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## 2024 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

### City, protesters still at odds over plans

Clashes, mass arrests a concern as marches begin in Chicago

**By SOPHIA TAREEN**  
The Associated Press

On the eve of the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, activists and city officials continue to disagree about when, where and how some protests can go forward, raising fears of clashes and mass arrests this week. Protests began with an abortion rights march along iconic Michigan Avenue on Sunday, the day before the convention officially starts

at the United Center, and will continue until the party's gathering ends Thursday evening. The largest demonstrations are expected Monday — by the Coalition to March on the DNC, which includes about 200 groups rallying in support of Gaza and myriad social issues — and Wednesday by the Coalition for Justice in Palestine. Organizers expect tens of thousands to attend these events. By default, the Poor People's Campaign also received a permit to march directly

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AT A GLANCE  
Convention details



The Democratic National Convention begins today and runs through Thursday in Chicago. **PRIME TIME COVERAGE:** The four major networks will air the event, as well as C-SPAN, Fox News, MSNBC and CNN. Hulu, YouTube and X are scheduled to livestream the event. **MONDAY'S HIGHLIGHT:** President Joe Biden is scheduled to deliver the keynote speech, a symbolic changing of the Democratic political guard.

### Texas may be used as cautionary tale

State's abortion laws could serve as fodder for criticism of GOP

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Democrats will gather for their national convention Monday in Chicago in hopes of continuing a wave of enthusiasm for their revamped presidential ticket of Vice President Kamala Harris and running mate Tim Walz.

While Texans aren't expected to have a big prime-time presence at the four-day Democratic National Convention, the Lone Star State should have a major role to play. From local races to president, Democrats across the country are campaigning on issues that are major themes in Texas politics, including reproductive rights, gun policy, diversity programs and LGBTQ issues. Unlike at last month's Republican National Con-

vention in Milwaukee, Texas will be cast in the villain's role on matters of public policy. "Unfortunately, under Republican leadership in the state, Texas has become kind of the beta lab for the worst policy ideas that then sweep the country," said Lisa Turner, state director of the Lone Star Project, a Democratic research group. "When you look at the Democratic convention and the Texans that are going to

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Steve Hamm/Special Contributor

**Guests watched a Texas** Longhorns home football game as part of an immersive viewing projected at Cosm, a new dome venue that held its media preview at Grandscape in The Colony on Saturday. The idea behind Cosm is to immerse customers in experiences like sports events, artistic experiences and educational material.

## THE COLONY

# Glimpse into new era of entertainment

Venue offers immersive take on experiencing sports, art events

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On a night featuring an elaborate drone show over Grandscape in The Colony, Los Angeles-based Cosm opened the doors to its larger-than-life 87-foot-diameter LED dome for a select group of sports, media and business industry professionals from around the United States. The 65,000-square-foot venue is nearly incomparable to anything else with its gigantic, all-encompassing screen which towers three floors high. Cosm hosted a private showing of UFC 305 Saturday night, and it's the first of many events the company hopes redefines the future of the growing experiential entertainment business. At this point last year, the bold project, a collaboration between Cosm and Dallas-based HKS Architects, was visually barely more than piles of dirt

and a grand vision from president and CEO Jeb Terry and chairman Steve Winn. But with the building finished, winning over potential customers like sports fanatics, art aficionados and more is the name of the game. "Cosm is the next generation of the sports and entertainment experience and I promise that it will actually blow your mind," Terry said in a speech to the 250-plus attendees. "My hope is that you feel what's going on. You feel it in your bones. My expectation is that you're gonna have no idea how to describe what you experienced." The idea behind Cosm is to immerse customers into experiences like being courtside at sports events like the NBA Finals and Stanley Cup, artistic experiences like Cirque du Soleil and a new generation of educational material like director Guy

## GO & DO Games on tap

Cosm opens at the end of the month with three Week 1 college football matchups. Tickets can be purchased through Cosm's website and app on the App Store and Google Play Store. Tickets inside Cosm's dome for the games start at \$77. The games are:  
**Clemson vs. Georgia**  
11 a.m., Aug. 31  
**Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M**  
6:30 p.m., Aug. 31  
**USC vs. LSU**  
6:30 p.m., Sept. 1

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## MOVIE THEATERS

# Cinemark gains as some reel

Chain has strong showing as market continues to recover

**By HANNAH ZIEGLER**  
The Washington Post

When self-described cinephile Eric Bobrow goes to the movies, he often picks between competing theaters just steps away from each other in Wayne, N.J. But since the pandemic, his choice has been easy. As far as he's concerned, his local Cinemark boasts better screens, food and prices than the neighboring AMC, he said. "A lot of things get checked off my box when I go to my Cinemark," said Bobrow, 31.



Cinemark

**Cinemark has gained market share** since the lockdown in part due to its premium XD screens, which it says are comparable to Imax, and other movie-going amenities.

**ONLINE**  
Cinemark revenue rose 25% as hits such as *Barbie*, *Oppenheimer* and *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* brought fans back into theaters. The Plano-based company ranked **No. 44** in D-FW's Top 150 companies. To view the list, go to [dallasnews.com](http://dallasnews.com)

Many moviegoers can say the same. The last four years

have upended the entertainment industry, but Plano-based Cinemark has emerged as a relative success story. The third-largest U.S. theater chain, often seen as a cautious little brother to AMC and Regal, has gained market share since the lockdown, and its stock is at its highest level since early 2020 after gaining more than 80% this year. This month, the company reported

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## FAIR PARK

# Contract limits nonprofit's control

'Weaknesses and gaps' give operator power over financial decisions

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When allegations of mismanagement of Fair Park First funds became public in April, the nonprofit's leaders began to realize they lacked direct control over the money they were responsible for managing. A contract that governs the relationship between Fair Park First and Oak View Group, the for-profit operator of the park, gives OVG control over all funds that belong to the park — including money raised for improvements in and around the city's 277-acre crown jewel. The same contract prevents Fair

Park First from changing management companies without reworking the agreement. OVG, however, has the power to push Fair Park First out and bring in another nonprofit manager. Now, Fair Park First's board, which has raised more than \$40 million, is trying to strengthen its position and change the contract between it, the city and OVG. The goal is to stabilize a relationship that has put plans at risk to raise \$85 million for a community park and historic buildings to reverse decades of underinvestment in Dallas' Black neighborhoods and mend a torrid history of razing Black residents' homes to expand Fair Park's footprint.

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# Nation & World

## NEWS DIGEST

### Cholera outbreak hits misery-wracked Sudan

CAIRO — Sudan has been stricken by a cholera outbreak that has killed nearly two dozen people and sickened hundreds more in recent weeks, health authorities said Sunday. The outbreak compounds the misery for the African nation, which has been roiled by famine, a 16-month civil war and devastating floods.

Health Minister Haitham Mohamed Ibrahim said in a statement that at least 22 people have died from the disease and that at least 354 confirmed cases of cholera have been detected across the country in recent weeks.

Ibrahim didn't give a time frame for the deaths or the tally since the start of the year. The World Health Organization, however, said that 78 deaths were recorded from cholera this year in Sudan as of July 28. The disease also sickened more than 2,400 others between Jan. 1 and July 28, it said.

Cholera is a highly contagious infection that causes diarrhea, leading to severe dehydration and possible death within hours when not treated, according to WHO. It is transmitted through the ingestion of contaminated food or water.

*The Associated Press*

### Ferris wheel fire injures at least 23 in Germany

BERLIN — At least 23 people were hurt when two gondolas of a Ferris wheel caught fire at a music festival near Leipzig in eastern Germany, news agency dpa reported Sunday.

The fire started in one gondola and spread to a second one on Saturday night, police said. Four people suffered burn injuries, and one was hurt in a fall. Others, including first responders and at least four police officers, were to be examined for possible smoke inhalation, dpa reported.

Police are still investigating what caused the fire. The operator of the Ferris Wheel told dpa that no passengers were sitting in the gondola in which the fire started.

*The Associated Press*

### 'Alien: Romulus' bursts to No. 1 at the box office

*Alien: Romulus*, the latest installment in the 45-year-old franchise, opened in first place at the North American box office. The 20th Century Studios release earned an estimated \$41.5 million in its first weekend. Including \$66.7 million from international showings, *Alien: Romulus* boasted a \$108.2 million global debut.

The Walt Disney Co., which owns 20th Century Studios, claimed the top two spots on the charts, with *Marvel's Deadpool & Wolverine* now in its fourth weekend, taking second place with \$29 million. The romantic drama *It Ends With Us* landed in third place with \$24 million. *The Associated Press*

## SEVERE WEATHER

# Ernesto picks up strength again

Hurricane menaces U.S. East Coast with rip currents, swells

By RON TODT  
The Associated Press

Tropical Storm Ernesto became a hurricane again Sunday as it churned away from Bermuda and headed further out in the northeastern Atlantic, sending powerful swells toward the U.S. East Coast, generating rip currents associated with at least one death and prompting many rescues.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami said Ernesto's maximum sustained winds were clocked at 75 mph, just barely Category 1 strength.

More strengthening was

forecast over the next 12 hours, with Ernesto then expected to weaken and become a post-tropical cyclone on Tuesday, the hurricane center said. The storm was centered about 520 miles south of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and was expected to pass near southeastern Newfoundland late Monday and early Tuesday.

Swells generated by Ernesto were affecting portions of the Bahamas, Bermuda, the U.S. East Coast as well as the Canadian Atlantic coast. Life-threatening surf and rip current conditions are likely in these areas during the next couple of days, the hurricane center said.

The National Weather Service earlier posted a coastal

flood advisory and warned of a high risk for rip currents along the Atlantic Coast through Monday evening, saying they "can sweep even the best swimmers away from shore into deeper water."

A warning extended from Florida to the Boston area and portions of Maine.

In periods of high risk, rip currents become more likely and potentially more frequent, posing a danger to all levels of swimmers, not just inexperienced ones, said meteorologist Mike Lee in Mount Holly, N.J.

At Manasquan Inlet in New Jersey, officials said a fisherman was washed off the north jetty Saturday but was quickly rescued by lifeguards.

The victim had knee and back injuries and a possible concussion and was taken to a hospital, Lifeguard Chief Doug Anderson told NJ Advance Media, and lifeguards rescued at least five other people.

In Ventnor to the south, Senior Lt. Meghan Holland of the city beach patrol said eight people were rescued.

Forecasters, citing local emergency management, said a 41-year-old man drowned Saturday in a rip current at SurfCity, N.C.

Two men drowned Friday in separate incidents on Hilton Head Island, S.C., but it was unclear whether rip currents were involved, *The Island Packet* of Hilton Head reported, citing a lifeguard ser-

vices spokesperson.

The rough surf contributed to an unoccupied beach house along the Cape Hatteras National Seashore on North Carolina's Outer Banks collapsing into the water Friday evening. Seashore officials urged the public Sunday to avoid beaches in parts of the village of Rodanthe where "substantial damage" to several oceanfront structures has occurred.

Flash flood warnings were posted for parts of Connecticut and southeastern New York, and flash flood watches and advisories were in effect for areas of Delaware, New Jersey and southeastern Pennsylvania, with forecasters warning of floods in low-lying areas.

## ALASKA

# Prosecutors say man beaten in mistaken arrest

Two troopers accused of committing assault, ordering dog to attack

By DAN ROSENZWEIG-ZIFF  
The Washington Post

Two Alaska state troopers have been charged with assault for pepper spraying, beating and ordering a dog to bite a man who they wrongly believed had a warrant out for his arrest in an allegation of police violence that the state's top public safety authority called unprecedented.

Joseph Miller, 49, and Jason Woodruff, 42, were charged with fourth-degree assault, a misdemeanor, in the beating of 37-year-old Ben Tikka in Kenai, Ala., according to charging documents filed this week.

After the incident, Tikka reported an open bite on his left arm, multiple fractures and lacerations on his triceps and head. The troopers mistook Tikka for his cousin, who has the same last name.

James Cockrell, commissioner of the Alaska Department of Public Safety, said in a news conference Thursday he put both troopers on administrative leave and had been the one to refer their cases for a criminal investigation.

"I was totally sickened by what I saw," he said. "I've been with this department for 33 years, and I've never seen any action like this before."

Both troopers had been on the force for more than a decade, and Cockrell said the department will revisit older cases that the two had been involved in for possible policy violations.

Authorities said body-camera footage would not be released until after a possible trial. Woodruff's attorney, Clinton Campion, did not immedi-



Third Judicial District of the State of Alaska



### Body camera images show the incident involving Ben Tikka (above, bent over) and Alaska state troopers, including a police dog (bottom left), on May 24 in Kenai Peninsula, Soldotna, Ala. Troopers Joseph Miller (top left) and Jason Woodruff (bottom right) were charged with assault Thursday.

ately respond to a request for comment Saturday. An attorney was not listed for Miller, who also did not respond to a request for comment.

### Account of incident

The incident began about 5 a.m. May 24 when police dispatchers received a call from a man asking whether he could camp in a public park. Law enforcement wrongly believed the man calling was Tikka's cousin, Garrett Tikka, who had a warrant for failing to serve a 10-day sentence for driving with a revoked license, so dispatchers sent officers, including Miller and Woodruff, to detain him.

When they approached Tikka's vehicle, the troopers saw him in the back and ordered him to get out of the car, citing a warrant for his arrest. When they knocked on the window of the car, authorities said, Tikka did not respond.

Miller then told Tikka he was going to pepper spray the inside of the car if he refused to exit, according to court documents citing his body camera.

"Tikka — either you come out, or we're going to bust out your window" and send in the dog to bite you, he said, court documents allege.

Tikka refused, saying there wasn't a warrant out for his arrest, the court documents state. Miller then broke a back

window of the car, as Woodruff threatened to send the canine into the vehicle, the court documents state, but Tikka still refused to leave. Miller then discharged pepper spray into the vehicle, causing Tikka to scream from the irritant and finally open the car door, the court documents add.

Miller then told Tikka to get on the ground, kicking him in the shin, court filings state. Miller struck the back of Tikka's head or neck with his fist, according to the charging documents, and pushed Tikka to the ground with the help of another officer.

Miller then deployed a stun gun, and in doing so, stepped on Tikka's head, pushing it into

the ground where broken glass from the window remained.

"What are you doing?" Tikka yelled, according to the charging documents.

Miller then stunned Tikka in his back, and the canine bit Tikka in the abdomen area.

Miller also inadvertently stunned a third officer who was not charged in the incident, court filings state.

Stills from the body camera show Tikka crouched next to the black vehicle with blood on his forehead and the dog leaping onto him. Tikka's pants are partially down his legs, revealing his underwear.

"My hands are behind my back, sir, please stop," Tikka said as the dog pounced on him, according to the court filings. Woodruff continues to give the bite command. Tikka's face and head were "bleeding profusely," the filings stated.

"Please, stop you guys I am not a criminal," Tikka said, according to the court filing.

"You were told," Miller replied, the court filings state. "You were given so many opportunities, man."

### Never checked name

At no time during the encounter, the charging documents note, did any officer ask the man what his name was. They only addressed him by "Tikka".

Medical responders eventually took Tikka to a hospital. On the ride, another trooper confirmed it was Ben Tikka, not Garrett Tikka, who had been hit, bitten and arrested. Police had charged Ben Tikka with three counts of fourth-degree assault, though the Kenai District Attorney's Office later dropped those charges.

Woodruff and Miller will be arraigned in court on Sept. 10 in Kenai.

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■ In Thursday's editions, a front-page story about a former Dallas patrol officer included an incorrect headline within the story. It should have read "4-0 with local Judges."

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## ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR

# Quintuplets among dead as Blinken pursues cease-fire

Israeli strikes kill 29 across Gaza; U.S. secretary of state to meet with Netanyahu

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The Associated Press

DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip — Israeli strikes across Gaza killed 29 people including young quintuplets overnight and into Sunday, health officials said, as U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in Israel to try to seal a cease-fire deal that could help ease soaring regional tensions.

The U.S., Egypt and Qatar have said they were closing in on a deal after two days of talks in Doha, with Israeli officials expressing cautious optimism. But Hamas in a statement Sunday accused Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of setting new conditions, including his refusal of a complete withdrawal of forces from Gaza.

The evolving proposal calls for a three-phase process in which Hamas would release all hostages abducted during its Oct. 7 attack, which triggered the deadliest war fought between Israelis and Palestinians. In exchange, Israel would withdraw its forces from Gaza

and release Palestinian prisoners.

The war has killed over 40,000 Palestinians, according to local health authorities, displaced the vast majority of the territory's 2.3 million residents and led experts to warn of famine and the outbreak of diseases like polio.

"It is as if we live a primitive life," said Sanaa Akela, a displaced Palestinian in the central town of Deir al-Balah, where sewage flooded some streets.

## More deadly strikes

The latest Israeli bombardment included a strike on a home in Deir al-Balah that killed a woman and her six children, according to Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital. An Associated Press reporter there counted the bodies.

Mohammed Awad Khatab, the children's grandfather, said his daughter was a teacher, and the youngest child was 18 months old. The others were 10-year-old quintuplets, the hospital said.

"The six children have become body parts. They were placed in a single bag," Khatab told reporters. "What did they do? Did they kill any of the Jews? ... Will this provide security to Israel?"

Another strike east of Deir al-Balah killed at least four people, according to

an AP journalist at the hospital. A strike in the northern town of Jabaliya hit two apartments, killing two men, a woman and her daughter, according to Gaza's Health Ministry. Two other strikes in central Gaza killed nine people, according to Al-Awda Hospital. A strike in Nuseirat killed one person, the hospital said.

