stuff like that," Dominguez said. "What I did was, I got in touch with our local chairman, Lloyd Duck, and he wanted me to really get this thing going. I had no problem doing it, and it's pretty much taking off. We've got 11 members so far, and got officially chartered as a new club...we're recognized as a new club, and we've got the ball rolling now."

Dominguez said the club is working toward holding its first meeting. "We're still working on getting everybody together," he said. "Obviously it's kind of difficult getting

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Valdez speaks in favor of funding for education, healthcare



By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Guadalupe "Lupe" Valdez of Dallas is the Democratic Party's candidate for Texas governor in the upcoming election Nov. 6, and she has been in West Texas the last couple of days meeting prospective voters, listening to their

issues, and letting them know about her platform.

Valdez, who defeated fellow Democrat Andrew White in the Democratic Party Primary runoff election May 22 and will face incumbent Governor Greg Abbot and Libertarian candidate Mark Tippetts in the general election, appeared at several speaking engagements Monday, including an appearance at Howard College's Cactus Room. She also stopped by the Herald office Tuesday morning to talk about her candidacy.

"We were at several areas, Midland, and here, See **SPEAKS**, Page 3

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Obituaries

Betty Wright Cowley



Betty Wright Cowley, a World War II veteran, was born in West Lafayette, Indiana on Feb. 13, 1925. She died in her Garland, Texas, home Aug. 14, 2018, surrounded by her family members and with hospice at her side. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating.

Born to Alvin Wright and Rebecca (McCormick) Wright, Betty grew up on the family farm in Illinois with her three sisters and two brothers. After graduating from Stocklin High School, she went to work at the local aluminum factory that produced materials for war planes. She was eager to serve her country and joined the Women's Army Corp as surgical technician during World War II. She cared for injured soldiers and sailors in Georgia before being transferred to Texas.

While serving in the Army, she met the love of her life, Sgt. Kenneth C. Cowley. Betty and Kenneth married in 1946 and lived in Colorado and Missouri before settling in the West Texas oil patch of Forsan. Together with their late son Robert (Bobby) Cowley, they established a roustabout and piping company. Betty was central to managing the office. Betty also worked at the Big Spring State Hospital as a nurse supervisor, and in her later life as the Big Spring High School snack bar where she retired at the age 79, a testament to her work ethic

and dignity.

Betty belonged to the Forsan Baptist Church, was a person of strong Christian faith and joyfully shared it with her family. She was also known for her bowling ability and loved playing games, such as tennis, with her grandsons. She always cherished the time she had with her grandchildren.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents Alvin Wright and Rebecca (McCormick) Wright, husband Kenneth Cowley, son Bobby Cowley, sisters Rosella Brown and Lucille Evans, and brother Ernest Wright. She is survived by her brother Frank Wright of Garland, Texas, and sister Annetta Allen of Watseka, Illinois.

Betty was known as Mema to her grandsons Lance Cowley, Derek Cowley and Casey Cowley; granddaughters Kym Elizondo-Cowley and Kaci Workman Cowley. Her great grandchildren Avery Cowley, Olivia Cowley, Cam Cowley, Kye Cowley, Brighton Wilson, Jillian Wilson and Bonham Wilson were the lights of her life. Aunt Betty was also common to hear. Her nieces and nephews adored her, including Donna Hagar Sanders, Suzy Hagar, Marty Walter, Todd Thompson, Jimmy Ann Hagar Thompson, Brenda Cowley, Steve Cowley, and Karen Wright Tillman. Betty also has many great nephews and nieces. Her legacy carries on through her loving family.

The family suggests memorials to the Army Women's Foundation.

Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV): "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Paid Obituary

Jessie Z. (Miss Jessie) Casillas



Jessie Z. (Miss Jessie) Casillas, 86, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018 at her residence. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jessie was born Jan. 25, 1932, in Big Spring, Texas, to Santiago Aleman Zubiata and Eladio Zubiata. She was a living resident of Big Spring. She married Louis Casillas, SR. in Lovington, New Mexico. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and was a member of the Guadalupanas, St. Thomas Altar Society and past President of Immaculate Heart of Mary PTA. She was a homemaker but had also worked at La Posada and at West Side Community Center for a number of years. She was also a Girl Scout Leader and was also a member of the American Business Women's Association and the American Legion Auxiliary Post 355. Jessie enjoyed praying, cro-

cheting, ceramics, dancing and music.

Jessie is survived by two sons, Louis A. Casillas, Jr. (Cynthia) of Big Spring and Javier F. Casillas of Coleman, Florida; four daughters, Mrs. Rosario Hernandez (Juan) of Houston, Mrs. Yvette Padilla (Jose) of Midland, Mrs. Melinda Hernandez (Arthur) of Big Spring and Mrs. Theresa Merz (Paul) of Boca Raton, Florida; eight sisters: Aggie Della Rocco, Ernestina Martinez, Angelina Molina (Juan), Mary Ann Ralston, Angelita Hernandez (Humberto), Rosalinda Gonzales (Felix), Belle Zubiata and Mary Cordero; five brother, Mike Zubiata (Irene), Ernest Zubiata (Janie), Joe Zubiata (Shawn), Simon Zubiata and Oscar Zubiata; ten grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband; four sisters, Beatrice McCray, Mary Lou Leyva, Olivia Guzman, and Elodia Holguin and one brother Eladio Zubiata, Jr.

Pallbearers will be Jose Padilla, Jr., Christopher Rolak, Luis Antonio Casillas, Melinda Hernandez, Andy Hernandez and Salvador Diaz.

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

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Virginia Martinez Mancha



Virginia Martinez Mancha, 83, of Big Spring, died Monday, Aug. 20, 2018, at Midland Memorial Hospital. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Vigil service will be at 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 24, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Virginia was born July 6, 1935, to Cuca Perez Martinez and Samuel Martinez in Big Spring, Texas. She married Louis Mancha on Jan. 1, 1951. He preceded her in death on Nov. 9, 2000. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Virginia was a homemaker but also worked for over 35 years at Fashion Cleaners in Midland.

Virginia is survived by two sons, Ben Mancha (Gloria) of Big Spring and Louis Mancha, Jr. (Regina Lohrenz) of Moore, OK; one sister, Alicia Flemings of Katy; eight grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter Olga Marquez; three brothers, A. Martinez, Jesse Martinez and Joe Martinez; five sisters, Dora Berlanga, Anita Tamez, Victoria Marquez, Santos Hernandez and Maria Rodriguez.

Pallbearers will be Logan Marquez, Benjamin Mancha, Jesse Martinez, Nick Mancha, Johnny Martinez and Freddy Mancha. Honorary pallbearer will be Victor Martinez.

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

Paid Obituary

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 700 & Wasson, One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 500 block of S 2nd St., One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 800 block of Loop Rd., One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **BUILDING FIRE** was reported on the 1500 block of Wood St. fire was contained.

Police, Sheriff reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ZACHARY CHRISTIAN SCHUTZE**, 36, of 1702 S Goliad St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **CLETE MATHEW STONE**, 35, was arrested on a charge of theft of property <\$100 shoplifting.

- **RONALD STANLEY HASELBY**, 67, of 538 Westover Rd. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **KENNETH EVANS MCGRUDER**, 72, of 1200 1/2 Nolan was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **NATHAN LYNN PEAY**, 41, of 809 N Tubb Rd. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported on 4th/Goliad, and the 1700 block of E FM 700.

- **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported on the 1000 block of N Main St.

- **ASSAULT** was reported on the 900 block of W 3rd St, and the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

- **THEFT** was reported on the 3600 block of Dixon.

- **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported on the 1000 block of Hearn.

- **FOLLOW UP REPORT** was reported on the 1900 block of Donley St.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.

- **ARTURO BOTELLO JR.**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated, and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

- **KATYANA ALEXANDRIA CAMPBELL**, 23, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

- **MIGEUL MONTES CARRANZA**, 41, was arrested by GLASS on a charge of assault causes bodily injury.

