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Students at John J. Pershing Elementary School high-fived Hillcrest High School student athletes and drill team members on their way to the first day of classes Monday in Dallas.

Education Lab

School grades blocked again

Texas judge halts accountability scores that were to be published

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A Texas judge once again blocked the release of A-F accountability grades for public schools that were to be published Thursday.

The order comes in response to a lawsuit from a handful of districts, alleging the grades would be invalid because they're based on results from flawed STAAR tests. The school officials questioned the use of computers to score students' essays on the assessment.

The temporary restraining order, granted Monday by Travis County District Judge Karin Crump, stops the Texas Education Agency from releasing new grades for campuses and districts — at least for now. A hearing is scheduled for Aug. 26.

Last year's grades also were blocked by a lawsuit from several districts, including Dallas Independent School District, that alleged changes to scoring methods would unfairly give campuses lower marks.

Education Commissioner Mike Morath has lamented the legal battle and defended the state's methodology for grading schools.

Texas' A-F accountability system evaluates every public school and district across the state, giving families a feel for how their local campuses are performing. The ratings are a major factor in how the community perceives local schools.

Texas Education Agency officials said

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TEXAS | ABORTION RIGHTS

Two denied procedures file protests

Women say hospitals put lives in danger by withholding help for their ectopic pregnancies

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Two Texans are asking the federal government to intervene after they were allegedly denied abortions for ectopic pregnancies, leading to each woman losing a fallopian tube, according to complaints filed with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services last week.

The women — Kelsie Norris-De La Cruz, who was seen at Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital in Arlington, and Kyleigh Thurman, who was seen at Ascension Seton Williamson Hospital in Round Rock — say the hospitals violated the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act, which requires Medicare-participating hospitals to stabilize or transfer patients in emergency medical situations, regardless of their ability to pay.

"Despite the fact that my life was clearly in danger, the hospital told me that they could not help me. I ended up losing half of my fertility, and if I was made to wait any longer, it's very likely I would have died," Norris-De La Cruz said in a state-

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EDUCATION

Off to a supportive start

Cheers, music welcome students on first day

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Ikia Harding sat on a bench outside John J. Pershing Elementary School, watching students walk in the front door with tears in her eyes Monday morning.

She had just dropped her 5-year-old daughter, Delilah, off for her first day of kindergarten at the same elementary school she attended.

"She's an only child, and now she gets to be off with her friends," Harding said. "She was very excited all week."

Delilah is among the 140,000 students Dallas ISD welcomed for the first day of school. At



A group of students walked to John J. Pershing Elementary School for their first day of classes Monday. Pershing is among DISD's 240 schools.

Pershing, students were greeted by Hillcrest High School's drumline, cheerleaders, drill team members and other athletes.

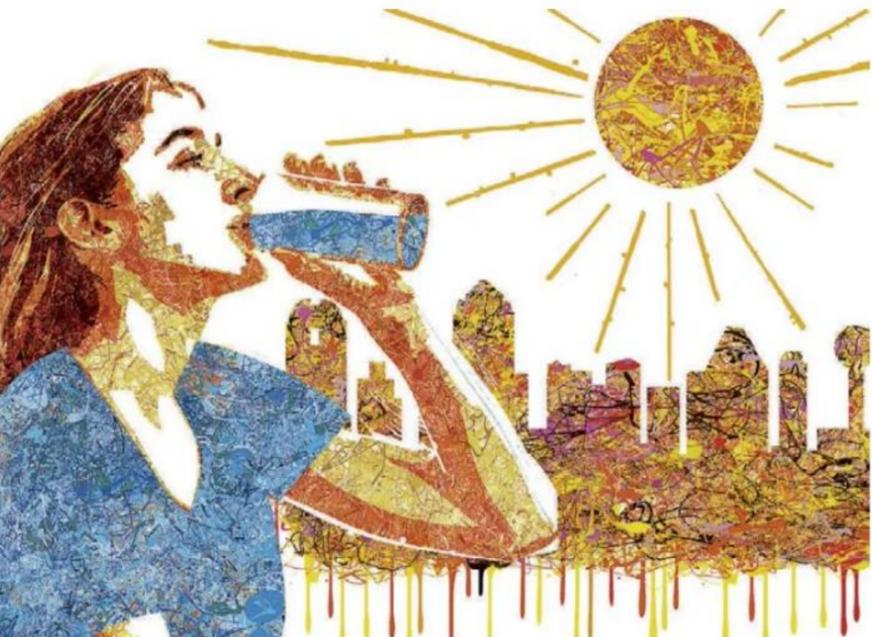
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SEVERE WEATHER

Experts: Hydration crucial to surviving heat



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As temperatures in Dallas-Fort Worth reach into the 100s, staying hydrated becomes even more important. Last year, heat-related illness caused more than 350 deaths in Texas, a state record.

Our bodies cool themselves by sweating. When dehydrated, we stop sweating to conserve water, leading to an increase in body temperature and potential damage to our brains and other organs, said Cindy Trowbridge, an assistant professor of kinesiology at the University of Texas at Arlington.

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Church tore down First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, where a gunman killed worshippers in 2017. **1B**

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MAR-A-LAGO CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS CASE

Trump plans to sue DOJ for \$115M

Legal team says search of estate was 'political persecution'

By **DAVE GOLDINER**
New York Daily News

Former President Donald Trump's legal team has filed notice of plans to sue the federal government for \$115 million over the 2022 search of his Mar-a-Lago estate, accusing the Department of Justice of unconstitutional "political persecution."

Even though the search turned up hundreds of classified documents and led to his indictment on federal charges, Trump says prosecutors improperly targeted him in hopes of damaging his campaign to

win back the White House.

"What President Trump is doing here is not just standing up for himself — he is standing up for all Americans who believe in the rule of law," Daniel Epstein, a lawyer for Trump, told Fox Business News.

Trump is demanding \$15 million in compensation for his legal costs, plus \$100 million in punitive damages.

Trump accuses Attorney General Merrick Garland and FBI Director Christopher Wray of failing to implement normal procedures for getting back the documents in order to carry out the search and humiliate the Republican ex-president.

"Garland and Wray decided to stray from established pro-

cedure to injure President Trump," Epstein wrote.

Epstein filed notice of the suit in a federal court in Florida, according to NBC and Fox News.

The filing sets the clock ticking on a 180-day period during which Trump and the government can seek to work out a settlement. If no deal is reached, a federal judge will hear the case in south Florida.

Trump admits taking the documents with him to his Florida estate after leaving the White House in January 2021, but says he had the legal right to do so.

He returned some of the documents when hit with a subpoena to give them back.

Suspecting Trump was hid-

ing more documents, the feds asked a judge to approve a search warrant for Mar-a-Lago, which was carried out Aug. 22, 2022.

Garland appointed Special Counsel Jack Smith to investigate the case after Trump announced he would run for president again in 2024.

Trump was indicted on a string of charges accusing him of improperly retaining the files and obstructing justice.

Judge Aileen Cannon recently dismissed the case on the grounds that Smith's appointment was unconstitutional. The prosecution is appealing that decision to a higher court, but it will likely wind up being decided by the Supreme Court.



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As a senator, Kamala Harris questioned attorney general nominee William Barr during a hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee in 2018.

ELECTIONS '24

Stint in Senate helped Harris to hone her skills

'She was a force from day one,' congressional colleague recalls

By **LIZ GOODWIN and LEIGH ANN CALDWELL**
The Washington Post

Kamala Harris, during her four years in the Senate as a Democrat representing California, deployed her courtroom-tested rhetorical skills to lambaste then-President Donald Trump and his administration officials, to the annoyance of some of her GOP colleagues in the upper chamber.

Now that Trump is running for president again, Harris is backing away from some of the more liberal positions she staked out as a senator at a time when the Democratic base was reshaping itself in opposition to Trump.

But the message and communications skills she honed in the Senate, as well as the relationships Harris forged with her fellow Democratic senators who have speedily rallied around her candidacy, are helping to power the vice president's current bid to defeat Trump.

Strong start

Harris ignored one of many unspoken rules of the formal and genteel Senate: That freshman senators should keep their heads down, speak little and tread carefully.

Harris was better known nationally and more polished than your average new senator, and walked the Senate halls flanked by high-profile aides fresh off Clinton's 2016 run who now staffed Harris's Senate office.

"She was a force from day one," said Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., who served on the committee with Harris.

Still, some of Harris' Republican colleagues said they saw her as a "short timer" who was just there to run for president — an attack that was also lobbed at former President Barack Obama

when he served in the chamber.

Grilling officials

Harris made her name not through bills but with telegenic interrogations of Trump officials.

She stumped Attorney General William Barr in a 2019 Judiciary Committee hearing when she asked him whether the president or others at the White House had ever asked or suggested he open an investigation into anyone.

"I'm trying to grapple with the word 'suggest,'" Barr replied.

"Perhaps they suggested? Hinted? Inferred? You don't know? Okay," Harris said, her voice dripping with disdain. She also grilled him for not reviewing the underlying evidence of the Mueller report before deciding against bringing an obstruction of justice charge against Trump.

Her many roles

Harris' reputation as a tough questioner left an impression on Trump, who recently agreed to debate her on Sept. 10.

When Biden picked her to be his running mate in 2020, Trump said she had been "extraordinarily nasty" and "horrible" to Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh. "And I won't forget that soon," Trump added.

Harris was known as a warm but also demanding boss who could get frustrated if she felt her staff did not prepare her well, according to three former Senate aides. Aides were held to an extremely high standard, former staffers said, and Harris would not mince words if she felt they had not done a good job.

As vice president, Harris does not play the same role Biden did in the Obama White House, of being a constant conduit for senators to express their concerns and requests to the administration.

Was violent crime up under Trump?

Walz's assertion it rose only partly true; rate increased just in 2020

By **LOUIS JACOBSON**
PolitiFact

In a viral moment from his introduction as the Democratic vice presidential candidate, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz took a political and personal jab at former President Donald Trump over crime.

"And make no mistake," Walz said at the Aug. 6 Philadelphia rally with Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris. "Violent crime was up under Donald Trump. That's not even counting the crimes he committed."

The last part of Walz's statement referred to Trump's May conviction on 34 counts of falsifying business records in a scheme to cover up a hush money payment to adult film actor Stormy Daniels before the 2016 presidential election.

But what about Walz's assertion that "violent crime was up under Donald Trump," which Walz repeated in an Aug. 7 speech in Eau Claire, Wis.? The newly minted vice presidential candidate has a point, but it needs some asterisks.

Violent crime rates during Trump's presidency

Four types of crime constitute the FBI's definition of violent crime: homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault. The U.S. violent crime rate rose through the 1970s and 1980s, peaking in 1991 and falling since, minus periodic spikes.

During the first three years of Trump's presidency, the violent crime rate per 100,000 population — the metric the Harris-Walz campaign pointed us to when we asked for comment — fell each year. It went from 377.7 per 100,000



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The murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police caused social unrest in the city and across the nation.

POLITIFACT

in 2017 to 373.4 in 2018 to 363.9 in 2019.

But in 2020, the violent crime rate spiked to 385.2 per 100,000 people — higher than any previous year under Trump.

The 2020 spike was especially sharp for murders. In 2020, the number of U.S. murders reported to the FBI increased by 5,795, from 16,619 in 2019 to 22,414 in 2020.

In any previous year back to 1961, the number of murders had never increased by more than 2,000 in a year, meaning that 2020's increase was nearly triple the previous record. Even accounting for the 2020 spike, the violent crime rate in Trump's final year was still lower than it was during the final year of his predecessor, President Barack Obama. In 2016, the violent crime rate was 389.9 per 100,000, or slightly higher than the 2020 rate.

Another important bit of context: The peak level of violent crime in 2020 represented a far lower rate than existed a few decades ago. In 2020, there were 385.2 violent

crimes per 100,000 population. By contrast, the rate never dipped below 500 between 1979 and 2001, and it peaked at 758.2 in 1991.

Why violent crime increased in 2020

As we've reported, resting blame for the 2020 murder increase solely on Trump ignores how unusual life was in the United States in 2020.

Starting in March 2020, the nation was hit swiftly and severely by the coronavirus pandemic. It upended the economy, changed collective travel habits, drove many people inside and temporarily left many Americans without jobs and income. Another unusual factor that year was the murder of Minneapolis resident George Floyd by police. Floyd's killing triggered a national outcry and a reckoning on racial issues.

"I would point to changing attitudes towards policing and police legitimacy as well as police pullbacks in the wake of Floyd's death as potentially primary factors behind the increase," Jeff Asher, an analyst with the consulting company AH Datalytics who specializes in crime data, told PolitiFact in June.

"There's evidence that in-

creased carrying of firearms in the months after the pandemic might have acted as an accelerant further inflaming the increase," Asher said.

Council on Criminal Justice CEO Adam Gelb has called the 2020 environment "a master class in criminology," given its sudden onset, its duration and its dramatic impact on people and institutions.

Most likely, all of these factors combined and fed off one another. It's "not possible to disentangle each factor from the pandemic," Asher said.

During 2021, President Joe Biden's first year in office, the murder rate remained high; murders climbed by 122 that year compared with 2020. Since then, they have fallen, and while data releases currently lag by more than a year, estimates indicate that the murder rate is on track to return to its prepandemic level for 2023 or 2024.

Our ruling

Walz said, "Violent crime was up under Donald Trump."

After dropping the first three years of Trump's presidency, the rise in the violent crime rate in 2020, his final year in office, was big enough to erase those collective decreases.

However, the violent crime rate in Trump's final year was still slightly lower than it was during the final year of his predecessor, Obama.

Experts said it's wrong to pin the blame for the crime increase solely on Trump. The spike was caused by a confluence of the coronavirus pandemic and the societal upheaval after Floyd was murdered by police.

We rate the statement Half True.



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ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR

Released Palestinians detail worsening abuses in prison

‘Minimum’ conditions to deter terror activities, security says

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The Associated Press

went through,” said his cousin, Aya Abayat. Like many of the detained, he was put under administrative detention, a procedure that allows Israel to detain people indefinitely without charge.

Sexual abuse alleged

Alarm among rights groups over abuses of Palestinian prisoners has mainly focused on military facilities, particularly Sde Teiman, a desert base where Israeli military police have arrested 10 soldiers on suspicion of sodomizing a Palestinian detainee. The detention facility at the base has held most of the Palestinians seized in raids in the Gaza Strip since the war began.

The soldiers, five of whom have since been released, deny the sodomy allegation. Their defense lawyer has said they used force to defend themselves against a detainee who attacked them during a search, but did not sexually abuse him.

The Israeli army says 36 Palestinian prisoners have died in military-run detention centers since October. It said some of them had “previous illnesses or injuries caused to them as a result of the ongoing hostilities,” without elaborating further.

According to autopsy reports for five of the detainees, two bore signs of physical trauma such as broken ribs, while the death of a third “could have been avoided if there had been greater care for his medical needs.” The reports were provided to the AP by Physicians



Maya Alleruzzo/The Associated Press

Palestinian Muazzaz Abayat shows a photo of how he looked before serving nine months in an Israeli prison. He emerged frail, saying he had been regularly beaten.

for Human Rights-Israel, an Israeli rights organization whose doctors observed the autopsies.

Inmate transfers

Facing calls to shut down the Sde Teiman facility, the military has been transferring hundreds of Palestinians from the base to the prisons run by Ben Gvir’s ministry.

But according to Abayat and the others who spoke to the AP, conditions in those facilities are traumatic as well.

The National Security Ministry said in a statement to the AP that it was not aware of the claims of abuse from the five

released men. It said it follows “all basic rights required” for prisoners, and that detainees can file complaints that will be “fully examined.”

But it said it has intentionally “reduced conditions” for detainees “to the minimum required by law” since Oct. 7. The purpose, it said, “is to deter ... terror activities.”

Since the war began, the Palestinian prison population has nearly doubled to almost 10,000, including detainees from Gaza and several thousand people seized from the West Bank and east Jerusalem, according to HaMoked, an Israeli rights group that gathers data from prison authorities.

IN THE KNOW

Region awaits expected Iranian response

Since Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh’s assassination, Israel, Washington and the wider Middle East have nervously waited for Iran’s promised retaliation.

PRIVATE VS PUBLIC: In public, Iranian officials are continuing to warn of a “tough” reprisal to “punish” Israel. But in private meetings with the leaders of its armed proxies, according to those familiar with the conversations, Iran has called for caution — seeking to balance any show of force with the desire to avoid an all-out war in the region.

BALANCING ACT: Striking that balance will be difficult. Iran’s first direct attack on Israel — when it unleashed more than 300 drones and missiles in April in retaliation for a deadly Israeli strike on an Iranian diplomatic facility in Syria — erased red lines that had long contained the countries’ shadow war.

LASTING IMPACT: A regional war would further isolate Iran and deepen its economic crisis. Over the past 10 months, the value of the Iranian rial has repeatedly hit record lows.

The Washington Post

UPDATE U.S. beefs up presence

U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin has ordered a guided missile submarine to the Middle East and is telling the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier strike group to sail quickly to the area, as the U.S. on Monday said it believes Iran or its proxies may strike against Israel as soon as this week.

LOOKING FOR PEACE: The moves come as the U.S. and other allies push for Israel and Hamas to achieve a cease-fire agreement that could help

calm tensions in the region following the killings of Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran and a senior Hezbollah commander in Beirut.

NATIONS UNITED: A joint message from the leaders of the United States, Britain, France, Germany and Italy “called on Iran to stand down its ongoing threats of a military attack against Israel and discussed the serious consequences for regional security should such an attack take place.”

The Associated Press



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The aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln’s strike group has been deployed toward the Middle East as the region awaits an Iranian retaliation against Israel.



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Women say hospitals risked lives, fertility

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ment. "The doctors knew I needed an abortion, but these bans are making it nearly impossible to get basic emergency health care."

A spokesperson for Ascension said in a statement that, while the hospital cannot comment on the specifics of the case, "Ascension is committed to providing high-quality care to all who seek our services."

Texas Health Arlington did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Texas abortion law explicitly allows abortion in cases of ectopic pregnancy, which occur outside of the uterus and are never viable. In its filings on behalf of Norris-De La Cruz and Thurman, the Center for Reproductive Rights argues fear of penalties for violating the abortion ban — loss of medical licenses, \$100,000 fines and even jail time — have interfered with doctors' willingness to provide necessary abortion care.

Legal history so far

EMTALA and its intersection with abortion laws has been the subject of two major federal cases, including one in Texas where the state has argued the federal government is using the legislation to force doctors to provide abortions. A federal district court blocked HHS from enforcing EMTALA when it contradicts Texas abortion law, an order that the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld in January.

The Supreme Court took up the other case, between the Biden administration and Idaho, in its latest term, deciding to reinstate a district court's order to block Idaho's ban when it goes against EMTALA. The court punted the case back to lower courts, however, and made no decisions on the lawsuit's central questions.

Norris-De La Cruz and Thurman are the latest Texans to raise alarm about abortion access. Twenty-two women, including two doctors, sued the state last year over abortions they alleged were delayed or denied because of vague wording in the laws' medical exemption clauses. Separately, Kate Cox, a mother from Dallas, was denied permission by the Texas Supreme Court to terminate her preg-



Eric Gay/The Associated Press

After twice being denied a drug that would terminate her ectopic pregnancy, her complaint states, Kyleigh Thurman, shown at her Burnet County studio, was given the medication. But it was too late. Days later, she required emergency surgery and lost a fallopian tube after being told she was bleeding out, the filing says.

nancy with a fatal fetal anomaly. Each case was filed by the Center for Reproductive Rights.

"What we're hoping this complaint will do is send a message to hospitals that, while we understand the fear and the uncertainty around the abortion bans, it can't justify turning patients away when they have an emergency medical condition," Center for Reproductive Rights senior counsel Marc Hearron said. "Federal law requires it."

Arlington case

Kelsie Norris-De La Cruz, 25, knew that she was miscarrying for the third time. She went to the doctor, who told her the pregnancy would likely pass on its own and warned her of symptoms of ectopic pregnancy she needed to look out for.

On Feb. 12, nearly a month after learning her pregnancy would end in miscarriage, she visited her college's health center for severe pain on her right side and vaginal bleeding. They

instructed her to go to the emergency room immediately.

Norris-De La Cruz met her mother at Texas Health Arlington, where doctors ordered blood tests and an ultrasound that showed a mass outside of the uterus so large she could see it on the screen. It was likely an ectopic pregnancy, and the hospital emergency room physician counseled her on treatment options. She elected surgery to remove the pregnancy and waited for the on-call OB/GYN.

Over several hours, two OB/GYNs examined Norris-De La Cruz and instructed her to go home and come back in two days for additional bloodwork, despite the possibility that her pregnancy could rupture during that time, according to the legal filings. The emergency room doctor noted in the woman's file that, "I do not feel comfortable discharging her home and do not think that it is in her best interest."

Norris-De La Cruz's mother called around to abortion clinics in other cities and even out of state searching for

someone who would provide the abortion, but had no luck. Norris-De La Cruz was able to connect with a local OB/GYN who happened to be seeing her friend that day, and on Feb. 13 the doctor performed surgery to remove the ectopic pregnancy.

She lost most of her right fallopian tube and about 75% of her right ovary, which will probably affect her future fertility.

"I'm filing this complaint because women like me deserve justice and accountability from those that hurt us," Norris-De La Cruz said in a statement. "Texas state officials can't keep ignoring us. We can't let them."

The filing alleges Texas Health Arlington violated the law when it discharged Norris-De La Cruz without providing her stabilizing care. Because terminating an ectopic pregnancy is legal under Texas law, the decision does not fall into the gray space of conflicting language in Texas' abortion bans and EMTALA, the complaint argues.

Hospitals and physicians found to

have violated EMTALA can be assessed civil penalties and be blocked from participating in Medicare programs.

Round Rock case

After several days of visits to the local emergency room for a pregnancy that was likely ectopic, Kyleigh Thurman, who lives in Burnet County near Austin, drove an hour to Ascension Seton Williamson Hospital on Feb. 21. The bigger facility stocked methotrexate, a medication that can be injected to terminate ectopic pregnancies.

Thurman's ultrasound showed no pregnancy in her uterus but did show a two-centimeter "rounded structure" on her right fallopian tube. The hospital denied her the medication and sent her home with instructions to return in two days, according to the filings.

On Feb. 24, Thurman again drove to Ascension Seton Williamson and again was denied the treatment. Thurman's hometown OB/GYN met her at the hospital and begged the staff to give her the methotrexate, which they eventually did.

The injection was too late, according to the complaint, and several days later she was again brought to Ascension Seton Williamson where she was told she was bleeding out. She had emergency surgery, and her right fallopian tube was removed.

"This should have been an open and shut case," Thurman said in a statement. "Yet, I was left completely in the dark without any information or options for the care that I deserved."

Similar to Norris-De La Cruz's petition, Thurman's filing alleges Ascension Seton Williamson violated EMTALA by discharging her without providing her stabilizing care, knowing that failing to treat the ectopic pregnancy could be a serious risk to her health.

Neither woman has filed a lawsuit against the providers.

"Pregnancy is not straightforward, and I now have to live with the consequences of these extreme laws every day," Thurman said. "None of this should have happened to me, and I want to make sure this doesn't happen to anyone else."

Some ERs turn away pregnant women in distress

Report: Patients having ectopic pregnancies sent home despite law

By AMANDA SEITZ
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bleeding and in pain, Kyleigh Thurman didn't know her doomed pregnancy could kill her.

Emergency room doctors at Ascension Seton Williamson in Texas handed her a pamphlet on miscarriage and told her to "let nature take its course" before discharging her without treatment for her ectopic pregnancy.

When the 25-year-old returned three days later, still bleeding, doctors finally agreed to give her an injection intended to end the pregnancy. But it was too late. The fertilized egg growing on Thurman's fallopian tube would rupture it, destroying part of her reproductive system.

That's according to a complaint Thurman and the Center for Reproductive Rights filed last week asking the government to investigate whether the hospital violated a federal law when staff failed to treat her initially in February 2023.

Even as the Biden administration publicly warned hospitals to treat pregnant patients in emergencies, facilities continue to violate the federal law. The issue became a focus for the administration following reports of women being improperly treated in emergency rooms after the Supreme Court's decision to overturn the constitutional right to an abortion more than two years ago.

More than 100 pregnant women in medical distress who sought help from emergency rooms were turned away or negligently treated since 2022, an Associated Press analysis of



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Kelsie Norris-De La Cruz lost a fallopian tube and most of an ovary after Texas Health Arlington Memorial sent her home without treating her ectopic pregnancy, according to a complaint filed with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service.

federal hospital investigations has found.

Two women — one in Florida and one in Texas — were left to miscarry in public restrooms. In Arkansas, a woman went into septic shock and her fetus died after an emergency room sent her home. At least four other women with ectopic pregnancies had trouble getting any treatment, including one California woman who needed a blood transfusion after she sat for nine hours in an emergency waiting room.

The White House says hospitals must offer abortions when needed to save a woman's health, despite state bans. Texas is challenging that guidance and, earlier this summer, the Supreme Court declined to resolve the issue.

In Texas, where doctors face up to 99 years of prison if convicted of performing an illegal abortion, medical and legal experts say the law is complicat-

ing decision-making around emergency pregnancy care.

Although the state law says termination of ectopic pregnancies is not considered abortion, the draconian penalties scare Texas doctors from treating those patients, the Center for Reproductive Rights argues.

"As fearful as hospitals and doctors are of running afoul of these state abortion bans, they also need to be concerned about running afoul of federal law," said Marc Hearron, a center attorney. Hospitals face a federal investigation, hefty penalties and threats to their Medicare funding if they break the federal law.

The organization filed two complaints last week with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service alleging that different Texas emergency rooms failed to treat two patients, including Thurman, with ectopic pregnancies.

Another complaint says Kelsie Norris-De La Cruz, 25, lost a fallopian tube and most of an ovary after Texas Health Arlington Memorial hospital sent her home without treating her ectopic pregnancy, even after a doctor said discharge was "not in her best interest."

'Dangerous'

Conclusively diagnosing an ectopic pregnancy can be difficult. Doctors cannot always find the pregnancy's location on an ultrasound, three separate doctors consulted for this article explained. Hormone levels, bleeding, a positive pregnancy test and ultrasound of an empty uterus all indicate an ectopic pregnancy.

"You can't be 100% — that's the tricky part," said Kate Arnold, an OB-GYN in Washington. "They're literally time bombs. It's a pregnancy growing in this thing that can only

grow so much."

Texas Right to Life Director John Seago said the state law clearly protects doctors from prosecution if they terminate ectopic pregnancies, even if a doctor "makes a mistake" in diagnosing it.

"Sending a woman back home is completely unnecessary, completely dangerous," Seago said.

But the state law has "absolutely" made doctors afraid of treating pregnant patients, said Hannah Gordon, an emergency medicine physician who worked in a Dallas hospital until last year.

"It's going to force doctors to start creating questionable scenarios for patients, even if it's very dangerous," said Gordon. She left Texas hoping to become pregnant and worried about the care she'd get there.

In Florida

In Florida, a 15-week pregnant woman leaked amniotic fluid for an hour in Broward Health Coral Springs' emergency wait room, according to federal documents. An ultrasound revealed the patient had no amniotic fluid surrounding the fetus, a dangerous situation that can cause serious infection.

The woman miscarried in a public bathroom that day, after the emergency room doctor listed her condition as "improved" and discharged her, without consulting the hospital's OB-GYN.

Emergency crews rushed her to another hospital, where she was placed on a ventilator and discharged after six days.

Abortions after 15 weeks were banned in Florida at the time. Broward Health Coral Springs' obstetrics medical director told an investigator that inducing labor for anyone who

presents with pre-viable premature rupture of membranes is "the standard of care, has been a while, regardless of heartbeat, due to the risk to the mother."

The hospital declined to comment or share its policies with the AP.

Emergency rooms

Serious violations that jeopardized a mother or her fetus' health occurred in states with and without abortion bans, the AP's review found.

In interviews with investigators, two short-staffed hospitals — in Idaho and Washington — admitted to routinely directing pregnant patients to drive to other hospitals.

A pregnant patient at a Bakersfield, Calif., emergency room was quickly triaged, but staff failed to realize the urgency of her condition, a uterine rupture. The delay, an investigator concluded, may have contributed to the baby's death.

Doctors at emergency rooms in California, Nebraska, Arkansas and South Carolina failed to check for fetal heartbeats or discharged patients who were in active labor, leaving them to deliver at home or in ambulances, according to the documents.

Nursing and doctor shortages that have plagued hospitals since the onset of COVID-19, trouble staffing ultrasounds around-the-clock, and new abortion laws are making the emergency room a dangerous place for pregnant women, warned Dara Kass, an emergency medicine doctor and former U.S. Health and Human Services official.

"It is increasingly less safe to be pregnant and seeking emergency care in an emergency department," she said.

Judge blocks school grades

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they are reviewing the filing.

"It is disappointing that a small group of school boards and superintendents opposed to fair accountability and transparency have once again filed a lawsuit aimed at preventing A-F ratings from being issued and keeping families in the dark about how their schools are doing," agency officials said in a statement.