Late Saturday, a strike near the southern city of Khan Younis killed four people from the same family, including two women, according to Nasser Hospital.

Israel says it only targets militants and blames civilian deaths on Hamas because the group places fighters, weapons, tunnels and rockets in residential areas. But the Israeli bombardment has wiped out entire extended families and orphaned thousands of children.

## Latest on talks

Mediation efforts gained new urgency after the targeted killing of two top militants last month, both attributed to Israel, brought vows of revenge from Iran and the Lebanese Hezbollah, raising fears of all-out war across the Middle East.



Majdi Mohammed/The Associated Press

**Mourners marched** during a funeral with the bodies of Palestinians killed in an Israeli strike in the Jenin refugee camp on Sunday. Israel's military said Saturday it struck a "terrorist cell" in the West Bank city.

An American official said Friday that mediators were beginning preparations for implementing the latest cease-fire proposal, and Netanyahu's office expressed "cautious optimism" a deal could be reached.

An Israeli delegation was traveling to Cairo on Sunday for further talks, and Blinken will meet with Netanyahu on Monday. Blinken will travel to Egypt on Tuesday for talks with officials there, the State Department said, and may visit at least one other regional country.

Netanyahu told a Cabinet meeting there are areas where Israel can be flexible and unspecified areas where it won't be. "We are conducting negotiations and not a scenario in which we just give and give," he said.

Hamas has cast doubt on whether

an agreement is near, saying the latest proposal diverged significantly from a previous iteration it accepted in principle. Hamas has rejected Israel's demands for a lasting military presence along the Gaza-Egypt border and a line bisecting Gaza where Israeli forces would search Palestinians returning to their homes. Israel says both are needed to prevent militants from rearming and returning to the north.

Israel showed flexibility on retreating from the border corridor, and a meeting between Egyptian and Israeli officials was scheduled for the week ahead to agree on a withdrawal mechanism, according to two Egyptian officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the negotiations.

## Earthquake in Russia sets off volcano; bigger one may follow



Institute of Volcanology and Seismology of the Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences

**The eruption of the Shiveluch volcano** is seen over far eastern Kamchatka Peninsula, Russia, on Sunday. The volcano began sputtering shortly after a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck off Kamchatka's east coast, according to volcanologists from the Russian Academy of Sciences. The academy's Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said a potential second quake could come "within 24 hours" with a magnitude approaching 9.0.

## WAR IN UKRAINE

## Zelensky: Incursion to create buffer zone

He says operation has 'achieved good and much-needed results'

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said Sunday the daring military incursion into Russia's Kursk region aims to create a buffer zone to prevent further attacks by Moscow across the border.

It was the first time Zelensky clearly stated the aim of the operation, which was launched Aug. 6. Previously, he said the operation aimed to protect communities in the bordering Sumy region from constant shelling.

Zelensky said: "It is now our primary task in defensive operations overall: to destroy as much Russian war potential as possible and conduct maximum counteroffensive actions. This includes creating a buffer zone on the aggressor's territory — our operation in the Kursk region.

Over the weekend, Ukraine destroyed a key bridge in the region and hit a second one nearby, disrupting supply lines as it pressed a stunning cross-border incursion that began Aug. 6, officials said.

### Blow to supply chain

Pro-Kremlin military bloggers acknowledged the destruction of the first bridge on the Seim River near the town of Glushkovo would impede deliveries of supplies to Russian forces repelling Ukraine's incursion, although Moscow could still use pontoons and smaller bridges. Ukraine's air force chief, Lt. Gen. Mykola Oleshchuk, on Friday released a video of an airstrike that cut the bridge in two.

Less than two days later, Ukrainian troops hit a second bridge in Russia, according to Oleshchuk and Russian regional Gov. Alexei Smirnov.

As of Sunday morning, no official was giving the exact location of the second bridge at

tack. But Russian Telegram channels claimed a second bridge over the Seim, in the village of Zvanoe, had been hit.

According to Russia's Mash news site, the attacks left only one intact bridge in the area. The Associated Press could not immediately verify the claims. If confirmed, the Ukrainian strikes would further complicate Moscow's attempts to replenish its forces and evacuate civilians.

Glushkovo is about 7.5 miles north of the Ukrainian border, and about 10 miles northwest of the main battle zone in Kursk. Zvanoe is another 5 miles to the northwest.

Kyiv previously has said little about the goals of its push into Russia with tanks and other armored vehicles, the largest attack on the country since World War II, which took the Kremlin by surprise and saw scores of villages and hundreds of prisoners fall into Ukrainian hands.

The Ukrainians drove deep into the region in several direc-

tions, facing little resistance and sowing chaos and panic as tens of thousands of civilians fled. Ukraine's Commander in Chief, Gen. Oleksandr Syrskyi, said last week his forces had advanced across 390 square miles of the region, although it wasn't possible to independently verify what Ukrainian forces effectively control.

In his remarks on creating a buffer zone, Zelensky said Ukrainian forces "achieved good and much-needed results."

### Risks to Kyiv

Analysts say while Ukraine could try to consolidate its gains inside Russia, it would be risky, given Kyiv's limited resources, because its own supply lines extending deep into Kursk would be vulnerable.

The incursion has proven Ukraine's ability to seize the initiative and has boosted its morale, which was sapped by a failed counteroffensive last summer and months of grind-

ing Russian gains in the eastern Donbas region.

Ukraine's move into Kursk resembled its lightning operation from September 2022, led by Syrskyi, in which its forces reclaimed control of the north-eastern Kharkiv region after taking advantage of Russian manpower shortages and a lack of field fortifications.

Zelensky seeks permission to strike deeper into Russia

On Saturday, Zelensky urged Kyiv's allies to lift remaining restrictions on using Western weapons to attack targets deeper in Russia, including in Kursk, saying his troops could deprive Moscow "of any ability to advance and cause destruction" if granted sufficient long-range capabilities.

Meanwhile, Moscow appears to have increased attacks on Kyiv, targeting it Sunday with ballistic missiles for a third time this month, said Serhii Popko, head of the municipal military administration. Ukrainian air defenses struck down all the missiles, he said.

## OVARIAN CANCER

## Study clarifies surgery dangers

Researchers: Removing fallopian tubes during sterilization is safe

By **ERIN BLAKEMORE**  
The Washington Post

Removing fallopian tubes during sterilization is about as safe as sterilization procedures that damage the tubes but leave them intact, a new study suggests — a finding that could help reduce some women's risk of ovarian cancer.

Swedish researchers found little difference in the risk for surgical complications between the two methods, they wrote in the journal *Lancet Regional Health-Europe*.

They compared the risk of salpingectomy, in which the fallopian tubes are removed, and tubal occlusion, an umbrella term for a variety of more common sterilization techniques that damage the fallopian tubes but leave them in the body.

The study involved women under 50 who planned on laparoscopic sterilization at one of 41 Swedish gynecological departments. They were randomly assigned to either have their fallopian tubes removed or be sterilized by tubal occlusion. Ultimately, 473 women had salpingectomies and 499 had other tubal occlusion procedures.

Patients whose fallopian tubes were removed had slightly longer surgeries, clocking in at about 45 minutes vs. 30 minutes for those who had the traditional procedure. Among the women whose tubes were removed, 8.1% had surgical complications within eight weeks, compared with 6.2% of the women after tubal occlusion.

Laparoscopic salpingectomies' safety "has now been established," the authors wrote.

Because many ovarian cancers start in the fallopian tubes, removing them is thought to decrease risk.

"Every case of ovarian cancer we can avoid is a big win for society and for those women who would otherwise have been affected," said lead study author Annika Strandell, associate professor at Sahlgrenska Academy at the University of Gothenburg and a gynecologist at Sahlgrenska University Hospital.

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Protesters demonstrated Sunday prior to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. One of the largest protests is expected Monday by the Coalition to March on the DNC.

# Some worried protests could be unpredictable

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outside the United Center on Monday after city officials failed to meet a deadline to reject the group's application. But a list of permitted protests released by the city on Friday showed the campaign's protest location outside the secure zone.

The Coalition to March on the DNC also received a permit to demonstrate, though it was in court last week because city officials halved the route and directed it down streets that activists fear could lead to dangerous bottlenecks. Officials argue the new route is actually safer.

At least one pro-Israel group also plans to protest in Chicago this week.

## Who is protesting?

Demonstrations are expected every day of the convention and, while their agendas vary, many activists agree an immediate ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas war is the priority.

Abortion rights march organizer Linda Loew said even though Democrats have pushed to safeguard reproductive rights at home, the issue is international. They marched in solidarity with people everywhere who struggle for the right to control what happens to their bodies, as well as to protest the money the U.S. spends to back wars that could be used for health care, she said.

"We believe that the billions of dollars that continue to flow to the state of Israel and the flow of weapons are having an inordinate and horrific impact, but in particular on women, children and the unborn," she said. "All of these things are tied together."

The largest group, the Coalition to March on the DNC, has planned demonstrations on the first and last day of the convention.

Organizers say they expect at least 20,000 activists, including students who protested the war on college campuses.

"The people with power are going to be there," said Liz Rathburn, a University of Illinois Chicago student organizer. "People inside the United Center are the people who are going to be deciding our foreign policy in one way or another."

## Where are they protesting?

Activists sued the city earlier this year, saying restrictions over where they can demonstrate violate their constitutional rights.

Chicago leaders rejected their requests for permits to protest near United Center on the city's West Side, where the convention is taking place, offering instead a lakefront park more than 3 miles away.

Later, the city agreed to allow demonstrations at a park and a march route closer to the United Center. A federal judge recently signed off on the group's roughly 1-mile route.

Coalition to March on the DNC spokesman Hatem Abudayyeh said the group is pleased it won the right to protest closer to the convention, but he believes its preferred 2-mile march would



**Police have undergone training** on constitutional policing, county courts say they are opening more space in anticipation of mass arrests, and hospitals near the security zone are beefing up emergency preparedness.

be safer for larger crowds. The group is chartering buses for activists from about half a dozen states.

"We're going forward, full speed ahead," he said.

The city has designated a park about a block from United Center for a speakers stage. Those who sign up get 45 minutes.

The Philadelphia-based Poor People's Army, which advocates for economic justice, plans to set up at Humboldt Park on the city's Northwest Side and will feature events with third-party candidates Jill Stein and Cornel West, plus a 3-mile march Monday to the United Center.

## 'What's important to us'

Many activists believe nothing much will change, because Democratic nominee Kamala Harris is part of the Biden administration.

"The demands haven't changed. I haven't seen any policy changes," said Erica Bentley, an activist with Mamas Activating Movements for Abolition and Solidarity. "If you're going to be here, you're going to have to listen to what's important to us."

Pro-Palestinian protesters in Chicago have been highly visible, shutting down roads to the airport and staging sit-ins at congressional offices. Some are planning their own one-day convention Sunday with third-party candidates.

"Regardless of who the nominee is, we're marching against the Democrats and their vicious policies that have allowed Israel to kill over 40,000 Palestinians in Gaza," said Fayaani Aboma Mijana, an organizer with the Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression.

It's unclear if the convention will draw far-right extremists who ardently support former President Donald Trump.

Secret Service Deputy Special Agent in Charge Derek Mayer said last week there are no known specific security threats against the convention.

## Is Chicago ready?

The convention will draw an estimated 50,000 people to the nation's third-largest city, including delegates, activists and journalists.

The city says it has made necessary preparations with police and the Secret Service. Security will be tight, with street closures around the convention center.

To combat traffic concerns, city leaders are touting a new \$80 million train station steps from the United Center. They also have tried to beautify the city with freshly planted flowers and new signs. City leaders also cleared a nearby homeless encampment.

Police have undergone training on constitutional policing, county courts say they are opening more space in anticipation of mass arrests, and hospitals near the security zone are beefing up emergency preparedness.

Authorities and leaders in the state have said people who vandalize the city or are violent will be arrested.

"We're going to make sure that people have their First Amendment rights protected, that they can do that in a safe way," Mayor Brandon Johnson told The Associated Press in a recent interview.

But some have lingering safety concerns, worried that protests could become unpredictable or devolve into chaos.

Activist Hy Thurman protested and was arrested at the infamous 1968 convention. The 74-year-old now lives in Alabama but plans to come to Chicago to protest the war in Gaza.

"It's extremely personal for me," he said. "I see parallels."

*The Washington Post contributed to this report.*

# Texas could play role of villain

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be there, and the messages that are going to be delivered, I feel certain it will resonate with every Texan, because we live it," Turner said.

The convention will be a pep rally for Democrats, even in Texas, where they haven't won a statewide race since 1994 or a presidential contest since 1976. Turner says the enthusiasm around the Harris-Walz ticket is off the charts, which could boost Texans in down-ballot contests.

"This is a different kind of energy. It's a 'cannot wait to get to the polls' kind of energy," Turner said. "It's the combination of a very accomplished woman running to be president and America's dad, the nicest person you could ever meet, running for vice president at a time when you don't see nice politics much."

Rice University political scientist Mark Jones expects a focus on abortion-related issues to put the spotlight on Texas and its near-total ban on abortion. References to guns and health care also could involve Texas, which has loosened gun restrictions in recent years and has the nation's highest rate of uninsured residents.

"Since the Texas abortion legislation is so far off the main street, even for Texas, it's an easy foil for Democrats to use to paint a picture of ... essentially what life would look like if Republicans had their way and essentially a free hand to run the country," Jones said.

Texas Democrats are relieved Harris replaced President Joe Biden on the ballot, Jones said, adding to their energy at the convention.

"If you're a Democrat in a light blue district or a light blue county, you're breathing a sigh of relief," he said. "Harris assures you that your base vote turns out in normal or slightly above normal margins. If you're a Democrat in those areas, that's all you need."

Texas Democrats in Republican-leaning districts might be nervous about the convention and Harris-Walz policies on the energy industry and other issues that could alienate Texans, Jones said.

"It's easier for your opponent to link you to a coastal progressive," Jones said.

Texas delegates making the trip to Chicago say they are excited about watching history unfold. Harris is the first Black woman to be the presidential nominee of a major political party.

"That's really been my driving force for wanting to be there in person," said state Rep. Rhett Andrews Bowers, D-Rowlett. "To hear first hand and up close the first African American woman to be nominated for president of the United States will be an inspiring, historic moment that will give us a sense of pride."

## Texas women's stories

Democrats have embraced fighting for abortion rights as a winning issue and often highlight the stories of Texas women denied medically necessary abortions to help make their case.

Lauren Miller of Dallas, who testified at a U.S. Senate hearing in June about having to leave the state for an abortion, plans to be in Chicago as a delegate.

One of her twins was diagnosed with serious, fatal abnormalities that put the healthy twin and Miller's health at risk. Texas doctors were reluctant to even discuss options, so Miller traveled to Colorado for an abortion in October 2022.

The other twin is a happy, healthy 1 year old, Miller said.

In a recent interview with *The Dallas Morning News*, Miller praised the Harris-Walz campaign's emphasis on protecting abortion rights, noting Harris was the first vice president to visit an abortion clinic and Walz worked to protect abortion access as governor of Minnesota.

Miller said she and other Tex-

as women can send a potent message about the implications of a campaign against former President Donald Trump, whose nomination of three conservative Supreme Court justices provided the margin needed to overturn *Roe vs. Wade*.

"What has happened in Texas and across all these states with abortion bans will be a national problem if Donald Trump is elected," Miller said. "Everyone across the country needs to realize that if there is anyone in their life who can get pregnant, their life is on the line in November."

Harris' acceptance speech is planned for Thursday night and Walz's on Wednesday.

President Biden, former Presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton, and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton also are expected to speak during the convention, but the party has not released a comprehensive list of speakers.

## Texas Democrats

Texas Democrats will have different roles at the convention, and some could speak from the main stage, including U.S. Rep. Colin Allred, D-Dallas, who is running against U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, in November.

U.S. Rep. Veronica Escobar, D-El Paso, is national co-chair of the Harris-Walz campaign, a role she carried over from the Biden-Harris campaign. U.S. Reps. Marc Veasey of Fort Worth and Jasmine Crockett of Dallas plan to attend and participate in different events throughout the week.

Allred has sought to keep his race against Cruz as far as possible from the presidential contest and instead make it a referendum on the incumbent. As Democrats debated Biden's fate after his poor June debate performance, Allred said it was up to the president whether to continue his reelection effort.

An Allred speech at the convention would likely emphasize the case against Cruz, whose speech at last month's GOP convention focused on Biden's immigration policies and did not mention his race against Allred.

Democratic delegates could be forgiven for feeling whiplash after the past six weeks featured Biden's devastating debate performance, the assassination attempt against Trump, the choice of U.S. Sen. JD Vance of Ohio as Trump's running mate and an energized and united GOP convention in Milwaukee.

While Democrats were arguing over whether to replace Biden atop the ticket, Republicans emerged from their convention riding a surge of momentum.

Passion Jackson, a delegate from Dallas, said it was briefly discouraging when Biden announced the end of his reelection bid.

"I didn't know what direction we were going to go," Jackson said. "As soon as he endorsed Vice President Harris, I feel like the clouds just started breaking and rolling away and I could see the vision."

Jackson, who's excited to attend her first in-person convention since 2004, plans to attend Black Caucus and Women's Caucus meetings and other events.

She was a delegate to the virtual 2020 convention, but said connecting with other Democrats by video conference doesn't generate the same energy as doing so in person.