- **MATTHEW SHANE FRANKS**, 32, was arrested by GLASS on a charge reckless driving.

- **RONALD STANLEY**

- **HASELBY**, 67, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication

- **HOWARD BRANDON JOHNSON**, 34, was arrested by HCSO on warrants of evading arrest detention, and possession of controlled substance in between 4 and 20 grams.

- **KENNETH EVANS MCGRUDER**, 72, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **ANGELICA RAQEL MOJICA**, 19, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of theft of service in between \$750 and \$2,500.

- **ZACHARY CHRISTIAN SCHUTZE**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of public intoxication.

- **CLETE MATTHEW STONE**, 34, was arrested by HCSO on warrants of theft of property less than \$100, and two counts of theft of property greater than \$2,500.

- **MICHAEL ALAN WATSON**, 20, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of assault causes bodily harm.

Take Note

- 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.

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For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about get-

ting 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.

- Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month.

Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.



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Support Groups

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

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

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

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

For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

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and Odessa," Valdez said. Valdez said her appearance at Howard College was a success. "It went great!" she said. "It was a nice group. For a Monday afternoon, I was pleasantly surprised by what a nice group they had. I wanted to listen to the people there, the people who came out to talk to me. We wanted to hear what the issues are, what's going on around here." Valdez, 70, served as the sheriff of Dallas County from 2005 to 2017. Prior to that, she attained the rank of captain in the U.S. Army, and worked as a county and federal jailer before moving on to investigative positions in the General Services Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Customs Service. When the Department of Homeland Security was established in 2002, she joined that Department as a Senior Agent, where she served until her retirement in 2004 to run for the Dallas County Sheriff office.

Lupe said public education and healthcare are her top two issues. "Those seem to be the issues that the majority of Texans are concerned with," she said. "Public education is an equalizer, and it's our future, so we need to make sure that we're taking care of public education now. Our current governor, they keep taking away funds from education and putting the load on the local community which makes it difficult on the folks here. Raises their taxes, etc. It's the state's responsibility for quality public education, and currently they keep dumping that on the local area."

Some of Valdez's planks include universal pre-kindergarten classes for all kids starting school in Texas and raising teacher pay.

"How you start your education usually indicates how you're going to end. If you begin with a universal pre-k and get the students involved and started liking school, you're going to end up with them continuing to want to stay in school," she said.

"We need to pay the teachers and treat them as the professionals they are. You know, a lot of teachers are having to buy their own supplies so they can have a good teaching environment. So they're taking out of the little that they make and going out and using part of that to make sure that they have a good learning environment. We should be paying attention to that. They should be paid as the professionals that they are."

Higher education is also part of the mix, she said.

"Right now, a person will go to school, get a degree, get an advanced degree, and then spend the rest of their lives paying for that," she said.

"It makes it impossible for them to reach one of the American dreams, which is a house. You can't get a mortgage with such a high debt. It clearly states in your report that it's 'educational debt' but you still can't get a mortgage because it's high debt. We shouldn't put our people who are trying to get educated and get a better quality of life, in a situation where they can't even fulfill part of what they wanted to go to school for."

Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act is something Valdez feels strongly about.

"You know that Texas is the most uninsured state? One in six people in Texas do not have healthcare," she said. "Especially for the rural areas. Y'all have become a medical desert. People have to go hours to get quality healthcare. Our current governor has refused to accept the Medicaid expansion. The Medicaid expansion would put 1.5 million people on healthcare. Additional 1.5 million. Of course, that's \$9 billion a year. Why do we refuse part of the money we have given, so that we get some of that back? But we refuse it. I'm not sure if it's stubbornness, or what is it that we refuse that? The first thing that we need to do is accept the Medicaid expansion. By the way, we're paying for it. The emergency rooms in every city is paying for the people who don't have healthcare. So why don't we put people on healthcare, instead of us paying for them to go to the emergency room? That, also, is higher taxes on the local community."

Valdez also spoke in favor of raising the minimum wage across the state, based on cost of living in individual communities.

For more information, visit www.lupevaldez.com.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235.

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Commissioners will hold public hearings on the proposed tax rate Monday, Sept. 10, at 5:30 p.m., and Friday, Sept. 14, at 10 a.m.

In other business, commissioners did not approve the Howard County Appraisal District's budget. After the budget was presented by Chief Appraiser Lisa Reyna, who fielded questions regarding proposed salary increases for HCAD employees, Commissioner Craig Bailey moved to approve the document. There was no second, so the motion failed. After more discussion on the issue, Commissioner Jimmie Long moved to disapprove the budget. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Oscar Garcia, and the motion carried two votes to one. Commissioner John Cline was absent from the meeting due to illness.

A resolution had been prepared for the meeting in case the budget was rejected; however, the resolution was worded indicating that the rejection was unanimous. Based on the 2-1 rejection, Judge Wiseman ordered that the phrasing indicating unanimity be stricken from the resolution, and that the amended version be adopted.

The Appraisal District's budget has already been approved by the HCAD itself, as well as the Big Spring Independent School District. The budget must be approved by seven of the district's 12 funding entities in order

to take effect. Commissioners also granted preliminary approval for the lease of land at the old Howard County Airport to two local clubs. While the details still need to be worked out, both of the clubs requested firm commitments for the lease to allow them to pursue grants which are near to the application deadline.

Dustin Gaskins spoke for the Howard County 4-H club in requesting a lease at the Airport to put in a multi-discipline shooting range, including archery, shotgun, rifle and pistol ranges.

Also, John Womack of the Big Spring Model Airplane Association requested a lease to rekindle the association's radio-controlled airplane flying privileges at the Airport. Womack said the club flew model airplanes at the Airport for years before their facilities were vandalized during a lull in their activity.

The commissioners voted unanimously to provide land for both clubs in principle, with details to be worked out at a later date.

- Commissioners also:
- Approved an several agreements and contracts with West Texas Centers;
 - Set salaries, expenses, and allowances for Howard County elected officers and employees;
 - Approved the purchase of an activator control system for the emergency siren in Sand Springs;
 - Approved the 2018-2019 fiscal year pharmacy and physician contracts.

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60th Annual Car Tour



Courtesy photo

The 1958 Ford Fairlane Skyliner that is to be given away from Pizza Inn to one lucky person sits in front of the Wilson, North Carolina Pizza Inn location. The Car will make its stop in Big Spring on Friday, August 24.

By TYLER SCHELLIE

Staff Writer

This year, Pizza Inn is giving away a vintage car to celebrate 60 years of service.

"It's as easy as signing up for the rewards program on your phone," said Big Spring's Pizza Inn owner, Kaleb Herrley. In previous years, Pizza Inn has gifted things like a cruise or a golf cart, but for the 60th Anniversary, they went big on giving you a chance to win a 1958 Ford Fairlane Skyliner, along with a few other prizes. Pizza Inn started in 1958 when two Texas brothers opened the first restaurant in

Dallas, which contributes to the reason for giving away this sharp '58 Skyliner.

Leading up to September, the classic car will be touring across the country to specified Pizza Inn locations. The tour kicked off back on May 4, and will visit a variety of Pizza Inn locations including our Pizza Inn in Big Spring. It is free to enter for a chance to win this car. All you have to do is join the Pizza Inn rewards program by downloading the app, and you can be randomly selected to win.

Come see the car you could win at 700 E. FM 700 on Friday, August 24th.

"Exciting things are happening at

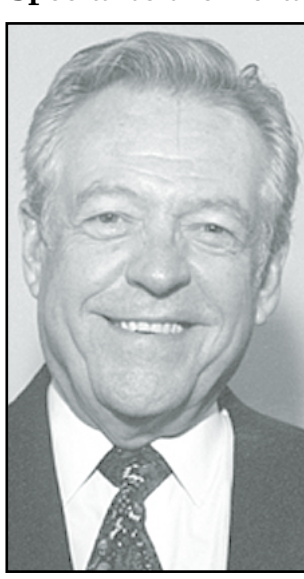
Pizza Inn and we are thrilled to celebrate with our longtime fans across the country," said Bob Bafundo, president of Pizza Inn. "The car tour is a chance for us to thank guests for their loyalty, and to hear stories of how Pizza Inn has been a part of so many memories as America's Hometown Pizza Place."