Last year's lawsuit took aim at the state's revised formula for grading campuses and alleged that Morath didn't give districts enough notice about what measures, methods and procedures would be applied to their new scores.

The second lawsuit goes further: It takes issue with the validity of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or STAAR, test. The A-F grades are largely based on these standardized test scores.

It argues that the commissioner can't assign A-F ratings because the test isn't "valid and reliable."

"It is our goal to invalidate the STAAR test that all students took across the state of Texas, and all resulting metrics built on that score as well," said attorney Nick Maddox, who is working with the school districts.

The state quietly rolled out the use of computer scoring for student's STAAR essay questions in December, along with other changes.

"During the 2023-24 school year, the Commissioner radically changed the way the new STAAR test is being administered by replacing human graders with AI grading," the lawsuit states. "This change was made without ensuring that this radical change would not impact the new STAAR test's validity and reliability."

Many districts noticed a large number of high schoolers scored zeroes on their written responses.

Scores generated this way "threaten to unfairly — and unlawfully — lower the A-F ratings of many school districts and campuses," the lawsuit states.

Agency officials have stood by the automated grading system, saying it is not the same as the generative AI that powers programs such as ChatGPT. They described it as a tool with narrow abilities that improves efficiency and is as accurate as human scorers.

If state officials released A-F scores as planned, districts could face harmful consequences, according to the lawsuit. Failing grades can trigger intervention from the state — such as the takeover of Houston ISD.

Morath championed the accountability system Monday morning during a hearing in front of the Legislature's House Public Education Committee. He called the STAAR test reliable, adding that the release of A-F scores benefits kids and families by letting them know how well the schools are doing at educating students.

"It does work," he said.

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School buses are one of the safest vehicles on the road with a less than 1% fatality rate, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. But children are at greater risk when approaching or leaving a bus.

Expert: Prepare kids, drivers for school

As another school year begins in North Texas this week, school buses have again begun appearing on area roadways.

Last year, more than 2,500 crashes in Texas involved school buses, with 11 people killed and 63 seriously injured, according to the Texas Department of Transportation. The most common causes of bus-involved crashes were speeding, distracted driving and failure to yield the right-of-way. More than 740 crashes also took place in school zones, according to TxDOT.

Here's how to keep yourself and others safe when in a school zone or on the road:

Amber Gaudet

Plan ahead

Traffic patterns might have changed around schools since last year, so be on the lookout for any updates from your child's school on where to go. Be sure to drop off and pick up in designated areas only.

"A lot of times the schools will change those designated areas and so rather than, let's say, a parent stopping in the street because they're confused or don't know, we just advise that they connect with someone at the school to try to find out if, in fact, there is a new traffic pattern or some new drop off or pickup instructions," said Alice Shaw, spokesman for the Texas Department of Transportation's Dallas division.

If children cross to reach the school entrance, make sure they only do so at designated crossings. Darting between cars is a hazard in school lots.

Slow down and stay alert

This isn't unique to school zones, but avoid distractions like cell-phones when driving. Using a phone or other handheld device in a school zone is against the law.

Motorists should also remember that children can be distracted, too, and might not notice a vehicle if they're looking at their phone or have headphones on.

"Some of these are really young kids who are walking to school for the first time," Shaw said. "Drivers need to be patient."

Motorists in a hurry can lead to collisions, so TxDOT advises leaving earlier than usual to account for school traffic. Obey posted speed limits in school zones and heed warning signs.

Always yield for pedestrians and cyclists in crosswalks. The Lisa Torry Smith Act of 2021 enhanced the penalties for seriously injuring someone lawfully in a crosswalk. Whether accidental or not, the offense is now a state jail felony.

If you're sharing the road with a school bus, follow at a safe distance.

Stop for buses

School buses are one of the safest vehicles on the road with a less than 1% fatality rate, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. But children are at greater risk when approaching or leaving a bus.

Stopping is mandatory no matter which way you're headed in relation to the bus.

Yellow flashing lights mean a bus is preparing to stop, and drivers should slow down. Red flashing lights and an extended stop arm mean children are getting on or off and motorists must stop.

"Do not pass a school bus if you see flashing red lights or an extended stop sign on a school bus, regardless of which direction you're headed, unless the bus is on the opposite roadway of a divided highway," TxDOT advises.

Passing a bus that is on the opposite roadway of a divided highway is OK, TxDOT says.

Failing to stop for a bus can lead to a fine of up to \$1,250 for a first offense.

Be on the lookout for children around buses since they might not always look for vehicles when deboarding or crossing the street.

Prepare child pedestrians

It might seem obvious, but make sure that if you have children walking or biking to school, they know how to do so safely.

Like all pedestrians, children on their way to school should use sidewalks and cross the street only at marked crosswalks or intersections. Stay alert and make eye contact with drivers rather than assuming they see you.

It's important to follow all posted signs and the instructions of crossing guards, and to avoid distractions like cellphones when walking or biking.

"It's incumbent upon both the students themselves and the drivers to pay attention," Shaw said.

DISD kicks off another school year

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Analine Llamas said she was excited for her daughters — a second grader and a preschooler at Pershing — to experience the routine of school again after a summer of painting, swimming and spending time outdoors.

"It's the beginning of the structure, beginning of becoming responsible and becoming a member of society and really knowing what that is," Llamas said.

Pershing is among DISD's 240 schools in the district. All campuses opened Monday without issue, Dallas schools spokesman Sebastian Saucedo said.

Superintendent Stephanie Elizalde, who visited Pershing classrooms Monday, noted that extra security was present at Wilmer-Hutchins High School that morning. District officials took the precaution after a "nonfunctional device" was found at the campus Saturday.

"There was never any actual harm that could have occurred; however, it was very scary," she said. "We'll be investigating how someone created a device to



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Dallas ISD Superintendent Stephanie Elizalde talked with Victoria Orta, 6, at John J. Pershing Elementary School on Monday. All DISD campuses opened Monday.

scare people because we take that very seriously."

During a news conference, Elizalde said Dallas ISD filled more than 99% of its teaching positions. The district had 70 vacant teaching positions as of Monday.

She added that administrators are working to fill

vacant full-time armed officer positions at elementary schools.

The district added between 30 to 40 armed officers. The supervising and patrol officers rotate through the schools that don't have one yet. The vacancies are expected to be filled within two years, Elizalde said.

NEWS DIGEST

Los Angeles rattled by 4.4 magnitude quake

A 4.4 magnitude earthquake was strongly felt Monday afternoon from the Los Angeles area all the way to San Diego, swaying buildings, rattling dishes and setting off car alarms, but no major damage or injuries were immediately reported.

The quake was felt from greater Los Angeles south to San Diego and east to the Palm Springs desert region.

The Associated Press

Greece hit with fires that hit 80 feet high

A major wildfire raged out of control in the northern suburbs of Athens on Monday, triggering evacuations of several areas as swirling winds hampered the efforts of hundreds of firefighters and dozens of water-dropping planes.

The massive, fast-moving blaze sent flames to heights of over 80 feet as Greece sought help from other countries.

Authorities said 15 people were injured, mostly due to smoke inhalation.

The Associated Press



Aggelos Barai/AP

Santos' defense team calls for juror bias test

As George Santos' fraud trial fast approaches, the former Republican congressman wants prospective jurors to fill out a questionnaire to determine what they think of him.

In court filings last week, Santos' defense team pointed to the more than 1,500 articles they found in several newspapers and to a flurry of media references.

Prosecutors pushed back hard against the request, arguing that 850 prospective jurors have already been told to report to the federal courthouse in Long Island for the start of Santos' trial on Sept. 9.

New York Daily News

N.Y. officials put death penalty back on table

Members of New York's congressional delegation call on the Biden administration to put the death penalty back on the table for alleged 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed after revoking a plea deal that would have spared his life.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin recently revoked the plea deal for Mohammed and two accomplices. But New York GOP lawmakers are demanding that the Biden-Harris Administration "immediately" set a new trial date and pursue the death penalty.

The Baltimore Sun

WAR IN UKRAINE

Kyiv's forces spread in Kursk region



A woman evacuated from fighting between Russian and Ukrainian forces in Kursk region chose clothes at a temporary residence center in Kursk, Russia, on Monday.

The Associated Press

Commander says 390 square miles under Ukrainian control

By SAMYA KULLAB
The Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukraine's top military commander says his forces now control 386 square miles of Russia's neighboring Kursk region, the first time a Ukrainian military official has publicly commented on the gains of the lightning incursion that has embarrassed the Kremlin.

Gen. Oleksandr Syrskyi made the statement in a video posted Monday to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's Telegram channel. In the video, he briefed the president

on the front-line situation.

"The troops are fulfilling their tasks. Fighting continues actually along the entire front line. The situation is under our control," Syrskyi said.

Russian forces are still scrambling to respond to the surprise Ukrainian attack after almost a week of fierce fighting.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said the incursion, which has caused more than 100,000 civilians to flee, is an attempt by Kyiv to stop Moscow's offensive in eastern Ukraine's Donbas region and gain leverage in possible future peace talks.

Zelenskyy this weekend confirmed for the first time that the Ukrainian military is operating inside the Kursk region. On Telegram, he praised his country's soldiers and commanders "for their steadfastness and decisive actions." He did not elaborate.

Putin speaks

Speaking Monday at a meeting with top security and defense officials, Putin said the attack that began Aug. 6 appeared to reflect Kyiv's attempt to achieve a better negotiating position in possible future talks to end the war. He insisted Moscow's army would prevail.

Putin said Ukraine may have hoped that the attack would cause public unrest in Russia, but that it has failed to achieve that goal, and he claimed that the number of volunteers to join the Russian military has increased because of the assault. He said Russian forces will carry on with their offensive in eastern Ukraine regardless.

"It's obvious that the enemy will keep trying to destabilize the situation in the border zone to try to destabilize the domestic political situation in our country," Putin said. Russia's main task is "to squeeze out, drive the enemy out of our territories and, together with the border service, to ensure reliable cover of the state border."

Acting Kursk Gov. Alexei Smirnov reported to Putin that Ukrainian forces had pushed 7.5 miles into the Kursk region across a 25-mile front and currently control 28 Russian settlements.

Smirnov said 12 civilians have been killed and 121 others, including 10 children, have been wounded in the operation. About 121,000 people have been evacuated or left the areas affected by fighting on their own, he said.

War 'coming home'

Tracking down all the Ukrainian units that are roaming the region and creating diversions is difficult, Smirnov said, noting that some are using fake Russian IDs.

The governor of the Belgorod region adjacent to Kursk also announced the evacuation of people from a district near the Ukrainian border.

Ukrainian forces swiftly rolled into the town of Sudzha about 6 miles over the border after launching the attack. They reportedly still hold the western part of the town, which is the site of an important natural gas station.

The Ukrainian operation is under tight secrecy, and its goals remain unclear. The stunning maneuver that caught the Kremlin's forces off guard counters Russia's unrelenting effort in recent months to punch through Ukrainian defenses at selected points along the front line in eastern Ukraine.

Zelenskyy said the territory now controlled by Ukrainian forces was used to strike Ukraine's Sumy region many times, adding that it is "absolutely fair to destroy Russian terrorists where they are."

"Russia brought war to others. Now it is coming home," he said in a video posted on his Telegram channel.

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UNITED KINGDOM

After far-right riots, Brits of color weigh their safety

Misinformation about stabbing attack fueled waves of violence

By JENNIFER HASSAN
The Washington Post

LONDON — For many Muslims and people of color in Britain, riots led by far-right protesters in recent weeks, some demanding "we want our country back," roused feelings of insecurity in a country that is home.

"They were emboldened once, so who is not to say there won't be flash points again?" said Dhruvi Shah, a British-born citizen of Indian and Kenyan heritage, referring to those

who committed anti-immigrant violence.

After weeks of disorder, there was a partial reprieve Wednesday, as more than 100 anti-immigrant protests expected around the nation were met with huge counterprotests — a show of anti-racism that stifled the far right. Peaceful protesters carried signs that read "refugees welcome" and "racists not welcome here."

This all began after a stabbing attack that led to the deaths of three young children in Southport, England, last month. Before the attacker was formally identified, misinformation about his identity and migration status swirled on-

line.

The British government is offering mosques new emergency security that can be deployed rapidly in a crisis, a move welcomed by the Muslim Council of Britain.

"Communities are feeling really, really vulnerable," Zara Mohammed, secretary general of the Muslim Council of Britain, said in an interview with Times Radio last week.

"Now is the time to please check in on your Black, Brown and minority friends, family, neighbors and colleagues," London Mayor Sadiq Khan wrote on X. "In many parts of the country, they don't feel safe."



Alberto Pezzali/The Associated Press

People held signs as they marched during an anti-racism protest in London on Saturday. Days of violence have fueled new insecurities among British Muslims and more.



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People walked and ran along the Bluebonnet Trail on Aug. 21, 2023, in Plano. Depending on temperature and physical activity, a person can lose anywhere from 200 milligrams to 2,000 milligrams of sodium — or about a teaspoon's worth of salt — in a liter of sweat. Drinking beverages that contain electrolytes can help replenish sodium, an essential mineral.

Deaths in state due to heat continue to rise

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To stay hydrated, here's how much you should drink, what kinds of drinks you should avoid and what foods you should eat.

How much water should I drink?

How much water you need to drink depends on a variety of factors, including age, health, time spent outdoors and physical activity. A good baseline amount for a healthy adult is about eight 8-ounce servings, or about eight cups or glasses, Trowbridge said.

"It's what you should always start off with," she said. "You could probably even take those eight ounces and spread it to eight to 12 ounces throughout the day."

Children 7 and younger should drink their age in 8-ounce cups of water, said Deborah Gillespie, an assistant professor of personalized health and well-being at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth. For example, a four-year-old would drink four 8-ounce glasses of water daily. Children 8 and older should follow the same guidelines as adults.

"The young, because they have a higher metabolic rate, do have a higher risk of getting dehydrated quicker," Gillespie said.

Older adults are also at a higher risk of dehydration. As we age, we lose the ability to properly regulate our body temperature. And some medications that older adults take for high blood pressure or heart disease can affect how well they retain water.

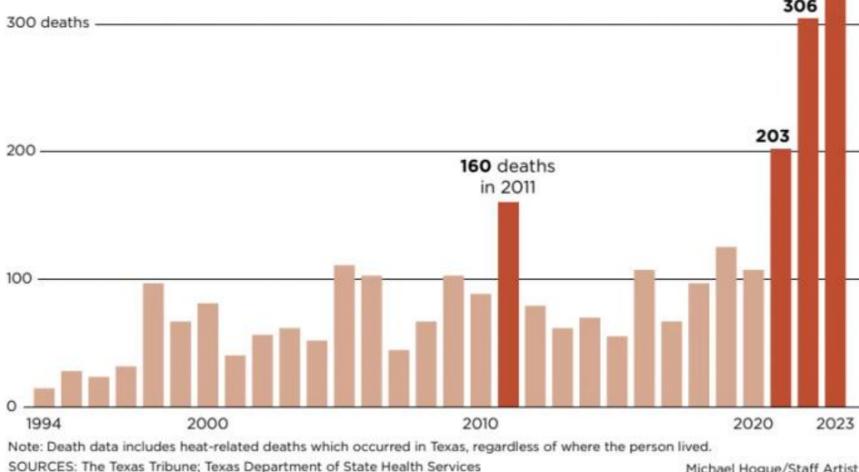
For adults 51 and older, the National Academy of Medicine recommends drinking about 13 cups a day for men and nine cups a day for women.

To keep track of your hydration, Gillespie recommends the following:

- Use an insulated mug, pitcher or bottle with volume markers that help you see how much you've had.
- Incorporate hydration into your routine. For example, start drinking a full glass of water after brushing your teeth in the morning or drink two glasses with meals.
- Use a calendar, handwritten log or a water tracking smartphone app such as Wa-

Heat-related deaths in Texas, by year

In 2023, 357 people died from heat-related causes in Texas, according to state data. That's more than double the number recorded in 2011, which was the record high until 2021.



Texas has set a new heat death record for three consecutive years.

terMinder.

- Set phone alarms or reminders for when you need to drink.

Gillespie also recommends drinking water before, during and after outdoor physical activity, even if you're only just sitting.

Water is important, but so are electrolytes

Water is usually the first choice for hydration. But there are other options that can help our bodies better retain fluids, said Brett Singer, a sports dietician at Memorial Hermann Rockets Sports Medicine Institute in Houston.

These include beverages that contain electrolytes like sodium or nutrients like proteins, carbohydrates and fats.

Replenishing sodium is important because we tend to lose large amounts of this essential mineral when we sweat.

Depending on temperature and physical activity, we can lose anywhere from 200 milligrams to 2,000 milligrams of sodium — or about a teaspoon's worth of salt — in a liter of sweat, Trowbridge said.

"Ultimately, you need to replace that salt," said Trowbridge, who recommends drinking beverages with sodium or eating a salty snack like peanuts to replenish what you've lost.

Watch out for caffeine and alcohol

Caffeine often gets a bad rap because it's a diuretic, a substance that removes water

Why This Story Matters

As summer temperatures climb to the triple-digits, there's a heightened risk of heat-related illness and death. It's important for North Texans to know how to stay hydrated to keep themselves safe.

from our bodies. But Gillespie said caffeine may not necessarily be dehydrating: It's how much caffeine you drink that matters.

"The recommended cap per dietary guidelines is around 400 milligrams of caffeine a day. So it's a little bit more than a cup and a half of coffee," she said. "For a healthy adult with healthy kidneys, caffeine probably doesn't have as much of a diuretic effect."

Gillespie and Trowbridge recommend avoiding beverages with more than 400 milligrams of caffeine, especially energy drinks, which can contain 40 to 250 milligrams of caffeine per eight fluid ounces, according to the United States Food and Drug Administration.

Alcohol has a stronger diuretic effect than caffeine. It prevents the brain from making antidiuretic hormone, which regulates the body's water levels, and thus causes more frequent trips to the bathroom and, by extension, possible dehydration.

"Drinking lots of alcohol can potentially set you up to be more dehydrated for the rest of the day, tomorrow, etc.," Singer said. "The higher the alcohol concentration, the bigger the diuretic effect you're going to see."

What's more concerning, Gillespie said, is that the signs of heat exhaustion or illness — such as dizziness and lack of awareness — can be very similar to those of alcohol intoxication.

If you are going to drink, Trowbridge and Gillespie recommend choosing beverages with low alcohol content and switching between alcoholic drinks and water or other hydrating drinks.

"It's OK to have a beer after a marathon or after mowing the lawn, but then have a couple glasses of water," Trowbridge said. "When I say beer, I'm talking about 3.2% to probably about 4 or 5% alcohol. It's when you get into those spirits that have 15% to 40% alcohol content where it clicks off our [brain] and changes our ability to make decisions."

Eat lots of fruits and veggies, but moderate sugar and protein consumption

Eating fruits and vegetables can help you stay hydrated, and some of these are more hydrating than others. Here are some examples:

- Melons like cantaloupes, watermelons and honeydew
- Berries, grapes, oranges and mandarins

HEALTHY ADULT

About **eight** 8-ounce servings per day



Adults 51 and older

MEN
About **13** 8-ounce servings per day



WOMEN
About **nine** 8-ounce servings per day



Michael Hogue/Staff Artist

- Cucumbers, tomatoes, celery, lettuce, zucchini, cauliflower and broccoli

For some of these vegetables, Gillespie said, eating them raw would be more hydrating.

The next best way to have them would be steamed or lightly stir fried, so as to not lose too much water during cooking.

If you like dairy, Trowbridge recommends eating yogurt, which is a good source of vitamins, calcium and other minerals.

Avoid regularly consuming too much sugar, which can raise your blood sugar and lead

to dehydration, Trowbridge said. According to the American Heart Association, men should consume no more than nine teaspoons of added sugar a day and women no more than six.

Low-carb diets can be dehydrating, Gillespie said, because they can force your body to break down its sugar reserves (called glycogen) for energy, losing water in the process.

To stay hydrated, she recommends eating high-fiber, unrefined carbohydrates such as those found in fruits, vegetables, lentils and whole grains.

While eating protein isn't dehydrating, consuming too much of it increases your body's need for fluids to flush out the waste products associated with digesting proteins.

"Be aware if you are a person getting like one gram of protein per pound of body weight, or if you're reliant on those protein shakes that can be upwards of 70 or 90 grams of protein," Gillespie said. "Make sure you have plenty of fluid with that."

Other ways to monitor your hydration

Thirst can be an indicator of hydration, but for some people it isn't always reliable, especially for older adults, according to Trowbridge and Singer. This is because our body's thirst signals weaken as we age.

Other signs to watch for are urine color and weight changes.

If you're well-hydrated, your urine should be clear or the hue of light lemonade. Dark yellow means you're dehydrated.

If your body weight dips below your usual baseline, that could be an indicator of dehydration.

"We usually say plus or minus 1% of your body weight is a normal fluctuation of hydration status," Singer said.

For instance, a 200-pound person's weight may fluctuate between 198 and 202 pounds. Whatever your normal fluctuation is, Singer said, it's important to stay within that range.

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OPINION

Uncertified teachers are scapegoats

Withholding school funds in Texas also disrupts learning, and state leaders should rectify that

By DREW LANDRY

A recent study conducted by Texas Tech University found a correlation between students who are taught by unlicensed teachers and a learning gap. According to the study, “students with new, uncertified teachers lose about four months of learning in reading and three months in math.” This means that uncertified teachers with zero classroom experience are more likely to considerably set students back in learning than teachers who have degrees and are certified.

Because of the continual teacher shortage — and yes, there is one — schools are forced to look in unconventional areas for instructors, and thanks to the Every Student Succeeds Act that Congress passed and President Barack Obama signed into law in 2015, hiring “highly qualified” teachers is no longer required for states to receive federal education dollars.

But requirements to teach still exist, albeit less rigorous than a typical path. According to Tim Regal from the Texas Education Agency, one needs “completion of two years of higher education, generally defined as 48 semester credit hours; an associate’s (or higher) degree; or knowledge and ability to assist in instruction of reading or reading readiness, writing or writing readiness, and math or math readiness, as demonstrated through a formal state or local assessment ...” To put it another way, if someone can pass a formal assess-



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Holding public education funding and teacher pay raises hostage for a school voucher program was the wrong move, writes Drew Landry.

When a majority of professionals feel disrespected by state leadership and share an opinion that they are unsupported by leadership, something must give.

ment, that person can lead a classroom.

In an investigative piece published last year, *The Dallas Morning News* identified who those uncertified teachers could possibly be. They may be “switching careers from the corporate world or the military. Others may have worked as teachers in other states and didn’t want to apply for a Texas certification when they moved here. Others could be recent gradu-

ates drawn to the classroom amid heavily publicized news about teacher shortages. Their level of training could be wide-ranging.” This is all fine and good as those wanting to be in the classroom have their hearts in the right place, but if the data is any indication of the quality of uncertified teachers, something must change.

Moreover, the schools in rural areas are four times more likely to hire uncertified teachers than those

from the urban and suburban areas. According to the Texas Tech study, they made up 80% of new hires in 40 counties across Texas.

These are staggering findings from the Texas Tech research concerning this issue. The blame for these outcomes goes directly to Gov. Greg Abbott and the Texas Legislature. During the 88th Regular Session and the four special sessions that followed, this issue could have been addressed through properly funding education, but it was not.

As a matter of fact, the only way more public education money would have come about was if lawmakers instituted a school voucher program. Both issues were tied together in a bill filed by state Rep. Brad Buckley, R-

Killeen, but the bill died in the fourth special session.

Holding public education funding and teacher pay raises hostage for a school voucher program was the wrong move. Because teachers were treated as a bartering chip in this silly game of poker, it left them feeling sore and despondent. So much so that 65% of participants in a recent Texas State Teachers Association survey almost quit at the end of last year and more than half of respondents felt Texas leaders did not have a positive opinion of them.

When a majority of professionals feel disrespected by state leadership and share an opinion that they are unsupported by leadership, something must give. With the academic year starting, there are numerous schools that budgeted a deficit for the year and persistently look elsewhere for teachers.

Let us not think this was an unintended consequence, because when cotton farms do not get rain, the cotton yield will be low. Without proper funding, schools would be forced to do more with less. That means hiring less than qualified and/or uncertified teachers. From such, students lose a tremendous amount of learning in critical moments of their lives.

As schools scramble to do the best they can for their students, come January 2025, Gov. Abbott will be determined for the Legislature to pass a school voucher program, and he will cite recent findings such as the one from Texas Tech University as a reason for parents not to “feel trapped” in a “failing school,” and he will be hailed in conservative circles for such advocacy. When in reality, he could be a sound leader and address this issue now instead of perpetuating a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Drew Landry is an assistant professor of government at South Plains College in the Lubbock area.

Responsible AI is transforming health care

Right now in Dallas, it’s preventing errors, expanding access and lowering costs

By STEVE MIFF

Artificial intelligence is making a tangible difference in health care today. It’s not about science fiction or flashy gimmicks. It’s not about deep-fakes or plagiarized term papers. AI is being responsibly used to prevent medical errors, enhance clinical decision-making, expand access to care, and lower costs.

While there’s certainly overenthusiasm and some misleading claims about AI, we can’t ignore the many instances where it’s making health care more efficient, effective and patient-centered.

The roots of AI go back centuries, with the first predictive algorithm credited to the German mathematician Carl Friedrich Gauss in 1795. However, it’s only in the past decade that AI and machine learning have truly taken off, thanks to exponential advances in computing power and data availability. The true potential — and risk — of AI and ML algorithms have accelerated with unique applications and approaches being developed.

Today, these technologies are being used to predict health risks, recommend treatment options and even generate new medical insights.

At the Parkland Center for Clinical Innovation, we’ve

been researching and testing AI in health care for over a decade, with a focus on serving the most vulnerable populations. Our approach is rigorous and scientific, ensuring that the technology assists clinicians; decisions are understandable, and patients are at the heart of everything we do. We believe that AI can truly transform health care, but only if it’s developed and used responsibly.

PCCI has created a health care-focused, secure, trade-

Whether everyone knows it, understands it or even likes it, AI is here to stay.

marked and private digital platform called Isthmus, where health care data can be safely stored and analyzed using cloud technology and industry-standard tools. The platform is deployed within the hospital’s existing electronic environment to protect sensitive personal health data from being exposed to the outside world. This protected environment provides confidentiality and security for sensitive patient information while enabling advanced analysis and modeling capabilities.

This health care focus relies on a set of principles:

- Clearly articulate the problem: Ensure the AI is solving a real problem and not just engaging in “cool

math.”

- Assemble a multidisciplinary team: From the start, include a passionate lead clinician, operational experts, technology specialists and ethics/legal/compliance reviewers.

- Prioritize data quality and relevance: Curate, validate and analyze diverse data that accurately reflect the patient population.

We understand that accuracy is paramount in health care, which is why we take a careful and methodical approach to developing, deploying and monitoring health care applications. Our processes prioritize patient safety and reliable results.

It’s crucial to emphasize that the AI and ML tools developed by PCCI are designed to augment, not replace, the expertise and judgment of health care professionals. Our mission is to empower health care teams with the information and insights they need to make informed decisions and deliver the best possible care to their patients.

AI is being used to prevent harm, enhance clinical decision-making, expand access and reduce costs. It should be developed and deployed with clinician oversight and patient focus.

Whether everyone knows it, understands it or even likes it, AI is here to stay. It is exploding in health care and increasingly making a huge difference in our lives.

Steve Miff is president and chief executive of the Parkland Center for Clinical Innovation.

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EDITORIALS

Dallas County Jail Too Close to Limit

Inadequate computer data obscures whether judges are moving cases or are part of the problem

Dallas County's jail population surged to 96% of its capacity over the weekend. The inmate total tipped 6,800 on Sunday, coming dangerously close to the jail's 7,119 limit.

Officials are understandably focused this week on "moving people through the system as quickly as possible," Dallas County Administrator Darryl Martin told us.

But even as they struggle to manage the swelling jail population, it's still not at all clear how well an important cog in the system — the criminal courthouse — is functioning.

How fast are the courts moving cases? Are they keeping up with the spike in book-ins the jail always sees this time of year? How many inmates' cases are going before judges for pleas? How many are going to juries for trials?

Nobody knows because for 15 months the county hasn't been able to provide good data on how its dozens of misdemeanor and felony trial courts are functioning. That's because in May 2023 the county botched its rollout of a new criminal case management system. Accurate data hasn't been available since.

Criminal defense attorneys have said many defendants have been held behind bars far longer than necessary because the software problems have caused these people to be essentially lost in the system.

While many factors affect the jail popu-

lation, including how quickly the state of Texas picks up inmates waiting for transfer to prison, court inefficiency can be a significant reason for jail backup. We have no way of knowing if judges are moving cases at an appropriate pace or if they are contributing to the overpopulation in the jail.

In May, we sounded the alarm about a looming summer crisis at the jail. At the time, the population was approaching 6,400, or about 500 inmates more than the same time the year before. Dallas County Commissioner Andrew Sommerman, chair of the county's Continuous Improvement Steering Committee, told us then that if the fixes weren't made by July, "I will be losing my mind."