The Texas delegation will gather daily for traditional breakfast meetings featuring speakers who are expected to include Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear, former Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe and former U.S. Sen. Doug Jones of Alabama.

The traditional roll call vote of state delegations will be ceremonial after delegates voted online earlier this month to make Harris the nominee.

"We've done the most important part of our job before we even get there," Jackson said.

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# Trump bid angers far-right influencers

They say campaign has lost steam, blame his staff, political infighting

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Some of the internet's most influential far-right figures are turning against former President Donald Trump's campaign, threatening a digital "war" against the Republican candidate's aides and allies that could complicate the party's calls for unity in the final weeks of the presidential race.

Nick Fuentes, a white supremacist and podcaster who dined with Trump at his Palm Beach resort Mar-a-Lago in 2022, said on X that Trump's campaign was "blowing it" by not positioning itself more to the right and was "headed for a catastrophic loss," in a post that by Wednesday was viewed 2.6 million times.

Laura Loomer, a far-right activist whom Trump last year called "very special," said his "weak" surrogates had unraveled his momentum and that his approach "needs to change FAST because we can't talk about a stolen election for another 4 years," in an X post that was "liked" over 8,000 times.

And Candace Owens, a far-right influencer with 5 million X followers who was photographed with Trump in March, described the conservative infighting in a podcast Tuesday as a "MAGA civil war" fueled by anger that Trump's policies and persona had been softened to boost his mainstream appeal.

"I'm just not sure who is driving the MAGA bus anymore," she said, making it clear that like other vocal far-right influencers, her problem isn't with Trump but with his staff. "You're losing that support from the people that believed in you. ... You need those people."

The insider attacks, which come as other backers are calling for Trump to take a more disciplined, policy-oriented approach to his campaign, highlight a new vulnerability in one of the loudest corners of Trump's nationwide base. With millions of followers, the far-right provocateurs have long been one of the most reliable engines for winning Trump attention online, helping to build the viral energy that boosted his political career and his strong lead among predominantly white male voters. Trump embraced far-right internet celebrities before the 2016 and 2020 elections, even welcoming some to the White House for a 2019 "social media summit."

## Targeting issues, staff

As Trump's campaign grapples with slumping performance in the polls, the far-right activists argue it has failed by not adopting harder-right positions on race and immigration. They have also called for the campaign to fire its co-managers, Chris LaCivita and Susie Wiles, blaming them for a lackluster strategy.

Many of the campaign's hard-right critics said they still stand strongly behind Trump himself. But some of them have vowed to pummel the campaign online and at Trump rallies unless it changes course, presenting a challenge for campaign officials who have worked to publicly disavow or disregard extreme voices for fear they could alienate voters.

Trump's retooling of his campaign on Thursday, including rehiring his 2016 campaign manager Corey Lewandowski, prompted Fuentes to declare a "first victory" of his campaign, despite Trump's public praise for LaCivita and Wiles. Online, Loomer mocked Fuentes as having "nothing to do" with the return of Lewandowski and said he should "stop pretending like he is calling the shots."

In an Aug. 11 appearance on CBS, Trump's running mate, JD Vance, called Fuentes a "total loser" and said the proper response was to "ignore" trolls like him until they "go away."

## Secret 'psy op'?

But the far-right criticism has proved agitating for some of Trump's most devoted online cheerleaders. Brenden Dilley, a pro-Trump podcaster in Georgia, on Aug. 12 asked whether Fuentes and others who had attacked Trump were all part of a secret psychological operation, or "psy op," designed to "reinforce the Kamala Harris surge

narrative."

"Are they being compensated? Are they being deployed as a collective? I do not know," Dilley said. (Fuentes said he was not paid and took action only to further his views, which he defined as "far-right reactionary.")

Colin Henry, a researcher at George Washington University who studied political extremism online, said influencers on the far right have grown visibly frustrated in recent weeks by Trump's fading performance in the polls and the campaign's disavowal of hard-line policy proposals, such as Project 2025.



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As the Trump campaign deals with slumping results in opinion polls, far-right activists argue it has failed by not adopting harder-right positions on race and immigration.

"They saw that as a shot across the bow from the mainstream folks, who wanted to do

all this stuff with policy and institutions," he said.

The anger of far-right influ-

encers matters because they have proved adept at "punching above their weight" in conservative circles in a way that could bedevil Trump's campaign, said Ben Lorber, a senior researcher at Political Research Associates, a think tank in Massachusetts that monitors right-wing groups.

"This movement has the ability to move conservative discourse and to open up space far to the right of acceptable conservative opinion for people like Trump to move further rightward," he said.

## Flooding social media

During Trump's conversation last week with X's billionaire owner Elon Musk, Fuentes directed his followers via livestream to repeatedly post their views on X, where several of their demands for changes in the campaign sailed to the top of the platform's trending topics.

His followers led a parallel effort on Trump's social media platform, Truth Social, and the messages, such as #NoMoreImmigration, still ranked among the top hashtags the morning after the interview. #FireLaCivita, with 20,000 recent posts, even overshadowed #Trump2024. Fuentes has also told his followers they should start collecting the phone numbers and email addresses of campaign officials so as to contact them en masse.

In an interview, Fuentes said he intends to push his followers to adopt "guerrilla" tactics and "escalate pressure in the real world," including through mass appearances at Trump rallies in battleground states such as Michigan, until the campaign meets their demands to stop "pandering to independents." He has urged followers to withhold their votes for Trump, saying it is the only way to awaken a campaign that has "no energy ... [and] no enthusiasm."

"If they blame me for Trump losing, so be it," he said. "He'll have lost because he stopped talking to the MAGA base he had in 2016." (Loomer and Owens did not respond to requests for comment.)

## Cult following

Jared Holt, a senior researcher at the Institute for Strategic Dialogue who studies hate and extremism online, said Fuentes has seemed to lose some of the influence and cachet he gained during Trump's presidency but that he retains a cult following among young conservatives who could indirectly influence the campaign "to adopt more extreme positions."

Collaborators of Fuentes have worked for far-right members of Congress, including Reps. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., and Paul Gosar, R-Ariz. And at times, messages from Fuentes — who calls for a white ethnostate in the U.S., in which even legal immigration is banned — and more established pro-Trump accounts have closely aligned.

Vance has been asked about Trump's dinner with Fuentes several times in TV interviews, telling ABC on Aug. 11 that "just because you talk to somebody doesn't mean you endorse their views."

## Harris, Walz stump by bus in Pennsylvania

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ROCHESTER, Pa. — Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris and running mate Tim Walz gave pep talks to campaign volunteers and a high school football team Sunday, with their bus tour in a corner of Pennsylvania serving as a modest, small-town version of the grand rally she's expected to have at the Democratic nominating convention in Chicago this week.

The vice president and the Minnesota governor were joined by their spouses, Doug Emhoff and Gwen Walz, as they toured in a blue bus. They stopped off to visit volunteers at a campaign office not far from Pittsburgh before continuing on to a firehouse and a high school in another town, along with a pilgrimage to a Sheetz convenience store, part of a storied Pennsylvania chain.

Throughout their stops, Harris and her running mate shied away from policy or much politics, instead sticking to broad-strokes messages focused on character, perseverance and the future

of the country.

Harris, while speaking to a group of supporters and volunteers outside the campaign office in the borough of Rochester, spoke about strength and leadership. She appeared to make a veiled reference to Donald Trump, the Republican presidential nominee, who is known for his pugilistic style and projection of a strongman image, when she said the "real and true measure of a strength of a leader is based on who you lift up," rather than who they beat down.

"Anybody who is about beating down other people is a coward," she yelled, drawing cheers and applause. "This is what strength looks like."

Walz in his remarks seemed to assume the role of his former job coaching high school football and told the volunteers: "Let's leave it all on the field. Let's get this thing done."

As Harris' motorcade left the town, it rolled by a group of about 50 Trump supporters waiting near the road with signs of support for the former president. A handful of Harris supporters were standing nearby with their own signs.

The vice president next stopped at a firehouse in Aliquippa, where she met firefighters, petted the station's dog and gave the crew almond pastries, before heading to a nearby high school, where they met with the local football coach and addressed the team, who knelt on the field to listen.

Walz again slipped into coach mode, reminiscing a bit about his days leading a team and the sport's character before introducing Harris. She praised the young athletes for their leadership: "Our nation is counting on you and your excellence. We applaud your ambition."

She also told them, "Welcome to the role model club."

Southwestern Pennsylvania is a critical part of a key battleground state that has long commanded the attention of presidential candidates. The state voted for Trump in 2016 and for Biden in 2020.

Trump held a rally Saturday in Wilkes-Barre in the northeastern part of the state, following his earlier rallies in July in Harrisburg and Butler, where he survived an assassination attempt.

# Board seeks changes to park contract

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"Some real substantial changes are needed in this contract," Park Board chair Arun Agarwal said. The Park Board and the City Council met with the city attorney's office in a closed session on Aug. 8 to discuss possible amendments. The city has not made those changes public.

Dallas has long sought public-private partnerships to manage city-owned properties.

It has boasted successful projects, like Klyde Warren Park and the Dallas Zoo, aimed at improving the quality of life in Dallas. The city envisioned a similar success when it brought a nonprofit entity and a for-profit company on board to revitalize Fair Park nearly five years ago.

"I think everyone on the Park Board wanted a strong nonprofit partner that would act as an oversight body over the for-profit manager," said Bobby Abtahi, the Park Board president at the time.

That's not how it played out, said current Fair Park First board chair Veletta Forsythe Lill.

The contracts between the city, Fair Park First and OVG have instead limited the nonprofit's authority to manage the park's operator.

The complexity of Fair Park's finances — with money flowing in from local, state and federal grants as well as donors — has put a spotlight on the inadequate boundaries of responsibility between the nonprofit and for-profit organizations, Lill said.

In April, Fair Park First CEO Brian Luallen commissioned a forensic audit to determine whether OVG360, Oak View Group's venue management division, used restricted donor funds for day-to-day operations.

Since then, the power struggle between Fair Park First and OVG360 has contributed to leadership turnover. The *Dallas Morning News* interviewed 11 stakeholders, both past and

present, to understand the current troubles facing Fair Park.

OVG has denied allegations of financial mismanagement and said all funding for Fair Park operations has remained in the park. A spokesperson from OVG told *The News* last month it is dedicated to smoothing the troubles with Fair Park First. An audit of OVG's financial procedures is expected at the end of the month.

## What the contracts say

Almost every conversation has boiled down to a single question: How did we get here?

Part of the story is the division of power among the three parties:

- The city is the landlord. It owns the 277-acre tract of land that houses the fairgrounds and historic art deco buildings.

- Fair Park First is supposed to be the property manager. In 2018, Park and Recreation Department director Willis Winters told the City Council the nonprofit would provide "turnkey management," fundraise, and supervise subcontractors.

- OVG contracts with Fair Park First and handles the park's day-to-day operations.

A Fair Park First organizational meeting on June 14, 2018, authorized the nonprofit to negotiate with the city, with Spectra's assistance, and create a third-party agreement that gives the venue management company the right to enforce the contract "for its own benefit."

The city and Fair Park First signed a 98-page management agreement on Oct. 22, 2018. Fair Park First then signed a third-party contract with Spectra on Nov. 14, 2018. Oak View Group later acquired Spectra in 2022 and inherited Fair Park and the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center.

In a July interview, Lill said a couple of things stood out to board members.

The contract lets OVG es-



Anja Schlein/Special Contributor

**Fair Park, Dallas' 277-acre crown jewel, has faced recent financial troubles amid a power struggle between its nonprofit manager, Fair Park First, and for-profit operator, OVG, which has significantly more control over the park's finances.**

tablish bank accounts for Fair Park First. It also has the authority to access those accounts to make deposits and withdrawals.

Luallen said OVG controls bank accounts created to hold restricted donor funds raised by the nonprofit to improve historic buildings in the park.

Amending the Fair Park Management Agreement requires Fair Park First to get a written agreement signed by OVG and the city, according to the contract.

These policies puzzled board members when they sat down to look at the allegations of fund mismanagement in April.

Fair Park First finance chair Keba Batie told *The News* there were "weaknesses and gaps" in the contract that gave OVG control over financial decisions at Fair Park.

These weaknesses were apparent when the city audited three events in 2022 and saw that Fair Park First and OVG were not properly monitoring revenue from parking, merchandise and food and beverage sales. Other findings from the city-led audit include Fair Park First's and OVG360's lack of compliance with agreements between the operators and the event vendors.

Luallen, representing the nonprofit, said financial decisions at Fair Park often happened over email. OVG would email him stating what it needed to spend money on. Luallen

said he would authorize payments without access to account statements and balance sheets. The city did not know about these transactions because it relied on Luallen to relay information.

In a statement last month to *The News*, an OVG spokesperson said the organization has documentation showing that any use of restricted funds was approved by Luallen. OVG said it received a draft of initial findings from the audit on July 24 and is just beginning to review the report.

"We will continue to operate Fair Park in the best interest of the south Dallas community and are committed to working collaboratively with the City and Fair Park First to develop the optimal structure, scope of services and financial controls to ensure the citizens of Dallas are best served," the spokesperson said.

## 'One half of the puzzle'

Abtahi, the Dallas Park Board president when the contract was created, said although the Park Board was allowed to weigh in on the city's agreement with the nonprofit, it was excluded from reviewing the subcontract agreement. The city attorney's office told Abtahi the board couldn't see the contract because it went through a procurement process, which is generally done outside the park department.

"We really wanted to create

a situation like the Dallas Zoo, which is really the best example of a successful public-private partnership," Abtahi told *The News*. Abtahi now serves on the boards of the Dallas Zoo and the State Fair of Texas, among others.

Unlike other volunteer boards, the Park Board wields significant power in city governance. The city's Park and Recreation Department reports to the board, which makes major decisions about land acquisition, approves partnerships with private foundations and allocates park development funds.

Because the board never saw the submanagement contract, Abtahi was concerned members only saw "one half of the puzzle." There was no clarity at the time on how the money would flow between the two entities.

There is also no clarity on who negotiated the submanagement agreement, signed by former Fair Park First board chair Darren James and former OVG general manager Peter Sullivan, who was asked by the city to leave his position in late 2023, according to public records.

James, who stepped down from the board in June, has not responded to requests for comment. Sullivan, too, did not respond to a request for comment.

"If we had been allowed to read that contract prior to voting on this many years ago,"

Abtahi said. "I can assure you that no one on the park board would have voted for this."

The decision to hand over the reins to Fair Park would ordinarily have passed through the board and, for a moment, it did.

Former Mayor Mike Rawlings chose former Hunt Oil CEO Walt Humman's nonprofit foundation to develop the park in 2016. Abtahi said he was supportive, and it looked like Humman's foundation would get the deal. Rawlings said no other competitors had shown an interest.

However, then-council members, such as lawyer Philip Kingston, balked and said other nonprofits had indicated interest.

Oak Cliff developer Monte Anderson threw his hat into the ring but had not heard from Rawlings, according to previous reporting. The city attorney's office then sent out a memo that stated the city would have to open up its procurement process if there were more bidders.

"I was able to vindicate one piece of state law that is designed to create transparency and public oversight of public property," Kingston told *The News* in May. "And I was very proud of that. What happened after that ... none of this is what I would have picked."

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# Lockdowns, strikes leave lasting impact on theaters

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second-quarter revenue of \$734.2 million, a decrease from the same period last year but better than analysts' expectations. It operates 308 theaters and about 4,300 screens in the United States.

It turns out companies that keep their books in check do better when their industry hits rough patches. And no theater chain entered the pandemic with stronger finances than Cinemark. It borrowed less money than AMC and Regal before lockdown and better maintained its theaters.

"There is a long history at Cinemark of being one of the best operators, if not the best operator, in the space," said Eric Handler, an entertainment industry analyst at Roth MKM. "They don't get over their skis at all."

## Theaters' bumpy road

In recent years, the company added upgrades — some of them now familiar, such as heated recliners, and some more novel, like samosas on the concessions menu — and kept ticket prices relatively low. That strategy has helped the chain draw more people as the box office starts bouncing back from four years of pandemic- and strike-fueled disruption.

Cinemark executives declined *The Washington Post's* requests for comment, but they



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**The Mediterranean salad** is one of the premium items finding space next to the popcorn at some Cinemark theaters; high-end offerings have kept the chain competitive.

touted the company's strategy during its second-quarter earnings call this month. The theater chain's box-office performance last quarter "far outpaced" its competitors as Cinemark gained market share, chief executive Sean Gamble told Wall Street analysts.

Like every cinema chain, Cinemark has had a bumpy decade, as movie theaters in general struggled to compete with the rise of streaming and experienced lower ticket sales even before the pandemic. And the pandemic itself left a long-term impact — the company has closed about 50 locations since the end of 2019, according to SEC filings. Despite its recent strength, Cinemark's shares are still down more than 50% from their all-time high in 2015.

But its peers have struggled

far more.

AMC Entertainment, the largest U.S. theater chain, has closed more than 100 locations since the end of 2019, though it still had about 7,300 screens across 562 theaters in the United States at the end of last year. The company, which made some sizable acquisitions before lockdown, ended 2020 with nearly \$6 billion in debt and teetered on the brink of bankruptcy before being rescued by meme-stock traders. The London-based company that owns Regal, the second-largest U.S. theater chain, filed for bankruptcy protection in 2022 and has closed at least 140 locations since lockdown.