Pizza Inn will also be gifting prizes, such as 60th Anniversary commemorative items and free buffets throughout the year.

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The Sound of Texas turns 50

Special to the Herald



Tumbleweed Smith

Tumbleweed Smith's radio program, THE SOUND OF TEXAS, began its 50th year on the air August 1 of this year. "It was an experiment in free enterprise to see if I could make a living doing what type of work I enjoyed most: reporting on the fun people, places, legends, folklore and history of Texas," says Tumbleweed. "I've interviewed nearly 13,000 characters, storytellers, musicians, writers, poets and interesting individuals so far and

feel I've barely scratched the surface."

Tumbleweed is a trained journalist, earning a BA in English from Baylor and a MA in Journalism from the University of Missouri. He has won several international awards for his work as a reporter. He has been recognized by both the US and Texas legislatures for preserving history. When he started the program on August 1, 1969 he wanted to report on the things that make Texas what it is, which he felt were being overlooked.

For the past 32 years, Tumbleweed has written a weekly syndicated statewide newspaper column. Before starting his program Tumbleweed had worked in radio and television news in Big Spring, Houston and Des Moines, Iowa.

"What I liked most about doing the news was getting the newscasts ready and putting the news items in a logical order. Late in my news career, I decided that there were plenty of people doing news. I wanted to report on real life."

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everybody together with college starting and things like that. So that's what we're trying to do right now, get everyone together and just have a little meeting to discuss specifics."

While Dominguez is himself a Howard College student, the club is not specific to the college, he said.

"We're actually open to anyone who's 18 years old to 40 years old in this area...in the Permian Basin, even," he said. "We've got some members that are going to school in San Angelo or Lubbock, even. So it's definitely not a college-student-only kind of club."

He has some ideas for projects once the club gets organized, said Dominguez.

"I have a lot of cool, different ideas," he said. "I would very much like to get in contact with some politicians and maybe have a little fundraiser or hold an event where they could kind of meet and greet and shake

hands, especially if they're currently running for election or re-election. That would be ideal for me to do, is get something like that going. That's the goal. Right now, we are kind of more focused on growing the club and getting that foundation."

Dominguez said he feels local young people are more conservative than in many other areas.

"I think being born in West Texas and raised in West Texas, a lot of these kids are kind of automatically leaning right," he said. "There are quite a few liberal, Democratic kids in high school and college, even here in the Bible Belt, West Texas. It's red country here. There's a lot of conflict there, but that's kind of the point of this club, is to really get these younger Republican voters engaged in something."

Something other than social media squabbles, he clarified.

"Not necessarily getting in social media arguments that don't go anywhere. That's one of my biggest things: It's all over the place. You can't get on social

media without seeing politics now," he said. "So whether you lean one way or another, I'm all about just getting involved. If you're Democratic, and you are set on making a difference and changing something, get involved. That's kind of the whole mission statement for Young Republicans."

Dominguez said those interested in the Young Republicans Club can contact him at 432-935-3174 for more information.

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Maurice Villareal, 75, died Monday. Funeral service was at 10 a.m. this morning at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Virginia Martinez Mancha, 83, died Monday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Vigil service will be at 9 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Jessie Z. (Miss Jessie) Casillas, 86, died Wednesday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Betty Cowley, 93, died Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018. Graveside service with Military Honors will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Hurricane sends people in Hawaii hurrying to buy supplies

By JENNIFER SINCO
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Associated Press

HONOLULU — Hurricane Lane has weakened as it approaches Hawaii but was still expected to pack a wallop, forecasters said Wednesday, as people hurried to buy water and other supplies and the Navy moved its ships to safety.

The National Weather Service said tropical-storm-force winds could begin as early as Wednesday afternoon on the Big Island.

"We're planning on boarding up all our windows and sliding doors," Napua Puaoi of Wailuku, Maui, said after buying 16 pieces of plywood from Home Depot. "As soon as my husband comes home — he has all the power tools."

The hurricane was about 305 miles (490 kilometers) south of Kailua-Kona and moving northwest toward other islands.

Meteorologist Chevy Chevalier in Honolulu said its winds had slowed overnight from 160 mph to 155 mph (259 to 250 kph), prompting a downgrade from a Category 5 to a Category 4 hurricane.

He said it may drop to a Category 3 by Thursday afternoon but that would still be a major hurricane.

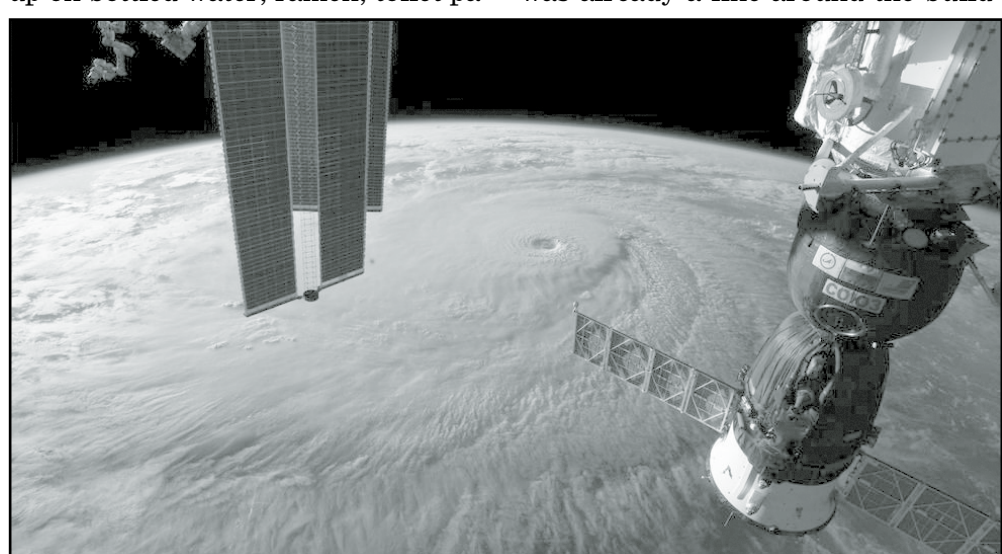
"We expect it to gradually weaken as it gets closer to the islands," Chevalier said. "That being said, on our current forecast, as of the afternoon on Thursday, we still have it as a major hurricane."

With winds anticipated to 130 mph (209 kph), the hurricane could cause catastrophic damage.

Residents rushed to stores to stock up on bottled water, ramen, toilet pa-

per and other supplies as they faced the threat of heavy rain, flash flooding and high surf.

Public schools on the Big Island and in Maui County closed Wednesday until further notice.



This image provided by NASA on Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018 shows Hurricane Lane as seen from the International Space Station. The National Weather Service says the hurricane will still pack a wallop for Hawaii on Thursday before gradually slowing over the next two days. Early Wednesday, the hurricane was 320 miles (515 kilometers) south of Hilo on Hawaii Island and moving northwest toward other islands.

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Public schools on the Big Island and in Maui County closed Wednesday until further notice.

Hawaii Gov. David Ige said employees on Hawaii and Maui islands who work in disaster response as well

ing.

"We are fully stocked," she said. "We have about nine cases of water because we're having family stay with us as well, so one case per person."

The U.S. Navy was moving its ships and submarines out of Hawaii. All vessels not currently undergoing maintenance were being positioned

AP photo

Big oil asks government to protect it from climate change

By WILL WEISSERT

Associated Press

PORT ARTHUR, Texas — As the nation plans new defenses against the more powerful storms and higher tides expected from climate change, one project stands out: an ambitious proposal to build a nearly 60-mile "spine" of concrete seawalls, earthen barriers, floating gates and steel levees on the Texas Gulf Coast.