Reminded of that comment, Sommerman told us recently that the software fixes will probably be complete this month or in September. By then, the county should be able to comply with a new state law requiring it to send detailed reports on the performance of each of the county's criminal courts to the state Office of Court Administration. Alejandra Pena, director of data and research for the OCA, told us she expects that will happen.

We hope it does. We must know whether our judges are doing all they can to help control the troubling spike in the county's jail population. And until the tech problems are completely solved, we won't have any idea.

Paris Olympics Deserve Texas-size Celebration

Camaraderie and graciousness remind us how to treat one another

This year's Paris Olympics were a fantastic showing of athletic prowess, comeback stories, camaraderie and friendship, and Texas athletes helped more than we could have hoped to make that possible.

Nineteen Texas athletes won 28 of the United States' 126 medals, according to *The Washington Post*. Current and former University of Texas student-athletes won 16 medals, including six gold, according to UT. The number of medals won by athletes with Texas ties is higher still, according to *The Dallas Morning News SportsDay* team.

That's worth celebrating. And this year's games came with a few comeback stories that have made us positively giddy.

Sha'Carri Richardson, the 24-year-old Dallas track star and finalist for our 2023 Texan of the Year award, proved she still has her stride. After she was suspended from the Tokyo Olympics for testing positive for THC, Richardson this year helped lead the U.S. to a gold medal in the women's 4x100m relay final, *Dallas Morning News* columnist Kevin Sherrington reported from Paris.

Brittney Griner made a great comeback as well. Two years ago, Griner was imprisoned in a Russian penal colony, unsure of whether she would ever get home, let alone play basketball again.

But a 2022 prisoner swap brought her back stateside after spending 10 long months in prison, and this year, Griner did better than just compete in the Olympics again. She helped bring home a gold

medal for the U.S. women's basketball team in a nail-biter of a game against France, marking the team's eighth consecutive gold medal in the event.

And who could forget about the woman who is perhaps the greatest gymnast of our time? She calls herself "Simone Biles from Spring, Texas, that loves to flip," Sherrington reported. After withdrawing from the Tokyo Olympics for mental health reasons, she brought home three gold medals and a silver this year.

If winning a silver medal in the Olympics can be called a defeat, Biles showed extraordinary graciousness in it. After the floor exercise event, she called Brazil's Rebeca Andrade, who won the gold, "queen," Sherrington reported.

There have been a couple of sour notes, like the dispute over a bronze medal involving Jordan Chiles and Romanian Ana Barbosu in the floor exercise. But even still, the Olympic games, and the athletes who made them so wonderful to watch, reminded us why these events mean more than medals. They are about people who come together despite differences of culture, language and politics.

They set the example of graciousness in victory and in defeat.

In an age when many of us don't watch the same things or talk about the same things, these Olympics brought us together. If there's one thing we know, it's that a little unity can go a long way, especially with divisions all around us.



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LETTERS

Rebuttal to doctor's rebuttal

Re: "No thanks, New Mexico," by G. Ray Callas, MD, Friday Letters.

This is regarding the recent open ad from New Mexico to Texas physicians and the subsequent editorial letter by Texas Medical Association's president. He claimed this was a "clever ad campaign to lure," but thought it "misses a few key points." I find his rebuttal in need of rebuttal.

1. He ignored the New Mexico governor appealing primarily to medical personnel for women's health vs. all practices, as made clear by referring to "draconian abortion ban" and "took your oath with patients — not politicians."

2. His "Texas' medical liability laws help ensure good physicians ... can practice without constant fear of a frivolous lawsuit" is false. Now they must always fear a possible first-degree felony prosecution and civil penalties of \$100,000 when dealing with female reproductive health in a medically approved manner.

3. His "our state recognizes patients deserve physician-led care" is false when state law now completely overrides any and all decision-making processes between a physician and a woman regarding her health and reproductive future.

Lisa Woodcock, Highland Village

Let's do our part in elections

Re: "Courage or cowardice?" by Alan W. Steelman, Sunday Opinion.

Stelman's op-ed was spot on. Many members of both parties are such hypocrites. They support candidates that they once openly criticized, but only to reverse course when needed for their own political power and financial gains. The courage of the few who will stand up for what's right gives us hope, but we need more.

I applaud *The Dallas Morning News* for its series on The American Middle. Term limits and voting. Let's all do our part.

Bob Friend, Coppell

Amen on national anthem

Re: "Sing anthem so that all can join in — Small gesture could rekindle pride in being an American," by Kay Bailey Hutchison, Friday Opinion.

Hurray for Hutchison's op-ed piece on singing *The Star-Spangled Banner*, and singing it as it was written! There are still some of us around who were in elementary school during World War II, and not only did we sing it with enthusiasm and a deep sense of patriotism, but we also knew all the words to the songs for the Army, the Marines, the Navy and the then-Army Air Corps.

We stood in school and church and meeting halls and theaters and sang and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

That national anthem and our flag tie each of us to all the conflicts in which fathers and uncles and older brothers (and now women family members) fought to preserve our precious freedoms, often at great sacrifice.

Let us sing it with respect and deep gratitude and humility for the privilege of being Americans.

Peggy Johnson, Dallas

Sing and feel pride

Thank you, Kay Bailey Hutchison, for your Opinion piece on the singing of our national anthem. And thank you, Scottie Scheffler, for showing the world how important it is to sing it and feel pride. So refreshing to read and see

positive affirmations.

Anne Binns, Far North Dallas

Old jail system worked

Re: "Is jail IT fixed?" by Paula W. Keeth, Friday Letters.

Paula, I'll answer the question why no one you contacted has answered. No, the new computer system for the courts, Odyssey, has not been fixed. As a result, people in jail have and still do sometimes remain in jail past their sentences.

It is a horrible system. No one likes it. Documents get lost, people get lost. Oh, and Dallas was sold an outdated version of the software. I want Forvus back. It worked.

Ann Thornton, East Dallas

More Moores and de Vincks

Re: "Don't overlook morning's promise," by Christopher de Vinck, Saturday Opinion, and "Trump's race to lose when?" by Ted M. Moore, Saturday Letters.

This world would be a better place if we had more Christopher de Vincks and Ted M. Moores. I've had the pleasure of meeting Ted, and he's as fine a gentleman as he is a letter writer to *The Dallas Morning News*.

J.D. Young, Dallas

Facts don't support disaster

Re: "1 in 4 behind on bills, risk cutoff — City: Lost service, fines await those who don't act by mid-September," Thursday news story, and "Americans are struggling," by Matt Wenthold, Sunday Letters.

I took great interest in this story reporting that thousands of Dallas water customers were at risk of shut-offs because of past due bills. I am one of those whose bill was past due. This was solely a result of failures in the rollout of the new bill pay system.

In Sunday's letters, one of your readers cited that story as evidence that the Biden economy has been a disaster for working Americans. With restaurants, online shopping and sports venues realizing record amounts of revenue, I find it unlikely that 25% of Dallas residents are deliberately setting themselves up for imminent full water shutdown. If the Biden economy were to blame, wouldn't it make sense that in other water districts, they would see similar data on past due water bills?

The facts are that U.S. employment has grown more under Biden/Harris than in any other presidential administration in recent history. By comparison, under the previous administration U.S. jobs actually declined. From 2020 through 2023, U.S. gross domestic product (a long-time measure of national economic health) grew by over 8%, the envy of the world.

Inflation is up since 2020, but workers' wage growth in many areas has surpassed inflation. The U.S. stock market hit an all-time high a couple weeks ago. A disaster? The facts tell me something else entirely.

Jim Chassen, Dallas

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DISASTER RESPONSE

FEMA swamped by storms, fires, warming world

Activists also urge agency to respond more to extreme heat

By MIKE MAGNER
CQ-Roll Call

WASHINGTON — The nation's disaster agency is being stretched to the limit by a spate of storms and wildfires, and the busiest time of year for the Federal Emergency Management Agency is just beginning.

FEMA issued 100 disaster and emergency declarations — for 58 severe storms and flooding events and 42 fires — through the first week of August, according to the agency's database. That is nearly as many as all of last year (114) and well past the 90 declarations of disasters and fire emergencies the agency issued in 2022.

It is still short of the all-time high of 315 declarations issued by FEMA in 2020, but with the expected active hurricane season ahead and the threat of wildfires continuing in the West, that record isn't out of reach.

The flurry of emergency responses comes as FEMA shifts into what is known as "immediate needs funding" mode, in which new obligations not necessary for lifesaving and life-sustaining activities will be paused, the agency announced on Aug. 7.

It also comes as lawmakers, environmentalists and labor groups are urging FEMA to do more to respond to the extreme heat that has become the summertime norm in

much of North America and many parts of the world, as average global temperatures reached all-time record highs in July.

A coalition led by the Service Employees International Union plans to launch the first-ever "Heat Week" on Monday, with a series of events nationwide to urge government and industry to better protect workers from extreme heat, such as by declaring that access to water is "a basic human right."

"Workers like me have been risking our lives every day in brutal conditions, and we're quite literally sick and tired," said Cecilia Ortiz, a passenger service agent at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, ahead of a planned virtual news conference at noon Monday. "I'm seeing my friends and coworkers collapse from heat exhaustion or dehydration, all while executives sit in air-conditioned offices and fail to protect us."

Environmental groups also have been pressing FEMA this summer to consider adding extreme heat events to the list of disasters that can be declared eligible for federal aid.

"This definition change would unlock crucial funding for state, local and tribal governments to invest in community solar and storage, cooling centers, worker protections and other ways to combat extreme heat and wildfire smoke," said Jean Su, director of the Energy Justice Program at the Center for Biological Diversity.



Barry Williams/New York Daily News

Pro-Palestinian protesters camped at Columbia University in April. The university restricted access to campus as of Monday due to concerns about such protests resuming as the school year revs up.

CAMPUS PROTESTS

Columbia restricts access

University is citing 'potential disruptions' as school resumes

By CAYLA BAMBERGER
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Columbia University is restricting access to campus as of Monday due to concerns about pro-Palestinian protests as the school year revs up.

The Morningside Heights campus, which had been open to everyone for most of the day over the summer, started requiring student or faculty identification for entry — nearly four months after police cleared a building occupation and encampment demanding Columbia divest from Israel.

"This change is intended to keep our community safe given reports of potential disruptions at Columbia and on college campuses across the country as we approach the beginning of the new school year," Columbia Chief Operating Officer Cas Holloway said in a memo.

IN THE KNOW Under pressure

The challenging economics of higher education in the U.S. are squeezing the finances of colleges and universities.

THE NUMBERS: Fifteen institutions have disclosed new technical or payment defaults this year, according to data from Municipal Market Analytics. That's just shy of last

year's total of 17, the largest amount since 2009.

THE IMPACT: The strains show the gap between the haves and have-nots, as stronger universities with large endowments thrive while more regional institutions contend with rising costs.

New York Daily News

year's total of 17, the largest amount since 2009. The strains show the gap between the haves and have-nots, as stronger universities with large endowments thrive while more regional institutions contend with rising costs.

Columbia started rolling out a color-coded campus lockdown system in early July, restricting access to only students living on campus when the status turns "red." The last time the campus was regulated in that way was when university president Minouche Shafik summoned the NYPD, resulting in the arrests of more than 100 protesters. The majority of charges have since

been dropped.

At the end of last week, the campus was open to all during the day while buildings were restricted, or "green," but shifted to "orange" after 10 p.m., meaning students needed to show identification overnight.

As of Monday, the "orange" code is in effect at all times of day. Students and faculty can enter campus with IDs at five points around the perimeter of campus; all other entry points are closed. Only pre-authorized guests may receive exemptions.

"This status will remain in effect until further notice," Holloway continued. "We will continuously assess the situation and adjust as necessary."

The color-coded system faced pushback last week in the student newspaper, likening it to pandemic-era protocols that shuttered the campus.

Say Goodbye to maintenance

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.689746 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Garland.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.689746 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.614275 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.689746 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Garland from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the 2024 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that City of Garland may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Garland is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 20, 2024 AT 7:00 PM AT City Hall 200 N. Fifth St. Garland, TX 75040.

A SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 3, 2024 AT 7:00 PM AT City Hall 200 N. Fifth St. Garland, TX 75040.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, City of Garland is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City of Garland City Council of City of Garland at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

FOR the proposal:	Scott Lemay	Ed Moore
	Margaret Lucht	Dylan Hedrick
AGAINST the proposal:	Jeff Bass	B.J. Williams
	Kris Beard	Chris Ott
	Carissa Dutton	

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Garland last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Garland this year.

	2023	2024	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.689746	\$0.689746	increase of 0.000000, or 0.00%
Average homestead taxable value	\$261,707	\$289,885	increase of 28,178, or 10.77%
Tax on average homestead	\$1,805.11	\$1,999.47	increase of 194.36, or 10.77%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$158,192,212	\$179,249,106	increase of 21,056,894, or 13.31%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Garland at 972-205-2410 or CitySecretary@GarlandTX.gov, or visit garlandtx.gov for more information.

FORT WORTH

Officer working crash hit, killed

Woman headed wrong way on I-35W accused of driving intoxicated

By CHASE ROGERS
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A longtime Fort Worth police officer died Monday after a wrong-way driver who police say was intoxicated hit him as he worked to clear a crash from Interstate 35W.

Sgt. Billy Randolph was working the crash of a tractor-trailer and resulting fire on the interstate early Monday. He was standing on the exit ramp to Sycamore School Road when he was hit by a car traveling the wrong way up the ramp.

Officers took Randolph, 56, to John Peter Smith Hospital, where he was pronounced

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BERYL AFTERMATH

State probes power utility



Lekan Oyekanmi/The Associated Press

Utility crews worked to restore electricity in Houston in July, days after Hurricane Beryl made landfall in the area and left nearly 3 million people without power.

Investigation follows outrage at outages, deadly slow response

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Texas' attorney general launched an investigation Monday into Houston's electric utility over allegations of fraud and waste following Hurricane Beryl, adding to the mounting scrutiny after widespread power outages left millions without electricity for days.

The latest investigation of CenterPoint Energy comes

after state regulators and Republican Gov. Greg Abbott have also demanded answers about storm preparations and the response to Beryl, a Category 1 hurricane that knocked out power to nearly 3 million people around the nation's fourth-largest city.

The storm was blamed for at least three dozen deaths, including those of some residents who died in homes that were left without air conditioning in sweltering heat af-

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ELECTIONS '24

Voter roll challenges surging

D-FW county officials say conservative nonprofit may be behind rise

By HOJUN CHOI
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Multiple North Texas county election officials, including those in Collin and Rockwall counties, say they're dealing with thousands of challenges on voter rolls in recent months.

Collin County Elections Administrator Bruce Sherbet said his office has received nearly 10,000 challenges — the bulk of which have been submitted by a group of eight to 10 residents. He said most cases were connected to address changes.

Denton County got more than 17,000 challenges, according to a WFAA-TV (Channel 8) report. Elections Administrator Frank Phillips told the news outlet he thinks True the Vote, a Houston-based conservative nonprofit, is one of the groups leading the effort.

The organization has spread false information about the 2020 presidential elections, including unproven claims related to illegal ballot stuffing in the Atlanta area.

Someone who identified themselves as a True the Vote team member referred *The Dallas Morning News* to the group's media team, which did not respond to questions.

Sherbet said he thinks the same organization is behind the challenges in Collin County, where more than 735,000 people are registered to vote. Nearly 650,000 people are registered to vote in Denton County.

Election staff members are required to review each of those challenges, Sherbet said, which is causing strain ahead of what has already been a busy presidential election year.

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TEXAS



Eric Gay/The Associated Press

Workers continued demolition of the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, where a gunman killed more than two dozen worshippers in 2017, in Sutherland Springs on Monday. The church shooting is the deadliest in U.S. history.

By ERIC GAY and JAMIE STENGLE
The Associated Press

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS — Crews on Monday tore down a Texas church where a gunman killed more than two dozen worshippers in 2017, using heavy machinery to raze the small building even after some families sought to preserve the scene of the deadliest church shooting in U.S. history.

A judge cleared the way last month for the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs to tear down the sanctuary where the attack took place, which until now had been kept as a memorial.

Church members voted in 2021 to tear it down, but some families in the community of less than 1,000 people filed a lawsuit hoping for a new vote on the building's fate.

Authorities put the number of dead in the Nov. 5, 2017, shooting at 26 people, including a pregnant woman and her unborn baby. After the shooting, the interior of the sanctuary was painted white and chairs

Site of church shooting razed

Many hoped small sanctuary would remain as memorial to deadly attack

with the names of those who were killed were placed there.

A new church was completed for the congregation about a year and a half after the shooting.

John Riley, an 86-year-old member of the church, watched with sadness and disappointment as the long arm of a yellow excavator swung a heavy claw into the building over and over.

"The devil got his way," Riley said, "I would not be the man I am without that church."

He said he would pray for God to "punish the ones" who put the demolition in motion.

"That was God's house, not their house," Riley said.

For many in the community, the sanctuary was a place of solace.

Terrie Smith, president of the Sutherland Springs Community Association, visited often over the years, calling it a place where "you feel the comfort of everybody that was lost there." Among those killed in the shooting were a woman who was like

a daughter to Smith — Joann Ward — and Ward's two daughters, ages 7 and 5.

Smith watched Monday as the memorial sanctuary was torn down.

"I am sad, angry, hurt," she said.

In early July, a Texas judge granted a temporary restraining order sought by some families. But another judge later denied a request to extend that order, setting in motion the demolition.

In court filings, attorneys for the church called the structure a "constant and very painful reminder."

Attorneys for the church argued that it was within its rights to demolish the memorial while the attorney for the families who filed the lawsuit said they were just hoping to get a new vote.

In the lawsuit, the plaintiffs alleged that some church members were wrongfully removed from the church roster before the vote was taken. In a court filing, the church denied

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METRO

Stay cool out there

Temperatures will gradually be on the rise throughout the week, with highs approaching 100 degrees and heat indexes creeping into Heat Advisory criteria.

Also: Do you know the difference between heat exhaustion and heatstroke? **2B**



2022 File Photo/Tom Fox

While daily highs are forecast to be between 100 and 102 degrees this week, the heat index will be even higher, reaching around 102 to 106 degrees.

LIFE AND LOSS IN DALLAS

Fishing buddies' loss goes deep

This story is part of *The Dallas Morning News'* homicide project focused on sharing the stories of all people killed in Dallas in 2024.

By PAVAN ACHARYA
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No matter how hot, no matter how cold, there was never a time of year Zayyvon Jones didn't want to go fishing with his dad.

Multiple times a week, the

two of them would head to the nearest pond with their tackle and bait kit, fishing rods, minnows and, most importantly, worms, which Zayyvon, 17, had a particular fondness for.

He liked the quiet most, his grandmother Latonya Whitfield said, but he also enjoyed spending long hours, sometimes from "sun-up to sun-down," with his rock — his father, Johnathan Keith Jones.

Stepmother Yasmin Childs remembers Zayyvon would often walk around her Cedar Hill home wearing socks with sandals, just like his dad. Both shared a love for nature and fixing things — especially cars.

"They were almost the same person," Yasmin said.

One time at White Rock Lake when Zayyvon was

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Eric Gay/The Associated Press

Some families in Sutherland Spring filed a lawsuit to delay the demolition of the First Baptist Church, hoping it would remain as a memorial to those who were killed in a mass shooting there in 2017. A judge ruled against the suit and the work began Monday.

Lawsuit filed in hopes of delaying demolition

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the allegations in the lawsuit.

A woman who answered the phone at the church said Monday that she had no comment, then hung up.

The man who opened fire in the church, Devin Patrick Kelley, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound after he was chased by bystanders and crashed his car.

Investigators have said the shooting appeared to stem from a domestic dispute involving Kelley and his mother-

in-law, who sometimes attended services at the church but was not present on the day of the shooting.

Communities across the U.S. have grappled with what should happen to the sites of mass shootings.

Last month, demolition began on the three-story building where 17 people died in the 2018 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. After the 2012 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut, it was torn down

and replaced.

Tops Friendly Markets in Buffalo, N.Y., and the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C., where racist mass shootings happened, both reopened.

In Colorado, Columbine High School still stands, though its library, where most of the victims were killed, was replaced.

In Texas, officials closed Robb Elementary in Uvalde after the 2022 shooting there and plan to demolish the school.

WEATHER

Did you think it was hot? Guess what ...

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North Texas is expected to experience a typical late-summer wave of extreme heat this week, with triple-digit temperatures dominating.

This week will likely see the longest consecutive days of temperatures reaching 100 degrees or more.

While daily highs are expected to be between 100 and 102 degrees, the heat index will be even higher, reaching around 102 to 106 degrees.

Last year, heat-related illnesses led to over 350 fatalities in Texas, setting a new state record.

Children 7 and younger should drink their age in 8-ounce cups of water. Children 8 and older should follow the same guidelines as adults, 13 cups a day for men and nine cups a day for women.

National Weather Service officials recommend to safeguard pets from the heat, watch out for hot pavements and ensure they have plenty of shade and water. Limit outdoor time to early mornings or late evenings, opting for loose and light-colored clothing, and taking frequent

IN THE KNOW Spotting heat-related illnesses

Prolonged periods of exposure to extreme heat are dangerous and even deadly. Here's how to spot heat-related illnesses and dehydration.

HEAT EXHAUSTION: Symptoms include dry mouth, dizziness and excessive sweating. If heat exhaustion isn't treated, it can progress to heatstroke.

HEATSTROKE: More severe than heat exhaustion, heatstroke occurs when the body's temperature rises rapidly. The body's sweating mechanism fails and the body loses the ability to regulate its own temperature. Symptoms include red, hot skin but no sweating and a rapid pulse, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Heatstroke requires hospitalization.

DEHYDRATION: Know the signs of dehydration. Fatigue, irritability, rapid pulse, sunken eyes and high thirst are all clear signs of dehydration, according to the CDC. Most cases of dehydration are mild and can be relieved by drinking water at home. In extreme cases, the CDC recommends seeking intravenous fluids from a health care provider.

Staff report

breaks in the shade or air conditioning.

On Monday, the Farmers' Almanac released forecasts of a deep chill to affect the Northern Plains and Great Lakes for much of the winter season. Southern regions can expect some cold bursts from winter, even if temperatures remain mild overall. Cold snaps are anticipated in the last week of January into early February, with the Northern Plains likely experiencing the most severe cold.

The Southwest and South Central states are also looking at a drier winter with below-normal precipitation, the Almanac said.

The report also suggests watching for storms in January that could bring heavy precipitation and strong winds to the eastern half of the country. The Almanac encourages Texas and the Northwest to prepare for a potential snowstorm that could bring up to 6 inches to Texas.

Crash on interstate kills 'one of Fort Worth's finest'

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BILLY RANDOLPH was killed at age 56.

dead. "We have a lot of hard days in policing," Fort Worth Police Chief Neil Noakes said during a news conference Monday afternoon. "None are as hard as this."

Police identified the driver as De Aujalae Evans, 25, of Fort Worth. She faces a charge of intoxication manslaughter causing the death of a peace officer, Noakes said.

Evans had not been booked into the Tarrant County jail at the time of the news conference, online records show. It wasn't clear if she had an attorney. Bail will be set at \$750,000, Noakes said.

In an earlier news conference outside the hospital, Noakes said it was clear police were addressing a prior crash on the interstate and that Evans plowed through protective barricades set up by authorities.

Noakes said Evans continued driving for about a quarter-mile after hitting Randolph before exiting the car — a Nissan Versa — and trying to flee police on foot. Officers at the scene arrested her.

The crash came hours into the po-



KXAS-TV (NBC5)

lice response. Val Lopez, a Texas Department of Transportation spokesperson, said the southbound lanes on I-35W at Sycamore School Road were closed from about 2:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. because of the crashes. The interchange ramps from I-20 to the southbound I-35W lanes also were closed.

The on-scene investigation by police determined Evans was possibly intoxicated, Noakes said. Police obtained a warrant to draw her blood for

a toxicology test, the result of which the chief said would be finalized later this week.

"There is no excuse for drinking and driving. It is too easy to make plans beforehand or just use a ride service," Noakes said. "Ms. Evans made a decision. Her decision was to get behind the wheel drunk. And because she did that, we lost one of Fort Worth's finest."

Randolph had been with the Fort

Worth Police Department for 29 years. Noakes described the former U.S. Air Force airman as an honorable leader devoted to serving the community and the officers under his direction. Though Randolph could have retired years ago, he remained on the force, opting to work night shifts despite having the tenure to request "any shift, any days off" he wanted, the chief said.

In a statement on X, Fort Worth

Mayor Mattie Parker said the driver's "senseless act has left a void in our hearts and serves as a stark reminder of the risks our officers face every day to keep our streets safe."

Randolph is survived by his wife and two children: a son and a daughter. Robert Mitchell, who addressed the media on their behalf, said Randolph served honorably and dedicated his life to his country and his community.

"Today, we lost a good man. We lost Billy, a faithful husband, father, grandfather, brother, son and a good friend of many of us," Mitchell said.

Funeral arrangements were pending, Mitchell said. A candlelight vigil for Randolph will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the police department's South Patrol Division, 3501 W. Risinger Road.

Randolph's death comes days after Todd Tipton, a deputy with the Tarrant County sheriff's office, was shot three times while serving a warrant, authorities said. The man police suspect of shooting Tipton, who survived, was killed in a gunfight with police.

Eighty-eight officers across the country have died in the line of duty this year, according to the Officer Down Memorial Page, a nonprofit that tracks officer deaths across the U.S. Eight, including Randolph, were hit by vehicles.

Family mourns loss of 17-year-old so soon after his father's death

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around 10, he cast his new fishing rod, only to follow it into the water.

After he fell in, Johnathan jumped in to save him, despite not being a great swimmer. His phone got soaked and his wallet washed away.

That didn't stop Zayvyon from getting back to the water.

"If anything that's what made him want to go back even more," aunt Schwana Jones said.

On June 3, Zayvyon was found shot on a sidewalk in the 2600 block of Macon Street in South Dallas. He died at a hospital.

There have been no arrests in the case, and police said the investigation is ongoing. They have declined to release any additional information.

His death comes just under a year

Why This Story Matters

The Dallas Morning News is telling the stories of people killed in homicides in 2024 to show the toll of violent crime in Dallas. Reporting throughout the year will probe what officials are doing to address a crime that claimed at least 246 lives last year.

hugged you, or jokingly lick his family members' faces to show his love. Schwana said when she would sit on the couch, he would sometimes come over to sit on her lap like "he's still 2."

"He had a beautiful spirit," Yasmin said. "His love was contagious." Zayvyon became "severely disconnected from the world" after Johnathan died, Yasmin said.

He stopped fishing and spent less time outside.

It reminded him too much of everything he'd lost.

Yasmin remembers the last time she saw Zayvyon, about a week before he died, in his room at his grandmother's house.

"He was the only piece that I had left of his dad," she said.

Zayvyon's grandmother, who was his legal guardian, said she and Schwana are "holding up as best as



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Schwana Jones holds the funeral programs of her brother Johnathan Jones and her nephew, Johnathan's son Zayvyon. Both were killed by gun violence less than a year apart. They were exceptionally close.

we can" considering within a year, she lost both Zayvyon and Johnathan, her son and best friend.

"Even though he has his granny, even though he has me, even though he has other brothers and people around him that love him, he was

never really able to bounce back from that," Schwana said of Johnathan's death.

"He didn't even feel like he deserved to be here anymore because of the loss of his daddy."

Business

Faith groups pressure companies

A group of faith-based investors is warning some of the largest U.S. retailers against selling the abortion pill mifepristone. **4B**

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FORT WORTH

Merit Street cuts 38 workers

TV network owned by Dr. Phil cites plans to consolidate positions

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Merit Street Media, the network owned by Phil McGraw, better known as Dr. Phil, is laying off 38 employees, according to a Merit Street Media spokesperson.

The Fort Worth-based network said it's cutting jobs by consolidating positions throughout its departments. Among those hit hardest is the network's news team, which works on programs like *Morning on Merit Street* and *The News on Merit Street*.

"The goal since day one has been to eliminate duplication and create a singular editorial and production group that services all Merit Street con-

tent. This is a step in that direction," a Merit Street Media spokesperson told *The Dallas Morning News* over email.

Since the employees laid off were recently hired, they do not qualify for severance. Approximately 100 employees remain at Merit Street Media.

"Following the brief summer hiatus of 'Dr. Phil Prime-time,' Merit Street implemented ongoing consolidations of departments and roles in ef-

forts to achieve efficiencies at the highest level, which unfortunately resulted in some layoffs," a Merit Street Media spokesperson said.

Employees said they were blindsided by the layoffs, according to what a staffer told media news website Mediaite.

"These layoffs came as a complete shock to everyone on the staff. We knew changes

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Juan Figueroa/Staff Photographer

Phil McGraw, aka Dr. Phil, walked by the sign from his old show after taping at Merit Street Media in January. About 100 employees remain at the Fort Worth company.

NORTH TEXAS



Photos by Shafkat Anwar/Staff Photographer

With wicket keeper **Shreyas Movva** (left) for Canada, U.S. player **Andries Gous** played in a men's T20 World Cup cricket match at Grand Prairie Stadium in June. An upcoming National Cricket League season at the University of Texas at Dallas will feature high-profile players of the game.