The North American box office saw its third-best year ever in 2019 with \$11.4 billion in revenue, but that number shrank to

\$2.1 billion in 2020 as the pandemic froze the industry. Revenue had almost rebounded before last year's Hollywood strikes forced studios to slash their 2024 release schedules.

"The strike after COVID has just really been a one-two punch for all aspects of the industry," said Kimberly Owczarski, an associate professor of film, television and digital media at Texas Christian University.

## Paying for premiums

Analysts expect every theater chain will benefit from more releases in 2025 as strike delays subside. But Cinemark already has the upper hand on its competitors heading into a better box office year, said Wedbush Securities analyst Alicia Reese.

Post-pandemic theatergoers, Reese said, attend fewer movies but typically spend more on concessions and premium seats when they do. Cinemark operates its own branded premium screens in many locations, so the company isn't paying as much to Imax and Dolby Laboratories, whose technology powers the high-end offerings of other chains. The company touts its Cinemark XD screens as offering the same quality as its competitors for a slightly lower price.

Overall, Cinemark charges less than its peers. The company's average ticket price in its most recent quarter was \$7.32,

substantially less than AMC's \$11.29, according to SEC filings from both companies.

"They have focused on keeping their pricing low so that they could drive the most attendance," Reese said. "Having a reasonable ticket price has encouraged more families to come in and for those families or individuals to buy more concessions."

The company also sells certain higher-end concession offerings, such as Caesar salads and wraps in California, and samosas in Texas, Reese said. Last year, Cinemark's concession sales reached an all-time high — increasing 3% from 2019 despite a 25% drop in attendance during that same period, according to its SEC filings. AMC saw a 3% decrease in concession sales during that time, according to its SEC filings.

Bobrow is a rewards member at both Cinemark and AMC, but he prefers the ambiance of Cinemark. In his view, the theater has a "magical" atmosphere with floor-to-ceiling posters of his favorite movie characters and more updated amenities. Cinemark's rewards program also allows him to share perks with family and friends and has better discounts than its AMC counterpart, he said. He's even hosted a birthday party at the theater.

"Cinemark feels more like a movie theater than a business," Bobrow said. "I'm not worried when I go to Cinemark. At

AMC, I'm nervous like, 'Oh is the popcorn going to be cold? Is the movie projector going to be bad?'"

## Stability in the suburbs

Cinemark has also benefited from its choice of locations.

AMC and Regal theaters are more concentrated in urban areas, while nearly every Cinemark is in a suburban region. Suburban theaters generally experienced less severe pandemic lockdowns and reopened faster than more expensive marquee locations in places like New York or Los Angeles, Owczarski said.

Two million people left the country's largest cities between 2020 and 2022 as remote work became the norm, according to a 2023 report from the Economic Innovation Group, a bipartisan think tank. Many of those cities have struggled to bring people back downtown after the pandemic, which has particularly hurt urban-focused theater chains.

"People aren't going downtown to work anymore and that's impacting stuff after work," said Eric Wold, an analyst at B. Riley Securities who covers the entertainment industry. "In some of these suburban markets, you've got a little bit less operating cost, rent's a little bit cheaper in the outskirts than downtown, and so [Cinemark] been able to be a lot more profitable than others."

OPINION

# Back to school with our heads down



JOHN MCCA

Fear of violence and cyberbullying accompany our children everywhere now



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As their children begin a new school year, a quiet worry grows among parents. Between now and the end of the coming school year, they know somewhere, someone's child will face bullying, and a few so severe, they will take their own life.

They fear that some children, hopefully in some town other than their own, will fall victim to a school shooter. They still remember the 10 lost in 2018 at the Houston-area Santa Fe High School, and the 19 kids and two teachers gunned down in 2022 in Uvalde.

Had they lived, the Uvalde children would be entering junior high school this year. A new and exciting life would be ahead, new friends, new challenges. All of them, all their dreams, all their promise is now lost to us.

Surely, at least for a moment, that thought crosses the minds of the parents of their living classmates or of any youngster in Texas.

Big school, small school, city school, country school, deep down

While youngsters can hide at home from abusers who engage in all other forms of harassment, cyberbullying can happen anywhere and anytime, writes John McCaa.

they know no campus will be completely immune.

The Colorado-based anti-bullying group Rachel's Challenge estimates every year in America there are just under 1.5 million incidents of violence in American schools.

More incidents will arise this school year.

Some of the "threats" will come from fighting, violence during a dating relationship, the use of weapons and verbal threats.

And now we must add to it all the pernicious activity of cyberbullying through methods like texting. While youngsters can hide at home from abusers who engage in all other forms

of harassment, cyberbullies plague their targets in the very digital spaces most popular with kids and teenagers.

And that terrorizing can happen day and night, around the clock. At home, at school, even while they are away on vacation.

In addition, with the start of this school year, many are taking their desire for more parental involvement in stopping harassment to social media, asking every parent to sit down with their child and have a heart-to-heart talk about the dangers of bullying.

On Facebook, thousands have seen the post from someone called "The

Quincy Dux" asking parents to "sit with your child for 5 minutes and explain that there is never a reason to make fun of someone for the height, their weight, their skin tone, their home life or the things they enjoy." The post also goes on to request that adults caution their kids against making fun of people or their clothing.

There are various versions of that message on Facebook, Instagram and every place where we gather.

We can only hope that they help because in many of the school shootings that have taken place, it later emerges that the shooter himself suffered bullying in the past.

So, let us pray now for a more peaceful school year, for those who will be among tomorrow's victims, for potential "aggressors" who now contemplate violence as their only solution, and for the parents of both who hope they have seen their last Uvalde.

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## Texas must invest in early reading

By BILL HAMMOND

Texas should demand the same level of accountability for academic performance as we do with electric companies, particularly after the Hurricane Beryl debacle in the Houston area that left millions without power for several days. Unfortunately, the urgency for accountability in public schools is not there, but it should be.

Today, 60% of Texas K-12 students are below grade level in math, reading or both. Many point to the pandemic as the cause of this unacceptable outcome. However, the simple fact is that the decline began in 2011. This coincides with the state repealing the requirement that third graders pass the reading assessment to pass on to fourth grade.

By the year 2036, 70% of jobs in Texas will require some type of post-secondary certification or degree. Only 22% of Texas eighth graders earn a degree or certification within six years of high school graduation. Yet, 87% of Texas school campuses receive an A or B rating from the Texas Education Agency. Do you see the disconnect here?

The commissioner of education, Mike Morath, has made efforts to strengthen the accountability system and make it more representative of reality. Some school district superintendents have responded by filing lawsuits.

For too long, the Texas economy has relied on importing talent from other states to keep its competitive edge. Self-reliance dictates we must change that. The Texas Legislature and state leadership need



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Students exited buses last week at John J. Pershing Elementary School for the first day of classes.

to take bold action to turn this around.

First, the money held hostage for teacher pay raises should be released immediately so teachers will receive pay raises this year.

In addition, the STAAR testing program should be maintained. This will allow the public to understand how the schools are performing.

The current campus rating program should be strengthened to become more representative of actual performance.

Currently, marginal increases in student performance are given too much attention and weight in evaluating campus performance. Sure, it's a good thing to do a little better than last year, but if the overall performance continues to be below grade level, the marginal improvements are camouflaging the actual poor results.

Finally, Texas should take a hard look and replicate what is now called the "Mississippi Miracle." The miracle is the sharp improvement in academic performance of Mississippi elementary students.

How did they do this?

Mississippi now requires every K-3 teacher, elementary principal and assistant principal to take a 55-hour training course in the science of reading. After giving students multiple chances to pass, they hold back third grade students who fail the reading test.

Mississippi developed a training program for teachers that focuses on teaching phonics and reading comprehension. Texas should follow its lead and invest in programs that enhance the skills of K-3 teachers in teaching kids to read and comprehend what they've read.

Students in Mississippi have demonstrated extraordinary improvement in academic performance.

This will require a substantial investment, and Texas can afford it. The status quo is unacceptable.

Bill Hammond is a former Texas state representative, chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission and CEO of the Texas Association of Business.

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## EDITORIALS

# Making the Grade

Dallas, Garland and Houston school districts showed courage and their A-F scores

While a few school districts work to block the release of A-F accountability grades, we're thrilled to see three districts taking the initiative to be transparent.

The Dallas, Garland and Houston school districts last week made a smart and responsible choice, sharing their projected accountability ratings despite a lawsuit that has kept the Texas Education Agency from releasing all the scores statewide.

These ratings are something the public deserves to know, especially parents who are trying to make the best choices for their children. Moreover, they are important politically, as public schools face ever more pressure from legislators.

It's been five years since the last release of full public school accountability scores. That long absence hurts students and parents.

The state didn't release scores after the pandemic hit, and in 2022 released a set that didn't fail any schools and came with few, if any, consequences. After the state updated the accountability system in 2023 to reflect higher standards and a system that was harder to game, some districts sued Education Commissioner Mike Morath. That left last year's accountability ratings stranded in court. A handful of districts have done something similar this year, suing and leaving the scores in limbo.

Higher standards and better accountability aren't about making public schools look bad. They're about setting expectations for our education system.

The longer public schools try to hold those measures up, the more students and

parents will bear the consequences. Other districts should follow Dallas, Garland and Houston's lead.

We are especially proud of Dallas ISD and Garland ISD because they are part of our community. These are districts with high populations of lower-income students of color that have undertaken serious reform efforts that are paying off. They are ready to show what their hard work is leading to.

Houston ISD is in the throes of its own painful reform work under former Dallas ISD Superintendent Mike Miles, whom the state appointed in a turnaround job.

Other school districts ought to show the same guts because Texas' public education establishment is being targeted for change.

Next year's legislative session is sure to focus on education and a new private school voucher proposal. Being unwilling to show your own report card is hardly an argument for getting more support.

It's easy to imagine Gov. Greg Abbott or Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick pointing to the withheld scores and asking why more money should go to a system that won't let us see how it is performing.

No serious budget manager would be persuaded that way.

Schools might have quibbles about the scoring system. No system will ever be perfect. But the system the Texas Education Agency has put together is a baseline sense of how our schools are doing.

That's an entirely reasonable thing to make public. And the fact that some schools won't do it is only going to hurt them in the long run.

# A Puzzling Pension Turn

Dallas system's lawsuit makes compromise with City Hall more difficult

Seven years have passed since the Texas Legislature saved the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System from the fund's bumbling former management and reckless real estate investments.

The bailout bought time to devise a long-term solution to a more than \$3 billion funding shortfall. Yet, as a deadline approaches, the sides remain at odds over whether the city should have oversight and how much money it should contribute annually over the next 30 years.

The pension board contends it has sole authority to adopt a pension plan and wants larger contributions than the city says it can make without seriously cutting other city services. And the city contends the impact of the past pension crisis and state law require that it be involved in formulating the plan. And with good reason. Hundreds of Dallas police officers fled into retirement and jobs in other cities.

We side with the city. The pension board's decision to take the dispute to court is shortsighted. Dallas is in this mess because of the pension system's poor management, and city taxpayers are on the hook.

Specifically, the pension fund wants the city to contribute dollars at a faster pace so retirees can get cost-of-living adjustments sooner. Dallas favors a less aggressive funding schedule, beginning with a more than \$202 million contribution in the next city budget. This would put the city on a path to properly fund the pension but would cost the city roughly \$419 million less over the funding period.

The police and fire department's rank-

and-file members didn't create the problem but continue to pay the price for poor oversight and past mistakes. Previous pension management made self-dealing investments, and past city councils failed to put aside dollars so that they could spend elsewhere.

City officials aren't oblivious to the financial pressure on retirees or the demoralizing message another pension debacle would send to public safety workers.

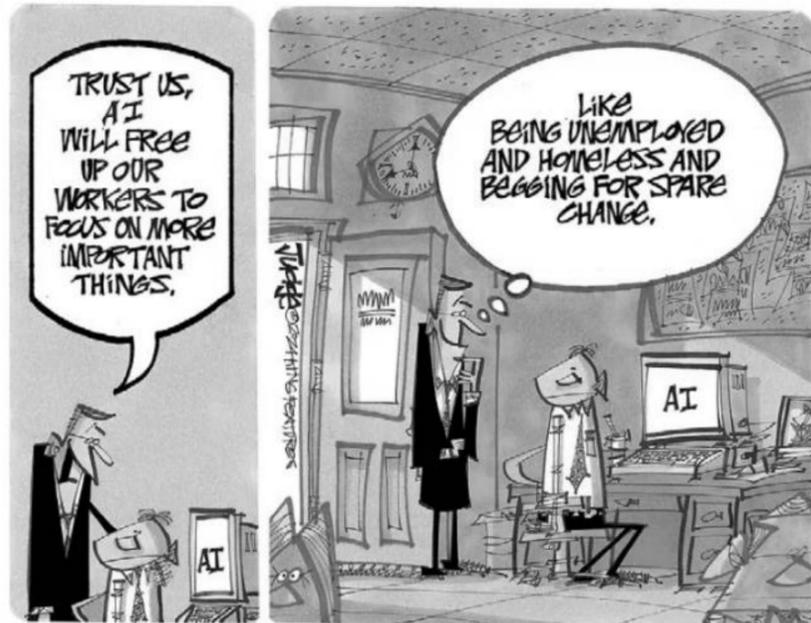
The city is considering an extra end-of-year paycheck for pension beneficiaries, a one-time 1% payment to retirees' pension base in 2025 to help bridge the cost-of-living gap and perhaps another 1% stipend a year based on the pension fund's investment performance.

However, city officials also are right to say the pension fund needs to carry its share and produce better returns on its investment portfolio, which lags those of peer cities, according to a recent consultant's survey.

Neither side can afford this stare-down to precipitate another rush of officers to other jobs, and all parties should be reminded that the fund isn't the city's or pension board's private kitty, which is how it had been treated in the past.

The fund is the retirement promise made to public safety employees for their service to Dallas.

In keeping that promise, both sides must compromise to break this dangerous impasse, commit to greater transparency, communications and accountability, and most of all, stop playing games with other people's money.



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## LETTERS

### Way to challenge AG

Re: "Name That Court Date, Mr. Paxton — State Fair must not let AG bully it into dropping commonsense gun ban," Thursday editorial.

Attorney General Ken Paxton is almost as fond of suing people as Donald Trump. I was genuinely delighted (first into the air and a big yes kind of feeling) when I read this editorial encouraging the city of Dallas to stand up and take the challenge he issued regarding the gun ban at the State Fair of Texas. I just can't tell ya. Go, *Dallas Morning News!*

Chris Sears, Frisco

### Try Wild West gun check

As *The Dallas Morning News* editors correctly point out, even back in the good ol' days of the Wild West of the early 1800s, carrying any kind of weapon, including guns, was not allowed in many communities. In fact, when visitors came into these towns, they would have to leave their weapons with a law officer upon entering, at which time they'd receive a token, like a coat check, and upon leaving would return the token to get their guns back.

In other words, although it was understood that having a firearm for self-protection made sense outside the town itself, once inside that community, you had to either check your guns if you were a visitor or keep your guns at home if you were a resident.

Perhaps a similar system can be implemented at the State Fair of Texas: check your gun in at the gate with local law enforcement, enjoy your day and then get it back when you go home. I wholeheartedly "Back The Blue" and have the utmost confidence they can do a better job of keeping me and my family safe at the fair than a bunch of random private citizens packing heat while they eat corny dogs, play midway games, ride the Texas Star Ferris wheel and take photos in front of Big Tex.

Abel Tomatis, Dallas

### So many lawsuit opportunities

My neighbor's dog barked all night, keeping me from a good night's sleep. I'm taking her (the neighbor, not the dog) to court. My morning order of a 13.65-ounce half-caff, low-cal white mocha latte, one sugar packet, little foam, half soy/half oat milk, hot (165 degrees only) was botched, so I am suing the cafe. Upon leaving the cafe, the car in front of me was doing 15 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. I plan to lawyer up. Thank you, Ken Paxton, you are an inspiration to us all.

George D'Ascenzo, Denton

### One team closer to middle

Re: "Do candidates want to save U.S. or not? Campaigns should build on the sturdy middle instead of extremes," by Abby McCloskey, Thursday Opinion.

An interesting opinion, but presented as if both candidates were equal distance from the "sturdy middle."

With his support of overturning a free and fair election in numerous ways, Donald Trump is much more distant from the middle than his opposition. This extremism is supported by his numerous guilty verdicts in both civil and criminal courts. Most folks look at his constant name-calling and aversion to the truth as distasteful and juvenile. He is not trying to save the country but to bend it to his will. Most respect our Founding Fathers and the Constitution, but I'm afraid if he is elected again, he will

throw both under the bus.

While the Harris-Walz campaign is definitely to the left of the center, it is closer to the middle of the political spectrum than most of the radical nominees from the conservative party.

Jack Perrin, Keller

### What about Project 2025?

McCloskey calls out extremism from both political parties. Fair enough, but I'd like to hear her views regarding Project 2025, the playbook for a second Trump administration that's garnering a lot of attention everywhere (except on Fox News). Understandably Republicans want to keep it under wraps for now since it's so extreme. Please, Ms. McCloskey, read it. It may change your definition of extremism.

Jon Hasenohr, Corinth

### Say no to kiosks

Re: "Not Another Kiosk Plan — Goal of installing sidewalk-stealing, view-blocking digital ad barriers won't die at City Hall," Thursday editorial.

Thank you to *The Dallas Morning News* editorial team for pointing out the problems with installing kiosks on Dallas sidewalks. It's not just a blight, a barrier for people on the sidewalks and an obstruction for drivers. More importantly, it's an accessibility issue.