Like other oceanfront projects, this one would protect homes, delicate ecosystems and vital infrastructure, but it also has another priority — to shield some of the crown jewels of the petroleum industry, which is blamed for contributing to global warming and now wants the federal government to build safeguards against the consequences of it.

The plan is focused on a stretch of coastline that runs from the Louisiana border to industrial enclaves south of Houston that are home to one of the world's largest concentrations of petrochemical facilities, including most of Texas' 30 refineries, which represent 30 percent of the nation's refining capacity.

Texas is seeking at least \$12 billion for the full coastal spine, with nearly all of it coming from public funds. Last month, the government fast-tracked an initial \$3.9 billion for three separate, smaller storm barrier projects that would specifically protect oil facilities.

That followed Hurricane Harvey, which roared ashore last Aug. 25 and swamped Houston and parts of the coast, temporarily knocking out a quarter of the area's oil refining capacity and causing average gasoline prices to jump 28 cents a gallon nationwide. Many Republicans argue that the Texas oil projects belong at the top of Washington's spending list.

"Our overall economy, not only in Tex-

as but in the entire country, is so much at risk from a high storm surge," said Matt Sebesta, a Republican who as Brazoria County judge oversees a swath of Gulf Coast.

But the idea of taxpayers around the country paying to protect refineries worth billions, and in a state where top politicians still dispute climate change's validity, doesn't sit well with some.

"The oil and gas industry is getting a free ride," said Brandt Mannchen, a member of the Sierra Club's executive committee in Houston. "You don't hear the industry making a peep about paying for any of this and why should they? There's all this push like, 'Please Senator Cornyn, Please Senator Cruz, we need money for this and that.'"

Normally outspoken critics of federal spending, Texas Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz both backed using taxpayer funds to fortify the oil facilities' protections and the Texas coast. Cruz called it "a tremendous step forward."

Federal, state and local money is also bolstering defenses elsewhere, including on New York's Staten Island, around Atlantic City, New Jersey, and in other communities hammered by Superstorm Sandy in 2012.

Construction in Texas could begin in several months on the three sections of storm barrier. While plans are still being finalized, some dirt levees will be raised to about 17 feet high, and 6 miles of 19-foot-tall floodwalls would be built or strengthened around Port Arthur, a Texas-Louisiana border locale of pungent chemical smells and towering knots of steel pipes.

Louisiana, Mississippi top nation in illness from West Nile

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Louisiana and Mississippi are leading the nation in the number of people who have become seriously ill from West Nile virus this year. State health departments are warning residents to take precautions against mosquitoes, which spread the virus.

The Centers for Dis-

ease Control and Prevention says that as of Aug. 21, Louisiana had 18 cases of West Nile encephalitis or meningitis, out of a national total of 133. Mississippi had 15 "neuroinvasive" cases, Texas 14 and California 12.

South Dakota had nine, Iowa seven, Nebraska six and Alabama and Pennsylva-

nia five each.

CDC figures lag behind state reports. Louisiana reports there have been 31 residents with dangerous nervous system infections and 13 cases of flu-like West Nile fever. Mississippi has reported 25 total cases.

Louisiana's state epidemiologist says the number of cases depends on local factors.



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Maldonado, White homer as Astros beat Mariners 10-7



AP photo

Houston Astros' Martin Maldonado singles in a run as Seattle Mariners catcher Mike Zunino looks on in the second inning of a baseball game Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018, in Seattle.

SEATTLE (AP) — Martin Maldonado and Tyler White helped the Astros build an eight-run lead, and Houston's bullpen made it hold after a little scare in the sixth inning. Maldonado and White each homered and had three hits, Roberto Osuna got his first save with Houston and the Astros beat the Seattle Mariners 10-7 on Wednesday.

The Astros led 9-1 before the Mariners got one back in the fifth and added five more in the sixth, all off starter Charlie Morton (13-3). After Joe Smith and Tony Sipp pitched out the sixth, Ryan Pressly, Hector Rondon and Osuna pitched a scoreless inning each. "You can't hate how you win if you win," Astros manager A.J. Hinch

said. "It was good for us, especially the last three innings with the guys we threw. That's exactly the way we draw it up. All three were dominant. The way those guys responded and held it down was pretty nice." Osuna pitched the ninth to earn his 10th save. The closer was acquired from Toronto last month and joined the team a week later after finishing a 75-game suspension for violating Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy. Maldonado had three RBIs and White had two. Maldonado was acquired from the Angels on July 26. "Overall, the way we swung the bats was pretty impressive," Hinch said. "Today it was a complete offense. And Martin has come over and provided a nice spark for us." Marco Gonzales (12-9) was pitching on eight days of rest but allowed eight runs and 11 hits before leaving with no one out in the fourth. Gonzales has given up 23 earned runs and 38 hits in his last 20 innings over four starts. "I don't think Marco threw the ball that badly," Mariners manager Scott Servais said. "Obviously, it had been eight days since he'd been out there. They put some balls in play, got some hits, hit a few balls hard. It just wasn't a clean outing for him." The Astros took a 2-0 lead in the first with an RBI triple for White before

Gonzales' wild pitch enabled White to score from third. White's home run came in the ninth. "It was a fun game today," White said. "I'm just trying to help this team any way possible. I've learned not to press and just enjoy playing with these guys." The big inning for the Astros was the fourth, when they sent 10 to the plate and scored five runs to take an 8-1 lead. Gonzales gave up six consecutive hits to start the inning before he was replaced by reliever Nick Rumbelow. "I had trouble keeping them off-balance today," Gonzales said. "I think we have a lot of time left to get everything firing on all cylinders. This team has done a great job of when one part struggles, the other part steps up. We have September to get hot." Maldonado's homer came one inning later to make it 9-1. Oakland's 4-2 loss to Texas on Wednesday gives the Astros a one-game lead in the AL West. Nelson Cruz and Mitch Haniger each had home runs for the Mariners. Cruz hit an upper-deck shot in the fourth for his 31st homer. Haniger's two-run homer in the sixth inning was his 20th of the season. **CANO AT THIRD** Robinson Cano started at third base, the first time in his 14-year career he has played there. Cano also hit his 525th double, tying him with Ted Williams

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Cowboys center Travis Frederick has neurological disorder



AP photo

In this Nov. 19, 2017, file photo, Dallas Cowboys center Travis Frederick (72) rests during a timeout in the team's NFL football game against the Philadelphia Eagles in Arlington, Texas. Frederick said Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018, that he has been diagnosed with a rare neurological disorder that causes weakness in various parts of the body, and the four-time Pro Bowl player isn't sure on a timetable for a return. Frederick says he has received two treatments for Guillain-Barre Syndrome over the past 48 hours and that the treatments will continue for several days.

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**

AP Pro Football Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys center Travis Frederick said Wednesday he has been diagnosed with a rare neurological disorder that causes weakness in various parts of the body, and the four-time Pro Bowl player isn't sure on a timetable for a return. Frederick said he has received two treatments for Guillain-Barre Syndrome over the past 48 hours and that the treatments will continue for several days. "I am very optimistic about my condition and the immediate future, as I have been told that the illness was detected at a fairly early stage," Frederick said. "My doctors have told me that it is not possible to determine a timetable for a return to the field right now, but I am hopeful that I will be able to play as soon as possible." The 27-year-old Frederick has started all 83 games, including three playoff games, since the Cowboys drafted him late in the first round in 2013. That streak is likely in jeopardy with the opener 2 1/2 weeks away, Sept. 9 at Carolina. According to the National Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke, Guillain-Barre causes

See **FREDERICK**, Page 12

Rangers go deep twice to back Minor in 4-2 win over A's

By **MICHAEL WAGAMAN**
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Shin-Soo Choo's home run on the first pitch of the game ensured the Texas Rangers would avoid a third consecutive shut-out. A fourth straight strong outing from Mike Minor was just as big for manager Jeff Banister's ballclub. Minor pitched six scoreless innings of one-hit ball to win his fourth straight, Joey Gallo backed up Choo with his 33rd homer and the Rangers snapped out of their offensive slump to avoid a series sweep, beating the Oakland Athletics 4-2 on Wednesday.