Cricket finds 'perfect match'

UTD, a hub for fans of rising game, to host U.S. league's debut in October

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It would seem Dallas can't get enough of cricket. Or, perhaps, cricket can't get enough of Dallas.

After already playing host to Major League Cricket and several World Cup games this year, North Texas is preparing to host even more cricket.

The National Cricket League will play its inaugural season Oct. 4-14 at UT Dallas' cricket field, which will be renovated for the occasion, the league announced Monday.

"Cricket's popularity in the U.S. is on the rise, and this tournament will bring world-class cricket to American shores," league chairman Arun Agarwal, a local bedding magnate and president of the Dallas Park and Recreation board, said in a news release. "Our collaboration with UT Dallas is a perfect match, combining our expertise in cricket with their facilities to create an unforgettable experience."

Based in Dallas, the the National

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Fan PJ Goedhals made his allegiances clear during the T20 World Cup match between the U.S. and Canada in Grand Prairie.

ECONOMY

Fears of missing bills up

Fed survey shows more people concerned over debt, finding new jobs

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U.S. consumers are increasingly concerned about falling behind on their bills, with delinquency expectations rising to the highest level since the onset of the pandemic.

The average likelihood that consumers would miss a minimum debt payment in the next three months rose to 13.3%, the highest level since April 2020, according to a Federal Reserve Bank of New York survey released Monday. That stress increased the most for people earning less than \$50,000 a year and for those with a high school degree or less.

Perceptions of credit access compared to a year ago also deteriorated, the survey showed, and expectations of household spending growth fell to the lowest level in more than three years.

Workers' views on the labor market were more mixed. While Americans are less fearful of losing their jobs and of higher unemployment over the next year, consumers said they expect it will be harder to find a job after becoming unemployed.

The findings line up with broader economic data that show the labor market is weakening and more consumers are falling behind on debt payments. Hiring slowed in July and the unemployment rate rose unexpectedly to 4.3%, the highest level in nearly three years.

Fed officials are putting more focus on employment now that inflation has cooled substantially and the labor market is softening. Policymakers have signaled they'll start to cut borrowing costs as soon as September if inflation continues to decline.

RETAIL

Lucchese to open boot store at NorthPark in 2025



NorthPark Center

Texas boot company Lucchese expects to open a store at NorthPark Center in early spring 2025. The nearly 5,500-square-foot location will be near Nordstrom Court.

Location will be seventh in Dallas-Fort Worth area for El Paso-based company

By **ARCELIA MARTIN**
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Texas-based boot company Lucchese is opening a store at NorthPark Center, according to planning documents filed with the state.

It will be the seventh store the brand has opened across Dallas-Fort Worth.

Lucchese will join Austin-based Western wear store Tecovas as another storefront option to try on a pair of leather cowboy boots.

Texas footwear brands are spending millions to open more stores as boots have surged in popularity

among younger and urban shoppers into mainstream fashion.

"A key staple in any Texan's wardrobe is cowboy boots and Lucchese's handmade crafts are the definition of quality craftsmanship," NorthPark owner Nancy Nasher said in a statement.

The existing retail space will be demolished and a new one, estimated to cost \$2 million, is set to start construction in September.

The space is nearly 5,500 square feet and is near Nordstrom Court. It's a similar size to the Tecovas store, which opened its NorthPark location last year.

Construction of the NorthPark location is estimated to wrap up mid-December, with a target opening date of early spring 2025, according to a NorthPark spokesperson.

Lucchese was founded in 1883 in San Antonio and moved its factory and headquarters to El Paso in 1987.

The store and showroom in the Dallas Design District also house the company's corporate staff. Lucchese's other local shops include The Star in Frisco, Exchange Avenue in Fort Worth, inside Fort Worth's Hotel Drover, Willow Park and in downtown Dallas' Thompson Hotel. It's an iconic Texas brand, with Big Tex at the State Fair of Texas wearing size 96 Lucchese boots.

"As we continue to expand Lucchese's retail footprint across aspirational destinations, having a flagship at NorthPark was essential," said Doug Kindy, president of Lucchese.

The brand recently opened stores in Bozeman, Mont.; Steamboat Springs, Colo.; and The Woodlands.

Market indicators table including S&P 500 (5,344.39), Dow Jones (39,357.01), NASDAQ (16,780.61), U.S. Bonds (3.91%), Dollar (103.14), Gold (\$2,462.40), Crude Oil (\$80.06), Nat. Gas (\$2.19), Cattle (\$1.83), Corn (\$3.83), and Cotton (68.29¢).

Dallas-Fort Worth top companies

Table of top performing companies in Dallas-Fort Worth, including AMN Hlth, AT&T Inc, AZZ Inc, AddusHmc, Aecom, AlkamiTc, AmAirlines, Arcosa, AshfordH, Ashford, ATMOS, Attrion, BGFS Inc, BerryCo, Biote A, BraemHot, Brinker, BldFtSrc, CBRE Grp, CSW Ind, CapSwst, Caterpillar, CecoEnv, Celanese, Cinemark, Comerica, CndclMtl, Cmpx, ComstKR, ContainStr, Copart s, Corvel, CrMedia, DR Horton, DZS, DallasNws, Darling, DaveBuster, Diodes, DisSolGr s, DorchMin, EagleMat, EgtYmfr, Enhabit, EnLinkLLC, Ennis Inc, Envela, ErWxCnA, ErelaTch, FamerBrs, FstFound, FstCshH, Flowserve, Fluor, Forestar, Fossil Grp, FmCmPr, GameStp, GilbLife, Goosehln, GranitRdg, GreenBrck, GuarBcs, HF Snd, HIPKEr, HilltopH, IndepBkTX, IntegerH, Invthm, Jacobs, KimbRoy, KimbClk, KosmosEn, KronosWw, Landsea, LanternP, LegayH, Lennox, Mannatech, MatadorSR, Match, McKesson, MrCoopr, NL Inds, Netsreit, NexDivRE, NexPoint, NvPRST, NexstarM, SanaraMld, SolbrndA, SixFlags, SoloBrdA, SonSenL, Southland, SstAirt, SpiritRi, SunocoLP, SWK Hld, TPG Inc, TPG Splnd, TXO Eng, TndyLeath, TenetHlth, TxCapBsh, Tealnst, TexPld s, ThryxHld, TrnsRty, Trinity, TriumphFn, TylerTech, USLime s, Upbound, Valhi, Veritex, VistraEn, WestwH, Wilhelmina, Wingsstop.

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Employees' tenures too short for severance

Main article text discussing employee tenures and severance. Includes sub-sections: 'A positive experience', 'Different outlooks', and 'Broader push'. Mentions Dr. Phil Primetime and Merit Street Media.

ABORTION PILL

Faith groups pressure companies to halt sales

McKesson, Walmart, Costco asked to stop providing mifepristone

By JEFF GREEN and SAIJEL KISHAN, Bloomberg News

A group of faith-based investors is warning some of the largest U.S. retailers, including Costco Wholesale and Walmart, against selling the abortion pill mifepristone.

Companies offering the drug risk their reputation and legal repercussions, according to an Aug. 2 letter sent to chief executive officers at the two retail giants, as well as Kroger, Albertsons and Irving-based medical distribution company McKesson.

The religious coalition behind the petition owns about \$172 million in shares of the five companies. The coalition was led by Boise, Idaho-based Inspire Investing, which manages \$3 billion in assets and includes the investment arm of the Southern Baptist churches and the American Family Association, a Christian fundamentalist group.

Walmart declined to comment while the four other companies didn't respond to the request.

Response to New York

The letter was in response to the New York City comptroller's decision to urge the retailers to begin selling mifepristone. The comptroller, which said it owned more than \$1.3



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About 6,000 Costco customers have signed a petition saying they will cancel their membership if the retailer starts selling the pills, a faith-based investors group said.

billion in shares of those five companies, warned them of lost revenue opportunities if they didn't. A spokeswoman for Comptroller Brad Lander declined to comment. Mifepristone is used in more than half of U.S. abortions. In June, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously overturned a federal appeals ruling that would have barred mail-order prescriptions for the drug.

CVS Health and Walgreens Boots Alliance, the two biggest U.S. pharmacy groups, have already agreed to distribute the pills.

Broader push

The pressure from faith-based groups against the abortion drug is part of a broader effort by conservative groups to push back against progressive investors in areas that include environmental activism, diver-

network's executive vice president and chief operating officer. Going forward, Dr. Phil Primetime and Morning on Merit will no longer have their own producers, according to the letter. "You may have noticed some changes across the network, including adjustments to department structures and the elimination of a small number of positions that were deemed redundant as our reorganization took shape," the letter said.

ahead of the network's proposed Feb. 26 launch date, which was later delayed to April 2. Fort Worth-based Christian broadcast television network Trinity Broadcasting Network has been acting as Merit Street Media's distribution partner since the launch. The company has inked deals with names like Steve Harvey, Nancy Grace, Mike Rowe and Bear Grylls to air their programming and has signed former KPRC 2 Houston host Dominique Sachse and former KXAS-TV (NBC5) host Kris Gutierrez to help lead its news programming. The company also signed its first sports broadcasting rights deal when it announced it was teaming up with the Professional Bull Riders league, becoming the exclusive

home of the league's premier individual tour, Unleash the Beast. "It is with great sadness that we have had to say goodbye to some of our colleagues. While our focus as a business must always be on achieving higher quality and greater efficiency, we must also acknowledge the significant impact these decisions can have on individuals," the letter said. "However, as we continue to grow Merit Street Media — and believe me, we are just getting started — I am confident that the strength of our brand will create an abundance of new opportunities in the future."

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BRIEFS

Indian company buys major telecom stake

Bharti Global has agreed to buy a major stake in BT Group Plc, a deal that will bolster the Indian company's international expansion while giving the British carrier more investor stability.

Bharti, an affiliate of conglomerate Bharti Enterprises, is buying the 24.5% stake from shareholder Altice UK, part of Patrick Drahi's troubled telecommunications empire. Drahi has been selling off assets to pay down debt and the BT stake is among his most valuable.

The Indian firm, founded by billionaire Sunil Bharti Mittal, has been seeking opportunities abroad and the BT deal will give him a marquee holding in the UK.

BT shares rose 8.4% in London on Monday.

Bloomberg News

Crewed Space X flight to study Earth's poles

SpaceX plans to launch its sixth commercial crewed mission to orbit as soon as late 2024, sending a four-person team of civilian astronauts to fly over the polar regions of the Earth.

Called Fram2, the mission will be the first human spaceflight mission to fly over Earth's poles, SpaceX said on its website on Monday.

The Fram2 mission is set to

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last three to five days. The crew plans to observe Earth's poles from SpaceX's Crew Dragon spacecraft and conduct research.

Bloomberg News

Starbucks in talks with activist investor

Starbucks Corp. is discussing a settlement with Elliott Investment Management that would give the activist investor representation on the board of the coffee shop chain, people familiar with the matter said.

Seattle-based Starbucks is in talks to add Jesse Cohn, a managing partner at Elliott, to its board of directors, according to the people. Elliott could seek more than one representative on the Starbucks board, they said.

Elliott wants Starbucks to commit to reviewing its business in China, they said.

Bloomberg News

Cricket making big impression

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Cricket League brings a new form of cricket to the table called Sixty Strikes. The sport has many forms, including some in which a match may take days to finish. The most popular form is T20, which consists of two 90-minute innings. Sixty Strikes, played in other leagues around the world under the name T10, takes about half as long and promises more scoring and excitement.

The NCL was formally announced last summer, with a tournament planned for December in Lauderdale, Fla., one of the few American cities with a large cricket stadium. A league spokesperson said the tournament was postponed in order to debut the league in Dallas. The NCL also was attached to the new Roland G. Parrish Park in Cadillac Heights for a tournament in the spring, but that was postponed due to conflicts with the T20 World Cup.

The October tournament will include six teams and feature several high-profile cricketers, including the West Indies' Dwayne Bravo, Trinidad and Tobago's Sunil Narine and Pakistan's Kamran Akmal, with Vivian Richards and Sanath Jayasuriya



National Cricket League

National Cricket League President Arun Agarwal (left) and University of Texas at Dallas President Richard Benson are leading efforts to prepare UTD's cricket field to host the league's inaugural season Oct. 4-14.

serving as coaches.

In preparation, lighting will be added to UT Dallas' cricket field along with 2,040 bleacher seats and tented VIP areas. UTD has a thriving cricket scene, with a club, intramural cricket and even one of its own playing for MLC's Seattle Orcas.

"Many in our UT Dallas community play or follow the game, so bringing this innovative tournament to campus

is a natural fit," UT Dallas President Richard Benson said in a news release.

Cricket is gaining ground in the U.S., in part due to growing South Asian communities that carry with them a passion for the sport. MLC has played a successful first two seasons primarily at a state-of-the-art facility in Grand Prairie, while the U.S. men's cricket team had its day in the sun when it upset

juggernaut Pakistan at the T20 World Cup in June.

"Earlier this year, Texas hosted the first ever T20 Cricket World Cup in the United States, and our great state has welcomed the Major League Cricket and National Cricket League," Gov. Greg Abbott said in a news release. "As cricket expands its global fanbase, Texas will hold front-row seats to its growth across the nation."

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Case No. BA-2024-03: Conduct a Public Hearing and act on a Variance to the Health Code of Ordinances, Section 159.22(E)(8)(a) to allow a one-and-one-half foot (1.5-foot) encroachment into the required side setback of 30 feet resulting in a side setback of 28.5 feet for property at the corner of Valley Trail and Cove Ridge Road, zoned (SF-22) Single-Family Residential District, addressed 1202 Valley Trail, and further described as Lot 1, Block D/1, Cove Ridge Acres No. 1, City of Heath, Rockwall County, Texas. (Rockwall CAD No. 15916)

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AIRLINES

Struggling JetBlue starts \$2.75B bond, loan plan



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New York-based JetBlue Airways Corp. announced plans for a \$1.25 billion, five-year loan and the sale of \$1.5 billion in seven-year bonds callable in three years.

Meanwhile, Moody's, S&P Global ratings firms dock company

By JESSICA NIX and GOWRI GURUMURTHY
Bloomberg News

JetBlue Airways Corp. has kicked off a \$2.75 billion bond-and-loan sale backed by its loyalty program as the carrier seeks to raise reserves and fund general corporate purposes.

Meanwhile, Moody's Ratings downgraded the airline a notch further into junk territory at B3, saying restoration of operating profit and cash flow "to levels that would lead to materially stronger credit metrics will require a number of years." Min-

utes later, S&P Global Ratings cut JetBlue one step to B-, saying the debt plan and a weakened forecast "considerably weakened credit metrics."

Shares fell as much as 19% Monday as the carrier said it plans to sell at least \$400 million of five-year convertible notes to repurchase some of convertibles due in 2026. The coupon being offered is 2% to 2.5%, according to people familiar with the situation. Shares of JetBlue closed at \$4.80, down 20.66% for the day.

JetBlue is looking to sell \$1.5 billion of seven-year bonds callable in three years and a \$1.25 billion five-year term loan, the company said in a statement. Investor calls for both deals were scheduled for Monday morning,

and the two transactions are expected to price Tuesday, according to different people familiar with the matter who asked not to be identified because the information is private.

Bloomberg reported last week that JetBlue was working with Barclays Plc and Goldman Sachs Group Inc. on the \$2.75 billion deal. The firms are respectively leading the loan and bond deals, the people familiar with the matter said.

The airline has about \$11 billion of unencumbered assets that could be used for new financing, chief financial officer Ursula Hurley said during a July earnings call. JetBlue's loyalty program represents about half that amount, she said.

APARTMENTS

U.S. tenants reap perks as building boom eases supply

Parking privileges, free rent among concessions offered, Zillow reports

By ALEX TANZI
Bloomberg News

U.S. renters are winning concessions when they sign new contracts, an indication that surging apartment construction is easing the supply squeeze, according to a new blog post from Zillow.

Some 60,000 multifamily units were completed nationwide in June, more than in any month over the last 50 years, according to Zillow. That's pushing owners to offer concessions that range from park-

ing privileges to weeks of free rent. Zillow said the share of listings on its platform that offered such concessions topped 33% last month, up from 25% a year earlier.

"Builders have stepped up and built an incredible number of homes in response to soaring rents during the pandemic, and renters are now seeing the benefits," Zillow chief economist Skylar Olsen said. "A slowing job market and lower mortgage rates could mean falling rents if the current trends hold."

Housing has been one of the main contributors to post-pandemic inflation, and further improvement in rental

supply should help bring headline rates lower and bolster the Federal Reserve's case for lower interest rates.

Nationwide shelter inflation eased to 5.4% in June, from a peak above 8% last year.

In some major metro areas — especially Southern and Western cities, including Austin, Atlanta and Phoenix — more than half the rental listings on Zillow are offering concessions.

The number of multifamily units under construction hit a record last year. While it has retreated since then, the June figure was still higher than any time since the early 1970s.

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Notice
Draft Environmental Assessment and Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option
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From Farm-to-Market (FM) 1827 to County Road (CR) 560
CSJs: 0135-04-036, 0135-03-056, 0135-16-002
Collin County, Texas

TxDOT is proposing to construct US 380 primarily on new location from FM 1827 to CR 560 in the cities of McKinney, Princeton and Farmersville in Collin County, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public hearing on the proposed project with an in-person option. **The virtual hearing is not a live event but will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online by Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024 at 5 p.m., and will remain online for at least 15 days.** To view the virtual public hearing, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: www.KeepItMovingDallas.com/US380Princeton. If you do not have internet access, you may call (214) 320-4469 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of online. **The in-person option will be held on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024 with an open house from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and a live speech at 6 p.m. at the Princeton High School Cafeteria at 1000 East Princeton Drive, Princeton, Texas 75407.** In-person attendees will be able to review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants, and leave comments. **The same information will be available at the in-person and virtual hearing.**

The approximately 12-mile, US 380 proposed project includes a new location, eight to 10-lane, controlled-access freeway with continuous two to three-lane, one-way frontage roads and 10-foot shared-use paths on both sides north of the city of Princeton from west of CR 337 to east of CR 458. The proposed project also includes a reconstruction and widening of the existing US 380 roadway from FM 1827 to west of CR 337 and from east of CR 458, across Lavon Lake, to CR 560.

The proposed project would be constructed within a proposed right of way (ROW) of approximately 320 to 536-feet.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace 17 businesses, 18 single family residences and one non-residential/non-commercial property. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT District Office by calling (214) 320-6675.

The proposed project is anticipated to impact properties protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 and the Parks and Wildlife Code Chapter 26. These properties owned and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are located along the existing US 380 crossing Lavon Lake and the proposed US 380 for a total of 25.08 acres of right of way. The proposed US 380 improvements would require the permanent incorporation of 0.02 acres of right of way and 0.53 acres of permanent easement from Twin Groves Park, 0.29 acres of permanent easement from the Low Density Recreation area, 23 acres of permanent easement from the Lavon Lake wildlife management area, and 1.07 acres of permanent easement from the Lavon Lake Vegetative Management Area. The proposed improvements would also require the use of approximately 0.17 acres of proposed permanent easement from Caddo Park (and Caddo Park Lavon Lake Historic District). All efforts will be made to minimize impacts to these properties. In addition, the proposed project would potentially involve construction in wetlands and action in a floodplain. Coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to minimize impacts to the above protected properties is ongoing.

The draft EA, any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and available for inspection by appointment Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150. Please call (214) 320-4469 to make an appointment. Project materials will also be available online at www.KeepItMovingDallas.com/US380Princeton starting on Sept. 12, 2024. These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The virtual public hearing and in-person option will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public hearing or in-person option, please contact the TxDOT Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480 no later than 4 p.m., Monday, Sept. 9, 2024. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

El audiencia pública de la US 380 Princeton desde FM 1827 hasta CR 560 se llevará a cabo en inglés. Si usted necesita un intérprete o un traductor de documentos porque su idioma principal no es el inglés o tiene alguna dificultad para comunicarse eficazmente en inglés, se le proporcionará uno. Si usted tiene alguna discapacidad y necesita ayuda, se pueden hacer arreglos especiales para atender la mayoría de las necesidades. Si usted necesita servicios de interpretación o traducción o usted es una persona con alguna discapacidad que requiera una adaptación para asistir a y participar en audiencia pública de la US 380 Princeton desde FM 1827 hasta CR 560, por favor póngase en contacto con TxDOT Public Information Office, número (214) 320-4480, a más tardar a las 4:00 p.m. hora central, antes del lunes 9 de septiembre de 2024. Por favor sepa que es necesario dar aviso con anticipación, ya que algunos servicios y adaptaciones pueden requerir tiempo para que TxDOT los organice.

Comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, Attention: Stephen Endres, P.E., 4777 East US Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150 or by email to Stephen.Endres@txdot.gov. Members of the public may call (800) 433-4842 to provide verbal comments. **All comments must be received on or before Friday, Sept. 27, 2024.** Responses to comments received will be available online at www.KeepItMovingDallas.com/US380Princeton once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions regarding the proposed project or virtual hearing or in-person option, please contact Stephen Endres, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager, at (214) 320-4469 or by email at Stephen.Endres@txdot.gov.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

LAKE RAY ROBERTS

Man found after apparent drowning

20-year-old identified in most recent death in North Texas waterways

By LILLY KERSH
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The body of a 20-year-old man believed to have drowned was recovered from Lake Ray Roberts on Saturday night, authorities said.

Around 6 p.m. Saturday, authorities responded to a call regarding a possible drowning at Isle du Bois, a swimming area at the lake, according to a statement from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

A body was found around 8 p.m., according to the statement. The body was identified as Javier Torres of Crowley, according to Tarrant County medical examiner records.

Texas State Park Police, Texas Game Wardens, the Lewisville Fire Department dive team, and the Pilot Point police and fire departments responded to the drowning call, according to the TPWD statement.

Lake Ray Roberts is about 55 miles north of Dallas.

Torres' death is the latest drowning in North Texas waterways in recent months.

In July, a 28-year-old man drowned in the east fork of the Trinity River near State Highway 78 and a 60-year-old man drowned in Grapevine Lake. A 27-year-old man drowned in Lewisville Lake in June after jumping off a boat and not resurfacing.

And over Memorial Day weekend, two teenagers drowned in unrelated incidents at Lewisville Lake and Benbrook Lake.

IN THE KNOW Lake safety tips

The American Red Cross lists several tips for swimming safely in lakes, rivers and streams.

SHALLOW WATER: If water is shallow or unknown, enter feet first.

DAMS: Watch out for underwater obstructions, dams, rocks, debris, waves and currents.

STORMY WEATHER: Leave the water immediately if you notice thunder, lightning or unexpected changes in the temperature of the air or water.

SOBER PARTNERS: Swim sober and supervise other swimmers sober and without distractions. Swim with a buddy, never alone.

CenterPoint faces state investigation

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ter the storm's passage.

"My office is aware of concerning allegations regarding CenterPoint and how its conduct affected readiness during Hurricane Beryl," Ken Paxton, the state's Republican attorney general, said in a statement. "If the investigation uncovers unlawful activity, that activity will be met with the full force of the law."

The utility pledged its support of the investigation.

"We look forward to cooperating with the Texas Attorney General or any other agency and have made clear our commitment to upholding the values of our company," CenterPoint spokesperson John Sousa said.

Paxton did not cite any specific allegations of waste or fraud in his announcement and his office did not respond to requests for comment.

Demanding answers

Abbott has demanded answers from CenterPoint for what he called its slow restoration efforts and poor communication with customers in the days leading up to the storm. The state's Public Utility Commission has launched its own investigation, and lawmakers grilled the company's top executive over its failures at a hearing last month.

CenterPoint has largely defended its storm preparedness and said that it deployed thousands of additional work-



Eric Gay/The Associated Press

An upended tree rested on the rooftop of the Bethel Church in the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl, in Van Vleck, Texas, last month. The storm was blamed for dozens of deaths, including those of residents who died in homes left without air conditioning.

ers to help restore power. The utility provider has also begun a monthlong plan to replace hundreds of wooden utility poles and double its tree-trimming efforts after the governor pressed for swift action.

Beryl damaged power lines and uprooted trees when it made its Texas landfall July 8. It's the latest natural disaster to hit Houston after a powerful storm ripped through the area in May, leaving nearly 1 million people without power.

Many residents fear that chronic outages have become the norm after Texas' power grid failed amid a deadly win-

ter storm in 2021.

Previous issues

CenterPoint has previously faced questions over the reliability of Houston's grid.

In 2008, Hurricane Ike, a Category 2 storm, knocked out power to more than 2 people million and it took 19 days to fully restore electricity. The city of Houston created a task force initiative to investigate the company's response and determined it needed to automate parts of its grid to minimize outages.

CenterPoint received millions of dollars in federal

funding to implement this technology years ago. However, according to executive vice president Jason Ryan, it's still a work in progress.

Some utility experts and critics say the company hasn't adapted its technology fast enough to meet the extreme weather conditions Texas will continue to face.

Lathan is a corps member for The Associated Press/Report for America Statehouse News Initiative. Report for America is a nonprofit national service program that places journalists in local newsrooms to report on undercovered issues.

EL PASO

Middle school bans all-black outfits

New dress code aims to give mental health boost for students

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An El Paso middle school announced a ban on all-black clothing, starting this school year.

The decision, made by school officials at Charles Middle School, aims to create a more positive atmosphere for students who may be grappling with mental health, according to a letter sent to the parents ahead of the school year, which started Monday.

Citing a growing awareness of the impact of clothing choices on emotional well-being, the school believes that certain colors can influence mood, according to the letter.

"We are also eliminating a



2022 File Photo/Juan Figueroa

All-black clothing will be banned at an El Paso middle school looking to create a more positive atmosphere for students coping with mental health, the school said.

look that has taken over on campus with students wearing black tops with black bottoms, which has become more associated with depression and mental health issues and/or criminality than with happy and healthy kids ready to learn," Nick DeSantis, principal of the middle school, said in the letter sent to the parents.

The policy has sparked a variety of reactions within the community online. "How about they add mental health support instead of banning clothes?" said Ami Lucas in a Facebook post.

"Wouldn't it make more sense to have more or better resources available?!? With all tax money we pay I feel like it could happen," said Kayla

Blanch in a Facebook post.

DeSantis did not respond to requests for comment from *The Dallas Morning News*.

An Aug. 2 message from Superintendent Diana Sayavedra on the El Paso ISD website stated, "School dress code policies have recently garnered community attention at a couple of schools. We see this as a valuable opportunity to foster a healthy engagement with the community in an effort to land on the values we share about safety and the success of students."

Out of 6.3 million Texans age 17 and younger, 1.4 million are reported to have a mental, emotional, behavioral or developmental issue, which accounts for 23% of all youths in Texas, according to a 2021-22 study. According to the Census Bureau's National Survey of Children's Health, these issues include behavioral problems, conduct disorders, anxiety and depression.

PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEFS

OLD EAST DALLAS

Police seek teen they say is tied to shooting death

Authorities are seeking a teenager police say is a suspect in the shooting death of a 38-year-old in Old East Dallas last week.

At 11:50 a.m. Aug. 5, Dallas police responded to a shooting call in the 3500 block of Munger Avenue, near McCoy Street. A preliminary investigation by officers found a man had been shot, police said in a Monday news release.

The man was transported to a hospital in critical condition and pronounced dead Sunday, six days after the shooting, police said.

The Dallas County medical examiner's office identified the man as Raul Torres, online records show.

Police obtained a warrant charging 17-year-old Francisco Bautista with murder, according to the release.

It was not clear whether Bautista had an attorney. He

was not in Dallas County custody as of Monday afternoon, records show.

Chase Rogers

GARLAND

I killed, I hurt in crash of minivan, city vehicle

A collision between a minivan and a city of Garland vehicle left one person dead and another injured Saturday afternoon, Garland police said.

The crash happened about 12:45 p.m. at the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road and Firewheel Parkway in Garland, police said.

A female passenger in the minivan was declared dead at the scene, while another female passenger was taken to a hospital with injuries, police said. The driver of the city vehicle was unharmed.

The identities of those involved hadn't yet been released. An investigation into the crash was still underway.

Maria Salette Ontiveros

Area voter roll challenges jump

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"The challenge of any election department is the resources of adjusting what you're doing to accommodate this, too, on top of everything else. It's not impossible. It's our responsibility to do it, and that's what we're doing," he said.

In Collin County, the majority — 75% to 80% — of the challenges were related to voters that election officials had taken action on, Sherbet said. Most of those discrepancies are related to a recent move or change in address, he added.

The state has measures in place to ensure election departments are aware of voter address changes in their jurisdiction, Sherbet said.

File maintenance

"We do file maintenance every day. The state gets notices about people moving, including people moving from county to county," he said. "There is a process where the state sends us updates every month and



File Photo/Staff

A sign directed voters in front of Collin College Frisco Campus during Election Day in November 2020.

they get notifications. There are a number of different ways for us to catch those cases, including people telling us that they've moved."

If the elections department believes a voter's information has changed, it will mail a confirmation card, Sherbet said.