People who use wheelchairs and other assistive devices will not be able to travel safely around the kiosks. They may not be able to get around them. It's bad enough that some sidewalks are broken or blocked off, forcing people with strollers or who use wheelchairs to walk on the street. This is more dangerous. This is exactly what will happen with the kiosks.

It will put the city of Dallas at risk for an Americans with Disabilities Act lawsuit. Just say no, City Hall. Look elsewhere for better revenue opportunities.

Meryl K. Evans, Plano

### Use your hot imaginations

I appreciate how difficult it must be to create new and interesting ways to report how hot it's going to be, but "Mostly sunny and hot" and "Very hot with sun" don't really cut it. I'd like to suggest using terms that many of your readers would actually say. And including expletives in an appropriate way would add some fun to these reports.

Or if you want to keep it family-friendly, how about, "It's gonna be stinking hot" or "Hotter than Hades" or "ghost pepper hot"? It might be fun to have a "Hotter than hell" contest to let readers get through some of their heat-related frustration. Plus, it would give your weather reporters a much needed break.

Marty Nelson, Carrollton

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# Venue offers first glimpse of immersive dome experience

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Reid's new film, *Orbital*.

"I feel a sense of joy, relief and excitement. This has exceeded the highest expectation we had," Winn said. "Like anything else, there's always a few things that don't work exactly right. But this one has been near flawless execution. That all goes back to Jeb and his team. I couldn't be happier tonight."

## Taste of Texas

Since last year, Winn, who lives in Texas, and Terry, a Dallas native, have said the Lone Star State is embedded deep in the company's DNA. But to get the most out of a setting like Grand-scape and Dallas-Fort Worth, tapping into the company's Texas roots is critical.

The company has hired Julian Rodarte, executive chef of Trinity Groves Mexican restaurant Beto & Son, to curate the venue's menu. Showcasing food and drinks for Texans is key to retaining customers, Terry said.

"We tell our team that our technology will wow. But our hospitality will win. We are only as good as that last mile of service," he said. "We're not white tablecloth. But we want you to have food made from scratch that is unique to this market."

Making the venue feel unique to Texas was also a goal, said HKS Architects vice president Andrew Schluterman. The company is responsible for designing venues such as SoFi Stadium, U.S. Bank Stadium and Arlington's AT&T Stadium.

"There's a lot of architectural differences. You look at the Los Angeles venue and it has the white stucco and fits into Hollywood Park. It's very LA," Schluterman said.

"You come here, you see the very large limestone wall that greets you as you enter. Then when you enter, you see the tech center. We intentionally separate and craft our environments to fit the place they belong."

Keeping ticket prices affordable and building an experience that can be shared by families is one of the keys for getting the most out of the project, Terry said. Ticket prices will hover around \$30 for most events, he said. But there will be VIP-like experiences that can range from around \$70 to over \$100.

Putting together Cosm was no small feat. Though Winn and Terry declined to share how much it cost to build the venue, the company has spent millions to acquire computer graphics, interactive technology and video companies since 2020.

Explaining the concept to investors and the public has always been difficult, Terry said.

"When you're standing on the edge of the cliff, it can be scary. We were starting into a lot of unknown," he said. "We were confident. But we were also nervous and there was anxious moments. But when people came in and were blown away by what they saw, even in our prototypes, that gave us the conviction to do this."

Cosm, now valued at over \$1 billion, stands as one of the only companies in its space and knows it's only a matter of time before challengers open their own immersive experiences.

"There'll be competition. This is too big of a play and too big of an opportunity, but it hasn't emerged yet," Winn said. "The [Las Vegas] Sphere is probably the closest competitor we have. But they primarily do

music and art. It's also very expensive to build places like these. We're not going to see these in every location."

## What's next

There's more on the horizon for Cosm. Beyond eyeing its next location in Atlanta, adding to its extensive media rights portfolio and gaining additional investments are the next steps for growth.

Even at Grandscape, the company wants to be bigger. More sports may come in the future, but adding artistic and educational material is a big goal going forward.

"The basis for the economics of this place is you want to be open 16 hours a day, 365 days a year, so you don't rely on sports content to fill the calendar," Winn said. "It's not a return on an investment, it's a return on imagination. Museums are not as interesting anymore to a lot of people, and we hope we can inspire the youth here."

The Colony Mayor Richard Boyer, one of the masterminds behind Grandscape, is already looking to have Cosm partner with local schools and more for experiences like field trips. He's even considering bringing his daughter to Cosm for her upcoming birthday.

"We're so proud to have this here. So much remains to be seen because people don't understand what this is yet. But this is going to be such a draw for us," he said. "Traffic here at Grandscape is insane on weekends. But I think this is going to help us draw that weekday traffic. Then, if we can fill the space from here to Nebraska Furniture Mart with attractions and retail venues, the sky's the limit."

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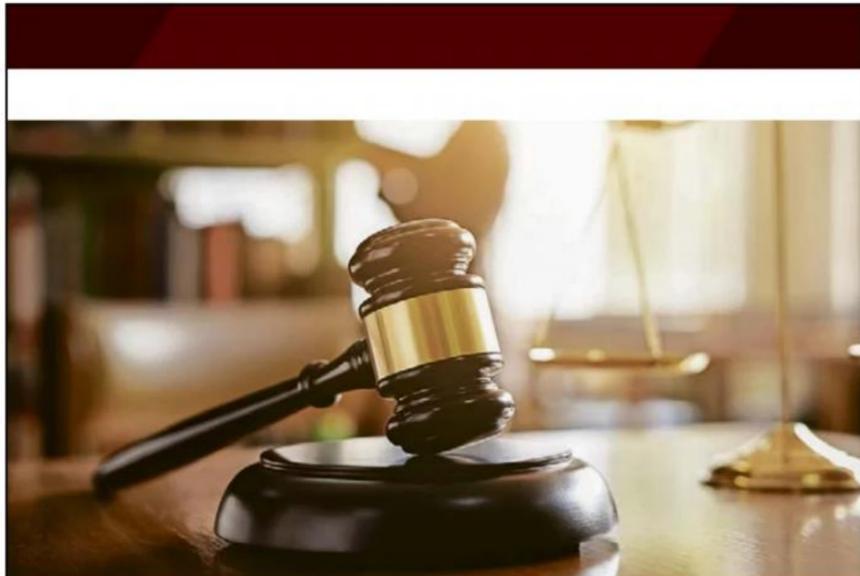
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## Education Lab

# Gift sets stage for growth

Dallas all-girls academy gets \$2M from Texas Instruments Foundation to add high school

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An all-girls Dallas middle school will add high school grades with the help of a \$2 million gift.

This year, the Young Women's STEAM Academy in Balch Springs added ninth grade. The Texas Instruments Foundation grant will help the academy add a new grade per year through 12th grade by the 2027-28 school year, when it will have its first graduating class.

"It's not an expense. It's an investment in you," Dallas ISD Superintendent Stephanie Elizalde told students when the gift was announced Wednesday morning.

The academy, which opened in 2016, has about 760 students.

It now joins the nonprofit Young Women's Preparatory Network, which partners with districts for all-girls schools. DISD also has the Irma Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School, which serves sixth through 12th graders and is part of the network.

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## ARTSaccess

# Backers rally for fired dancers



Shafkat Anowar/Staff Photographer

Union members, elected officials and allies from the community protested outside of Dallas Black Dance Theatre on Saturday in Dallas. The company says dancers were fired over a video posted to Instagram, but the union says it was done in response to dancers' efforts to unionize. A spokesperson for DBDT said 15 dancers were auditioning inside the theater as the rally took place.

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## Unions, nearly 200 people protest Dallas Black Dance Theatre decision

"Firing dancers? Not the answer!" and "Union busting is disgusting!" rang out from nearly 200 protesters marching in front of Dallas Black Dance Theatre on Saturday afternoon.

The rally, led by the national labor union American Guild of Musical Artists, was in protest of auditions taking place at the dance company to replace main company dancers who were fired last week.

There are conflicting narratives about what led to the firings. AGMA, which represents the fired dancers, says it's a response to dancers' union efforts. DBDT says the fir-

ings are due to an Instagram reel by the dancers that violated company policies.

All of this comes after dancers voted to unionize in May. AGMA filed unfair labor practice charges against DBDT in June and early August, citing issues such as a retaliatory discharge and restrictive employee policies.

Protesters on Saturday included community members, local and state officials and members of other unions such as Actors' Equity Association, SAG-AFTRA and the Dal-

las AFL-CIO.

Griff Braun, national organizing director of AGMA, said there was a strong turnout for the rally and that it's the first step in what "may be a long fight."

"We're here to let the management of Dallas Black Dance Theatre know that they need to bring their artists back and sit down and negotiate a contract with us," he said.

James Fuller, a spokesperson for DBDT, described the rally as "shenanigans and bullying." He said DBDT is ready to meet with the

union and work out an agreement.

"We respect the union's right to file a grievance. They have done that. Now, it's going to go through a process through the NLRB and we're ready and prepared to defend our decisions. If we find that through a third party that we're wrong in our decision-making, of course there will be a remedy for that. But we believe we made the right decision for this company, the mission we have here and the brand we represent."

Fuller said the decision to fire dancers was "a very difficult challenge."

"We went through a very formal

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## ARLINGTON

# Police ID suspect in cold case

Man, now dead, linked to UT-Arlington student's 1985 killing through DNA profiling

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Arlington police announced last week that the department has identified a man believed to be responsible for the 1985 homicide of Terri McAdams, a 22-year-old University of Texas at Arlington student.

DNA profiling led the FBI and Arlington police to identify Bernard Sharp as the perpetrator in McAdams' killing, said detective Devon Coffey, who was assigned the case earlier this year.

Sharp died in November 1985 at age 29 after Arlington police said he shot and killed his wife, Denise Sharp, 28, and her friend Debra Delatori, 24, and wounded his wife's cousin before turning the gun on himself, *The Dallas Morning News* reported at the time.

McAdams was found dead Feb. 14, 1985, in the apartment of her fiancé, who was away on a business trip. She was se-

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## FOOD

# Traditions help ease back-to-school jitters

North Texans of note share yearly routines as kids return to class

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When school starts back in Dallas-Fort Worth, parents and students rush into a busy day with new backpacks, new routines and new

teachers. We asked prominent figures in Dallas what food traditions they enjoy to bring some normalcy to a new beginning.

In my house, we go to the same East Dallas ice cream shop after first-day school pickup, Botolino Gelato Artigianale on Greenville Avenue. We have years worth of pictures of my kids sitting on the spinning stools, eating a scoop of dulce de leche or chocolate — or let-

ting it drip down their chins.

*Dallas Morning News* food editor Anna Butler said her mom used to take her and her four siblings to 7-Eleven for Slurpees after the first day of school for a refreshing drink in the Texas August heat.

Dallas' Mark Cuban's first-day tradition with his kids is simpler: They take pictures the morning of the first day and enjoy them as keepsakes. "We have them for every

year since they started school," he said.

Here's how some well-known folks in North Texas feed their kids on the first day of school:

**Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32)**

"Time goes by so fast, especially with young kids," said Dallas resident Colin Allred, the father of two

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## LIFE AND LOSS IN DALLAS

# 56-year-old man embraced life of generosity

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

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Timothy Gantt wore Nikes wherever he went.

He'd wear them to fish, to walk around the mall, to church and sometimes weddings. He kept his shoes clean, crease-free and his closet neatly arranged, even without a dedicated shoe

shelf.

Gantt's wife, Meegan, doesn't know how much he spent on Nikes during their marriage, but she knew he was a deal hunter. He'd occasionally bring her to Foot Locker when he found a bargain. His favorite pair was a gift from her, bought to match his San Francisco 49ers jersey.

Gantt loved buying Nikes for others just as much as he loved receiving them. Meegan always liked K-Swiss shoes better, so

her husband made a one-time exception when he bought her a pair of shoes before a cruise in Jamaica. It was Nikes for everyone else.

"He always prided himself on being the person to buy them their first pair of Nikes," Gantt's younger sister Deanna said. "That was his thing."

Even though he hadn't seen Deanna since their father's funeral in 2017, before her daughters were born, he sent his nieces their first pairs. One in pur-

ple and another in white.

They never got to say thank you in person.

Gantt, 56, was shot March 14 in the 400 block of Bluewood Drive in Red Bird. He died in the hospital a few days later. A 60-year-old man faces a murder charge in the killing.

Deanna found out about the shooting from her brother Marcus, who called while she was playing with her daughters. She



Meegan Houston

## Timothy Gantt

and his wife, Meegan, got married in 2020. Among her favorite things about him was their shared faith and his ability to make her feel safe. Gantt's family said they will remember him for a generosity that was bottomless and at times self-sacrificial.

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**Griff Braun (left)**, national organizing director of American Guild of Musical Artists, shared his remarks with a crowd of almost 200 people outside the Dallas Black Dance Theatre during a rally, on Saturday, in Dallas. Braun said the turnout for the rally is the first step in what "may be a long fight."

## Company says it's ready to sit with union, holds auditions

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process. The board was involved and it was very, very difficult and heartbreaking but the violations they committed in that video were significant," he said.

Fuller said DBDT is looking forward to its next season. He said 15 dancers were auditioning inside Dallas Black Dance Theatre as the rally took place and 10 other dancers sent in video auditions.

A number of elected officials showed their support for the fired DBDT dancers. Texas Rep. John Bryant, D-Dallas, and Dallas City Councilman Paul Ridley spoke at the rally.

"We believe in Dallas in justice. We believe in Dallas in fair wages and fair working conditions. We believe in Dallas that it is immoral to try and break a union," Bryant said to the crowd.

Nile Ruff, one of the fired DBDT dancers, said in a speech addressing protesters:

"Dallas Black, listen to us. You need us!"

"I would love the opportunity to continue the legacy that Dallas Black Dance is. ... We want to bring a voice to people whose voices aren't always heard," she said.

Horace Alexander Blake, 73, drove from the Denton County area to show his support for the dancers. He's a part of the Alliance for Retired Americans and has long enjoyed Dallas Black Dance Theatre performances.

"Sometimes we kind of ignore the people we don't often think about like entertainers. But they're a really important part of our economy. They bring dollars in and they deserve good opportunities," he said.

Brinda Gurumoorthy, 28, is a member of Democratic Socialists of America and Alliance/AFT, a union that represents Dallas ISD teachers. While sweating in the heat, she said she doesn't understand

why Dallas Black Dance Theatre didn't think firing their dancers would "backfire tremendously."

"I guess they thought they could get away with it, but I think it's pretty clear there's a lot of community support for the dancers and it's not that easy to skirt labor law just because we're in Texas," she said.

Other members of the community who showed up have close ties to the fired DBDT dancers. Laketress Jones, 31, goes to church with Sierra Noelle Jones and has taken dance classes from Micah Isaiah. Both Isaiah and Sierra Noelle Jones were fired last week.

"We want to make sure that this situation is rectified and they are supported in everything they do," Laketress Jones said. "This feels like such an injustice on all of us. We feel it all the way through from the church to those that just support and enjoy the arts."

Derick McKoy, Jr., one of the fired dancers, closed out

the speeches at the rally saying the dancers will continue to fight back against unjust treatment.

"We are fighting, not just for the artists in Texas, but for the artists all around the world who just want to protect their rights to have a voice in their workplace and to advocate for better working conditions," he said.

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## DENTON COUNTY

## Man dies from West Nile virus

Officials say person who died was also second case in area

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Public health officials in Denton County on Tuesday reported the second case of West Nile virus in the county this year, which was also the first death from the virus in the county.

Officials said the individual lived in northwest unincorporated Denton County and was diagnosed with West Nile neuroinvasive disease, which is a severe form of the virus. To protect the person's confidentiality, the individual's name was not released.

Juan Rodriguez, assistant director and chief epidemiologist at Denton County Public Health, said in a news release that officials are asking members of the community to take preventative actions to avoid contracting the illness.

"We're seeing more positive mosquito traps in the last few weeks indicating increasing risk for contracting West Nile Virus, just as we've seen in our second human case and first death of the season," Rodriguez said.

Preventative measures include draining standing water in yards and neighborhoods to remove mosquito breeding sites, dressing in long sleeves and pants when outside, and using EPA-registered insect repellent.

Officials across North Texas have repeatedly warned the public about mosquito samples testing positive for West Nile virus. As of Aug. 12, Tarrant County has reported one death from the virus among 28 cases this year, while as of Friday, Dallas County has reported one death among 11 cases this year.

Officials said mosquitoes that transmit the virus are most active during sunrise and sunset.

## LAKE HIGHLANDS

## No charges for man in shooting

Grand jury declines to indict him after woman found dead

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A Dallas County grand jury declined to indict a man this week who was facing a murder charge in connection with the death of a woman in Lake Highlands last month, officials confirmed.

Demarcus Gates, 40, was released from jail Thursday. The grand jury's decision to "no bill" — meaning to not proceed with criminal charges based on evidence it heard — comes nearly six weeks after Dallas police jailed Gates after investigating the death of 47-year-old Unetria Williams.

Grand juries are empaneled in secret to review the work of investigators and prosecutors and decide whether there is sufficient evidence to merit a trial on the criminal charges.

Claire Crouch, a Dallas County district attorney's office spokesperson, confirmed the grand jury's decision not to indict Gates but declined to answer a list of emailed questions about the decision.

Attempts to reach Gates, who had been held on a \$500,000 bond since the early July shooting, for comment Friday were unsuccessful. It was not clear whether he had an attorney.