"Choo getting off early, getting a run on the board, allowed our offense to kind of settle in," Banister said. "It gave our guys some confidence to go out and swing the bat and attack." Texas was shut out in the first two games of the series and had a 19-inning scoreless streak before Choo's leadoff homer on the first pitch from Oakland starter Edwin Jackson (4-3) in the first inning. It was Choo's fourth game-opening home run this season and the 27th of his career. After Choo walked and scored on Beltre's single in the third, Gallo opened the fourth with a towering drive off Jackson. Gallo's 74 home runs since the start of last season are the most by a Rangers player over a two-year span since Mark Teixeira had 76 from 2005-06. "We kept fighting," Gallo said. "That's baseball. Sometimes you get shut out and that's the way it goes. Sometimes things don't go your way." Adrian Beltre had a pair of RBI singles to help the Rangers end a six-game losing streak to the A's. Jurickson Profar added two hits. Elvis Andrus singled and scored after going hitless in his previous 12 at-bats. Stephen Piscotty had an RBI double for Oakland, which fell one game behind Houston in the



AP photo

Texas Rangers' Shin-Soo Choo (17) is congratulated by Rounked Odor after hitting a solo home run against the Oakland Athletics during the first inning of a baseball game in Oakland, Calif., Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018.

AL West. "You look at the homestand and you have to feel good about winning the series," Oakland manager Bob Melvin said. "We've been playing great and bringing the same attitude every day." The same could be said of Minor, who has been the Rangers' most effective starter for the past three weeks. Minor (10-6) was crisp while striking out four and walking one in his most effective start in nearly two months. The lefty, who was scratched from his scheduled start last Friday because of back stiffness, allowed only two runners and faced the minimum through six innings. Both runners were erased on double plays. "I feel good about the zeros on the board, but I think there's room for improvement," Minor said. "I still didn't throw good breaking balls, the changeup was just OK and the fastball location was OK." Cory Gearrin, Alex Claudio, Chris Martin and Jose Leclerc combined to retire nine batters and complete the four-hitter. The A's loaded the bases with two outs in the ninth, but Leclerc struck out Nick Martini on a check swing for his sixth save in 10 opportunities. Beltre singled in Andrus in

the fifth to make it 4-0 and chase Jackson, who allowed four runs in 4 1/3 innings and lost for the first time since July 20. The right-hander had yielded two runs over his previous 24 1/3 innings. "I was off today," Jackson said. "I was under the ball a lot and that caused the ball to go flat and up in the zone." **STAYING PUT** Because their next series is across the San Francisco Bay against the Giants at AT&T Park, the Rangers won't have to board a plane and instead will stay in the same hotel where they've been since Monday. **TRAINER'S ROOM** Rangers: Profar started again at third base in place of Beltre, who's had recurring hamstring problems, and made a diving stop on Ramon Laureano's sharp grounder in the first inning. **UP NEXT** Rangers: RHP Drew Hutchison (2-2, 5.71 ERA) makes his fourth start of the season Friday against the Giants. Hutchison won his previous outing when he allowed two runs in five innings against the Angels. Athletics: RHP Trevor Cahill (5-2, 3.12) pitches the opener of a four-game series in Minnesota on Thursday. Cahill has won four consecutive decisions, his longest winning streak since 2013.

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#9867 August 23, 2018

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Public Notice

Street, Stanton, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2018. The proposed tax rate is .0006411 per \$100 of value.

#9864 August 23, 2018

The Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District will hold a meeting at 9:00 a.m. on September 6, 2018 at 132 N. Main Street, Garden City, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for the 2018 tax year. The proposed tax rate is \$0.0081 per \$100 of value.

#9865 August 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 2018

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Public Notice

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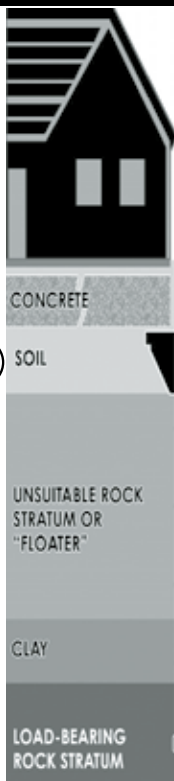
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Criteria	Weight
Proposed Price	50%
Contractor's Qualifications	25%
Local Firm/Operations	10%
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8	7	3	1	4	9	6	9	5
9	2	9	3	7	5	8	4	1
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ANSWER:

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By Steve Becker

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

EAST
♠ J 9 6 4
♥ Q 9 8 2
♦ 7 6
♣ A 8 4

SOUTH
♠ K 8 3
♥ A K 6 5
♦ K Q J 10
♣ K Q

The bidding:
East Pass
South 2 NT
West Pass
North 3 NT
Opening lead — two of spades.

Most players learn very early on that, when defending, it is often correct to hold up an ace in a suit declarer is trying to establish — particularly at notrump. There are exceptions to every rule, however, and a defender must constantly be on the lookout for them lest he allow declarer to steal an unmakeable contract.

Take this case where South was in three notrump and West led a spade. Declarer won the first spade in his hand, preserving dummy's ace as an entry, and led the king of clubs.

East, a longtime member of the hold-up-your-ace-in-declarer's-long-

suit school, did exactly that, whereupon South continued with the queen. East had to duck again in order to kill the rest of dummy's clubs.

However, this was a classic case of the successful operation in which the patient died. After the second club held, declarer drove out the ace of diamonds to secure nine tricks — two spades, two hearts, two clubs and three diamonds.

As can be seen, if East had taken the first club and returned a spade, the contract would have failed. With the clubs blocked and the spade ace no longer in dummy, declarer could not have come to more than eight tricks.

How can East know to win the first club? By applying ordinary common sense. East should reason that if South has the K-Q-x of clubs, declarer cannot be prevented from enjoying dummy's clubs regardless of when East takes the ace.

East must therefore assume that South has either the K-Q or K-x of clubs. In both cases, it is right to take the first club and return a spade to kill dummy's entry.

Observe that it does not help South in the actual deal to lead the club queen first rather than the king. East should still win the queen with the ace and return a spade on the assumption that declarer has either the K-Q or Q-x of clubs.

Tomorrow: First things first.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Social Aquarius Moon

By HOLIDAY MATHIS

A person is not just a person. A person is also part of a story. When you touch lives, teach what you know or help others to have experiences they otherwise might not, you are making the story richer and more epic. Under the social Aquarius moon, involve others, even when you don't have to, even when it's actually extra work for you to do so.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You really want the best for the group. You leave your ego out of the decision-making process. You'll use the best idea -- the one that will forward the interests of all. Whether or not that idea was generated by you won't matter.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Light comes from the outside; appearance comes from inside. Everyone assembles it inside his or her own mind. That's why they



each see it so differently. Right now, you're seeing more underlying emotion than the others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Do not give up on your difficult project. There is so much more you can do! One or two attempts are not nearly enough. As you approach your fifth or sixth try, the fates will favor your tenacity.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's weird to want something and then, inexplicably, run in the opposite direction of it. But fearing what you want is normal: What if you get it and it's not fulfilling? Today you won't have such a problem if you just stay

put.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Trying to impress your love won't work. Go the other way. Be comfortable. Do what it takes to get there. This won't unfold exactly as imagined, but some expectations will be met.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Children do not know how to take responsibility until adults show them how. It is entirely possible that the one who isn't stepping up to the plate may not have been taught to do right.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A universal complexity: People are who they are instead of who you'd like them to be. Well, it's something to accept and even embrace. You'd be so bored if they always did as you preferred.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's a season for everything, and each season gets to decide its own timing. The timing will get more surprising these days, on both the global and the personal level.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

When people act weird around you, it's because they don't want you to know all there is to know. That's fair. No one deserves to know everything. But it won't stop you from wondering.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It might seem that there's more work needed to get work than there is to do the work. This is true. Marketing is real. Access to opportunity won't be cheap, but it will be worth the investment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Words are confusing. Intentions get muddled. History will go down not as a testament to intention but as a testament to action. Action always speaks loudest, clearest and with the most direct message.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your mind isn't working in the usual way, which makes you uniquely equipped for today's challenge. Hopefully, you'll accept the proposal posed by a kindred soul in need.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 23).