People who do not respond to the confirmation card and show up at a polling site to vote will be asked to fill out a state-

ment of residence form before submitting a ballot.

Rockwall County Elections Administrator Christopher Lynch said his office had gotten hundreds of voter eligibility challenges in the past four to five months. Like Collin County, his office already dealt with most of those challenges, he said.

As of Tuesday, 86,000 people had been registered to vote

in Rockwall County, according to Lynch.

A spokesman for the Dallas County election office did not immediately respond to questions regarding voter eligibility challenges.

Nationwide trend

Elections departments around the country reported seeing challenges similar to those from North Texas in their voter rolls. The report described True the Vote as "one of the main drivers" of the challenges.

Shortly before the 2021 runoff election in Georgia, the organization announced it was challenging the eligibility of hundreds of thousands of voters. Fair Fight, a voting rights organization founded by Georgia Democrat Stacey Abrams, sued the organization and others behind the effort.

A federal judge ruled earlier this year that True the Vote's actions were not a form of voter intimidation, and Fair Fight is appealing the ruling.

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Ozone: Yellow, mod.



24-hour high **100**
24-hour low **80**

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THURSDAY
Very warm with sunshine
High 101
Low 81
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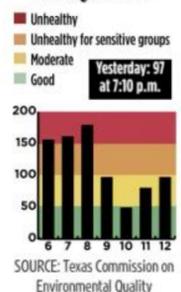
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4 a.m.	82	74%
5 a.m.	82	74%
6 a.m.	81	76%
7 a.m.	80	82%
8 a.m.	81	79%
9 a.m.	84	72%
10 a.m.	87	63%
11 a.m.	89	59%
Noon	91	53%
1 p.m.	94	49%
2 p.m.	96	44%
3 p.m.	96	44%
4 p.m.	98	40%
5 p.m.	98	39%
6 p.m.	97	40%
7 p.m.	96	40%
8 p.m.	94	43%
9 p.m.	92	47%
10 p.m.	90	51%
11 p.m.	89	56%

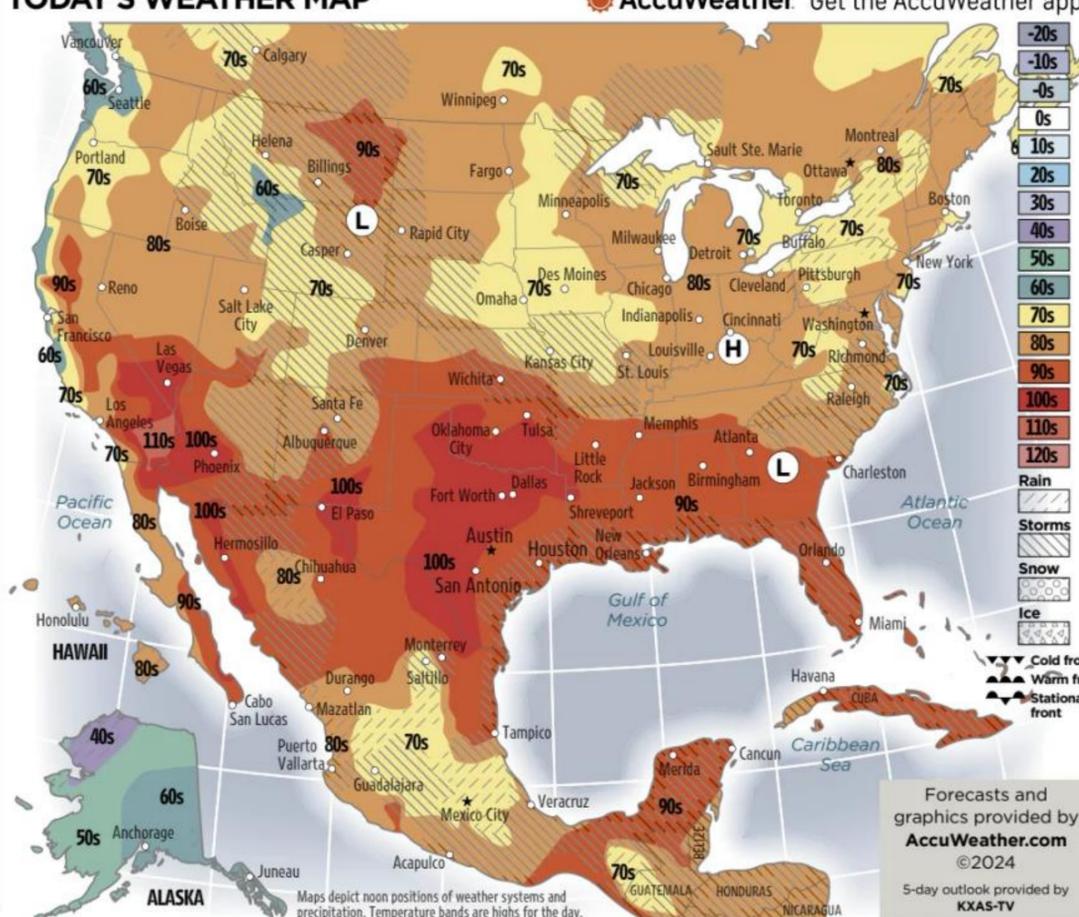
DAILY HIGH
98 at 4:00 p.m.

†Temperatures are forecast estimates.

AIR QUALITY



TODAY'S WEATHER MAP



NATIONAL HIGHS, LOWS & FORECAST

City	Yesterday			Today			Tomorrow		
	HI	LO	P	HI	LO	F	HI	LO	F
Albany, N.Y.	74	55	t	80	59	pc	84	60	sh
Albuquerque, N.M.	96	72	-	92	66	ts	92	68	pc
Anchorage, Alaska	57	49	.10	62	49	s	63	50	s
Atlanta	92	70	-	93	74	s	89	73	pc
Baltimore	85	64	-	84	64	pc	87	65	s
Birmingham, Ala.	91	65	-	92	71	s	92	74	ts
Bismarck, N.D.	80	53	-	84	65	pc	75	64	ts
Boise, Idaho	95	67	-	88	62	pc	89	64	s
Boston	79	65	-	83	67	pc	80	67	pc
Buffalo, N.Y.	73	60	.11	79	62	pc	81	62	s
Burlington, Vt.	73	59	t	81	61	pc	83	62	pc
Casper, Wyo.	86	46	-	83	57	ts	81	51	pc
Charleston, S.C.	96	78	-	91	74	ts	87	71	ts
Charleston, W.Va.	84	57	-	86	57	pc	89	58	pc
Charlotte	88	73	.57	82	69	ts	85	67	s
Chicago	82	61	-	84	65	pc	84	70	pc
Cincinnati	83	56	-	83	64	pc	86	63	pc
Cleveland	79	57	-	81	59	pc	82	61	s
Colorado Spgs, Colo.	84	62	t	84	59	ts	81	56	pc
Columbia, S.C.	92	75	-	88	72	ts	86	69	ts
Columbus, Ohio	84	55	-	83	61	pc	84	63	pc
Concord, N.H.	75	55	t	81	56	pc	85	57	pc
Denver	89	61	.09	87	61	ts	83	59	pc
Des Moines, Iowa	69	63	.53	77	66	c	79	71	ts
Detroit	82	56	-	81	64	pc	82	63	s
Fairbanks, Alaska	62	50	.02	64	46	pc	65	46	c
Fargo, N.D.	82	50	-	87	67	pc	79	68	ts
Flagstaff, Ariz.	81	53	.19	77	53	ts	79	52	pc
Grand Rapids, Mich.	80	56	-	82	58	pc	83	63	pc
Hartford, Conn.	81	60	.12	82	60	pc	84	62	pc
Helena, Mont.	86	55	t	81	57	ts	78	54	ts
Honolulu	88	76	t	89	75	r	88	75	pc
Indianapolis	81	57	-	82	64	c	84	65	pc
Jackson, Miss.	98	71	-	99	75	c	100	74	ts
Juneau, Alaska	68	54	.11	62	48	sh	65	48	sh
Kansas City, Mo.	81	66	.06	75	70	ts	90	73	ts
Knoxville, Tenn.	85	64	-	87	64	pc	87	66	pc
Las Vegas, Nev.	105	88	-	105	82	s	105	79	s
Little Rock, Ark.	90	71	-	97	76	pc	97	78	ts
Los Angeles	90	67	-	86	65	s	87	63	s
Louisville, Ky.	83	62	-	86	67	c	88	69	pc
Memphis, Tenn.	85	73	t	93	76	pc	87	75	ts
Miami	92	81	-	94	82	ts	94	81	ts
Milwaukee	82	64	-	81	66	s	81	70	pc
Mpls/St Paul, Minn.	81	57	-	82	63	s	81	65	ts
Nashville, Tenn.	87	66	-	89	69	c	90	66	ts
New Orleans	97	78	-	96	80	ts	97	81	s
New York	81	66	t	81	67	pc	83	69	s
Oklahoma City	91	72	.01	98	76	c	99	77	s
Omaha, Neb.	71	63	1.10	78	67	c	85	70	ts
Orlando, Fla.	92	75	.43	94	78	ts	94	77	ts
Pensacola, Fla.	94	74	-	95	78	ts	97	79	ts
Philadelphia	83	66	-	82	67	pc	85	67	s
Phoenix, Ariz.	108	88	-	107	89	pc	109	88	s
Pittsburgh	78	58	-	79	56	pc	82	58	s
Portland, Maine	76	60	.01	82	59	s	81	60	pc
Portland, Ore.	73	60	-	73	59	c	80	59	pc
Providence, R.I.	80	58	.45	81	63	pc	83	62	s
Rapid City, S.D.	75	55	t	86	63	ts	83	59	pc
Raleigh, N.C.	87	76	t	84	67	ts	86	65	s
Reno, Nev.	92	58	-	88	56	s	91	56	s
Richmond, Va.	85	70	-	82	65	c	86	64	s
Sacramento, Calif.	86	57	-	90	59	s	93	58	s
St. Louis	78	73	.23	80	69	ts	82	74	ts
Salt Lake City	88	71	.40	85	66	ts	88	65	ts
San Diego	83	72	-	79	68	pc	78	65	pc
San Francisco	66	53	-	68	55	pc	69	58	pc
Santa Fe, N.M.	92	66	-	85	60	ts	85	60	pc
Savannah, Ga.	96	76	-	94	76	pc	86	74	ts
Seattle	73	57	-	69	57	c	75	57	c
Shreveport, La.	99	75	-	100	78	pc	101	78	ts
Sioux Falls, S.D.	73	62	.01	77	66	c	73	68	ts
Spokane, Wash.	87	66	-	80	54	c	81	55	s
Syracuse, N.Y.	75	60	.11	80	61	pc	83	62	pc
Tallahassee, Fla.	98	75	-	97	76	ts	98	76	ts
Tampa, Fla.	91	80	.03	93	80	ts	93	80	ts
Tucson, Ariz.	99	76	t	97	77	ts	99	77	ts
Tulsa, Okla.	91	70	1.65	96	78	pc	100	78	s
Washington, D.C.	85	68	-	83	68	pc	86	68	s
Wichita, Kan.	90	72	.01	92	74	ts	99	74	s

HIGHS & LOWS

U.S. HIGH
Palm Springs, Calif. 109

U.S. LOW
Boca Reservoir, Calif. 36

TEXAS HIGH
Vernon 106

TEXAS LOW
Dumas 65

For the 48 contiguous states

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INTERNATIONAL FORECAST & HIGHS AND LOWS

MEXICO					CANADA					ASIA-PACIFIC										
City	Yesterday	Today	HI	LO	P	City	Yesterday	Today	HI	LO	P	City	Yesterday	Today	HI	LO	P			
Acapulco	88	78	23	88	77	ts	Calgary	75	54	.03	80	56	ts	Bangkok	93	83	.32	96	81	ts
Cancun	90	79	.21	91	76	ts	Edmonton	82	48	-	80	56	ts	Beijing	85	75	-	82	71	pc
Chihuahua	95	69	-	94	69	pc	Halifax	75	55	-	72	58	c	H.C. Minh City	95	82	.39	95	80	ts
Durango	88	61	-	87	59	ts	Montreal	72	59	.03	82	62	pc	Hong Kong	88	82	.04	87	81	ts
Guadalajara	86	62	.08	77	62	ts	Ottawa	72	54	-	81	59	pc	Jakarta	91	77	-	92	74	s
Guanajuato	78	58	.49	79	59	ts	Quebec	73	61	.12	82	58	s	Manila	91	78	-	91	80	ts
Hermosillo	104	81	-	102	82	ts	Toronto	75	57	-	81	61	pc	New Delhi	86	79	.37	89	81	ts
Mazatlan	93	79	.14	89	78	r	Vancouver	68	61	-	69	58	c	Seoul	95	79	-	96	80	ts
Merida	97	76	.19	94	77	ts	Winnipeg	81	52	-	83	65	pc	Shanghai	100	82	.12	97	83	pc
Mexico City	73	59	.30	77	59	sh	Amsterdam	88	63	-	81	63	ts	Singapore	88	79	.04	90	80	ts
Monterrey	94	71	-	95	72	pc	Athens	95	82	-	99	77	s	Sydney	69	51	.18	67	58	r
Pto. Vallarta	92	75	.18	88	76	ts	Belgrade	97	72	-	102	73	s	Taipei City	97	81	.03	96	81	ts
Saltillo	86	59	-	82	60	ts	Berlin	82	54	-	87	64	s	Tokyo	93	86	-	95	82	ts
Veracruz	91	77	.12	89	77	pc	Brussels	93	61	-	84	64	ts	Baghdad	115	86	-	113	87	pc

SKY WATCH



THE PLANETS

Planet	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:43 a.m.	8:20 p.m.
Venus	8:21 a.m.	9:13 p.m.
Mars	1:53 a.m.	4:01 p.m.
Jupiter	1:56 a.m.	4:02 p.m.
Saturn	9:29 p.m.	9:01 a.m.
Uranus	12:43 a.m.	2:31 p.m.
Neptune	9:56 p.m.	9:56 a.m.

Aug. 13 9:30 a.m.

Antares, Scorpius, Moon

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

HUNTING FORECAST

5 Good

The AccuWeather Hunting Forecast accounts for the solar and weather factors that play a role in hunting, as well as the weather factors that affect comfort and safety while hunting.

RUNNING FORECAST

6 Good

The AccuWeather.com Running Forecast takes into consideration all of the weather factors that impact your safety, comfort, and ability to run outdoors.

FISHING FORECAST

7 Very Good

The AccuWeather.com Fishing Forecast combines solar and weather information to measure the day's peak conditions for fishing.

FOR THE RECORD

Temperatures	HI	LO
D/FW Int'l Airport	98	80
Dallas Love Field	98	79
F.W. Meacham	100	79
Normal	97	76
Year ago	106	83

Record high 107 in 2016
Record low 60 in 1967

Precipitation	DFW	Love
Monday*	0.00</	



NFL
A real stalemate
 Former Eagles edge rusher Haason Reddick continued his holdout from the New York Jets, and now is seeking a trade, but the team's general manager said that request will not be granted. **6C**

RED SOX 5, RANGERS 4 (10)

Rangers run out of arms

Raw rookies Garabito and Pennington are no match for Red Sox in 10th inning

BOSTON — The Rangers, in the midst of a fight for their competitive lives, had to leave the fate of a stretch-run game in the hands of, uh, Gerson Garabito and Walter Pennington.

They didn't have much of a choice, either.

The Rangers — caught in the midst of a pitching-strapped hole — ran out of high-leverage arms in their 5-4 10-

RANGERS INSIDER



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inning loss to the Boston Red Sox on Monday at Fenway Park.

They'd exhausted each and every available arm just to reach the 10th inning where a pair of rookies were left to battle a team that holds an eight-game lead over Texas in the American

DeGrom shows progress in bullpen session, **4C**

League wild card standings.

Garabito — a 28-year-old nomad whom the Rangers signed out of the Dominican Winter League this past offseason — started the 10th inning on the mound for Texas after the Rangers scored a go-ahead run in the top-half of that frame with a pair of groundouts from Corey Seager and Josh

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Charles Krupa/AP

Boston's Rob Refsnyder celebrates with his teammates after his RBI single in the 10th inning off lefty Walker Pennington won the game for the Red Sox.



Steve Hamm/Special

All teams preparing for season

Monday was the first day all high school football teams, including running back Micah Ellis (above) and Allen, were allowed to practice in preparation for the season openers at the end of the month. **5C**

COLLEGES

Longhorns starting at No. 4 in AP poll

Texas' first season in the SEC will also come with high expectations, checking in at No. 4 in the preseason poll, behind Georgia, Ohio State and Oregon. **3C**

■ Arkansas' Sam Pittman and Baylor's Dave Aranda are among the coaches on the hot seat. **3C**

ALSO INSIDE

■ Part of the Mavericks' 2024-25 schedule has been reported. **2C**

SCORES

AL, 4C	NL, 4C
at Boston.....5	at Cincinnati.....6
Texas.....4	St. Louis.....1
Houston.....6	Los Angeles.....5
at Tampa Bay.....1	at Milwaukee.....2
at Minnesota.....8	Colorado.....3
Kansas City.....3	at Arizona.....3
at Chicago.....12	Pittsburgh.....2
New York.....2	at San Diego.....2
Toronto.....2	Atlanta.....2
at Los Angeles.....2	at San Francisco.....2

Interleague, 4C

at Cleveland.....9
Chi. Cubs.....8

INSIDE

Baseball.....3-5	NFL.....6
Colleges.....3	Olympics.....2
Cycling.....2	Scoreboard.....5
Golf.....2-5	Soccer.....2-5
High schools.....5	Tennis.....5
NBA.....2	WNBA.....5

COWBOYS ROSTER PROJECTION 2.0

A lot to be settled



Photos by Tom Fox/Staff Photographer

COWBOYS INSIDER



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Opening game of preseason added data for roster analysis

OXNARD, Calif. — The Cowboys' first preseason game is in the books.

It was another loss, if you're keeping track. Dallas hasn't opened the preseason with a win in seven years.

Does it matter? Not really. The focus at this stage of training camp is on roster assessment, player development and getting everyone lined up to face Cleveland to open the regular season next month.

"In some ways, we looked like we played our first game," head coach Mike McCarthy said of the 13-12 loss. "But in other ways, I'm really pleased with the takeaways and taking care of the football."

"What was it, plus-4?" It was. The Cowboys' defense came away with four interceptions while the offense didn't turn the ball over once.

"We feel like we're off to a solid start," McCarthy said.

Here's our second crack at the 53-man roster in the wake of the preseason opener against the Los Angeles Rams.

Quarterbacks (3)
Dak Prescott, Cooper Rush, Trey Lance

Lance had 41 pass attempts in the preseason loss. Rush had three. Prescott didn't play. Sounds like a blueprint for the

See **ROSTER** Page 6C



In the preseason opener Sunday, receiver Jalen Brooks (83) showed his potential with two catches for 49 yards, while undrafted free agent linebacker Jason Johnson (left) looked like he might find a spot on the Cowboys' roster.

LB DeMarvion Overshown thrilled to get back on field. **6C**
 New CB Andrew Booth has been forced to learn quickly. **6C**

2028 LOS ANGELES OLYMPICS

City of Angels builds on the past

After two successful Games, Los Angeles has big plans for No. 3

By **JAIMIE DING** and **ANDREW DALTON**
 The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — It's Los Angeles' turn for the torch. Mayor Karen Bass accepted the Olympic flag at the Paris closing ceremony Sunday, before handing it off to a key rep-

Arbitration panel denies Chiles appeal. **2C**

resentative of LA's local business — Tom Cruise — who in a pre-recorded trek via motorcycle, plane and parachute kicked off the countdown to 2028.

The city will become the third in the world to host the games three times as it adds to the storied years of 1932 and 1984. Here's a look forward and

back in time at the Olympics in LA.

LA's Olympic trilogy

Los Angeles got the 2028 games as a consolation prize when Paris was picked for 2024.

Back in 1932, LA hosted its first Olympics. The city was the only bidder for the games at a time marred by the Great Depression and the absence of

several nations. Yet memorable sport moments came from athletes including American athlete Babe Didrikson Zaharias, who won golds in the new women's events of javelin and hurdles.

Financial and cultural success gave 1984 a reputation as the "good" Olympics which made seemingly every major world city want their own.

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Los Angeles mayor Karen Bass waves the Olympic flag as part of the handover ceremony during closing ceremonies for the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics.

News To Use

TODAY'S TV

EVENT	TIME	TV
MLB		
Rangers at Boston	6:00	BSSW
LA Dodgers at Milwaukee	7:00	TBS
Pittsburgh at San Diego	8:30	MLB
Men's soccer		
Al-Hilal vs. Al-Ahli Saudi	11 am	FS2
Gremio vs. Fluminense	4:50	beIN

TODAY'S RADIO
MLB: Rangers at Boston, 6 p.m., KRDL-FM 105.3 The Fan

MAIN EVENTS

HOME GAMES IN BOLD	13 TUE	14 WED	15 THU	16 FRI	17 SAT
COWBOYS: 817-892-4400					at Las Vegas 9 p.m. (Ch. 11)
RANGERS: 972-726-4377	at Boston 6:10 p.m. (BSSW)	at Boston 5:10 p.m. (BSSW)	Minnesota 7:05 p.m. (BSSW, FS1)	Minnesota 7:05 p.m. (BSSW)	Minnesota 6:05 p.m. (BSSW)
WINGS: 817-469-9464				Connecticut 8:30 p.m. (ion)	
FC DALLAS: 469-365-0000					Next: Aug. 24 at D.C. 6:30 p.m.
ROUGHRIDERS: 972-731-9200	Springfield 7:05 p.m.	Springfield 7:05 p.m.	Springfield 7:05 p.m.	Springfield 7:05 p.m.	Springfield 7:05 p.m.

Game dates, times subject to change

THE LINE

MLB Today			National League		
American League	LINE	Underdog	Favorite	LINE	Underdog
at Bos. (Crawford)	134-114 Tex. (Ureña)	Off Sea. (Kirby)	at Ari. (Rodriguez)	240-198 Col. (Gomber)	Atl. (Morton)
at Det. (Skubal)			at Cin. (Greene)	120-102 at S.F. (Harrison)	at Cin. (Greene)
Hou. (Kikuchi)			LAD (Stone)	126-108 at Mil. (Montas)	at Phi. (Phillips)
K.C. (Lugo)			at S.D. (King)	178-150 Mia. (Bellozo)	at S.D. (King)
NYG (Cortes)				200-168 Pit. (Ortiz)	
Tor. (Gausman)					

BRIEFS

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

MAVERICKS

Reports reveal part of 2024-25 schedule

The Mavericks' biggest free agency signing, five-time All Star Klay Thompson, will return to his home court of 13 years when the Mavericks face the Warriors on Nov. 12 at the Chase Center, according to a report from *The Athletic's* Shams Charania.

It will be Thompson's first game as a visitor since being drafted by Golden State in 2011. He landed in Dallas as part of a multi-team sign-and-trade in July, marking the end of a dynasty that saw the Warriors contend for a championship for the better part of a decade, winning four. The game will also be his first against Stephen Curry, the other half of the Splash Brothers.

Charania also reported that the Mavericks will face NBA Finals foe, the Celtics, twice: Jan. 25 in Dallas and Feb. 6 in Boston.

Also, the Mavs will be the LA Clippers' first opponent in their new home, the Intuit Dome in Inglewood, Calif., when the teams meet in a pre-season matchup on Oct. 14, according to a report from independent NBA reporter Marc Stein.

HIGH SCHOOLS

Six local players get preseason honors

As Class 6A and 5A schools opened football practice Monday, MaxPreps released its pre-season All-American teams and six players from the Dallas area were included. That was more than every state except Georgia (11), Florida (seven) and California (six), and Texas had nine selections overall.

After winning back-to-back Class 6A Division I state titles, Duncanville has two pre-season All-Americans with five-star Oregon pledge Dakorien Moore as a first-team wide receiver and five-star Alabama pledge Keelon Russell as a second-team quarterback. Moore is the No. 1 recruit in the state and was a MaxPreps first-team junior All-American last season after he had 71 receptions for 1,523 yards and 18 touchdowns, and Russell threw for 3,483 yards and accounted for

44 touchdowns (38 passing) for a 14-1 team that finished No. 8 in the MaxPreps national rankings.

Joining Moore as a pre-season first-team All-American wide receiver is five-star Texas pledge Kaliq Lockett from Sachse. Lockett had 59 catches for 1,299 yards and 13 touchdowns.

DeSoto, winner of back-to-back 6A Division II state titles, is represented by first-team defensive lineman Keylan Abrams. The three-star TCU pledge set a school record with 23.5 sacks and also had 20 tackles for loss for a 15-0 team that finished No. 5 in the MaxPreps national rankings.

The other local first-team All-American is five-star McKinney linebacker Riley Pettijohn, who is committed to Ohio State. Pettijohn had 125 tackles (86 solo) and is rated the fifth-best recruit in the Dallas area in the Class of 2025 behind Moore, Lockett, Lewisville offensive lineman Michael Fasusi and Denton Ryan offensive lineman Ty Haywood.

Fasusi is a second-team pre-season All-American and is rated the third-best offensive tackle in the nation.

ELSEWHERE

■ Aaron Rai won the Wyndham Championship, but it wasn't official until Matt Kuchar finished his final hole Monday morning. Kuchar apologized to the tournament officials after his par to tie for 12th, seven shots out of the lead. (Results, 5C)

■ New Chelsea signing Caleb Wiley will spend the season on loan at French team Strasbourg, the two clubs said. Chelsea signed the 19-year-old American left-back from Atlanta United last month, and he then played for the U.S. at the Paris Olympics.

■ Argentina striker Julian Alvarez joined Atletico Madrid from Manchester City in a deal reportedly worth more than \$103 million, ending his trophy-laden two-year spell at the English champions.

■ Dutch rider Charlotte Kool won a mass sprint on home soil in the opening stage of the women's Tour de France. Annina Ahtosalo of Finland was second and Elisa Balsamo of Italy finished third in the same time as Kool.

Paris Summer Olympics

OLYMPIC BRIEFS

Chiles' appeal is denied

Officials vow to keep fighting for gymnast to keep bronze medal

USA Gymnastics officials said an arbitration panel won't reconsider a decision asking gymnast Jordan Chiles to return the bronze medal she was awarded in the floor exercise at the Paris Olympics.

USA Gymnastics said it will continue efforts to let Chiles keep the medal.

"USA Gymnastics was notified by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) on Monday that their rules do not allow for an arbitral award to be reconsidered even when conclusive new evidence is presented," USA Gymnastics said in a statement.

"We are deeply disappointed by the notification and will continue to pursue every possible avenue and appeal process, including to the Swiss Federal Tribunal, to ensure the just scoring, placement, and medal award for Jordan."

CAS voided an on-floor appeal from Chiles' coach that vaulted her to third, saying the appeal came 4 seconds beyond the one-minute time limit for scoring inquiries.

USA Gymnastics disputed the timing, saying in a statement Sunday that the agency submitted video evidence to CAS that showed Team USA coach Cecile Landi first appealed 13 seconds before the deadline.

The dispute over such minute details sets up what could be a months- or years-long legal battle over the gymnastics scores.

The International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) said Saturday night it would respect the court's decision and elevate Ana Barbosu of Romania to third. The International Olympic Committee confirmed the ruling Sunday, announcing that it was reallocating the medal.

CAS ruled Saturday that Landi's inquiry to have 0.1 added to Chiles' score came outside the one-minute window. The CAS ad hoc committee wrote that Landi's inquiry came 1 minute, 4 seconds after Chiles' initial score was posted.

The IOC said in a statement it will be in touch with the USOPC regarding the return of



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An arbitration panel will not reconsider the decision to ask U.S. gymnast Jordan Chiles to return her bronze medal. U.S. officials plan to continue fighting on Chiles' behalf.

Chiles' bronze and will work with the Romanian Olympic Committee to discuss a reallocation ceremony honoring Barbosu.

The appeal could go to Switzerland's highest court, the Swiss Tribunal, or the European Court of Human Rights.

Lyles fought through illness: Asthma didn't stop Noah Lyles from taking on the 200 meters at the Paris Olympics, even after testing positive for COVID-19.

Despite fears of bronchitis and conflicting reports about his fever, Lyles won a bronze medal just two days after his positive test. He was concerned more about the virus' severe symptoms than his temperature, which his coach Lance Brauman claimed rose to 102 degrees.

"Anytime I've had COVID, it's never been about the temperatures. It's always been about the body aches, the chills, the headaches and the cold," Lyles said Sunday.

Lyles said his temperature reached no higher than 99 degrees. The only reason he would have pulled out is if the symptoms of bronchitis had become worse.

"Then asthma joining in on that and making it even worse, that was our worst fear," he said. "We were back in the medical bay underneath the track. Their

biggest concern was me getting bronchitis because we didn't want something to get infected, and the asthma really starts to take form. We really had to jump on top of that."

Lyles added: "If that was the case, I probably would have had to get a trip to the hospital, for sure."