On July 5 about 7:10 a.m., Dallas police responded to a "disturbance armed encounter" call in the 9500 block of Royal Lane, near Abrams Road. Officers discovered Williams dead with multiple gunshot wounds inside an apartment. The Dallas County medical examiner's office later ruled her death a homicide.

A witness told police they saw Williams and Gates, both "armed with guns," arguing before hearing "several" gunshots, an officer wrote in an arrest-warrant affidavit.

Gates' girlfriend told police she came to the location after she received a call from Williams and could hear Williams and Gates arguing. The girlfriend called Gates and convinced him to exit the apartment and police detained him, according to the affidavit.

Gates was taken in for questioning and spoke to a detective and said he could not remember what happened.

## FORT WORTH

## Teen strikes police cruiser, charged with DWI

Site of crash close to area where officer was hit, killed last week

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A Fort Worth police vehicle was hit early Sunday while officers worked a crash in the same area where a police sergeant was killed last week, according to police.

Investigators believe a

drunken driver ran into a police cruiser around 5 a.m. on Interstate 35W, according to an email from a police spokesperson. No police were injured.

The driver, 19-year-old Jonathan Gomez, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated, according to police records.

Investigators are still working to gather the details lead-

ing up to the crash. No information was released about the call that sent officers to that part of the highway.

The area where the crash happened is near where a Fort Worth police sergeant was killed Aug. 12. Police said Sgt. Billy Randolph was working a fiery crash alongside officers under his command when he was hit by a driver.

De Aujalae Evans, 25, took

10 shots of liquor before driving, eventually getting onto the highway using the Sycamore School Road exit ramp and hitting Randolph, according to police. She then tried to drive off before getting out of her car and trying to run.

Court records showed Evans was already on probation for having shot her girlfriend. Randolph was taken to a hospital but died, police said.

## Man, 56, fatally shot in Dallas spread generosity, love of shoes

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started pacing, she recalled, and had to step outside to get some air. The house felt like it was "caving in" on her.

Gantt was born and raised in Dallas, Meegan said, and graduated from Carter High School in 1985. They married in 2020, just over a year after Gantt proposed on Mother's Day weekend, her children and best friends by her side.

### Putting others first

Meegan said they worked as a couple because they put God "at the head of their lives" and "learned to worship and pray together as one." His presence made her feel safe and secure.

Gantt's family said they will remember him for a generosity that was

### 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.

bottomless and at times self-sacrificial. In his younger years, it made his mother upset how much he gave away, and how effortlessly and joyfully he did so. That didn't slow as Gantt got older, even when he was in financial trouble

after a stroke put him out of work and in a wheelchair for the last two years of his life.

He remained chatty and bubbly and loved calling Deanna to check in on his nieces, who would grab the phone and run off. His barbecue setup was moved to the front yard near a ramp so he could still cook for the family.

"He used to say I fell in love with him for his smoked brisket," Meegan said. "No one, I mean no one, comes close to my husband's brisket."

### Brother, husband, giver

Four months after his death, the stockpiles of spice rub taken from Gantt's house, the countless times his near-cosmic understanding of interstate highways after a decade as a long-



Deanna Ford

**Timothy Gantt's** sister Deanna still has the first pair of Nikes he bought for his nieces, one pair in purple and one in white. They were too young to walk when they received them.

haul trucker got his family "un-lost," the shoes he gave, serve as Gantt's vestiges.

When Deanna was in middle school, Gantt was helping their mother arrange mums and other decorations to prepare for Deanna's band concert. He was wearing Nikes and

noticed a nearby student was not.

He told the student he'd buy him his first pair, but the student had his doubts.

"You know what? Fine," Gantt said. He took off his shoes and handed them over.

"You can have these."

METRO



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**The Women in Restaurants Leadership Program** allows participants to shadow kitchen leaders behind restaurants such as Beatrice, Zen Sushi, Rye and Roots Southern Kitchen. The program was launched earlier this year by Restaurant Beatrice and Dallas College.

**CULINARY ARTS**

# Restaurant leadership program returns this fall

Eight-week session designed to help close gender gap in food business

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After the success of the first Women in Restaurants Leadership Program, it's coming back again this fall. The program, which is geared toward those who want to work in Dallas restaurants to grow their culinary careers, was launched earlier this year by Restaurant Beatrice and Dallas College.

The Women in Restaurants Leadership Program was created to close the gender gap in leadership positions in the region's industry.

"Sixty-five percent of the industry's workforce is women, but there are only 35 percent women [in leadership positions], so there's a lot of disparity, and we're addressing that disparity, but we need allies," said Steve DeShazo, senior director of Workforce Initiatives at Dallas College.

DeShazo explained the program is an eight-week course,

taking place from Sept. 9 through Oct. 28, during which participants shadow kitchen leaders behind restaurants such as Beatrice, Zen Sushi, Rye, Roots Southern Kitchen, the Duro Hospitality Group and Crown Block.

In addition, students have sessions with industry guest speakers. They will also have four experiences at two different restaurants that include both front- and back-of-house operations.

"One of the most powerful parts of this program that we heard from the students is the connections they made during the eight-week session," DeShazo said. "They network with many people and that helps them take steps forward."

Although most program applicants are Dallas College students, the call is open to anyone who wants to pursue a culinary career, regardless of gender.

"From the first post-class

survey, we learned that 82% of students received job/stage opportunities," a news release from Restaurant Beatrice said. "Anyone interested can enroll in a tuition-free program, learn our style of leadership, stage with the best restaurants in the city, and execute a Capstone dinner to replenish costs for incoming students."

The Capstone dinner stands as the graduation event for the program. All students are involved throughout the entire process — from the plate creation and presentation to the table and menu design — so they can demonstrate their skills and knowledge.

For this second iteration of the program, the Capstone dinner will be a fundraiser open to the public on Oct. 28 in Restaurant Beatrice, led by chef Michelle Carpenter.

For enrollment information, email Dallas College's DeShazo at [sdes hazo@dallas-college.edu](mailto:sdes hazo@dallas-college.edu).

# DNA match leads police to suspect in 1985 murder

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verely beaten, and there was evidence she was sexually assaulted, Coffey said. Investigators believed the suspect entered the apartment, in the 2500 block of Walnut Hill Circle, through a sliding glass door connected to the bedroom, Coffey said.

Coffey said police interviewed Sharp shortly after the killing because he lived nearby and had committed sexual offenses, but police said there was not enough evidence at the time to tie him to McAdams' death.

**Items sent for testing**

Police said multiple items were sent to a forensic lab in 2021. They included a sexual assault kit and a cigarette butt found at the apartment, which was notable since neither McAdams nor her fiancé smoked. A DNA profile of a male suspect was created but returned no hits. Sharp died before the Combined DNA Index System, or CODIS, began as a pilot program of the FBI in 1990.

CODIS is an FBI-maintained database that allows police departments to upload DNA samples of offenders and victims. It allows police to compare DNA recovered from crime scenes to DNA profiles in the database to find a match.

Recently, a relative of Sharp's returned a partial match for the DNA profile. The relative was very young at the



**TERRI MCADAMS** was 22 when she was killed.

time of McAdams' murder and barely knew Sharp, police said. Coffey said investigators traveled out of state to interview the relative and obtained a DNA sample, which was sent to a lab at the University of North Texas Health Science Center.

The DNA sample returned a genetic match for the profile of McAdams' killer, leading police to identify Sharp as the perpetrator, Coffey said.

Chad Yarbrough, the special agent in charge of the FBI's Dallas office, said investigative genetic genealogy, the method of DNA testing that led police to identify Sharp, has allowed for many breakthroughs in cold case investigations.

Investigative genetic genealogy is a process that combines unidentified crime scene DNA with genealogy research and the use of historical public records to identify unknown suspects and victims, police said.

"We are confident that Bernard Sharp committed this sexual assault and homicide of Miss McAdams," Yarbrough said. "Investigative genetic genealogy is one of the most valuable tools that law enforcement now has. It is inspirational to do the work to provide answers to the families."

McAdams' two younger sis-

ters and stepmother attended the announcement at Arlington police headquarters. Karen Hopper, McAdams' sister, said the past 39 years have been difficult, as her family had lost hope that they would ever know who killed McAdams.

**Emotional phone call**

She said the moment Coffey called her to inform her police had found a suspect was overwhelming, a mix of joy and sadness.

"I didn't really know what to do with my emotions, because I was so excited and happy, but it brings everything back to the surface too," Hopper said. "It was the phone call that we have all dreamed about having for almost 40 years. It was the most important phone call of my life."

Hopper said McAdams was a "very bright light," someone who was kind, sweet and loving to everybody.

"She was a lot of fun to be around. Very energetic and positive and happy," Hopper said. "She was a wonderful big sister to us. She really took care of me a lot over the years. She just was an inspiration, and she was very loved by everyone who came into contact with her."

Hopper said McAdams, originally from Little Rock, Ark., first attended the University of Arkansas where she met her fiancé. After he graduated and got a job in Texas, she relocated to Arlington to be closer to him.

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COLLECTIBLES

# High-score items up for sale

Heritage Auctions, based in Dallas, is selling rare video game titles from 80's, 90's

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Collectors of vintage video games are in for a treat: A selection of 80's and 90's classic titles is set for auction this week in Dallas.

Dallas-based Heritage Auctions is set to host a two-day sale on Friday and Saturday featuring rare video games.

The auction house will offer titles owned by two brothers who collected the most popular titles and did not

break their seals.

The two-day event will showcase collectibles from the Dallas-Fort Worth Collection, which includes a sealed first copy of 1987's *The Legend of Zelda* and the true first print of 1985's *Super Mario Bros.*

"This recently discovered Dallas-Fort Worth Collection needs little introduction," said Valarie Spiegel, Heritage's managing director of video games, in a news release. "While other pieces from the collection will be featured in future Heritage sales, this auction showcases its most prized items."

According to the release, the first production unmatched copy of 1987's *Metroid* is also a desirable piece. "The

chance to acquire a sealed hangtab variant of *Metroid*, especially one in such outstanding condition, is extremely rare and likely won't come around again any time soon," Spiegel said.

Along with more than 30 titles from the Dallas-Fort Worth Collection, hundreds of game titles from other collections and significant lots of the video-gaming world are included.

The relic from the failed collaboration between Sony and Nintendo, the Nintendo Playstation SNES Prototype Controller, will be on auction as well. It's one of the last remaining original 200 units, which were reportedly destroyed.



Photo by Heritage Auctions in Dallas

The true first print of 1985's *Super Mario Bros.* will be auctioned by Dallas-based Heritage Auctions.



A sealed first copy of 1987's *The Legend of Zelda* is part of the collection being auctioned.

ARLINGTON

# UTA ends early morning library hours, citing visits

Some students aren't happy, and a petition has been started

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Overnight library hours at UTA's main library are being eliminated, prompting students to raise concerns about the change.

University of Texas at Arlington officials announced the reduction of hours at the school's main Central Library on Aug. 5. A day after, UTA student Justin Pacheco started a petition, "Keep UTA library open 24/7," and by Aug. 8 more than 1,000 people signed. As of Friday, the petition has collected more than 1,500 signatures.

"Nobody expected it," Pacheco said, talking about the reduction in hours.

Pacheco, a sophomore at UTA who started the online petition, works to pay his tuition, and the overnight library hours were something he used often.

"It was cool to see that I'm not the only one who thinks this is a bad idea," he said.

For more than the past decade, not counting semesters affected by COVID-19, UTA's Central Library has been open 24 hours on weekdays. Weekends moved to a 24-hour schedule in fall 2017.

The school's decision reduces open hours to 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to midnight on the weekends.

Other popular study spots on campus — the Commons and the University Center — close every day at 10 p.m.

John Wang, the dean of UTA Libraries, said staff pored over usage data and strategized the best ways to maximize library resources when they made their decision to reduce hours.

"We did not take this lightly. We thoroughly analyzed post-pandemic library entry and usage data from recent years," said Wang, who came to UTA in 2023. "We also gathered insights from our front-line staff regarding their experiences and observations of overnight user traffic and usage."

The decision will not affect the wages of library staff and students, Wang said. University officials are searching for sites on campus where students can study overnight and exploring the possibility of extending library hours during finals.

There was a "substantial decrease in usage traffic, from 2 a.m. to 7 a.m.," Wang said. Library usage data from January 2021 to October 2023 shared with the Report supports the claim.

UTA officials did not respond to questions about whether students were consulted prior to the decision. The elimination of overnight hours was news to UTA student body President Deon Rodriguez, who found out about the change through the university's Aug. 5 announce-



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UTA officials have reduced Central Library hours to 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to midnight on the weekends. It had previously been open 24/7.

ment. He is working to understand the reasons for reduced hours and is "committed to advocating for the needs of our student community."

"As a student, I have also spent late nights in the library, along with countless other friends and students. I recognize this is an important issue to many in our UTA community," Rodriguez said in a statement.

It's a sentiment echoed by UTA students on the university Reddit page. Many students work during the day, while others have roommates. The library is "too packed during the day," one wrote. The extended hours is a space "to clear my head and be productive at the same time." One UTA alum recalled a time in the library, when they were "writing a mortuary analysis and falling in love with archae-

ology, all at 2 in the morning." Students want better and more options rather than "taking away the only spot students had to study late," wrote one Reddit user.

Their overnight options near campus are slim. There is

a McDonald's on West Abram Street and a Jack in the Box on West Division Street that are open 24 hours.

The reduction of library hours is part of a national trend, according to Leo Lo, the president of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

"It's become much rarer," Lo said, speaking about university libraries remaining open at all hours, especially at a commuter campus like UTA, where Lo earned his bachelor's degree.

"Library budgets have not increased — or have flatlined through the years — so there are only certain things we can do to make sure that we can still provide the really essential services, like collections, rights and acquisitions, and buying the resources people need," he said.

Other university libraries in North Texas are open around

the clock. The main libraries at the University of Texas at Dallas and Texas Christian University are open 24 hours Monday through Thursday. The main library at the University of North Texas is open 24 hours throughout the week.

In an FAQ about the new library hours, UTA officials said they made the changes to "optimize resources, enhance research support and ensure cleaner, safer facilities."

UTA's library system will soon offer new tools to students and faculty, said Wang. Research Mavs will have librarian-trained researchers assist people in finding resources, and MavMatrix will serve as an online digital platform for students and faculty to publish their work.

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# Notable North Texans share back-to-school food routines

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boys. "My wife Aly and I send our kids to school with lunches that have sandwiches in special shapes like dinosaurs or bulldozers. It's just something to make it feel a little special. We also measure the kids' heights and take first day pictures too, so we can look back and see how much they've grown each year."

**Olympic gold medalist and gymnast Carly Patterson**

All-around 2004 Olympic gold medalist Carly Patterson, who lives in North Texas, is still developing the first-day traditions with her kids, who are little. "We definitely go all out on a big hearty breakfast that first morning," she said. "I'm going to make them sourdough waffles and bacon and eggs."

**Real Housewives of Dallas cast member Kameron Westcott**

Fashionista Kameron Westcott, once called a "real life Barbie doll" by Bravo, has a son and a daughter who make regular appearances on her Instagram feed. "We love getting JD's Chippy in Snider Plaza!" she told us. Her kids' favorite cookies are chocolate chip.



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**Anna Butler**, *Dallas Morning News* food editor, said her mom used to take her and her four siblings to 7-Eleven for Slurpees after the first day of school for a refreshing drink.

**Former Dallas Stars goaltender Marty Turco**

"Times have changed," said Marty Turco, chairman of the Dallas Stars Foundation and longtime professional hockey player. His back-to-school plan is simple: "Just eating healthy to be our best."

**Richardson ISD Superintendent Tabitha Branum**

"Our family has followed the same back to school tradition for 22 years, starting with my oldest boys," Richardson

ISD Superintendent Tabitha Branum said via email. "They have always wanted scrambled eggs and bacon for breakfast (they say to get their brains ready to learn), wear a polo shirt on the first day to set the tone for the year, and take pics by the school sign."

Her youngest child is starting fourth grade. "And, like each year over the last two decades, I expect to tear up when I watch him head inside," she wrote. Aww!

# Popular DISD girls school adding grades 9-12

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"It's never been about achievement gaps in our schools. It's always been about opportunity gaps," Elizalde said. "What the Young Women's Preparatory Network does for you, for us, is provide those opportunities."

The network also has schools in Fort Worth, Austin, Houston and other Texas cities, serving more than 5,000 students.

## High success rate

"Over the last 20 years, 100% of our girls have graduated from high school and 100% have been accepted to college," said Lynn McBee, the agency's CEO. "Our girls get through



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**Students spoke** at a news conference at the Young Women's STEAM Academy in Balch Springs on Wednesday. The DISD campus added ninth grade this year.

college and graduate from college at about 69%, which is double the national average of girls who come from backgrounds that are underserved."

Research shows many benefits for girls who attend all-girls classes, McBee said. Instead of taking notes, they lead meetings, she added.

"They become leaders," she said. "They raise their hands. They answer questions. They're not shy."

Only about 25% of STEM jobs, or those based in science, technology, engineering or math, are filled by women, said Andy Smith, executive director of the Texas Instruments Foundation.

"We know that there's a STEM confidence gap in girls vs. boys. And girls, historically, have a higher level of math anxiety than boys," Smith said.

## Ensuring opportunity

One way to close that gap is by "ensuring that girls have every opportunity to explore their interests and gain that confidence, including in a support-

ive all-girls environment," he said.