This solar return brings you more attention than you're used to, but you'll know just what to do with it. You'll earn a reputation as someone who solves problems, makes life better for others and is generally fun to be around. How you show up to gatherings will favorably touch the financial and professional sector of life. Cancer and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 2, 21, 8 and 30.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: A Libra asks, "How can I make faster decisions instead of agonizing over the options?"

To make decisions faster and with more joy, it will be necessary to stop assigning a life-and-death kind of gravitas to the ones that don't warrant such an approach -- i.e., most of them. So how do you lighten up when a choice feels more important than it should be?

The first step is to accept where you are and embrace your feeling instead of rejecting it. In other words, instead of

saying, "I shouldn't be feeling so grave about when to sell my house," try a dialogue more along the lines of this:

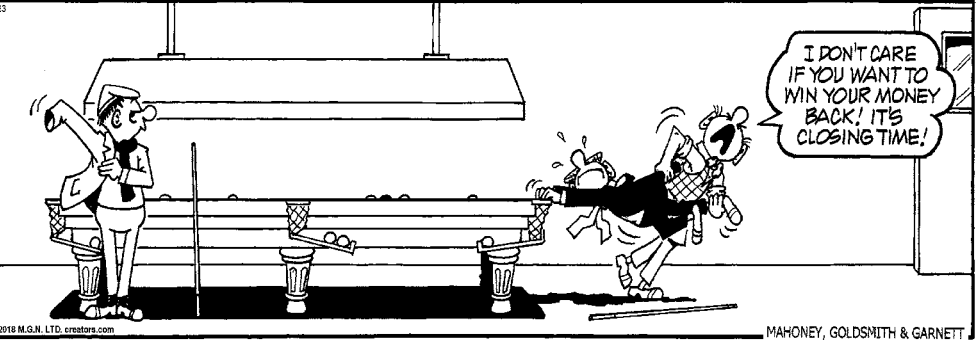
"Wow, I am having a strong feeling about the sale of my house, and I'll work through it. It feels like a huge part of me is invested in this. Is that feeling true? What will happen if I don't sell? I probably won't die. If I do sell, I'll live, too. So right now I'm having a strong and fearful feeling, and that's fine. Let's work through it."

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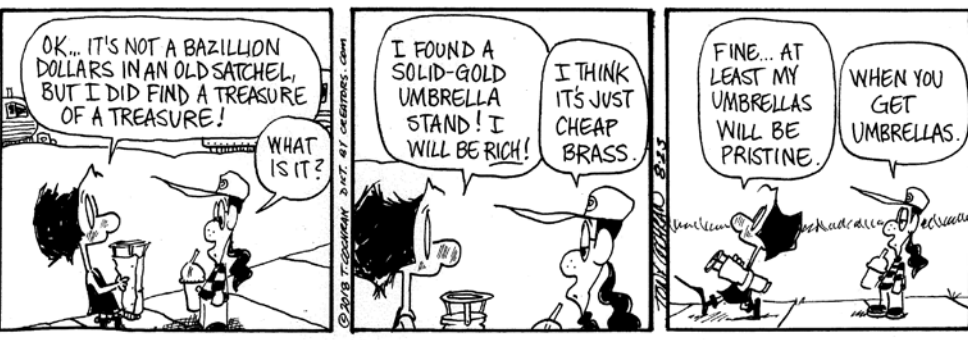
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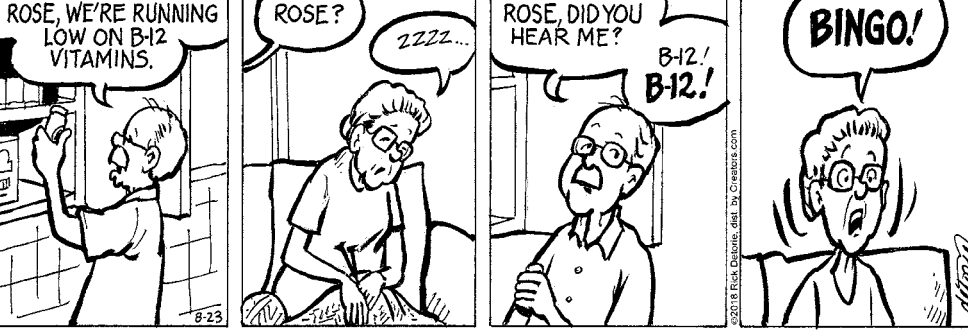
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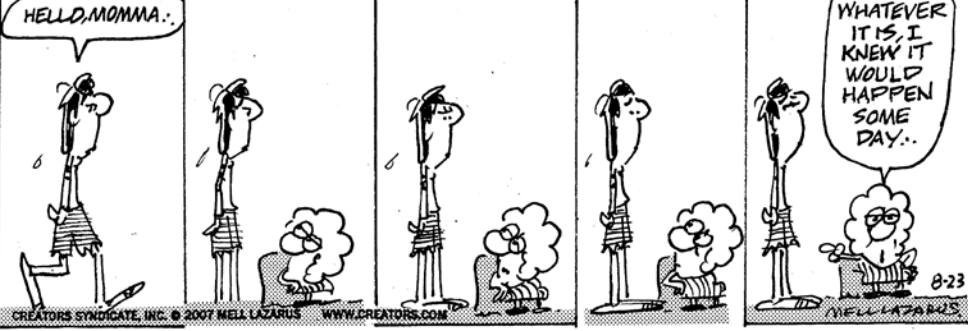
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 23, the 235th day of 2018. There are 130 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On August 23, 1775, Britain's King George III proclaimed the American colonies to be in a state of "open and avowed rebellion."

On this date:

- In 1754, France's King Louis XVI was born at Versailles (vehr-SY).
- In 1785, U.S. naval hero Oliver Hazard Perry was born in South Kingstown, R.I.
- In 1912, actor, dancer, director and choreographer Gene Kelly was born Eugene Curran Kelly in Pittsburgh.
- In 1913, Copenhagen's Little Mermaid statue, inspired by the Hans Christian Andersen story, was unveiled in the harbor of the Danish capital.
- In 1914, Japan declared war against Germany in World War I.
- In 1927, amid worldwide protests, Italian-born anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were executed in Boston for the murders of two men during a 1920 robbery. (On the 50th anniversary of their executions, then-Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis issued a proclamation that Sacco and Vanzetti had been unfairly tried and convicted.)
- In 1939, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union agreed to a non-aggression treaty, the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, in Moscow.
- In 1960, Broadway librettist Oscar Hammerstein (HAM-ur-STYN) II, 65, died in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.
- In 1973, a bank robbery-turned-hostage-taking began in Stockholm, Sweden; the four hostages ended up empathizing with their captors, a psychological condition now referred to as "Stockholm Syndrome."
- In 1982, Lebanon's parliament elected Christian militia leader Bashir Gemayel president. (However, Gemayel was assassinated some three weeks later.)
- In 1989, in a case that inflamed racial tensions in New York, Yusuf Hawkins, a 16-year-old black youth, was shot dead after he and his friends were confronted by a group of white youths in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn. (Gunman Joey Fama was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison; he will be eligible for parole in 2022.)
- In 2000, an estimated 51 million viewers tuned in for the finale of the first season of the

CBS reality show "Survivor," in which contestant Richard Hatch won the \$1 million prize.