During the Paris Olympics, the 27-year-old Lyles has had a whirlwind experience. He became the world's fastest man in the 100 meters before his decision to race in the 200. He faced some criticism about his participating in the race and possibly infecting others, but the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee had no issues with Lyles competing.

Field chips away at U.S. dominance: U.S. women's basketball players have been saying for years that winning in the Olympics isn't easy, and the French team showed in Paris that such comments are more than just rhetoric to keep fans interested.

The rest of the world is catching up to the U.S., though Olympic gold should continue to run through America.

The future for USA Basketball looks bright with Aja Wilson and Breanna Stewart in their prime. Then there also is an extremely talented young group of players who say they want to be in the pipeline, led by

Caitlin Clark, Angel Reese, Paige Bueckers and Juju Watkins.

They could help anchor the national team, which is in a bit of a transition with the retirement of Diana Taurasi, who finished her career with a record six gold medals.

The Americans captured their record eighth Olympic gold medal Sunday with a 67-66 victory over France. The U.S. won its six games in the tournament by an average of 15.7 points — the lowest during its streak.

France became the first team to come within a hair of beating the U.S. in the Olympics during its record 61-game winning streak that dates to the 1992 Barcelona Games. Only two other teams had come within single digits of the Americans in those 32 years.

British diver Daley retires: Five-time Olympic medalist Tom Daley announced his retirement from diving Monday.

Daley told *British Vogue* magazine he had decided to call time on his career.

The 30-year-old British diver competed at five Games, making his debut at Beijing 2008 and winning gold and bronze in Tokyo, silver in Paris and bronzes at London 2012 and Rio 2016.

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Four years to get Olympics right

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Emphasizing both the modern and the classical with a hand from Hollywood, the games opened with decathlon champion Rafer Johnson lighting the torch, a guy in a jetpack descending into the Memorial Coliseum and theme music by "Star Wars" maestro John Williams.

With Eastern Bloc countries boycotting, the U.S. dominated. Carl Lewis and Mary Lou Retton are among the athletes who became household names. A young Michael Jordan led the men's basketball team to gold.

The games renewed, for a while, the global reputation of a city that had been perceived to be in decline.

"We want our games to be a modern games, youthful, full of the optimism that Southern California brings to the world and the globe," Janet Evans, four-time Olympic gold medalist in swimming and chief athlete officer for the LA 2028 organizing committee, told *The Associated Press* in Paris.

'A no-build games'

Amid a stadium-and-arena boom, LA will polish existing structures rather than erect new ones.

"It's a no-build games," Evans said.

After Paris' innovative opening ceremony on the Seine River, LA plans to open with a traditional, stadium-based approach at SoFi Stadium in neighboring Inglewood that also incorporates the century-old Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles itself.

Home to two NFL teams, SoFi has hosted a Super Bowl and several Taylor Swift concerts since opening in 2020. It will become what organizers say is the largest Olympic swimming venue ever. Its opening ceremony role means swimming will come after track and field for the first time since 1972.

Intuit Dome, the soon-to-open Inglewood home of the NBA's Clippers, would be the games' newest major venue and is the planned home for Olympic basketball. The Lakers' downtown Crypto.com Arena will host gymnastics.

The toxicity of swimming

in the Seine became a serious issue in Paris. That could put renewed focus on the Long Beach area waterfront when it hosts marathon swimming and triathlon races. Its cleanliness history is mixed but its ocean waters got consistently high marks in a 2023 analysis by nonprofit Heal the Bay.

Trains and traffic

A city that's notoriously hard to traverse may seem like an odd fit for the Olympics, but it can work.

Bass said she plans to emulate the tactics of Tom Bradley, the mayor in 1984, whose traffic mitigations had some saying it was better than at non-Olympic times. They include asking local businesses to stagger workforce hours to reduce the number of cars on the road and allow work from home during the 17-day games.

Landing the Olympics under then-Mayor Eric Garcetti in 2017 gave the city an unusually long lead time for planning.

While it's no Paris Metro, LA has built a subway since its last Olympics, with lines run-

ning past major venues.

In 2018, the city planned an ambitious slate of 28 bus and rail projects to transform public transit. Some were scrapped but others moved forward, including the extension of a subway line to connect downtown Los Angeles with UCLA, the planned home of the Olympic Village.

Another high-profile project is the Inglewood People Mover, an automated, three-stop rail line past major Olympic venues. It initially received a commitment of \$1 billion in federal funding, but opposition from Democratic Rep. Maxine Waters led to a \$200 million reduction, the Los Angeles Times reported. It's unclear whether the line will be completed by 2028.

Tourists and finances

LA is the "next logical destination" for the Olympics, said Adam Burke, president and CEO of the LA Tourism and Convention Board. "LA has emerged as really one of the world's sports capitals."

First though, the city will host a FIFA World Cup event and U.S. Women's Open.

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COLLEGE BRIEFS

UT opens season at No. 4

OU (No. 16), OSU (17) and A&M (20) round out area ranked teams

The high expectations of Texas football fans entering the school's inaugural season in the SEC were confirmed Monday by the panel of media voters in Associated Press poll. The Longhorns were ranked No. 4 in the preseason AP Top 25 poll. The Longhorns were also ranked No. 4 in the Preseason Coaches Poll earlier this month.

Texas' preseason ranking is its highest since 2009, when it was No. 2.

Other area schools ranked in the AP poll include Oklahoma at No. 16, Oklahoma State at No. 17 and Texas A&M at No. 20.

The Sooners have appeared in 24 straight preseason rankings, but this is the first time during that streak that they have started outside the top 10 in consecutive seasons.

As for Oklahoma State, the Cowboys in two of the last three seasons (2021 and '23) have started the season unranked and finished ranked. In between (2022), they started the season No. 12 and finished unranked.

The Aggies have appeared in six straight AP preseason polls but have only finished ranked once (2020) since 2019.

Georgia is No. 1 for the second straight year as the super-conference era begins with the SEC and Big Ten dominating the top 10 of the rankings.

The Bulldogs received 46 first-place votes and 1,532 points in the Top 25 released Monday and the SEC powerhouse finished comfortably ahead of No. 2 Ohio State (15 first-place votes and 1,490 points) of the Big Ten.

New Big Ten member Oregon is No. 3, receiving one first-place vote from the panel of 62 media members who cover college football.

The Big Ten and SEC each have four teams in the top 10.

Conference realignment has reduced the Power Five to the Power Four, with the Pac-12 whittled to just two schools. The Big Ten now has 18 schools. The Atlantic Coast Conference has 17 football teams, and the SEC and Big 12 each have 16.

All the movement created an unprecedented preseason poll with just four conferences represented: The SEC leads with nine ranked teams. The Big Ten has six, the Big 12 has five and the ACC has four.

Alabama, in its first season without coach Nick Saban since 2006, starts No. 5. No. 6 Mississippi gives the SEC half the top preseason top six.

Independent Notre Dame checked in at No. 7.



Texas quarterback Quinn Ewers, shown during the CFP semifinal loss to Washington, returns this fall to guide the Longhorns through their first season in the SEC.



The Georgia Bulldogs, led by returning quarterback Carson Beck, enter the season ranked No. 1 in the AP poll, ahead of No. 2 Ohio State by a considerable margin.

PRESEASON AP TOP 25
The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Aug. 11, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

Rnk.	Team	Rec.	Pts.	Pvs.
1.	Georgia (46)	0-0	1532	4
2.	Ohio St. (15)	0-0	1490	10
3.	Oregon (1)	0-0	1403	6
4.	Texas	0-0	1386	3
5.	Alabama	0-0	1286	5
6.	Mississippi	0-0	1189	9
7.	Notre Dame	0-0	1122	14
8.	Penn St.	0-0	1060	13
9.	Michigan	0-0	995	1
10.	Florida St.	0-0	971	6
11.	Missouri	0-0	927	8
12.	Utah	0-0	887	-
13.	LSU	0-0	804	12
14.	Clemson	0-0	689	20
15.	Tennessee	0-0	629	17
16.	Oklahoma	0-0	566	15
17.	Oklahoma St.	0-0	538	16
18.	Kansas St.	0-0	526	18
19.	Miami	0-0	492	-
20.	Texas A&M	0-0	292	-
21.	Arizona	0-0	237	11
22.	Kansas	0-0	231	23
23.	Southern Cal.	0-0	172	-
24.	NC State	0-0	171	21
25.	Iowa	0-0	140	24

Others receiving votes: Louisville 111, Virginia Tech 77, Boise St. 47, SMU 33, Iowa St. 33, Liberty 32, Washington 23, West Virginia 17, Memphis 16, Nebraska 16, Wisconsin 15, UTSA 6, Tulane 5, Appalachian St. 4, Kentucky 3, Auburn 2, Colorado 2.

No. 8 Penn State and No. 9 Michigan give the Big Ten four top 10 teams. Florida State from the ACC is No. 10.

The defending national champion Wolverines said goodbye to coach Jim Harbaugh, quarterback J.J. McCarthy and 12 other players who were selected in April's NFL draft. All that attrition led to Michigan receiving the lowest preseason ranking for a

defending national champion since 2011, when Auburn was No. 23 after the departure of Cam Newton.

Before that, the last time a defending national champion was ranked worse than No. 7 in the following preseason poll was Colorado at No. 13 in 1991.

Washington, which lost to Michigan in the College Football Playoff championship game, took an even bigger fall after losing its head coach (Kalen DeBoer replaced Saban at Alabama), star quarterback and a mountain of talent to the draft and transfer portal. The Huskies are the first team to reach the CFP and be unranked the following season, and the first team to be unranked after finishing the previous season No. 2 in the AP poll since Army in 1951.

A&M AD's contract details: Texas A&M athletic director Trev Alberts will be paid \$2.2 million per year through March 31, 2029, according to contract details from multiple reports and first obtained by *The Bryan-College Station Eagle* via an open records request.

Alberts' contract is worth \$11 million and includes several cumulative performance-

based incentives. He would make \$100,000 if A&M football makes the College Football Playoff or wins the SEC Championship and \$150,000 if the Aggies win the national championship.

UConn star joins 3-on-3 league: Paige Bueckers is already thinking about her future while she's living in the present.

The UConn star plans on entering the WNBA draft after the 2024-25 season ends with what she hopes is the school's 12th national championship. She would still have at least one more year of eligibility because of her injuries and the COVID-19 year granted to athletes when she was a freshman, but this will be her final college season.

Bueckers has already signed up to be part of Unrivaled — the new 3-on-3 league started by former Huskies greats Napheesa Collier and Breanna Stewart. The league will begin play this winter, and she will play in it in 2026.

Bueckers will have an NIL deal with the league this year and will receive equity in it.

Timberview lineman commits to LSU: Mansfield Timberview three-star defensive lineman Dilan Battle announced his commitment to LSU, joining a recruiting class that is ranked No. 3 in the nation by 247Sports.

Battle (6-2, 315) is rated the fourth-best defensive lineman in the Dallas area in the Class of 2025, the No. 38 player in the D-FW area and is the No. 61 player at his position in the nation.

Battle lists 24 offers and had taken official visits to LSU, TCU, Arkansas and Cal, according to 247Sports. His offers included defending national champion Michigan and fellow CFP teams Alabama and Texas.

Greg Riddle

COLLEGE FOOTBALL COACHES ON THE HOT SEAT

Hogs' Pittman knows the deal

Third-year coach needs to start winning again, as does Bears' Aranda

Self-awareness is one of the defining traits that made Arkansas fans embrace Sam Pittman during his first two seasons as coach of the Razorbacks.

Pittman's honesty is admirable, even if his approval rating in Fayetteville has plummeted after going 4-8 last season.

"I'm popular now, just in the wrong way," Pittman said at SEC Media Days. "I'd say I'm hot. I'm at the top of those lists."

Lists like these. Here are six coaches who enter 2024 with tenuous job status:

Sam Pittman, Arkansas, 23-25 in four seasons: Pittman's return for 2023 was iffy, but he made it. He then hired former Arkansas head coach Bobby Petrino to be offensive coordinator, which feels as if he hired his own replacement. Hard to see a major turnaround coming for the Razorbacks in a bulked-up SEC.

A contractual twist to keep an eye on: Pittman's buyout is higher by a few million dollars if, at the time of his firing, Arkansas' record since 2021 is below .500. That record currently stands at 20-18.

That hints of an in-season firing if the Hogs start slow.

Dave Aranda, Baylor, 23-25 in four seasons: Aranda's trajectory has been similar to Pittman's. Big second season, regression since. Getting to Year 4 was no sure thing, and doing so came with major staff changes (Jake Spavital in as offensive coordinator). Aranda, a former defensive coordinator, will also take control of that side of the ball this season.

The Big 12 will be more forgiving than the SEC and Aranda's deal runs through the 2029 season, but Baylor views itself as a program capable of filling the void left at the top of the conference by the departures of Texas and Oklahoma. There won't be much patience for another losing season.

Billy Napier, Florida, 11-14 in two seasons: Napier came to Gainesville after leading Louisiana-Lafayette to three straight double-digit victory seasons, and with a plan to steadily build Florida to again compete with Georgia and Ala-

bama. But wins have been hard to come by.

Florida would owe Napier about \$25 million to dump him less than halfway through a seven-year contract. Ironically, patience might be part of the solution at Florida with the Gators on their fourth coach since Urban Meyer left in 2010.

But the toughest schedule in the country is going to make it difficult for Napier.

Clark Lea, Vanderbilt, 9-27 in three seasons: The former Notre Dame defensive coordinator returned to his alma mater with great vibes and hopes he could turn Vandy into a program that thrives on culture, identifying upside in recruits and methodical player development. The school even backed up the good feelings, pledging a \$300 million investment in facilities.

Then the transfer portal opened wide, NIL became part of the recruiting equation, and one of the toughest jobs in college football got even tougher. Lea is 2-22 in SEC games.

Safe to say Vanderbilt is not eager to make another coaching change. Six victories would easily earn Lea a fifth season. Maybe even five. But getting there is going to be tough.

Will Hall, Southern Mississippi, 13-24 in three seasons: The Mississippi native and former Tulane offensive coordinator seems like a natural fit in Hattiesburg to flip a program with a proud history, but little recent success.

Hall's side of the ball has been a big part of the problem. When an offensive coach can't figure out the offense, it's often a bad sign.

Deion Sanders, Colorado, 4-8 in one season: OK, let's be clear: On-field results alone are highly unlikely to get Coach Prime fired in 2024. CU football is relevant for the first time in decades. Sanders is not on the hot seat.

The fair question to ask is: Is Sanders in this for the long haul?

The Buffs move into the Big 12 with a tricky schedule, but with a roster that looks better suited to reach bowl eligibility than it did in Year 1 under Sanders. Maybe even better than that — which would then open up the possibility Sanders could try to parlay a winning season into another job.

His son and quarterback, Shedeur, has a chance to develop into a first-round pick in next year's draft. Sanders' portal-heavy approach to roster building doesn't suggest a coach who is interested in long-term sustainability.

There has been nothing routine about Sanders' coaching career, so be prepared for anything.



SAM PITTMAN



DAVE ARANDA

MLB AT A GLANCE

Betts, back like he never left, homers in return

Rays' Pepiot close to taking mound after strange infection

MILWAUKEE — Mookie Betts welcomes a return to right field even though he believes he has shown he also can do a fine job at shortstop.

The eight-time All-Star came off the injured list Monday at Milwaukee, playing right field and batting second for the Los Angeles Dodgers after missing nearly two months with a broken left hand. The former lead-off hitter felt right at home in the No. 2 spot, belting a two-run homer to left field off Freddy Peralta with two outs in the third inning.

Betts primarily had been playing shortstop this season — a new position for him.

"It's not like I've been years

away from it," Betts said about moving back to right field. "It hasn't even been a year. I've still got it in me."

Betts, who turns 32 on Oct. 7, said he would be wearing a hand guard to protect himself. He got hurt when he was hit by a 98 mph fastball from Kansas City Royals reliever Dan Altavilla on June 16.

Monday night's game against the Brewers marked Betts' 917th career start in right field. He's made 98 at second base and 73 at shortstop. All his starts at shortstop and the majority of his starts at second base came over the last two seasons.

Rays' nears return from freak infection: Tampa Bay pitcher Ryan Pepiot could return to the rotation late this week after being hospitalized last month for a knee infection that is believed to be the result of a



Aaron Gash/The Associated Press

The Dodgers' Mookie Betts returned from nearly a two-month stay on the injured list by hitting a two-run home run in the top of the third inning against Milwaukee.

spider bite during the All-Star break.

Pepiot was admitted to Columbia University Medical Center in New York and received antibiotics in his right knee after being placed on the 15-day injured list on July 19.

Pepiot had some bug bites while playing golf during the break, but made the trip for a series at the New York Yankees.

The swelling in his knee reached a point where he needed help to walk into the hospital. "The first couple days, like,

when I went into the hospital, it was real bad," Pepiot said before Monday night's game with Houston. "I couldn't put any weight on my right leg. The first few days it was pretty swollen, a lot of fluid, and it was kind of slushy."

Pepiot said the swelling is down, which allowed him to get back on the mound.

AROUND THE MAJORS

Boston: The Red Sox placed left-hander James Paxton on the 15-day injured list Monday with a strained right calf, a day after he limped off the field in the first inning following a quick move trying to cover first base.

Along with Paxton going on the IL, the Red Sox made a handful of other moves.

Brayan Bello was reinstated from the paternity list, and they recalled lefty Bailey Horn from

Triple-A Worcester. Boston suspended outfielder Jarren Duran for two days without pay after he shouted a homophobic slur at a fan behind home plate who heckled him during the loss to Houston on Sunday.

Minnesota: Twins center fielder Byron Buxton was removed from the game against Kansas City on Monday night because of discomfort in his right hip.

Seattle: The Mariners and outfielder Victor Robles have reached agreement on a two-year contract extension worth \$9.75 million, with a \$9 million option for the 2027 season.

Robles first struggled to get playing time but once he cracked the lineup has been a significant contributor for the Mariners in their push for the postseason.

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RANGERS BRIEFS

DeGrom making progress

Jankowski describes righty's pitches as 'nasty' in live session

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BOSTON — Jacob deGrom can now nitpick his own performance.

That in it of itself is a significant win for the Rangers' rehabbing right-hander.

The 36-year-old pitched two "innings" of a live bullpen session Monday at Fenway Park. It was the second time that he'd faced hitters since undergoing elbow surgery last June and the first time since last Thursday in Texas.

DeGrom pitched to outfielder Travis Jankowski and infielder Ezequiel Duran on Monday, and said that "my first up was really good. My second one I wasn't locating as well."

"The second one, [I went] a little bit quick," said deGrom. "That's something that I've just got to pay attention to. I think I've done that in the past when I'm perfectly healthy, it's just something that I've got to slow down and focus on executing the pitch."

The hitters he faced were less critical. "Nasty," Jankowski said of deGrom's performance. "I think he looked like a two-time Cy Young award winner, one-time ERA leader. That's why he is where he is, right? Not easy to pick up, ball gets on you really quick, and he's really, really good."

DeGrom threw "about 40 pitches" and reached upper 90s on the radar gun, according to Rangers manager Bruce Bochy. He will increase his pitch count in a third live bullpen session Friday in Arlington. The organization is expected to determine when he'll begin a rehab assignment after that.

"It feels really good," deGrom said. "It's been a long time since I've been out there. Now I've been up on the mound twice and batters are in the box. It feels really good. Now, the goal is to make some

minor adjustments on location things, get some rehab games in and hopefully come up here and help this team win baseball games."

In other high-profile arm news: Bochy said that right-hander Nathan Eovaldi — who exited Saturday's start against the New York Yankees with right side tightness — was evaluated on Monday in Texas. He did not have a specific update to share, but said the Rangers are "hoping" that Eovaldi just needs a few extra days of rest. Eovaldi's next turn in the rotation would be Wednesday against the Red Sox, though the Rangers have not yet named a starting pitcher for the series finale.

Additionally, 40-year-old right-hander Max Scherzer underwent an MRI on Monday in Texas. He is eligible to be reinstated from the injured list on Thursday, though his shoulder fatigue has yet to respond to extra rest.

Lineup changes: The Rangers have come full circle in their search for a sustainable offense. Texas' batting order re-



Charles Krupa/The Associated Press

The Rangers' Corey Seager rounds the bases on his two-run home run off Red Sox pitcher Bailey Horn during the seventh inning.

turned to theoretical normalcy for Monday's series opener against the Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park. Marcus Semien returned to the leadoff spot for the first time since July 28, while Josh Smith slid back to the 3-hole. Corey Seager hit second, and Adolis Garcia batted cleanup for the first time since July 6.

"[We're] just kind of getting the old band back together, to their roles where they normally are," Rangers manager Bruce Bochy said. "See if we can get things going there ... hopefully we can get a little mojo going with this lineup change. This is close to how we did it last year."

Semien had batted leadoff in 104 of the Rangers' first 106 games before Bochy hit him third against the St. Louis Cardinals last month for the first time during his tenure as manager. Smith — who'd been the Rangers' best all-around hitter at the time of the lineup change — hit just .216 in 12 games at leadoff and had slashed .192/.267/.346 in his last seven games before Monday. Semien had yielded a .722 on base plus slugging percent-

age at leadoff before the lineup change, but posted just a .672 OPS in 12 games hitting third.

García had hit fifth, sixth and seventh in the 27 games since he was moved from the four-hole prior to a July 8 game against the Los Angeles Angels. His replacements — a three-pronged dose of Wyatt Langford, Nathaniel Lowe and Josh Jung — slashed just .168/.215/.274 in his stead and combined for the third-worst on base plus slugging percentage (.489) among all team's cleanup hitters leaguewide during that span.

García, though, is in the closest thing to a groove as he's been in since April. He's slashed .409/.480/.455 in his last seven games and went 7 for 11 in three games against the New York Yankees this past weekend.

"Hopefully you're sending him a sense of confidence," Bochy said. "Get back to who he is, a guy that we need. We need somebody to get hot in that spot of the order. That's his familiar spot, hopefully he takes off with it."

Texas' batting order re-

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: WEST, CENTRAL, EAST, W, L, Pct, GB, Home, Away, L10, Str. Rows include Houston, Seattle, Texas, Los Angeles, Oakland, Cleveland, Minnesota, Kansas City, Detroit, Chicago, Baltimore, New York, Boston, Tampa Bay, Toronto.

Hou. 6, at TB 1: Framber Valdez followed up his no-hit bid with 5 2/3 strong innings, and the AL West-leading Astros won their six straight game. Alex Bregman and Yainer Diaz homered for the Astros

at Min. 8, KC 3: Willi Castro had a three-run home run and Royce Lewis hit a two-run shot in a six-run second inning for Minnesota on the way to a victory over Kansas City to open a key series between the division rivals.

at Chi. 12, NY 2: For results of the late game, go to SportsDayDFW.com.

Tor. at LA: For results of the late game, go to SportsDayDFW.com.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS: NY Yankees 8, Texas 7, Tampa Bay 2, Baltimore 1, Oakland 8, Houston 10, Boston 2, Cleveland 5, Minnesota 3

TODAY'S PITCHERS: Table with columns: Pitchers, TV/Time, 2024 W-L, ERA, Last three starts W-L, IP, ERA. Rows include Ureña (R), Crawford (R), Kirby (R), Skubal (L), Kikuchi (L), Baz (R), Lugo (R), Cortes (L), Cannon (R), Gausman (R), Fulmer (R).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: WEST, CENTRAL, EAST, W, L, Pct, GB, Home, Away, L10, Str. Rows include Los Angeles, Arizona, San Diego, San Francisco, Colorado, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Chicago, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Atlanta, New York, Washington, Miami.

at Gn. 6, STL 1: Spencer Steer homered in consecutive at-bats and drove in five runs, and Elly De La Cruz hit his team-leading 21st homer as Cincinnati beat St. Louis. It was Steer's first career multi-homer game.

LA 5, at Mil. 2: Clayton Kershaw struck out six in his first win this season, allowing one run over 5 2/3 innings as the Dodgers took the opener of a four-game series between NL division leaders.

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Pit. at SD: For results of the late game, go to SportsDayDFW.com.

Atl. at SF: For results of the late game, go to SportsDayDFW.com.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS: Miami 7, San Diego 6, Cincinnati 4, Milwaukee 3, Colorado 9, Arizona 12, Philadelphia 5, LA Dodgers 6, Pittsburgh 5

TODAY'S PITCHERS: Table with columns: Pitchers, TV/Time, 2024 W-L, ERA, Last three starts W-L, IP, ERA. Rows include Bellozo (R), Phillips (R), Fedde (R), Greene (R), Stone (R), Montas (R), Gomber (L), Rodriguez (L), Ortiz (R), King (R), Morton (R), Harrison (L).

INTERLEAGUE

at Cle. 9, CHC 8: Josh Naylor drove in José Ramírez with the go-ahead run in the eighth inning and the Cleveland held on for a win over the Cubs. The Guardians improved the league's best home record to 36-20.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS: LA Angels 6, Washington 4, Detroit 5, Seattle 12, NY Mets 1, San Francisco 4

TODAY'S PITCHERS: Table with columns: Pitchers, TV/Time, 2024 W-L, ERA, Last three starts W-L, IP, ERA. Rows include Irvin (R), Rogers (L), Assad (R), Stripling (R), Blackburn (R).

AL LEADERS

Through Sunday: Table with columns: G, AB, R, H, AVG. Rows include Witt, Judge, Judge, Ramirez, Soto, Home Runs, Earned Run Average.

NL LEADERS

Through Sunday: Table with columns: G, AB, R, H, AVG. Rows include Arraez, Ohtani, Marte, Ohtani, Marte, Schwarber, Home Runs, Earned Run Average.

SHAWN MCFARLAND

Rangers run out of arms in 10th

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Smith. The Red Sox tied the game on the sixth pitch he threw when pinch hitter Emmanuel Valdez drilled a ground rule double into the deepest part of center field. He exited two batters later, after a single and a force out, and gave way to Pennington with the game on the line.

The Rangers acquired Pennington, a 26-year-old left-hander with one game's worth of major league experience under his belt, from the Kansas City Royals in exchange for Michael Lorenzen one day prior to July's trade deadline. Monday marked his third major league appearance. He walked the first batter he faced (pinch hitter Mickey Gasper) to load the bases and got Masataka Yoshida to ground into a force out before lefty crusher Rob Refsnyder drilled a run-scoring single into left-center field.

It underscored the dire straits that the Rangers' starting rotation (and, by proxy, their bullpen) is in. José Ureña and Cody Bradford — each of whom are best to be considered as bullpen lengtheners — weren't available to pitch due to the constricted nature of Texas' starting rotation. Bradford started the second game of Saturday's doubleheader and Ureña is scheduled to start on Tuesday against the Red Sox. José Leclerc had pitched on back-to-back days prior to Monday; Dane Dunning threw 28 pitches on Sunday.

Every other available option had been spent just to reach ex-

Next five

Table with columns: Day, Opponent, Time, TV, Starter, Opp. starter. Rows include Tue. at Boston, Wed. at Boston, Thu. vs. Minnesota, Fri. vs. Minnesota, Sat. vs. Minnesota.

All games broadcast on KRLD-105.3 FM and in Spanish on KFLC-1270 AM.

RANGERS STATISTICS

Table with columns: BATTERS, AB, R, H, 2B, 3B, HR, RBI, SB, AVG. Rows include Kelly, Jankowski, Seager, Smith, Lowe, Hill, Grossman, Duran, Semien, Langford, Taveras, Heim, Walsh, Garcia, Jankowski, PITCHERS, W, L, ERA, SV, IP, H, ER, BB, SO.

son — on his 92nd pitch of the night to begin the fifth inning and to bring Boston All-Star third baseman Rafael Devers to the plate. Mahle had struck Devers out in his previous two at bats but wasn't allowed to face the slugger a third time.

Bochy replaced Mahle with left-handed pitcher Andrew Chafin. Then things unwound.

Chafin fell behind 3-0 against Devers and the Rangers were forced to intentionally walk him. Then they intentionally walked Connor Wong after one errant slider in the dirt to load the bases. Chafin then unintentionally walked in two runs; he walked pinch hitter Romy Gonzalez on five pitches (none of which were all that close to the strike zone) and pinch hitter Danny Jansen on seven pitches (one of which was in the zone) to hand deliver the Red Sox a 3-1 lead.

Texas needed right-hander Matt Festa — whom they signed to a minor league contract on Aug. 6 and promoted to the major leagues on Sunday — to record the inning's final out with a bases-loaded strikeout. The 31-year-old pitched a 1-2-3 sixth inning to set up a game-tying two-run home run from Seager in the seventh. David Robertson pitched 1 1/3 scoreless innings to reach the

Boston 5, Rangers 4

Table with columns: AB, R, H, BI, BB, SO, Avg. Rows include Semien 2b, Seager ss, J. Smith 3b, A. Garcia rf, Jung dh, Langford lf, Heim c, Taveras cf, Boston AB, R, H, BI, BB, SO, Avg. Rows include Hamilton ss, d-Gasper ph, Yoshida dh, Refsnyder lf, Devers 1b, Wong c, Abreu rf, a-Gonzalez ph-rf, D-Smith lb, b-D.Jansen ph-c, c-Valdez ph, Sogard 2b, Rafaela cf.