The grant allows the school to expand while focusing on the recruiting and training of science teachers, Smith said. It will also fund important resources that help students prepare for college.

Most of the school's students will be the first in their families to attend college, principal Rubinna Sanchez said. A first-generation college student herself, Sanchez said that kind of support is something she didn't have but that would have made her journey "a lot smoother."

"We're going to be able to have a college success advisor, specifically for our girls, to guide them, to find the best scholarships, the best colleges

that fit them," Sanchez said.

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TARRANT COUNTY

# TCU professor's rhetoric angers conservatives

Educator's posts about anarchism, policing lead to calls for firing

By **CECILIA LENZEN** and **SHOMIAL AHMAD**  
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As Texas Christian University gears up for its first week of the fall semester, one professor is attracting attention from Tarrant County conservatives, including elected officials.

Alexandra Edwards, an English instructor in the university's AddRan College of Liberal Arts, is under fire for her posts on social media, where they often write about anarchism, anti-racism, white supremacy and Christian nationalism. A self-proclaimed anarchist, Edwards, 39, is entering her fourth year of teaching at TCU.

"I am a target for harassment because I'm an anti-fascist," Edwards said. "People have sought out instances of me expressing ideas that they find objectionable, like being a police abolitionist."

Tarrant County Judge Tim O'Hare, County Commissioner Manny Ramirez and conservative activists across the county have criticized Edwards' stance on issues such as police funding and regulation. Several, including O'Hare, are calling for TCU to fire Edwards.

The university did not answer questions about whether administrators are considering terminating or disciplining Edwards.

"Professors within our community often express expertise and opinions that are specific to them and do not necessarily align with the overall position of the university on any given issue," a TCU spokesperson said in a written statement to Fort Worth Report.

The scrutiny over Edwards'



Alberto Silva Fernandez/Fort Worth Report

**Alexandra Edwards**, an English instructor at Texas Christian University, said she's "a target for harassment because I'm an anti-fascist."

social media began when Carlos Turcios, director of the conservative activist group Texas Latinos United for Conservative Action, called Edwards out on X. Turcios is also a staff writer for The Dallas Express, a conservative news site backed by Republican billionaires and run by Chris Putnam, a former Colleyville City Council member and congressional candidate.

"Meet Alexandra Edwards who is an instructor at Texas Christian University," Turcios wrote in a post accompanied by screenshots of Edwards' posts. "Edwards has promoted anti-police rhetoric and anarchism. Edwards has also argued that law enforcement is racist."

Turcios did not respond to the Report's request for comment.

## County judge weighs in

In a statement to The Dallas Express, O'Hare defended police in Tarrant County, saying "we will always maintain law and order here."

Ramirez also commented to The Dallas Express, saying, "As a veteran police officer and alumni of Texas Christian University, I am deeply troubled by reports that a university employee would openly espouse danger-

ous anti-law enforcement rhetoric."

The commissioner — who served more than 15 years with the Fort Worth Police Department as an officer, detective and sergeant — said in a written statement to the Report that he believes faculty's online activity should be monitored and governed, "especially when such activity would reflect poorly on the university." Ramirez earned a master's degree in business administration from TCU in 2018.

"It is my hope that this employee has been counseled as to why derogatory or discriminatory language toward any group can erode public trust in our institutions," Ramirez told the Report. "University professors carry significant influence over the views and beliefs of our next generation of community members. It is concerning to see someone in such an important position espouse derogatory and inflammatory rhetoric about those who protect and serve our communities."

Following Turcios' posts, other high-profile conservative figures chimed in on X. Kelly Neidert, a University of North Texas graduate who has protested drag shows across the state, posted that TCU students are "receiving an extremely low

quality education" from Edwards.

"Apparently @TCU is hiring far-Left Antifa activists as English professors now," Neidert wrote. "Don't send your kids to this school thinking it's actually Christian and conservative — it's not."

True Texas Project, a Tarrant County-based conservative activist group; Libs of TikTok, a prominent far-right and anti-LGBTQ social media account with 3.3 million X followers; and the white supremacist account Texas Nationalist Network have also publicly commented on Edwards and her posts while calling on TCU to take action against her.

## Experts weigh in

Edwards, who is not tenured at TCU, said she has incorporated anarchist theory into her curriculum throughout her time at the university and also taught a class dedicated to anarchist nonfiction. The university's website lists "anti-racist and anarchist pedagogy" as Edwards' areas of focus on her faculty profile.

"Anti-racism is just something that informs my pedagogy, rather than something I teach," Edwards said. "It's more about the choices I make for syllabi and how I approach being in the classroom and giving assignments and grading."

Edwards said she doesn't believe she has violated her contract with the university, which states that she must perform her duties as a professor in "ways appropriate to a professional assignment."

"Appointee agrees that his/her conduct shall be in accordance with the ideals, principles, rules and regulations of the University as stated in the current Faculty Handbook, which

may be amended annually," states the contract, which the Report obtained.

TCU's Faculty Handbook recognizes the principles of academic freedom, where they have freedom in teaching, research and expression, as it relates to the subject matter. The handbook goes further, stating that faculty — when they speak for themselves outside the university and not for the institution — "should be free from institutional censorship or discipline."

David Keating, president of the national nonprofit Institute for Free Speech, said O'Hare and Ramirez have a right to free speech even as elected officials and are well within that right to call for her termination. However, he questioned whether such commentary was appropriate.

"They have a First Amendment right to say, 'I think you ought to get rid of that person,'" Keating said. "Whether they should be doing stuff like that, I don't think it's a good idea. I think they should butt out of it."

## TCU not taking action

Haley Gluhanich, senior program officer for campus rights advocacy with the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, said the First Amendment right to free speech would not protect Edwards if TCU wanted to terminate her over the controversy.

"The First Amendment only applies, in the university context, to public universities and colleges," Gluhanich said. "It does not apply to private universities and colleges, and so TCU, being private, technically does not have to abide by the First Amendment."

However, she noted that TCU highlights values such as "intellectual inquiry" and "cre-

ative expression" with a commitment to the "highest standards of academic inquiry" on its website. The university also says it recognizes the value of fostering discourse and encouraging a free exchange of ideas. It states that the university "firmly supports" all of its community members expressing their views and protesting against actions and opinions they disagree with.

"If TCU was fully committed to the free speech rights that they're saying they're committed to, those principles should protect [Edwards] speaking on these matters," Gluhanich said.

If university administration wants to uphold that commitment, Gluhanich said, it should either publicly reiterate its support of free speech principles or remain silent on the matter. She advised against the administration investigating the matter or meeting with Edwards to discuss the backlash, which could intimidate Edwards into silence.

Amy Peterson, assistant director of social and multimedia strategy in TCU's Office of Communications and Marketing, emailed Edwards on Aug. 8 to notify her of a "negative post" on X and share the university's suggestions on what to do when a faculty member is targeted on social media.

As Edwards prepares to start the semester, the professor is concerned about personal safety. But for now, she is going to focus on staying safe and continuing her research. Edwards doesn't plan to change her views, but she hopes those who don't agree can choose to ignore them.

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## OBITUARY | ALAIN DELON

# French actor, heartthrob 'made the world dream'

By SYLVIE CORBET  
and THOMAS ADAMSON  
The Associated Press

PARIS — Alain Delon, the internationally acclaimed French actor who embodied both the bad guy and the policeman and made hearts throb around the world, died at age 88, French media reported.

With his handsome looks and tender manner, the prolific actor was able to combine toughness with an appealing, vulnerable quality that made him one of France's memorable leading men.

Delon was also a producer. He also appeared in plays, and in later years, in television movies.

French President Emmanuel Macron paid tribute on X to "a French monument."

"Alain Delon has played legendary roles and made the world dream," he wrote. "Melancholic, popular, secretive, he was more than a star."

Delon's children announced the death of Sunday in a statement to the French national news agency Agence France-Presse, a common practice in France. Tributes to Delon immediately started pouring in on social media platforms, and all leading French news media switched to full-fledged coverage of his rich career.

Earlier this year, his son Anthony had said his father had been diagnosed with B-cell lymphoma, a type of cancer.

Over the past year, Delon's fragile health condition had been at the heart of a family dispute over his care that gave rise to bitter exchanges through the news media among his three children.

At the prime of his career, in the 1960s and 1970s, Delon was sought out by some of the world's top directors, from Luchino Visconti to Joseph Losey.

In his later years, Delon grew disillusioned with the movie industry, say-



Roy Boynton/The Associated Press

American actress Shirley MaLaîne worked with French star Alain Delon on the set of *The Yellow Rolls-Royce* in Hertfordshire, England on Aug. 5, 1964. Delon's children announced his death Sunday at age 88.

ing that money had killed the dream. "Money, commerce and television have wrecked the dream machine," he wrote in a 2003 edition of the news-weekly *Le Nouvel Observateur*. "My cinema is dead. And me, too."

## Unforgettable presence

But he continued to work often, appearing in several TV movies in his 70s.

Delon's presence was unforgettable, whether playing morally depraved heroes or romantic leading men. He first drew acclaim in 1960 with *Plein Soleil*, directed by René Clément, in which he played a murderer trying to take on the identity of his victims.

He made several Italian movies, working, most notably with Visconti, in the 1961 film *Rocco and His Brothers*, in which Delon portrays a self-sacrificing brother intent on helping his sibling. The movie won the Special Ju-

ry Prize at the Venice Film Festival.

The 1963 Visconti film *Le Guepard* ("The Leopard") starring Delon won the Palme d'Or, the highest honor at the Cannes Film Festival. His other films included Clément's *Is Paris Burning*, with a screenplay by Gore Vidal and Francis Ford Coppola among others; *La Piscine* ("The Sinners"), directed by Jacques Deray; and, in a departure, Losey's *The Assassination of Trotsky* in 1972.

In 1968, Delon began producing movies — 26 of them by 1990 — part of a frenzied and self-assured momentum that he maintained throughout his life.

His confidence was palpable in his statement to *Femme* in 1996, "I like to be loved the way I love myself!" This echoed his charismatic screen persona.

Delon continued to captivate audiences for years — on the way courting criticism for comments deemed out-

dated. In 2010, he appeared in *Un mari de trop* ("One Husband Too Many") and returned to the stage in 2011 with *An Ordinary Day*, alongside his daughter Anouchka.

He briefly presided over the Miss France jury but stepped down in 2013 after a disagreement over controversial statements, which included critiques on women, LGBTQIA rights, and migrants. Despite these controversies, he received a Palme d'Honneur at the 2019 Cannes Film Festival, a decision that sparked further debate.

## Tributes pour in

The Cannes Film Festival on Sunday expressed its "sadness." Delon "embodied French cinema far beyond its borders," it said in a statement.

The Brigitte Bardot Foundation, dedicated to animal protection, paid tribute to "an exceptional man, an unforgettable artist and a great friend of animals," in a statement released on social media. Delon was "a close friend" of French film legend Brigitte Bardot, "who is deeply saddened by his passing," the statement said. "We lose a precious friend and a man with a big heart."

French film producer Alain Terzian said Delon was "the last of the giants."

"It's a page being turned in the history of French cinema," he told France Inter radio. Terzian, who produced several films directed by Delon, recalled that "every time he arrived somewhere ... there was a kind of almost mystical, quasi-religious respect. He was fascinating."

Born on Nov. 8, 1935, in Sceaux, just south of Paris, Delon was placed with a foster family after his parents' separation when he was 4. He then attended a Roman Catholic boarding school.

At 17, Delon joined the navy and was sent to Indochina. Back in France

in 1956, he held various odd jobs from waiter to a carrier in the Paris meat market before turning to acting.

Delon had a son, Anthony, in 1964 with his then-wife Nathalie Canovas, who played alongside him in Jean-Pierre Melville's *The Samurai* in 1967. He had two more children, Anouchka and Alain-Fabien, with a later companion, Rosalie van Breemen, with whom he produced a song and video clip in 1987. He was also widely believed to have been the father of Ari Boulogne, the son of German model and singer Nico, although he never publicly acknowledged paternity.

"I am very good at three things: my job, foolishness and children," he said in a 1995 *L'Express* interview.

Delon juggled diverse activities throughout his life, from setting up a stable of trotting horses to developing cologne for men and women, followed by watches, glasses and other accessories. He also collected paintings and sculptures.

Delon announced an end to his acting career in 1999, only to continue, appearing in Bertrand Blier's *Les Acteurs* ("The Actors") the same year. Later he appeared in several television police shows.

## Change of perspective

His good looks sustained him. In August 2002, Delon told a weekly magazine, *L'Humanite Hebdo*, that he wouldn't still be in the business if that weren't so.

"You'll never see me old and ugly," he said when he was already nearing 70, "because I'll leave before, or I'll die."

However, it was in 2019 that Delon encapsulated his feelings about his life's meaning during a gala event honoring him at the Cannes Film Festival. "One thing I'm sure about is that if there's something I'm proud of, really, the only thing, it's my career."

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McELROY, Brian Cook



Brian Cook McElroy left this earth Thursday, August 8, 2024 in Plano, TX of his own free will, having numerous medical problems for many years, but throughout his pain and suffering he lived life to the fullest, loved his family immensely and was loyal to his friends. Born in Dallas February 25, 1980. Brian graduated at Highland Park High School. Studied at Blinn College, Southern Methodist University, and University of Phoenix.

He was a Navy Veteran having served at many locations. Brian also served in the fraternal order as a Mason in the Addison area. He worked at JP Morgan Chase where he enjoyed helping clients every day. Member of Park Cities Baptist Church and member of Park Cities Junior Rotary Club. His real joy was the outdoors at Cedar Creek Lake fishing and enjoying being with dear friends.

Brian is survived by his Parents, Marilyn Meyers McElroy and Terry McElroy of Plano, TX; Sister and her family, Ashley McElroy-Moon and Mark Moon; Ashley's children Ava, Nash, Lilly, of Lubbock, TX.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Park Cities Baptist Church-Grief Ministry.

Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 pm, Sunday, August 25, 2024 at Sparkman/Hillcrest Funeral Home in Dallas, TX.

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### FORT WORTH

## Group seeks input on hall's makeover

Residents encouraged to share ideas for old Ku Klux Klan building

By CAMILO DIAZ  
fortworthreport.org

Architect Germane Barnes sat with residents to listen to their ideas and wishes for the future of the Fred Rouse Center for Arts and Community Healing. The table allowed visitors to write prompts and speak to the faces involved with the nonprofit Transform 1012 N. Main Street.

The group, which seeks to turn a former Ku Klux Klan auditorium into a cultural hub, held its first community conversation event in mid-August at Artes de La Rosa. Northside is the first community where listening sessions were held, but it won't be the last.

Leaders of Transform 1012 N. Main Street aim to expand these gatherings in surrounding communities in Fort Worth. The purpose of these meetings is to get feedback about the building and listen to what community healing means to residents so officials can incorporate those thoughts into the design of the building.

### Sharing input

The building, purchased in 2021 by the nonprofit, will honor the memory of Fred Rouse, a Black man who was lynched in 1921 by a white mob who removed him from his hospital bed where he was recovering from another mob attack in the Stockyards. Rouse is the only recorded lynching victim in Tarrant County.

Project leaders envision the building housing a performance space, meeting spaces, an outdoor urban marketplace, a makerspace and historical exhibits, along with services for underserved and LGBTQ youth.

Barnes, an architect for Barn-S Architects, is one half of



Camilo Diaz/Fort Worth Report

Architect Germane Barnes (center) spoke to residents during a community conversation event held by the nonprofit Transform 1012 N. Main Street on Aug. 10. The team wants to incorporate healing into the building's new design.

the design team selected for the Fred Rouse Center for Arts and Community Healing. Among these conversations, Barnes enjoyed seeing how excited people were to share their input.

"One of the awesome things we heard from one of the visitors is that there should be some sort of volunteer system," Barnes said during the Aug. 10 event. "So that way people in the community could also be there to give their services because they have skills as well."

The event was also a time to inform community members with a presentation on the history of the century-old Ku Klux Klan Klavern No. 101 Auditorium. During the presentation, Fred Rouse III came on stage to tell the story of his grandfather.

In September 2020, Rouse III received an unexpected phone call from Adam McKinney, president of the Tarrant County Coalition for Peace and Justice, telling him they found his grandfather. Puzzled by the idea, he immediately thought of his maternal grandfather buried in east Texas. Through McKinney, Rouse III learned for the first time about the murder of the grandfather he is named for.

"We have to first recognize what happened, then once you recognize what happened, then you have to put in process

the steps to heal the pain of what happened," said Rouse III.

Eastside residents Brenda Barajas-Koch and her husband, Matt Koch, explored the areas with activities to learn more about Transform 1012 N. Main Street.

### Aiming to heal

"I think it's a wonderful, really great event to give people more historical context on the project," said Barajas-Koch.

Before hearing about Transform 1012 N. Main Street, the couple did not know much about the building. To them, it was just another abandoned structure.

After finding out the origins and how the project is aiming to heal the community, they have been inspired to find ways to support the project.

Jorge Garcia was born and raised in Northside, where his family has been in the community for generations — around 80 to 100 years, he estimates. His grandfather was an employee at Swift & Co. Meat-packing Plant.

Growing up, he also didn't know anything about the former Ku Klux Klan hall.

"I'm sorry to hear that it has such a bad history to the building, but it is a historical building, I think it's better to preserve and convert it into something better than to just de-

stroy it," said Garcia.