Ten years ago: Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama introduced his choice of running mate, Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware, before a crowd outside the Old State Capitol in Springfield, Ill. Two foreign journalists, Canadian Amanda Lindhout and Australian Nigel Brennan, were kidnapped near Mogadishu, Somalia; both were freed after 15 months in captivity. At the Beijing Olympics, the United States won gold in the women's and men's 1,600-meter relay track events. The U.S. women's basketball team beat Australia 92-65 to win a fourth straight gold medal. Angel Matos of Cuba and his coach were banned for life after the taekwondo athlete kicked the referee in the face following his bronze-medal match disqualification.

Five years ago: A military jury convicted Maj. Nidal Hasan in the deadly 2009 shooting rampage at Fort Hood, Texas, that claimed 13 lives; the Army psychiatrist was later sentenced to death. Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, the U.S. soldier who'd massacred 16 Afghan civilians, was sentenced at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, to life in prison with no chance of parole. San Diego Mayor Bob Filner, a Democrat, agreed to resign in return for the city's help defending him against claims he'd groped, kissed and made lewd comments to women. (Filner later pleaded guilty to a felony for manhandling a woman at a fundraising event and two misdemeanor battery charges; he served three months of house arrest.)

One year ago: City workers in Charlottesville, Virginia, draped giant black covers over two statues of Confederate generals to symbolize the city's mourning for a woman killed while protesting a white nationalist rally. A federal judge again blocked a set of voter ID requirements in Texas, rejecting a weakened version that had been backed by the Trump administration. (An appeals court later allowed the law to stay in effect; it allows voters without any

acceptable photo ID to cast a ballot as long as they sign an affidavit.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Vera Miles is 88. Actress Barbara Eden is 87. Political satirist Mark Russell is 86. Pro Football Hall of Famer Sonny Jurgensen is 84. Actor Richard Sanders is 78. Ballet dancer Patricia McBride is 76. Former Surgeon General Antonia Novello is 74. Pro Football Hall

of Famer Rayfield Wright is 73. Country singer Rex Allen Jr. is 71. Actor David Robb is 71. Singer Linda Thompson is 71. Actress Shelley Long is 69. Actor-singer Rick Springfield is 69. Country singer-musician Woody Paul (Riders in the Sky) is 69. Queen Noor of Jordan is 67. Actor-producer Mark Hudson is 67. Actor Skipp Sudduth is 62. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Mike Boddicker is

61. Rock musician Dean DeLeo (Army of Anyone; Stone Temple Pilots) is 57. Country musician Ira Dean (Trick Pony) is 49. Actor Jay Mohr is 48. Actor Ray Park is 44. Actor Scott Caan is 42. Country singer Shelly Fairchild is 41. Figure skater Nicole Bobek is 41. Rock singer Julian Casablancas (The Strokes) is 40. Retired NBA player Kobe Bryant is 40. Actress Joanne Froggatt is 38.

Thought for Today: "I know the world is filled with troubles and many injustices. But reality is as beautiful as it is ugly. I think it is just as important to sing about beautiful mornings as it is to talk about slums. I just couldn't write anything without hope in it."

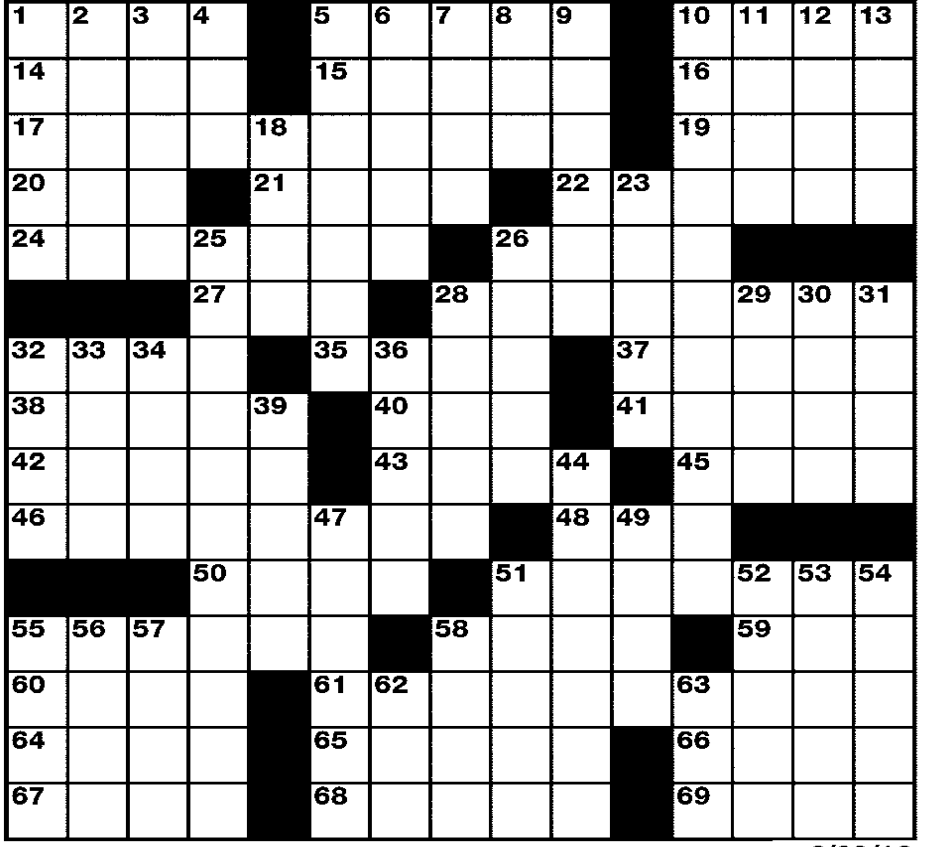
Oscar Hammerstein II (1895-1960)

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Newsday Crossword

INPUT/OUTPUT PAIR by Fred Piscop
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Turn to pulp
 - 5 Fallen angel
 - 10 Pick up aurally
 - 14 Part of UAE
 - 15 Piper product
 - 16 Caroling season
 - 17 Zilch
 - 19 Minimal rain
 - 20 Avian symbol of Australia
 - 21 Hamlet quintet
 - 22 Diviners' cards
 - 24 Draw upon
 - 26 Carson City neighbor
 - 27 Kayaking implement
 - 28 Something played by puzzlers
 - 32 Lose traction
 - 35 Polite interruption
 - 37 Century 21 rival
 - 38 Barbershop bottle
 - 40 Leave floored
 - 41 Chilling
 - 42 My Fair Lady lady
 - 43 Hoodlum
 - 45 Day on the Roman calendar
 - 46 Prankster's weapon
 - 48 Sean Lennon's mom
 - 50 Hamlet, for one
 - 51 Comedy genre
 - 55 Recyclable technology
 - 58 "Right ___ way . . ."
 - 59 Frat letter
 - 60 Meditation on a mat
 - 61 Early event in presidential races
- DOWN**
- 1 Olympia artist
 - 2 Limburger's claim to fame
 - 3 Took sudden notice
 - 4 Westworld aier
 - 5 Prismatic displays
 - 6 Justice who succeeded O'Connor
 - 7 Home for Kit Carson
 - 8 Hill builder
 - 9 More fastidious
 - 10 Symbol for a proton
 - 11 Schilling successor
 - 12 Zillions
 - 13 Count of gym crunches
 - 18 Granny
 - 23 It means "male"
 - 25 Contents of some shakers
 - 26 Shakespearean teen
 - 28 Team's triumphant cry
 - 29 In the thick of
 - 30 Nutmeg spice
 - 31 Spot markers
 - 32 Ladled entrée
 - 33 Tropical nut
 - 34 Rolling ___ (prosperous)
 - 36 World Court city, with "The"
 - 39 200 milligrams of rubies
 - 44 Picks up on
 - 47 Rock that sounds swell
 - 49 SpaceX collaborator
 - 51 Have much influence on
 - 52 Interior appointments
 - 53 One-eighty
 - 54 Spanish avenue
 - 55 Ophthalmological focus
 - 56 Made a basket, say
 - 57 Opposed to, nonstandardly
 - 58 Kit Kat bar competitor
 - 62 Have yet to pay
 - 63 Letters on Forever stamps



Answer to previous puzzle

W	A	S	P	E	T	D	S	O	N	T	O	P
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for 45th of the career list.