Two outs when winning run scored. a-walked for Abreu in the 5th. b-walked for D.Smith in the 5th. c-doubled for D.Jansen in the 10th. d-walked for Hamilton in the 10th. LOB—Texas 7, Boston 15. 2B—Valdez (12). HR—Seager (26), off Horn. RBIs—Semien (58), Seager 2 (63), J.Smith (50), Sogard (3), González (18), D.Jansen (4), Valdez (27), Refsnyder (30). SB—Rafaela (17), Taveras (13), Hamilton (30). CS—Seager (1). SF—Sogard. Runners left in scoring position—Texas 2 (A.Garcia, J.Smith); Boston 6 (Rafaela, Refsnyder 3, Sogard 2). RISP—Texas 2 for 10; Boston 3 for 13. Runners moved up—J.Smith, Semien, Seager, Yoshida.

Table with columns: IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO, NP, ERA. Rows include Mahle, Chafin, Festa, Robertson, Yates, Garabito, Pennington, Boston IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO, NP, ERA. Rows include Bello, Z.Kelly, Horn, Martin, K.Jansen, Winckowski.

(W 3-1) Chafin pitched to 4 batters in the 5th. Inherited runners scored—Chafin 1-1, Festa 3-0, Yates 2-0, Pennington 2-1, Horn 1-1. IBB—off Chafin (Devers), off Chafin (Wong). HBP—Bello (Heim), Mahle (Rafaela). WP—Chafin. Umpires—Home, Mike Estabrook; First, Erich Bachus; Second, Laz Diaz; Third, Trip Gibson. T—3:34. A—35,715 (37,755).

eighth, then All-Star closer Kirby Yates tossed 1 2/3 scoreless innings to finish regulation. Yeah, it took everyone. It wasn't enough either.

CLASS 5A AND 6A FOOTBALL PRACTICE BEGINS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Southlake Carroll

On a wall in Southlake Carroll's indoor facility, there is a reminder of the great tradition that the eight-time state champion is trying to uphold.

It lists each of the years that Carroll won a state title while compiling the fourth most state championships among 11-man football teams in UIL history behind Aledo (12), Carthage (nine) and Katy (nine). The wall reveals that Carroll has been the home of eight Texas high school player of the year award winners and 63 first-team all-state selections.

But Angelo Renda doesn't need a history lesson on the legendary quarterback standard that he will look to continue as he becomes the starter as a junior, replacing 3,000-yard passer Graham Knowles. After Carroll concluded practice Monday morning on the first day that the UIL allows workouts for Class 6A and 5A teams that had spring drills, Renda rattled off the names of the extraordinary Carroll quarterbacks that have come before him.

"Riley Dodge, my coach, he was probably the best to ever do it," Renda said. "We had Quinn Ewers, Kaden Anderson, Graham Knowles, Ryan Agnew, Kenny Hill. I've seen them all. I've been here my whole life, coming to games since I was a little kid. So now, being a part of this team and taking over, it's awesome."

The last three Carroll starting quarterbacks are now playing at FBS schools — Knowles at Georgia Tech, Anderson at Wyoming and Ewers at Texas. Ewers, who threw for 6,445 yards and 73 touchdowns in his two years as Carroll's starter in 2019 and 2020, is among the Heisman Trophy favorites going into the 2024 season after leading Texas to the College Football Playoff semifinals last season.

Before that, Chase Daniel, Greg McElroy and Dodge led Carroll to three straight state titles from 2004 to 2006. Daniel played in the NFL from 2010 to 2022, McElroy spent one season in the NFL and Dodge was a Parade All-American, played at North Texas and has a record of 78-8 in six years as Carroll's head coach.

"I don't really feel pressure," Renda said. "I show up and I go to work."

As a sophomore last year, Renda was the backup behind Knowles for a 13-2 team that lost to state champion DeSoto in the Class 6A Division II state semifinals. Renda said he doesn't have any college offers yet, but that could change quickly now that he is starting for one of the nation's best after completing 75% of his passes while accounting for 13 touchdowns in limited action in 2023.

Renda takes over as the starter for a team that led area 6A teams in scoring (53.5 points per game) and total offense (522.1 yards per game). Carroll is No. 33 in the MaxPreps preseason national rankings and should have one of the most explosive offenses in the state as USC pledge Riley Wormley and Baylor pledge Davis Penn return at running back after combining to rush for 2,478 yards and 49 touchdowns, and the passing game features four-star TCU pledge Brock Boyd at wide receiver and four-star Tennessee pledge Jack Van Dorselaer at tight end.

"I feel like we have the two best backs in the state for the Class of 2025 and 2026," said Wormley, a four-star senior who is rated the 31st-best running back in the nation in the Class of 2025. "We have a great relationship, and we don't get on each other about reps. We split time the majority of the time, and we both get our even carries, even touches."

Renda made impressive throws throughout practice, and he hit Penn in stride on one deep ball and Boyd on another long pass after each had gotten a step on their defender. Boyd, a four-star junior who had 58 receptions for 825 yards and seven touchdowns last year, beat double coverage on that particular reception.

"He is able to read the field really well as a young guy," Boyd said of Renda. "I think that shows how much time he spent in the film room. He is just really consistent with where he puts the ball."

Renda was helped by going through Carroll's quarterback school this summer. It allowed him to learn from Dodge, a two-time state offensive player of the year in the UIL's largest classification who threw for more than 8,000 yards in his career as Carroll's quarterback.

Greg Riddle



Steve Hamm/Special Contributor

Allen coach Lee Wiginton throws a pair of simultaneous spirals to players during Allen's practice Monday, the first day of workouts for most teams in 5A and 6A.

Allen

When Brady Bricker went down with a collarbone injury in a bi-district playoff contest against Lewisville last November, it looked like the quarterback's exit could threaten Allen's season.

But Allen held on to win the contest 18-17 and eventually advanced to the 6A Division I Region I final, where it fell 49-37 to North Crowley. It was Allen's second run to the fourth round since 2021.

While Allen held its first day of practice early Monday morning, coach Lee Wiginton said the team is already well into its season.

"We ask an awful lot of them year-round," Wiginton said. "Our program didn't start today. It started the day we got beat by North Crowley. From that moment until now, through December, we will ask an incredible amount out of them."

Pressure to win is high at Allen, which won four state championships last decade and boasts five overall. Wiginton hopes his team can take the momentum from last season into this fall.

Bricker, who was the District 5-6A Offensive Newcomer of the Year in 2023, returns at quarterback. His arsenal includes senior Tulsa pledge Donnell Gee Jr. at wide receiver and Micah Ellis at running back. Ellis rushed for 1,082 yards and 16 touchdowns during his junior season.

Allen's defense includes junior cornerbacks LeBron Bauer, a prospect with seven offers, and Kai Wheaton, who holds six offers from

schools including Arkansas, Cal and Houston. Bricker has offers from Ball State, UTEP and Henderson State.

"He stepped in last year and had a great junior year," Wiginton said. "Seeing him now, be more comfortable in that role, the game slows down when you get like that. It's starting to click and make more sense to him."

Before Allen's run to the regional final, it finished 5-2 in District 5-6A. The team went 9-5 overall.

Allen moved to District 6-6A in realignment. The program no longer plays Denton Guyer, but Prosper, Prosper Rock Hill, McKinney and McKinney Boyd also made the move from 5-6A over to the district that includes Princeton and all three Plano schools.

"I love the history of Allen football and the history of Texas high school football," Wiginton said. "When you hear of Allen being in with Plano, that's what happened most of the time. So for that district to get back together is really, really good."

Ahead of district play, Allen will meet Midland Legacy on Aug. 30 in the season opener and Cedar Hill the following week. Legacy lost to Allen 52-35 in last year's regional semifinals, and Cedar Hill advanced to the 6A Division II Region II final.

Wiginton thinks these matchups will prepare Allen for its district slate and beyond. Before the team left the end-of-practice huddle, the players said in unison, "1...2...3 win state."

Myah Taylor

DeSoto

DESOTO — With less than three weeks to go before it opens the season at home against Georgia Class 5A state runner-up Creekside, DeSoto hasn't decided on a starting quarterback, coach Claude Mathis said Monday.

The two players competing for that job — three-star Virginia Tech pledge Kelden Ryan and junior Legend Howell — said that the competition is only making them better after both transferred from private schools to back-to-back UIL Class 6A Division II state champion DeSoto.

"It's great," said Ryan, who played at Fort Worth All Saints as a junior after spending his first two years of high school at Keller Central. "He is really talented, he is a great quarterback, a great guy. We've been pushing each other ever since we got here to be the best quarterbacks we can both be."

As DeSoto opened practice Monday night, Ryan comes in with the higher pedigree, rated

the third-best quarterback in the Dallas area and the 54th-best QB in the nation in the Class of 2025 after he accounted for 31 touchdowns and 2,896 yards of total offense for All Saints in 2023.

Howell, a transfer from Bishop Lynch who doesn't have an offer yet, has a similar skill set and said his strengths are "being able to stay in the pocket, and if I need to, I can take off." He has thrown for nearly 3,000 yards in his first two years of high school.

"I believe both bring a smart IQ," said DeSoto four-star running back Deondrae "Tiger" Riden Jr., who is committed to Texas A&M. "They're smart players and make smart plays, smart throws."

DeSoto hopes to become the fifth Dallas-area football team to win at least three consecutive state titles, joining Celina, Southlake Carroll, Highland Park and Allen.

Greg Riddle

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HIGH SCHOOLS

VOLLEYBALL

MONDAY'S RESULTS

NONDISTRICT				
Trophy Club Byron Nelson d. Flower Mound				
Colleyville Heritage d. Prosper	25-16	22-25	25-21	19-25, 15-12
Aledo d. Argyle Liberty Christian	25-22	25-19	25-20	

BASEBALL

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

EAST				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Sugar Land	24	14	.632	
Round Rock	18	20	.474	6
Albuquerque	18	21	.462	6 1/2
Oklahoma City	16	23	.410	8 1/2
El Paso	15	24	.385	9 1/2
WEST				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Las Vegas	22	16	.579	2
Salt Lake	22	17	.564	2 1/2
Tacoma	22	17	.564	2 1/2
Reno	20	18	.526	4
Sacramento	16	23	.410	8 1/2
TODAY'S GAMES				
Albuquerque at Round Rock	7:05			
Sugar Land at Tacoma	2:05			
Reno at El Paso	7:05			
Salt Lake at Sacramento	8:45			
Oklahoma City at Las Vegas	9:05			

TEXAS LEAGUE

SOUTH				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Frisco	24	15	.615	1
Midland	23	16	.590	—
San Antonio	18	20	.474	5 1/2
Amarillo	17	22	.436	7
Corpus Christi	12	26	.316	11 1/2
NORTH				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Springfield	23	16	.590	—
Arkansas	22	17	.564	1

NW Arkansas	20	18	.526	2 1/2
Tulsa	18	20	.474	4 1/2
Wichita	16	23	.410	7

TODAY'S GAMES

Springfield at Frisco	7:05
Midland at Tulsa	7:00
Corpus Christi at NW Arkansas	7:05
Arkansas at Wichita	7:05
Amarillo at San Antonio	7:05

GOLF

PGA TOUR WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP

AT GREENSBORO, N.C.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Sedgefield Country Club (par 70)

Final round (one player completed his round Monday)

Aaron Rai (560)	262 (28 under)	\$1,422,000
Max Greyserman (300)	264 (16 under)	\$861,100
Billy Horschel (300)	265 (15 under)	\$466,100
Ryo Hisatsune (163)	267 (13 under)	\$239,900
J.J. Spaun (163)	268 (12 under)	\$249,245
Eric Cole (80)	269 (11 under)	\$144,965
Jacob Bridgeman (53)	270 (10 under)	\$79,658
Christiaan Bezuidenhout (37)	270 (10 under)	\$79,658

Keegan Bradley (37)	69-64-67-70
Nicolas Echavarria (37)	68-68-66-68
Chris Gotterup (37)	65-69-69-67
Rico Hoey (37)	68-68-65-69
Cameron Young (37)	67-62-69-72
271 (9 under)	\$56,485
Adam Hadwin (28)	66-67-68-70
Mackenzie Hughes (28)	67-69-69-66
Seamus Power (28)	66-70-69-66
Matt Wallace (28)	69-66-70-66
Gary Woodland (28)	68-67-67-69
272 (8 under)	\$45,109
Zach Johnson (21)	68-67-68-69
Justin Lower (21)	66-70-65-71
Denny McCarthy (21)	68-68-70-66
Victor Perez (21)	66-69-69-66
Patrick Rodgers (21)	68-63-70-71
273 (7 under)	\$37,525
Nick Hardy (17)	68-67-70-68
Chandler Phillips (17)	67-69-71-66
Davis Riley (17)	69-66-68-70
274 (6 under)	\$31,995
Brice Garnett (14)	69-67-70-68
Doug Ghim (14)	68-66-68-72
Sungjae Im (14)	68-67-67-72
Kyung-Hoon Lee (14)	68-67-68-71
275 (5 under)	\$25,711
Daniel Berger (10)	68-68-68-71
Zac Blair (10)	73-63-70-69
Cameron Champ (10)	67-69-68-71
Brian Harman (10)	69-67-69-70
Maverick McNealy (10)	67-68-69-71
Ryan Moore (10)	67-69-70-69
Martin Trnka (10)	70-64-69-72
276 (4 under)	\$18,881
Torge Campillo (6)	68-67-73-68
Taylor Moore (6)	65-71-67-73
Andrew Novak (6)	68-67-72-69
Chad Ramey (6)	65-64-73-74
Justin Suh (6)	65-66-71-74
Ben Taylor (6)	64-70-68-74
Kevin Tway (6)	69-65-70-72
277 (3 under)	\$18,012
Emiliano Grillo (5)	69-66-72-70
Nate Lashley (5)	67-69-67-74
278 (2 under)	\$17,696
Pierceson Coody (5)	69-67-72-70
Jhonnatan Vegas (5)	70-64-67-68
279 (1 under)	\$17,459
Vince Whaley (4)	65-71-72-71
280 (even)	\$17,221

Joel Dahmen (4)	71-64-73-72
Matt Schmid (4)	68-67-75-70
286 (6 over)	\$16,985
Seonghyeon Kim (4)	69-66-73-78
Withdrew	
Michael Kim	68-68-76-WD

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

BOSTON RED SOX —In consultation with Major League Baseball, the Red Sox today issued an unpaid two-game suspension to outfielder Jordan Duran . Reinstated RHP Brayan Bello from the paternity list. Designated 2B Jamie Westbrook for assignment. Recalled LHP James Paxton on the 15-day IL. Recalled LHP Bailey Horn from Worcester (IL). Selected the contract of 1B Mickey Gasper from Worcester. Optioned LHP Breman Bernardino to Worcester.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS —Released RHP Zach Plesac .
MINNESOTA TWINS —Reinstated LHP Steven Olson from the bereavement list. Optioned RHP Randy Dobnak to St. Paul (IL).
SEATTLE MARINERS —Re-signed OF Victor Robles to two-year contract extension.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS —Optioned SS Luis De Los Santos to Buffalo (IL). Selected the contract of 2B Will Wagner from Buffalo.
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS —Reinstated LHP Blake Walston from the 15-day IL. Optioned LHP Blake Walston to Reno (PCL).
ATLANTA BRAVES —Recalled LHP A.J. Minter on the 15-day IL. Recalled LHP Dylan Lee from Gwinnett (IL).
COLORADO ROCKIES —Placed 3B Kris Bryant on the 10-day IL retroactive to August 11. Recalled OF Jordan Beck from Albuquerque (PCL). Optioned LHP Josh Rogers to Albuquerque. Recalled RHP Bradley Blalock from Hartford (EL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS —Designated SS Amed Rosario for assignment. Reinstated RF Mookie Betts from the reserve list.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS —Reinstated LHP Bryan Hudson from the 15-day IL. Optioned LHP DL Hall to Nashville (IL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES —Reinstated RHP Joe

Musgrove from the 60-day IL. Designated RHP Carl Edwards Jr. for assignment.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS —Placed DH Matt Carpenter on the 10-day IL retroactive to August 9. Recalled 3B Jordan Walker from Memphis (IL).

FOOTBALL

ATLANTA FALCONS —Signed DB Josh Thompson to a contract.
BALTIMORE RAVENS —Activated DB T.J. Tampa from the PUP list.
BUFFALO BILLS —Signed QB Ben DiMarco to a contract. Signed WR Damiere Byrd .
CINCINNATI BEIGALS —Activated DL Deonsha Maxwell from the active/PUP list.
CLEVELAND BROWNS —Signed LB Brandon Boyer-Randle to a contract. Released DL Marcus Haynes . Signed DBs Falon Hicks and Chase Williams to contracts. Waived DB Vincent Gray and LS Rex Sunahara . Terminated the contract of RB John Kelly Jr.
DENVER BRONCOS —Claimed DB Kaleb Hayes off waivers from the New York Giants.
DETROIT LIONS —Signed QB Jake Fromm and LB Ty Summers to contracts. Released OL Ike Boettger . Waived/Injured WR Antoine Green .
HOUSTON TEXANS —Re-signed DL Pheldarius Payne to a contract. Waived WR Jadon Janik .
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS —Claimed RB Demetric Felton off waivers from the Chicago Bears. Waived/Injured RB Trent Pennix .
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS —Activated Justin Reid from the NFL list.
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS —Signed LB Shaquille Quarterman to a contract. Waived QB Casey Bauman and WR Praise Olatokun .
MIAMI DOLPHINS —Signed LBs Wyatt Ray and David Anemih to contracts. Activated LB Jaquan Phillips from the PUP list. Placed LBs Graysen Murphy and Cam Brown on injured reserve.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS —Re-signed RB Deshaun Fennick to a contract. Released DL John Yorkjan .
NEW YORK GIANTS —Signed RB Lorenzo Linder to a contract.
NEW YORK JETS —Signed TE Neal Johnson and LB Anthony Hines to contracts. Released LB

Jimmy Garro and DB Myles Jones .
PITTSBURGH STEELERS —Waived/Injured DB Kalon Barnes .
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS —Signed WR Robbie Chosen . Waived/Injured WR Frank Darby .
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS —Signed P Nolan Cooney . Waived QB Zach Annenstad .

BASKETBALL

UTAH JAZZ —Signed C Kyle Filipowski to a contract. Re-signed G Johnny Juzang to a contract. Waived G Taeveon Kinsey .
HOCKEY
CALGARY FLAMES —Signed D Yan Kuznetsov and F Adam Klapak to one-year, two-way contracts.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS —Re-signed F Nolan Foote to a one-year, two-way contract.
SOCCER
FC DALLAS —Acquired D Ruan Gregorio Teixeira from CF Montreal in exchange for \$50,000 in 2024 General Allocation Money (GAM).
NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION —Acquired F Alhassan Yusuf from Belgian club Royal Antwerp FC for an undisclosed fee.

WOMEN'S SINGLES ROUND OF 32

Francesca Jones, Britain, d. Katarzyna Kawka, Poland, 6-1, 6-3.
Elsa Jacquemot (8), France, d. Linda Klimovicova, Czechia, 6-0, 4-6, 6-3.
Mariam Bolkvadze, Georgia, d. Maria Timofeeva, Russia, 3-6, 7-6 (1), 6-0.
Gao Xinyu, China, d. Carole Monnet, France, 2-6, 7-6 (3), 7-5.

SOCCER LEAGUES CUP

ROUND OF 16				
TODAY'S MATCHES				
Cincinnati	vs. Philadelphia	6:30		
Columbus	vs. Miami	6:30		
Cruz Azul	vs. Mazatlan	7:00		
Tigres	vs. NAYC (F51)	7:00		
Toluca	vs. Colorado	9:00		
América	vs. St. Louis	9:30		
LAFC	vs. San Jose	9:30		

TENNIS

WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN (at Cincinnati)				
MONDAY'S RESULTS				
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor				
MEN'S SINGLES ROUND OF 64				
Flavio Cobelli, Italy, d. Tommy Paul (10), United States, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.				

ATP NATIONAL BANK OPEN (at Montreal)

MONDAY'S RESULTS				
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor				
MEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP				
Marcel Granollers, Spain, and Horacio Zeballos (1), Argentina, d. Rajeev Ram, United States, and Joe Salisbury (3), Britain, 6-2, 7-6 (4).				

WTA BARRANQUILLA OPEN (at Barranquilla)

MONDAY'S RESULTS				
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor				
WOMEN'S SINGLES ROUND OF 32				
Francesca Jones, Britain, d. Katarzyna Kawka, Poland, 6-1, 6-3.				
Elsa Jacquemot (8), France, d. Linda Klimovicova, Czechia, 6-0, 4-6, 6-3.				
Mariam Bolkvadze, Georgia, d. Maria Timofeeva, Russia, 3-6, 7-6 (1), 6-0.				
Gao Xinyu, China, d. Carole Monnet, France, 2-6, 7-6 (3), 7-5.				

BASKETBALL WNBA

WESTERN	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	17	8	.680	—
Seattle	17	8	.680	—
Las Vegas	16	8		

TUESDAY — Open practice, 1 p.m.
WEDNESDAY — Joint practice with Rams, 1 p.m.
THURSDAY — Open practice, 1 p.m.

Cowboys Training Camp/NFL

COWBOYS BRIEFS

Overshown flying high after first game

Rookie LB happy to be thinking about football instead of knee rehab

By **DAVID MOORE**
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OXNARD, Calif. — DeMar-
 vion Overshown wasn't particu-
 larly reflective.

He just wanted to enjoy the
 moment.

"Just to make a play in an ac-
 tual game, waiting for that mo-
 ment again," the Cowboys line-
 backer said after the team's pre-
 season opener. "Feeling those
 emotions again. Living my
 dream all over again."

"The journey was definitely
 worth it."

Overshown's rookie season
 came crashing down before it
 ever started when he suffered a
 torn ACL in the Cowboys' sec-

ond preseason game last Au-
 gust. Sunday was his first game
 since the injury.

The third-round pick re-
 sponded with three tackles in
 limited action. Overshown was
 flying around the field as he's
 done in this training camp.

Afterward, Overshown told
 reporters that during his reha-
 bilitation, one way he worked
 on his reaction time was to swat
 flies in the garage all day. It's
 hard to believe the Cowboys
 coaches or training staff sug-
 gested this drill, so just one
 question:

Why?

"Where I'm from, the coun-
 try, East Texas, you have a lot of
 bugs out there," Overshown
 said. "You grow up with a fly
 swatter, watching Grandma
 with a fly swatter in her hands."

"It's one of the things I've al-
 ways enjoyed doing."

Did Overshown even think
 about his ACL in the loss to the
 Los Angeles Rams?

"Not at all," he said. "Actually,
 you know, when you're playing
 football you have a lot of bumps
 and bruises. You go in with one
 injury and after the second play
 you get kneed in the hip, and it's
 like, 'yeah, this knee ain't noth-
 ing compared to this.'"

"The knee, that's been out of
 my mind. I trusted the training
 staff and the strength staff this
 whole process. One of the main
 things they said was when you
 go again, you're going to be
 good. The knee's not even a
 question."

Quick prep for CB Booth:
 Cornerback Andrew Booth Jr.
 quickly transitioned from play-
 ing for the Minnesota Vikings
 to playing for Dallas.

After the Cowboys traded
 cornerback Nahshon Wright to

the Vikings for Booth on Friday
 morning, Booth didn't expect to
 play in Sunday's preseason
 opener against the Los Angeles
 Rams. But Cowboys assistant
 defensive backs/quality control
 coach Christian Garcia went
 over parts of the game plan with
 Booth in preparation for the
 game.

Booth played two defensive
 snaps and four special teams
 plays in the 13-12 loss but didn't
 register a tackle and was penal-
 ized for lining up incorrectly on
 a kickoff in the fourth quarter.

"Same day I was on the
 flight, it was crazy," Booth said
 of his quick transition. "You
 can't play without knowing the
 plays and calls. I met with
 Coach trying to get the plays or
 whatever, just going through
 the installs."

The move to the Cowboys
 didn't surprise Booth. He was a

second-round pick in 2022,
 and after suffering a knee injury
 that limited him to six games
 his rookie season, he played in
 every game last season. But he
 had just two starts in two sea-
 sons.

"I think I did my time there
 and I appreciate the guys for
 taking me in and taking a
 chance on me and they knew
 what type of ballplayer I was,"
 Booth said after Sunday's game.
 "It was time to move on."

As for Wright, he didn't play
 in the Vikings game Saturday.

Calvin Watkins

**Cowboys, Rams add com-
 bined practice:** The Cowboys
 announced several changes to
 their remaining training camp
 schedule, most notably the ad-
 dition of a joint practice with
 the Rams at 11 a.m. Wednesday
 (1 p.m. Central) in Oxnard,
 Calif. The session will be open

to the public. The teams scrim-
 maged last week in advance of
 their preseason game Sunday.

As a result, the walkthrough
 practice originally scheduled
 for Wednesday has now been
 moved to Tuesday, also open to
 the public.

After playing the Las Vegas
 Raiders in a preseason game
 Saturday, the Cowboys will
 have a mock game practice at
 3:45 p.m. Monday (Aug. 19) in
 Oxnard. Wednesday, Aug. 21,
 remains the final training camp
 practice open to the public.

Briefly: Of the 70 offensive
 snaps by the Cowboys in Sun-
 day's game, tackle Earl Bostick
 and center/guard Cooper Bee-
 be played the most (55). Cor-
 nerback Josh Butler played a
 team-high 54 snaps for the de-
 fense. ... Twenty-five Cowboys
 didn't play in the preseason
 opener.



Tom Fox/Staff Photographer

Tight end Brevyn Spann-Ford (47) catches a pass from quarterback Trey Lance (19) during Sunday's game against the Rams. Spann-Ford had two catches for 13 yards in the game and could make a late push to get on the roster.

DAVID MOORE

Roster starting to gain focus

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remainder of this preseason.
 Rush will likely get more work
 against the Las Vegas Raiders
 than he did against the Rams,
 but the plan is for Lance to get
 the bulk of the opportunities.

Running backs (4)

**Ezekiel Elliott, Rico Dow-
 dle, Royce Freeman, Hunter
 Luepke**

The leading rusher in the
 preseason opener was the
 quarterback. Lance had 44
 yards on the ground. The five
 backs who carried the ball
 combined for 49 yards on 17
 carries for an average of 2.8
 yards. This position is a work
 in progress.

Wide receivers (5)

**CeeDee Lamb, Brandin
 Cooks, Jalen Tolbert, Ka-
 Vontae Turpin, Jalen Brooks**

The top four spots appear
 set. If the Cowboys decide to
 keep only five receivers, it's a
 crowded competition. Brooks
 has the edge at the moment
 and flashed his promise again
 with two catches for 49 yards
 against the Rams. But Jalen

Cropper has looked good the
 last week or so. Tyron Billy-
 Johnson and rookie Ryan
 Flournoy have also had their
 moments.

Tight ends (4)

**Jake Ferguson, Luke
 Schoonmaker, John Ste-
 phens, Princeton Fant**

Stephens appears to have
 the inside track on the third
 spot. He had three receptions
 for 19 yards in the opener. Keep
 an eye on rookie free agent
 Brevyn Spann-Ford, who had
 two catches for 13 yards in the
 game. He could make this in-
 teresting.

Offensive line (9)

**Zack Martin, Tyler Smith,
 Terence Steele, Tyler Guy-
 ton, Chuma Edoga, Brock
 Hoffman, Cooper Beebe,
 Asim Richards, T.J. Bass.**

The starting line against the
 Rams, from left to right, was
 this: Edoga-Richards-Hoff-
 man-Bass-Matt Waletzko.
 Edoga should be expected to
 enter the season as the swing
 tackle if Guyton continues to
 progress at left tackle. But if
 the toe injury Edoga suffered

against the Rams is significant
 a roster spot could come open.

Defensive line (9)

**DeMarcus Lawrence,
 Marshawn Kneeland, Osa
 Odighizuwa, Mazi Smith, Vi-
 liami Fehoko, Chauncey Gol-
 ston, Carl Davis, Al-Quadin
 Muhammad, Shaka Toney.**

The rotation here is far
 from settled. Muhammad and
 Toney, the two veterans the
 club signed after Sam Wil-
 liams went down for the sea-
 son with a torn ACL, are mak-
 ing a push.

Linebackers (6)

**Micah Parsons, Damone
 Clark, Eric Kendricks, De-
 Marvion Overshown, Marist
 Liufau, Jason Johnson**

The Cowboys have a knack
 for picking up an undrafted
 rookie free agent or two — or
 three — who lands a spot pri-
 marily for their special teams
 contribution and sticks for a
 while. Could Johnson from
 Central Florida follow that
 path this season?

Cornerback (6)

**Trevon Diggs, DaRon
 Bland, Jourdan Lewis, Cae-**

**len Carson, Andrew Booth,
 C.J. Goodwin.**

Carson has moved into the
 fourth corner spot. If you set
 aside for Goodwin for special
 teams, that probably leaves on-
 ly one spot left. Eric Scott had
 a pick Sunday but gave up some
 plays as well. Booth, who was
 acquired from Minnesota in
 the trade for Nahshon Wright,
 should make a hard push for
 that spot.