MARINERS ROSTER MOVE

LHP Ross Detwiler was designated for assignment and Rumbelow was recalled from Triple-A Tacoma.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: OF George Springer (quad soreness) did not play in the three games at Seattle. "We're all frustrated," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said about Springer. "We'll aim for Friday."

Mariners: LHP James Paxton (bruised left forearm) will not come off the DL this weekend in Arizona and probably won't make his next start until sometime next week.

UP NEXT

Astros: LHP Dallas Keuchel (9-10, 3:59) is expected to start Friday to begin a three-game series in Anaheim.

Mariners: A three-game series at Arizona starts Friday, and RHP Erasmo Ramirez (0-2, 5.49) is the likely starter for the opener. Servais said the rest of the weekend will depend on when RHP Mike Leake is ready to return. Leake missed his schedule start Tuesday because of an illness.

FREDERICK

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the body to attack a network of nerves around the brain and spinal cord. Most people recover from even the most severe cases of the auto-immune disease, but some will continue to have some degree of weakness, according to the institute.

Frederick saw a specialist in California while the Cowboys were still in training camp there because of feelings he said were similar to stingers in his neck and shoulders. When he returned to camp, he told reporters he checked out OK. He was on the sideline for the preseason game against Cincinnati on Saturday.

Coach Jason Garrett said Tuesday tests for Frederick continued with doctors in the Dallas area. Garrett declined to be more specific.

Joe Looney has been working at center in Frederick's absence, but the Cowboys have always considered 2014 All-Pro right guard Zack Martin a possibility there. Martin will miss the rest of the preseason after hyperextending his left knee against the Bengals.

Frederick was the second of three first-round picks in a span of four years, a group that anchors what is considered one of the NFL's best offensive lines. Left tackle Tyron Smith, the 2011 choice, has battled back issues in recent years. Frederick, Smith and 2014 pick Martin have all been named to the Pro Bowl each of the past four seasons.

Dallas is banking on a healthy offensive line in front of 2016 NFL rushing leader Ezekiel Elliott, with the Cowboys hopeful that quarterback Dak Prescott and a largely unproven group of receivers can feed off a powerful running game.

Two years ago, Frederick signed a \$56 million, six-year extension that at the time made him the highest-paid center in the NFL. He's now fourth on that list.

Texas football player, 13, dies after becoming unresponsive

CROWLEY, Texas (AP) — A 13-year-old middle school student has died after experiencing a medical emergency and becoming unresponsive during football practice.

Crowley Independent School District Superintendent Michael McFarland said in a letter to parents that coaches performed CPR Wednesday on eighth-grader Kyrell McBride-Johnson and paramedics were immediately called. The boy was declared dead at a hospital.

McFarland says it's not yet clear why Kyrell died.

Crowley is just south of Fort Worth.

The last scholastic football player to die in Texas is believed to be a high school freshman who collapsed at practice last September in the town of Emory, about 75 miles (120 kilometers) east of Dallas.

Ohio State suspends Meyer 3 games, says he protected protege



AP photo

Ohio State football coach Urban Meyer makes a statement during a news conference in Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018. Ohio State suspended Meyer on Wednesday for three games for mishandling domestic violence accusations, punishing one of the sport's most prominent leaders for keeping an assistant on staff for several years after the coach's wife accused him of abuse. Athletic director Gene Smith was suspended from Aug. 31 through Sept. 16.

By MITCH STACY

AP Sports Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State suspended coach Urban Meyer for three games on Wednesday night for mishandling repeated professional and behavioral problems of an assistant coach, with investigators finding Meyer protected his protege for years through domestic violence allegations, a drug problem and poor job performance.

The superstar coach's treatment of his now-fired assistant was also clouded by his abiding devotion to the legacy of former Ohio State coach Earle Bruce, the grandfather of former wide receivers coach Zach Smith and an early coaching mentor for Meyer.

"I gave Zach Smith the benefit of the doubt," Meyer said.

The investigation turned up "a pattern of troubling behavior by Zach Smith: promiscuous and embarrassing sexual behavior, drug abuse, truancy, dishonesty, financial irresponsibility, a possible NCAA violation, and a lengthy police investigation into allegations of criminal domestic violence and cybercrimes," according to summary investigative findings released by the university on Wednesday night.

Meyer knew about at least some of the issues.

The report and punishment culminated a two-week investigation of how Meyer reacted to allegations that Smith abused his ex-wife, Courtney Smith. Zach Smith was fired last month after she asked a judge for a

protective order.

Courtney Smith alleged her husband shoved her against a wall and put his hands around her neck in 2015. Zach Smith has never been criminally charged with domestic violence. The university put Meyer on paid leave and began investigating after Courtney Smith spoke out publicly, sharing text messages and photos she traded in 2015 with Meyer's wife, Shelley Meyer. Shelley Meyer is a registered nurse and instructor at Ohio State.

"I followed my heart and not my head," Meyer said,

quickly reading a written statement during a news conference after his punishment was announced. "I should have demanded more from him and recognized red flags."

Investigators said Meyer and athletic director Gene Smith mismanaged Zach Smith's misconduct and kept him even though he was not an appropriate role model for OSU student-athletes. The review found neither Meyer nor Gene Smith condoned or covered up alleged abuse, but raised red flags of their own:

— Meyer, the athletic director and others throughout Ohio State thought it wasn't their place to do anything about allegations against Zach Smith unless law enforcement took more action like making an arrest or filing charges. Investigators called that a widespread misunderstanding of their reporting obligations.

— Meyer responded to Courtney Smith coming forward to a reporter by asking one of his staffers about changing the settings on his phone to delete text messages more than a year old. Investigators didn't find older messages on Meyer's phone but couldn't determine whether he deleted them before or after the media report.

— Meyer and his wife, Shelley, doubted the veracity of Courtney Smith's allegations of violence and abuse. Urban Meyer called the Smith situation

a "he said she said" last month in a text with a former player. He also insisted to investigators he met with Courtney Smith after Zach Smith's 2009 arrest and that she recanted her original story to authorities. Courtney Smith told investigators she never met with Meyer or recanted any allegations.

— In June 2016 at Meyer's urging, Zach Smith was admitted to a drug treatment facility for addiction to an unspecified stimulant prescription drug, the report said, adding that Gene Smith was never told about it.

— Zach Smith ran up a big strip club bill in 2014 with a high school coach in Florida and spent \$600 in personal funds. Meyer reprimanded Zach Smith but didn't report the issue to compliance officers or the athletic director. Investigators said they told the NCAA about the incident.

Trustees discussed how to punish Meyer in a marathon meeting of more than 12 hours Wednesday while Meyer waited in the building. Athletic director Gene Smith — who is not related to Zach or Courtney Smith — was suspended without pay from Aug. 31 through Sept. 16.

Both the athletic director and Meyer apologized and said they accepted the punishments, though Meyer said repeatedly that he did not fully know what was happening with the Smiths.

"I should have been aware of it," Meyer said.

Meyer said he was not aware of the text messages Courtney Smith sent to his wife. When asked if he had a message for Courtney Smith, Meyer said: "I have a message for everyone involved in this: I'm sorry we're in this situation."

Meyer, 54, will miss Ohio State's first three games against Oregon State, Rutgers and No. 16 TCU, though he will be allowed to coach practices leading into the Rutgers and TCU games.

Co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Ryan Day is serving as acting coach while Meyer is absent.

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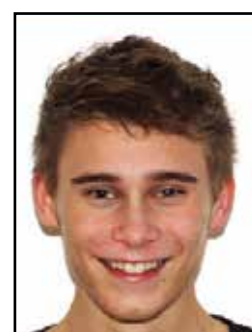
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