Safety (4)

**Malik Hooker, Donovan
 Wilson, Markquese Bell,
 Juauneh Thomas.**

The argument can be made
 that no position on the roster is
 stronger on the two-deep than
 this one. Bell was fabulous in
 the opener. If he continues to
 play this way, the coaching
 staff will look for ways to get
 him on the field more.

Specialists (3)

**Brandon Aubrey, Bryan
 Anger, Trent Sieg.**

It turns out Aubrey isn't
 perfect. He made only four of
 his five field goal attempts in
 the opener. Of course, the one
 he missed was from 65 yards.

NFL BRIEFS

Jets, Reddick in ugly faceoff

Browns' QB Watson
 will get playing time
 in last preseason game

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. —
 Haason Reddick's holdout from
 the New York Jets has gotten ugly
 as it enters its third week.

Shortly after a person familiar
 with the situation told The Asso-
 ciated Press that the star edge
 rusher requested a trade Mon-
 day, Jets general manager Joe
 Douglas said the team has no in-
 tention of granting Reddick his
 wish.

"We have informed Haason
 that we will not trade him, that he
 is expected to be here with his
 teammates and that he will con-
 tinue to be fined per the CBA if he
 does not report," Douglas said in
 a statement issued by the Jets.

Reddick was acquired by
 New York from Philadelphia in
 the offseason after asking to pur-
 sue a trade from the Eagles over
 his contract situation.

Reddick is scheduled to make
 \$14.25 million in base salary in
 the final year of his deal. By miss-
 ing the first three weeks of camp,
 Reddick is facing more than \$1
 million in mandatory fines. He
 also forfeited a \$250,000 work-
 out bonus for not attending the
 Jets' offseason workouts. None of
 Reddick's salary for this season is
 guaranteed.

Reddick has double-digit
 sacks in four straight seasons,
 including 27 during the past two
 years with the Eagles.

**Browns' Watson will play in
 preseason:** Cleveland quarter-
 back Deshaun Watson, who
 hasn't played in a game since
 breaking his shoulder in Novem-
 ber at Baltimore, is scheduled to
 play in the Browns' preseason fi-
 nale on Aug. 24 in Seattle.

Coach Kevin Stefanski re-
 vealed his plans for Watson on
 Monday. Watson did not play in
 the Browns' exhibition opener
 against Green Bay last weekend
 and will be held out of this week's
 home game against Minnesota.

**Bills sign QB after Buechele
 injury:** Buffalo filled its need for
 a third-string quarterback by
 signing Ben DiNucci, the player's
 agency JL Sports said Monday.
 Coach Sean McDermott said the
 team was considering adding a
 QB to replace Shane Buechele,
 the former Arlington Lamar,
 Texas and SMU QB who is out
 indefinitely with a neck injury.

McDermott did not reveal the
 nature of Buechele's injury, but
 said he played through it after be-
 ing hurt in Buffalo's loss to Chica-
 go on Saturday.

**Rodgers regrets immu-
 nized comment:** Aaron Rod-
 gers says in a soon-to-be pub-

NFL PRESEASON

THURSDAY'S GAME	(NFL) 6:00
Philadelphia at New England	
SATURDAY'S GAMES	(Ch. 11) 9:00
Dallas at Las Vegas	11 am
Atlanta at Baltimore	(NFL) Noon
Cincinnati at Houston	Noon
NY Giants at Kansas City	(NFL) 3:00
Detroit at Cleveland	3:25
Minnesota at Indianapolis	6:00
Arizona at Pittsburgh	(NFL) 6:00
Buffalo at Carolina	6:00
NY Jets at Tennessee	6:00
Seattle at Miami	6:00
Washington at LA Chargers	6:05
LA Rams at Jacksonville	6:30
Tampa Bay	
SUNDAY'S GAMES	(NFL) 7:00
Green Bay at Denver	(Ch. 4) 7:00
New Orleans at San Francisco	

lished book that he should have
 handled discussing his CO-
 VID-19 immunization status dif-
 ferently.

The New York Jets quarter-
 back was still with the Green Bay
 Packers in 2021 when he told re-
 porters he was "immunized"
 against the virus — and then test-
 ed positive for COVID-19 three
 months later. The four-time NFL
 MVP was widely criticized for
 not being truthful about his sta-
 tus.

"If there's one thing I wish
 could have gone different, it's
 that, because that's the only thing
 [critics] could hit me with,"
 ESPN reported Rodgers told au-
 thor Ian O'Connor for the bio-
 graphy that goes on sale next
 week.

AROUND THE LEAGUE

San Francisco: Defensive
 tackle Kalia Davis will need to
 undergo surgery on his knee af-
 ter getting hurt in the exhibition
 opener in the latest injury to hit
 the 49ers. San Francisco was
 missing more than a dozen play-
 ers because of injuries Monday.

Kansas City: Chiefs coach
 Andy Reid said wide receiver
 Marquise "Hollywood" Brown
 does not need surgery for the
 shoulder injury he suffered in the
 team's preseason opener in Jack-
 sonville. Reid said after Satur-
 day's game that Brown suffered a
 sternoclavicular posterior dislo-
 cation.

Minnesota: Vikings quarter-
 back J.J. McCarthy reported
 soreness in his right knee and
 was held out of practice on Mon-
 day night to undergo further ex-
 amination. McCarthy, the 10th
 overall pick in the draft out of na-
 tional champion Michigan, had
 188 yards, two touchdowns and
 one interception on 11-for-17
 passing in his preseason debut
 against Las Vegas.

NY Giants: Rookie wide re-
 ceiver Malik Nabers, the No. 6
 pick overall in the draft, twisted
 his left ankle running a route in
 practice Sunday and Coach Bri-
 an Daboll would not say whether
 he will play Saturday against the
 Texans.

The Associated Press

How much lead do we consume via cinnamon?

KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

I've read that cinnamon can contain significant amounts of coumarin, a potential liver toxin. It may also be contaminated with heavy metals such as lead. The FDA has recalled cinnamon applesauce due to excessive lead in some products for children.

How much lead are we all consuming in products that contain cinnamon? Who is even checking for lead during the manufacturing process? Apparently, nobody does unless kids become gravely ill.

On July 30, 2024, the Food and Drug Administration issued its third alert recommending recalls of nine brands of powdered cinnamon that contained elevated lead levels. The lead levels detected in these products ranged from 2 to 7 parts per million (ppm). For comparison, the applesauce products recalled last fall had 2,270 to 5,110 ppm. An alert on July 25, 2024, called out El Servidor brand cinnamon, with 20 ppm.

The agency has posted a list

of products on its website under the title: "More Ground Cinnamon Products Added to FDA Public Health Alert Due to Presence of Elevated Levels of Lead." According to the FDA, consumers should avoid these products and throw away or return any that they may have in their pantries. Ground cinnamon has a long shelf life, so a container that was purchased months ago may still be suspect.

Young children are especially susceptible to lead poisoning, but even older adults may experience high blood pressure, joint pain, brain fog and kidney problems if exposed to lead over time.



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As for coumarin, cassia cinnamon often contains this compound, although the amounts vary widely. Ceylon cinnamon, on the other hand, does not contain coumarin. *Cinnamomum zeylonicum* is more expensive than cassia cinnamon, but it may be worth it for peace of mind.

I'm a lifelong athlete and do triathlons and race mountain bikes. Occasionally, I get foot cramps, especially if my

feet are a little cold. Do you have any recommendations for prevention?

At one time, doctors thought that leg or foot cramps were the result of dehydration or electrolyte imbalance. While those problems may lead to some cramps, many others appear to be triggered when the motor neurons begin to fire uncontrollably.

Stimulating those neurons by activating TRP (transient receptor potential) channels can

reverse that nerve firing. What activates TRP channels found in the mouth and throat? Often they are things with strong flavors: capsaicin (essence of hot peppers), vinegar, mustard, ginger or pickle brine. We have heard from readers who ride with individual serving packets in case of a sudden cramp.

You can learn more about this approach in our "eGuide to Favorite Home Remedies." This online resource is located under the Health eGuides tab at PeoplesPharmacy.com.

For me and others, Adderall has suddenly stopped working. I was diagnosed with ADHD at 54, and this medication has changed my life with its ability to improve my focus and mood.

Then, it just stopped working. It feels like a sugar pill. I've read in posts on Reddit and an article in *The New York Times* that others are having the same trouble. I thought maybe it was a problem with generics. Neither my doctor nor pharmacist has gotten

this feedback. When I called another pharmacist, she said she's aware of the issue.

It seems that all of these Adderall problems have coincided with the shortage, so there may be a connection. This is very frustrating.

The shortage of Adderall (mixed amphetamine salts) has been going on since the fall of 2022. Other readers have also complained that generic Adderall is not working as expected.

One person wrote: "It is like I am not taking *anything*. My professional life suffers. My relationship at home suffers. My dogs don't even want to be around me. I really don't know what to do."

The Food and Drug Administration has predicted that the shortage will soon let up. When we checked its website, however, we discovered that the drug is still "currently in shortage."

Unfortunately, many other medications are also in shortage. Neither the FDA nor any other health organization has been able to solve this problem. It has been an ongoing scandal.

Her matchmaking comes at a price

ANDREWS McMEEL SYNDICATION

Dear Abby: I'm an outgoing person with a lot of friends, but I have begun being "ghosted" after setting up or facilitating an introduction between male and female friends. This has happened more than once when I'm pretty good friends with the guy. I introduce him to a female friend or colleague and encourage their relationship, only to have him tell me she isn't comfortable with his being my friend, gets jealous, etc.

Abby, I am happily married. I'm not interested in these men, and I'm really annoyed at losing a friend (or worse, he wants to meet only in secret). In most of these cases, I was friendly with the man's ex, and we all did things together without issue. It's making me not want to have male friends and to be wary of female friends. Advice?

Matchmaker in Indiana

Dear Matchmaker: Talk about ingratitude. It appears no good deed goes unpunished. It also appears you are swimming in a pond filled with insecure female friends and colleagues. The lesson here is: Stop fixing these women up. Stay out of the line of fire and let them find their own dates from now on.

Dear Abby: How do I get over my ex-husband? He wanted the divorce. I was told, not asked! It has been 10 years, yet I still dream about him. I haven't been with him or any other man since then. My disordered sleep is making me crazy. I have tried therapy, sleeping aides (OTC medication, sleep apps), but I still dream of him — good dreams and bad ones. I'm not sure how much more I can take. How do I keep my ex from my dreams?

Haunted in Alaska



DEAR ABBY

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Dear Haunted: I have found that the more we try to censor our dreams, the more frequent they become, particularly if the last thing you think about before going to sleep is, "Don't think about the rat who left me so unceremoniously!"

What may help your sleep quality would be to find another therapist and talk, talk, talk things out until you finally accept that your ex is history. Then you can finally start dreaming about your future instead of the past.

Dear Abby: I'm a married disabled woman. I dress myself, wash my clothes, clean up after myself, make my own breakfast and lunch, and cook dinner for my family. I do at-home rehab. My husband is supposed to stretch my legs twice daily to keep them limber, but he refuses to do it twice a day. He will do it only once if I remind him. He won't make our bed or help to clean up the kitchen after I cook. Am I wrong to feel that something is wrong with this picture?

Doing My Part in Texas

Dear Doing My Part: You are entitled to your feelings. It is sad that your husband isn't more willing to help, and you have the right to ask him why he's not. Because he refuses to assist with your rehab more than once a day, if possible, make other arrangements for it. Perhaps another relative or a friend could assist. Your doctor may also be able to help you find someone.

If partner is sick, he becomes sicker

WASHINGTON POST WRITERS GROUP

Adapted from an online discussion.

Dear Carolyn: I was telling my family what I thought was a funny story about my boyfriend (he was not there): Since we've been living together, every time I get sick, he starts complaining about being so much sicker. When I had tonsillitis, he suddenly was so sick, also from tonsillitis. When I had a UTI, he's suddenly bedridden with a UTI.

Every single time I get better, he magically gets better, too, even though I was the only one taking the antibiotics, etc. When I had COVID, he was so sick with the same thing, but "worse." I was in bed for six days and he went to work the whole week and out drinking, but when he'd get home, he'd insist he was just as sick as I was.

My parents didn't laugh as expected. My dad said this means he's willing to lie to me to get out of taking care of me. When I said he may not be lying, it may be a form of hypochondria, my mom said that's worse: This deep-seated need to one-up my illness is somewhat pathological.

Is this as big a red flag as my parents think it is, or just a weird quirk?

I Thought It Was Funny

Dear I Thought It Was Funny: That's kind of your call. But from my safe little chair, I imagine being years or maybe decades into a marriage with this person and needing serious care — care like I have watched friends and family need, up close. Or, egad, having a kid with serious issues. And if my life partner responded to this by ignoring the real needs completely so he could take to his bed with an acute case of self-pity, then I might look back and ask, why didn't I take this "quirk" seriously?

Think about it: responds to need by "needing" more himself. Wow.



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Thank your parents for saying the awkward thing, and yourself for daring to listen. Now keep going and ask why you missed it till now.

Readers' thoughts:

■ He said he had COVID yet still went to in-person work and socializing? He either lied about having a highly transmissible virus or he deliberately exposed his friends and co-workers to said virus. Don't let the door hit him on the [butt] on the way out.

■ Always the same illness you have? Tonsillitis? Walk away over his lack of imagination.

Dear Carolyn: Over the last few years, I have been dealing with chronic pain and other health problems. Whenever these issues come up in conversation with a group of old friends, a couple of them give me unsolicited health advice: Have you tried yoga? Have you tried turmeric? Have you tried essential oils? The list goes on.

This "advice" is often uninformed, bogus, untested and/or derived from social media. I've tried saying, "I appreciate the thought, but I'm not looking for advice." But that doesn't seem to get the message across. Lately, I've just stopped sharing, but these are old friends, and that feels lousy. Is there anything else I can say?

Stopped Sharing

Dear Stopped Sharing: You could front-load your request to be heard and supported vs. coached: "I've had some stuff going on that I'd like to share, but I'm definitely looking for an ear, not advice — hope that's OK with everyone." They'd have to be pretty special not to agree to that.

Nosy neighbors and open houses

ANDREWS McMEEL SYNDICATION

Dear Miss Manners: In my neighborhood, periodically, there are open houses. I like to go to them to see the layout of the houses and get decorating ideas.

I always tell the Realtor that I am a nosy neighbor and just curious about the house. I don't want the Realtor to waste time with me or walk me around. They always respond positively.

Is this rude on my part? My sister thinks it is.

Gentle Reader: Surely this would be an advantage for the seller. Others at the open house could meet a friendly neighbor, and you could spread the word about the delights of the neighborhood.

Is that the problem? Is your sister worried that you might put off potential buyers, either by annoying them in some way, or by telling everyone you meet that there are bodies buried in the backyard?

Otherwise, an open house may be considered open. As Miss Manners discourages guests from asking for house tours, and everyone from peeking into windows, this seems a harmless way to satisfy the curiosity people have about the way others live.

Dear Miss Manners: Something apparently shifted between my son's college graduation ceremony in 2019 and my daughter's. While the audience at the 2019 ceremony remained in place for the entirety of the two-hour proceedings, this time, fewer than 10% of both the graduates and their attendees stayed to the end.

In fact, almost all of the honorees walked across the stage to receive their diplomas and then simply left instead of returning to their seats. This resulted in a likewise steady exodus of family and friends from the audience while other students were still being called to the stage.



MISS MANNERS

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Those of us still trying to enjoy the full ceremony — and those whose graduates were at the end of the alphabet — were forced to deal with people squeezing past our knees as they left the aisles.

Am I completely behind the times that I was horrified at the mid-ceremony departures?

Gentle Reader: It always puzzles Miss Manners when those who object to rudeness accuse themselves — however disingenuously — of failure to keep up with progress. You are not required to follow progress that is headed downward into lack of consideration for others.

To treat a graduation ceremony as if it were a commercial transaction, where the graduates merely pick up their diplomas and leave, is an act of disrespect for their own classmates. It would be sad if the class had to be instructed beforehand not to do so.

Dear Miss Manners: How do I handle it when, during mealtime with my husband and my mother-in-law, there is enough food for a second helping or so?

I will ask either or both of them if they would like any more (broccoli), and they will say, "No, I may have some later."

This tells me that they are saying, "I don't want you to have it." They never eat what is left after I serve myself a very small portion (so I can leave them some).

Should I just say it's now or never, and go ahead and eat the last portion?

Gentle Reader: Yes.

HOROSCOPE

By NANCY BLACK
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AUGUST 13 BIRTHDAY: You're popular this year. Profits rise in teamwork with your partner. Joint ventures hit an autumn jackpot.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — Do the homework. Don't accept more than you can handle by the deadline.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Review budgets carefully before agreeing to a purchase or expense.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Today is a 6 — Wait to act until you're both on the same page. Avoid upsets and monitor a delicate situation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Today is an 8 — Stick to practical objectives with your health, fitness and work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — Listen and learn with loved ones. Moderate a disagreement. Reassure someone who feels left out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Domestic matters have your attention. Consider hidden costs before purchasing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Polish a diamond in the rough. Simplify to basics. Follow through on promises.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Expenses may be higher than planned. Postpone and research. Get creative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Personal discipline overcomes a challenge. Practice patiently.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — New information challenges old beliefs. Reflect before doing anything.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Inspire your team by example. Listen carefully to avoid conflict.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — Avoid professional controversy by keeping a low profile and focusing on the job at hand.

ARGYLE SWEATER

By Scott Hilburn



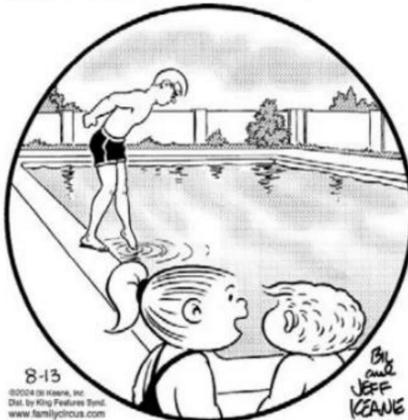
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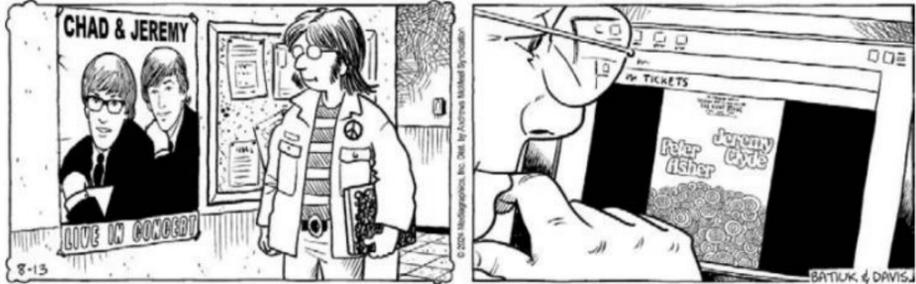
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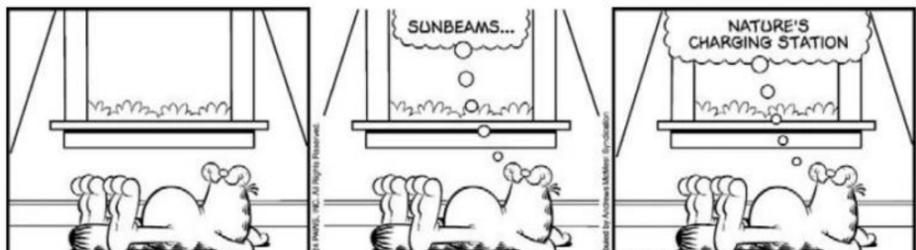
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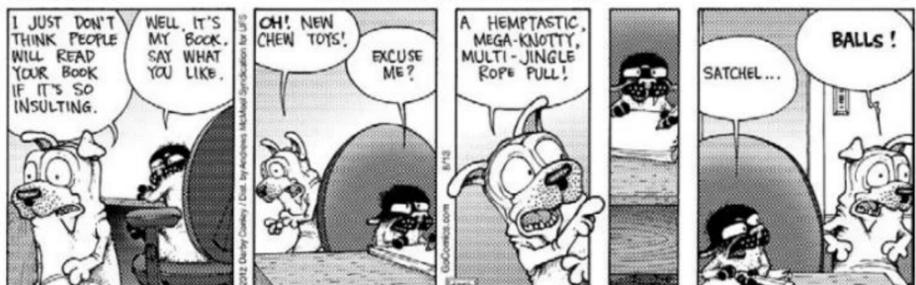
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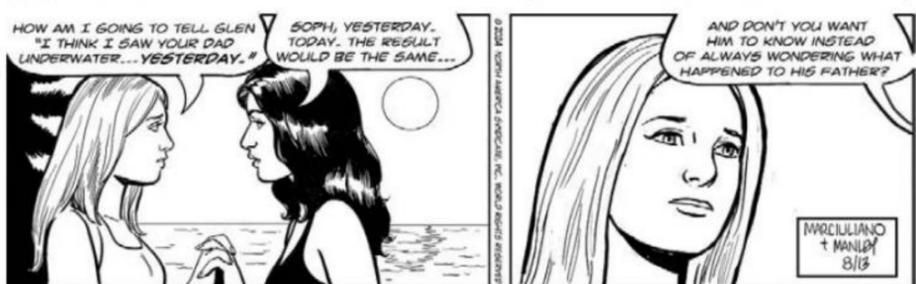
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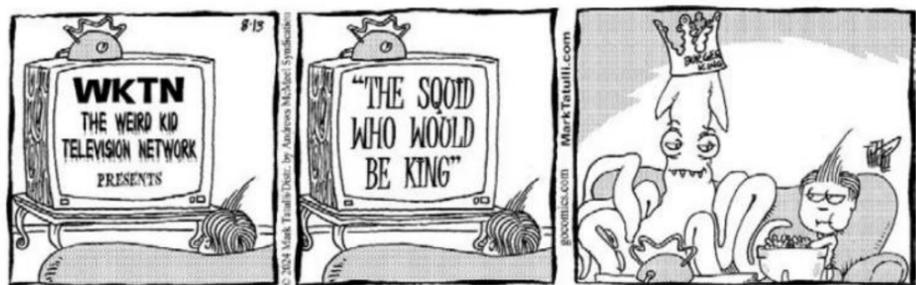
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By Mark Tatulli



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By Greg Evans and Karen Evans



NEW YORK TIMES DAILY CROSSWORD

No. 0709

Puzzle by Gary Larson and Amy Ens

Edited by Joel Fagliano

- ACROSS
1 Average grade for a 3.3 GPA
6 Office sub
10 Big shindig
14 Thrice-repeat-ed words in one of Gertrude Stein's truisms
15 Diva's delivery
16 Kind of sax
17 Sting operation at a senior center?
19 English playwright
20 Stone of "Poor Things"
21 Mountain range along much of the France/Italy border
22 Uniting idea
23 Button on the back of many appliances
25 Intention
26 Mission for an F-16?
31 Circular gasket
33 Doomed from the start, for short
34 "Go team!"

- DOWN
1 Nickname for George Herman Ruth
2 Busy "season" for limo drivers
3 Weaving machine
4 Many a role in "Jarhead"
5 "What you ___ is what you get"
6 One of two for the Ten Commandments
7 Blew one's top
8 ___ America
9 Unit of butter
10 Vietnamese sandwich
11 Common ingredient in after-sun gel
12 Hold back, as the tide
13 Bad thing to be in, in poker ... or good thing to be in, in golf
18 Impulsive
22 "Shop ___ you drop!"
24 Breakfast brand with a "Thick & Fluffy" variety
25 Way, way off

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

POLLS PAULA CRY
ADIEU IDSAY ROE
COLORSCHEME UMA
TRY PESO SANER
BRA COMICCON
CAPRIS PERTH
AREAS REEL TAO
SKATEBOARDTRICK
TSK AGRA HOMER
SMILE CAMERA
BEESTING ZIP
JEANS ORAL STU
ORS WHATARACKET
RIO AUDIT NOISE
KEN RESTS DONTS

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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

By Mike Peters



ONE BIG HAPPY

By Rick Detorie



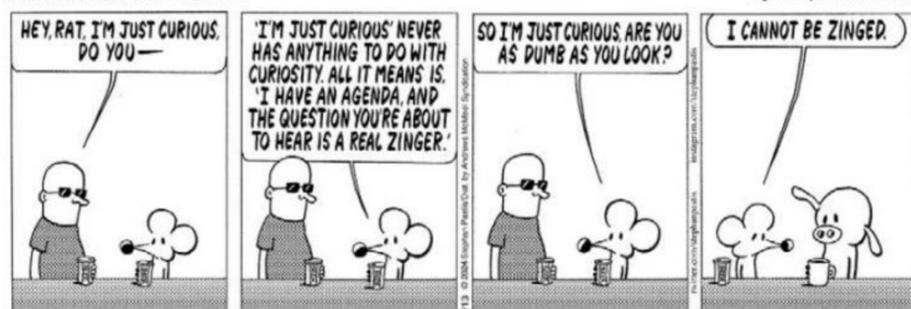
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By Charles M. Schulz



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

By Stephan Pastis



PICKLES

By Brian Crane



ROSE IS ROSE

By Pat Brady



SALLY FORTH

By Francesco Marciuliano and Jim Keefe



SHERMAN'S LAGOON

By J.P. Toomey



ZITS

By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



TODAY IN HISTORY

The Associated Press

1521 Spanish conqueror Hernán Cortés captured Tenochtitlan, present-day Mexico City, from the Aztecs.

1792 French revolutionaries arrested and imprisoned King Louis XVI; he would be executed by guillotine the following January.

1889 William Gray of Hartford, Connecticut, received a patent for the first coin-operated telephone.

1918 Opha May Johnson became the first woman to join the U.S. Marine Corps.

1952 Big Mama Thornton first recorded the song "Hound Dog," four years before Elvis Presley's famous version was released.

1961 On what would become known as Barbed Wire Sunday, East Germany sealed the border between Berlin's eastern and western sectors before building a wall that would divide the city for the next 28 years.

1969 New York City held a ticket-tape

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO Solution: 10 letters

A	M	E	R	I	C	A	N	G	O	T	H	I	C	A
B	B	M	R	E	P	P	O	H	D	R	A	W	D	E
E	O	S	D	V	A	N	G	O	G	H	S	M	Z	T
D	R	A	T	S	S	N	I	O	C	T	I	N	W	O
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LOVE IS...

By Kim Casali



PLUGGERS

By Rick McKee



Pluggers often utilize the alphabet when meeting old friends.

COMMUTER PUZZLE

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SUDOKU PUZZLE

Andrews McMeel Syndication

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in various positions.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

Grid showing the solution to yesterday's puzzle.

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

ACES ON BRIDGE

By BOBBY WOLFF Andrews McMeel Syndication

In today's deal, North offered a choice of games, and South, of course, converted to spades. West led the heart 10 from his sequence to the two and ace. (He probably would have led the four from 10-nine-six-four, but the seven-spot made the lead of the 10 more appealing.) East switched to a club, declarer winning the king and running the spade queen to East's king. East now found the switch to diamonds to give declarer a losing option, but declarer reasoned that East might have opened the bidding with ace-ace-king, non-vulnerable in third seat. He therefore played small from hand, forcing the ace, to score up his game.

East had to attack diamonds because declarer had two discards coming on the heart king-queen, but that would not have been so if East had played small at trick one rather than seeing his ace beat thin air. That would limit declarer to two heart tricks, and now normal play would lead to down one. East would avoid attacking diamonds, a frozen suit, after which declarer would have to tackle that suit himself.

Should East get it right at trick one? It would be unusual to lead away from a king around to a strong no-trump opening against a suit contract, and playing small will break even when West has led from the queen. Thus, East should duck.

Note that with the sight of all four hands, declarer can make the contract even on best defense by eliminating the round-eights and then playing the spade ace and another spade to endplay East.

NORTH ♠ A 9 8 6 5 ♥ J 2 ♦ J 8 7 ♣ A 5 4

WEST ♠ 10 4 ♥ 10 9 7 4 ♦ A 10 5 3 ♣ 10 8 6

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

SOUTH ♠ Q J 7 3 ♥ K Q 8 6 ♦ K 2 ♣ K Q 2

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: West

The bidding: South West North East 1 NT Pass Pass Pass 2 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass 3 NT Pass 4 ♠ All pass

Opening Lead: Heart 10

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ Q J 7 3 ♥ K Q 8 6 ♦ K 2 ♣ K Q 2

South West North East ?

Answer: This hand is hardly ideal for a two-no-trump overcall; you do not have any tricks! Then again, passing might find partner unable to balance with a flat 10-count or so, in which case your game will go a-begging. I have to say that although I would bid here, I might pass a three-heart opener rather than risk a three-no-trump overcall.

BABY BLUES

By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



BALDO

By Hector Cantu and Carlos Castellanos



B.C.

By Mastroianni and Hart



BIZARRO

By Wayno and Piraro



BLONDIE

By Dean Young



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