Carlos Gonzalez-Jaime, executive director of Transform 1012 N. Main Street, said the nonprofit has secured \$4.6 million for the design of the building.

"It's taking longer than a normal design process because we are listening to ... the eight organizations that will live there, but most importantly, we're listening to the communities and that takes time," Gonzalez-Jaime said during the presentation.

The organization plans to dedicate the rest of the year to community conversations, with organizers expecting to go through a permitting process in 2025 and begin construction in 2026.

Architect Dennis Chiessa, with Ch\_studio, is the other half of the design team for the structure. Chiessa attended the event with his family, engaging with community members. He has memories of passing by the building as a kid, heading downtown to Sundance theater, and riding his bicycle around Northside.

He spoke with residents to answer any questions they might have and to listen to what community healing means to them.

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5-DAY FORECAST FROM NBC 5 WEATHER EXPERTS David Finrock, Samantha Davies, Rick Mitchell, Grant Johnston, Kevan Smith, Adrienne Vonn

TODAY Wind SW 5-10 UV Index: 10. On a 15-point scale, 10 is very high Heat Index: 109 Ozone: Orange, unhealthy sens. grps.



24-hour high 105 24-hour low 82

Hour-by-hour forecast table with times and temperatures.

TUESDAY



Mostly sunny and hot High 102 Low 78 Wind ESE 5-10

WEDNESDAY



Mostly sunny and hot High 100 Low 79 Wind SE 10-15

THURSDAY



Mostly sunny and hot High 98 Low 78 Wind SE 10-15

FRIDAY

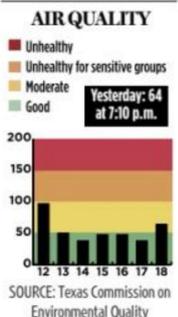


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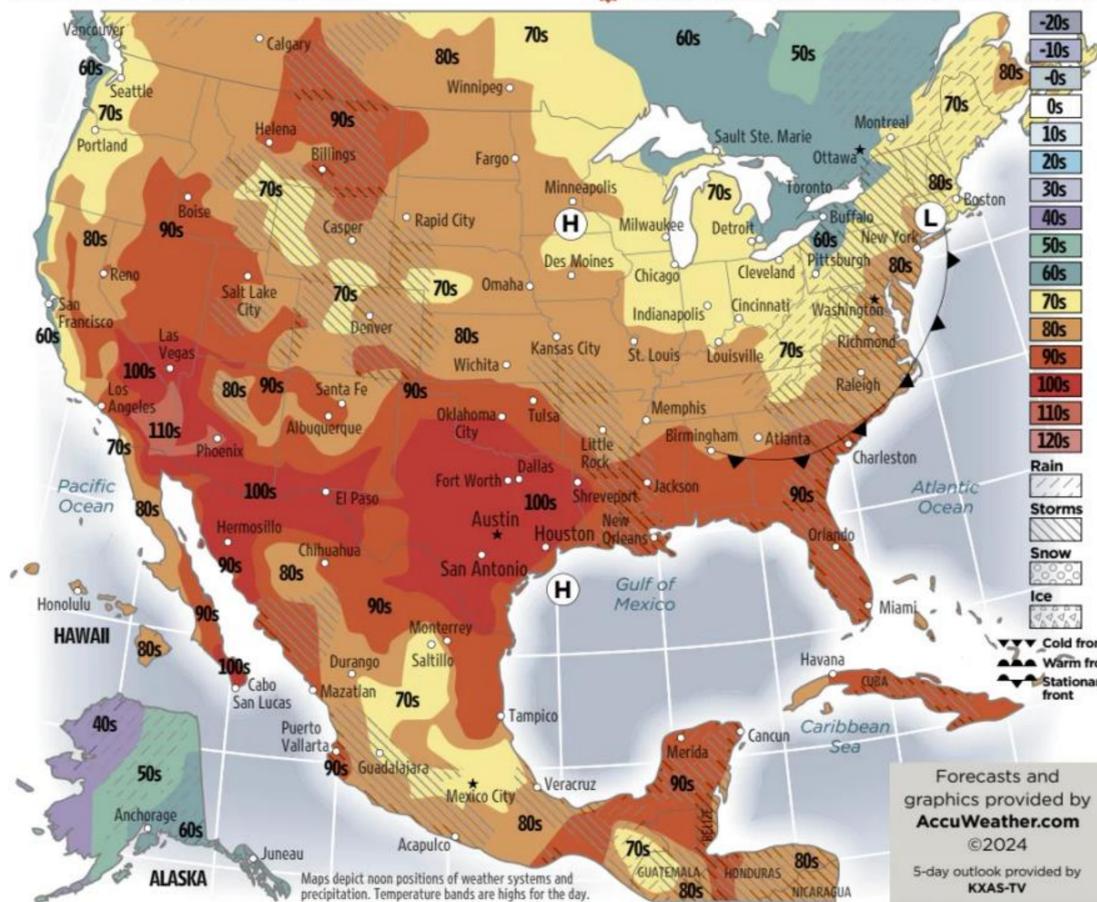
DIARY

Table showing yesterday's temperatures and relative humidity throughout the day.

DAILY HIGH 104 at 3:28 p.m. Temperatures are forecast estimates.



TODAY'S WEATHER MAP



NATIONAL HIGHS, LOWS & FORECAST

Table listing national high and low temperatures and forecasts for various cities.

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DUST & DANDER Today's Dust & Dander Forecast Very High Indoor dust and dander levels will be very high.

INTERNATIONAL FORECAST & HIGHS AND LOWS

Table of international forecasts for Mexico, Canada, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America-Caribbean, Africa, and Mideast.

SKY WATCH



The moon is full today at 1:26 p.m. CDT as it lines up opposite the sun in our sky.

Table showing the rise and set times for the planets on August 19.



FORT WORTH

2 firefighters injured in 14-hour scrapyards fire

Blaze began Friday afternoon at Texas Industrial Metal

By ARIA JONES and MATT KYLE Staff Writers

Fort Worth firefighters took 14 hours to extinguish a large fire at a metal facility Friday afternoon in north Fort Worth.

Two firefighters were injured while battling the fire but are expected to make a full recovery, the fire department said Saturday in a post on X.

Crews were working the fire at Texas Industrial Metal, the



Fort Worth Fire Department

The scrapyards blaze that started Friday in north Fort Worth produced heavy smoke, and the fire department said 175 firefighters were involved in extinguishing it.

fire department said about 3:30 p.m. Friday in a social media post. An online call log showed more than a dozen units responding. The post said over 175 firefighters helped bat-

tle the blaze. Officials said the cause of the fire is under investigation.

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DENTON

Man faces murder charges in woman's killing in July

Authorities say he, 53, and victim, 20, had previous disturbances

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A man is facing murder charges almost a month after a woman was found unresponsive and severely injured in a Denton home and later died.

Michael Tooley, 53, has been in the custody of Denton County jail on an unrelated warrant since July 24, one day after Dylan Gurley, 20, died, Denton police said. About 11:10 p.m. July 23, Gurley was found unresponsive with traumatic injuries in an abandoned home in the 3700 block of Holland Lane.

She was taken to the hospi-

tal and pronounced deceased at about 11:45 p.m. the same night, according to the Tarrant County medical examiner. Per the medical examiner, her cause of death was blunt and sharp force injuries, and strangulation.

According to police, investigators learned that Tooley and Gurley were both staying at the abandoned property. Witnesses told police Tooley was upset about missing money and made statements that he would hurt or kill whoever stole from him, police said. Tooley and Gurley had also had disturbances in the past, witnesses said.

Tooley was also reportedly with the 911 caller when Gurley was found and fled the scene before police arrived, the release said.

Tooley was arrested the

next day on an outstanding indecent exposure warrant, police said. He was later interviewed regarding Gurley's death and confirmed he and Gurley had a history of altercations, but denied being involved in her death, police said.

Police obtained a murder warrant for Tooley on Friday. He remained in the custody of Denton County jail. Tooley's bail has not yet been set for the murder charge, and it was unclear if he had an attorney.



**PGA TOUR FEDEX CUP PLAYOFFS**  
**Adventurous win**  
 Hideki Matsuyama surrendered the five-shot lead he carried into the final round before closing with two birdies to win the St. Jude Championship. **3C**  
 ■ Jordan Spieth to undergo wrist surgery. **3C**

RANGERS 6, TWINS 5 (10)

## Bochy confronts reality

Manager acknowledges 'bleak' playoff chances after World Series title

ARLINGTON — Bruce Bochy openly confronted reality on a quiet Sunday morning inside the stadium where a still-relatively-fresh World Series banner hangs.

As much as he'll allow himself to, at least.

"They're disappointed," the Rangers manager said before

RANGERS INSIDER



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Sunday's 6-5 10-inning win vs. the Minnesota Twins at Globe Life Field. "They're disappointed for the city, the fans, themselves. It's looking bleak as far as getting where we want to go this year."

Jung fuels walkoff win with HR, infield hit. **5C**

On one hand: Bochy won't definitely say that his team is out of the postseason race until it mathematically is. Fair. He has little to gain through a premature concession speech. It's not in the DNA of a future Hall of Famer to do so either.

On the other: He's hardly blind to the circumstances, and Sunday's comments were the most he'd publicly recog-

nized them yet.

"Sure, nothing's impossible," Bochy said. "But you're realistic."

Realistic about the existing body of work and the historical precedence they'd need to rewrite. The Rangers were a season-high five games over .500 on May 8 with a 21-16 record. They have the seventh-worst record in baseball (36-52) since. They are 5-11 in August, two for their last eight

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Rangers designated hitter Josh Jung celebrates his 420-foot solo home run to center field that gave Texas a 5-4 lead in the seventh inning at Globe Life Field.



2023 File Photo

## Gilmore finds new employer

Five-time Pro Bowl cornerback Stephon Gilmore, a starter for the Cowboys last year, agreed to a one-year contract with the Minnesota Vikings. **3C**

MOTOR SPORTS

### Rain forces Monday finish in Michigan

Rain halted NASCAR's Cup Series race after 51 laps in Brooklyn, Mich. It will resume at 10 a.m. today (USA Network). **2C**

ALSO INSIDE

- Dallas Trinity FC tied 1-1 in its debut USL Super League match. **2C**
- Journeyman has been a find for the Orioles. **6C**

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Boston.....2	at St. Louis.....1
at Detroit.....3	at Colorado.....3
New York.....2	San Diego.....2

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Cleveland.....0	Arizona.....7
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LATE SATURDAY PRESEASON | COWBOYS 27, RAIDERS 12

# Juking into view



Tom Fox/Staff Photographer

Duce Vaughn, healthy after missing time with a hamstring injury, led all Cowboys running backs vs. Las Vegas with 34 yards on five carries.

## Can Vaughn land RB slot with showing?

LAS VEGAS — It was the best run of the night. Duce Vaughn, finally healthy after missing nearly two weeks with a ham-

COWBOYS INSIDER



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string injury, showcased what he can do in the Cowboys' second preseason game against

the Raiders.

The Cowboys running back cut across the grain after a simple handoff to the left side before facing Raiders cornerback Jack Jones in the open field. Vaughn put Jones on skates with a shake of his hips to get 12 yards.

Beautiful. It was another example of how talented the Cowboys'

Aubrey nails 66-yard FG; Lance comfortable. **2C**

running back group is, and the difficulty in finalizing that position.

As it stands, Ezekiel Elliott has a secured roster spot.

After that who knows? "The good thing is we don't have to make any decisions

now," coach Mike McCarthy said after the Cowboys' 27-12 victory on Saturday night. "We do have a full week left. ... We've got some tough decisions when we get down to the end."

Vaughn, a 5-6, 176-pound 2023 sixth-round pick, led the running backs Saturday with

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UIL district realignments bumped Kimball to 8-4A Division I, taking the Carter rivalry to another level. **4C**  
 Class 4A players to watch. **4A**  
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 High school football district predictions. **5C**



Tom Fox/Staff Photographer

Parish Episcopal head coach Daniel Novakov and his players will be vying for the team's sixth consecutive state championship this season.

# Parish Episcopal is not taking its run for granted

Coach tries to quell complacency as team goes for sixth in a row

When Parish Episcopal football coach Daniel Novakov considers what has made the Dallas-based private school so successful in football, he points to a supportive administration, a winning culture backed by talented players, hard work and luck.

Anxiety is also a driver.

HIGH SCHOOLS



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"If you feel like you've arrived, I think that's a really dangerous thing. To feel like 'Hey, we've made it.' I've never had that feeling during the run," Novakov said. "Every day I wake up, I'm terrified the

wheels are going to fall off and the whole thing is going to come apart."

This worry isn't unfounded. As Novakov enters his eighth year at the helm of Parish, he and his team are hoping to win the program's sixth consecutive TAPPS Division I state title. Plenty of teams around the state want to end that streak, including Parish's district mates Prestonwood Christian and Argyle Liberty Christian,

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# News To Use

## TODAY'S TV

EVENT	TIME	TV
<b>MLB</b>		
Arizona at Miami	5:30	MLB
Pittsburgh at Rangers	7:00	BSSW
Minnesota at San Diego	8:30	FS1
<b>Little League Baseball World Series</b>		
Aruba vs. Australia	9 am	ESPN
Japan vs. Venezuela	Noon	ESPN
Nevada vs. Hawaii	2:00	ESPN
Chinese Taipei vs. Cuba	4:00	ESPN
Florida vs. Texas	6:00	ESPN

U-19 baseball (American Legion WS)		
Teams to be determined	3:00	ESPN2
Teams to be determined	6:00	ESPN2
<b>Men's soccer</b>		
Leicester vs. Tottenham	2:00	USA
<b>Motor sports: NASCAR Cup</b>		
FireKeepers Casino 400	10 am	USA
<b>Tennis</b>		
US Open	10 am	ESPN2
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Cincinnati Open	5:00	Tennis

**TODAY'S RADIO**  
MLB: Pittsburgh at Rangers, 7 p.m., KRLL-FM 105.3 The Fan

## MAIN EVENTS

HOME GAMES IN BOLD	19 MON	20 TUE	21 WED	22 THU	23 FRI
<b>COWBOYS: 817-892-4400</b>					Next Sat. LA Chargers 3 p.m. (Ch. 11)
<b>RANGERS: 972-726-4377</b>					KRLL-FM (105.3)
	<b>Pittsburgh 7:05 p.m. (BSSW)</b>	<b>Pittsburgh 7:05 p.m. (BSSW)</b>	<b>Pittsburgh 1:35 p.m. (BSSW)</b>		at Cleveland 6:10 p.m. (BSSW)
<b>WINGS: 817-469-9464</b>					
		at New York 6 p.m. (BSSW+)		at New York 6 p.m. (BSSW)	
<b>FC DALLAS: 469-365-0000</b>					Next Sat. at D.C. 6:30 p.m.
<b>ROUGHRIDERS: 972-731-9200</b>					
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Game dates, times subject to change

## THE LINE

MLB Today American League			Interleague		
Favorite	LINE	Underdog	Favorite	LINE	Underdog
at Hou. (Kikuchi)	134-114	Bos. (Houck)	at Tex. (TBD)	126-108	Pit. (Ortiz)
at K.C. (Lugo)	205-172	LAA (Fulmer)	at LAD (Stone)	146-124	Sea. (Woo)
T.B. (Baz)	148-126	at Oak. (Boyle)	at NYM (Peterson)	134-116	Bal. (Rogers)
			at S.D. (King)	152-128	Min. (Matthews)
			at S.F. (Harrison)	205-172	Chi. WS (Cannon)
			at Tor. (Gausman)	168-142	Cin. (TBD)
National League					
Favorite	LINE	Underdog			
Ari. (Pfaadt)	205-172	at Mia. (TBD)			

## BRIEFS

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

### SOCCER

#### Dallas Trinity shares spoils in its debut

Hannah Davison headed in Chioma Ubogagu's cross from close range in first-half stoppage time to give Dallas Trinity FC a lead in its first USL Super League match, but Tampa Bay Sun FC countered with a header of its own in the 70th minute as the teams settled for a 1-1 draw Sunday at Riverfront Stadium in downtown Tampa, Fla.

Dallas Trinity outshot Tampa Bay 14-6 and put seven shots on frame compared to Tampa Bay's two.

#### Staff report

■ Erling Haaland marked his 100th appearance for Manchester City with his 91st goal for the club as the defending champion began its search for a fifth straight Premier League title with a 2-0 win at Chelsea.

■ Vedat Muriqi headed home a 53rd-minute equalizer from a corner kick as Mallorca held visiting Real Madrid to a 1-1 draw in Kylian Mbappé's La Liga debut. Rodrygo gave Madrid a lead with a perfectly placed 13th-minute strike.

■ Benjamin Bourigeaud opened the scoring in the 19th minute on a deflected free kick and Amine Gouiri doubled Rennes' lead on a swift counterattack just over a minute later in a 3-0 home win over big-spending Lyon in Ligue 1.

### MOTOR SPORTS

#### Cup Series race suspended to today

BROOKLYN, Mich. — NASCAR suspended the FireKeepers 400 until Monday, running out of time Sunday to run a race that was delayed and interrupted by rain.

On Lap 51 of the 200-lap Cup race that started more than two hours late, cars went to pit road to wait and see if the rain would go away in time to get at least half of the race completed to make it official and avoid having it spill over into an extra day for the second straight year at Michigan.

Jet drivers did laps to the detriment of at least some of the moisture to make racing potentially possible, but the weather didn't

cooperate at Michigan International Speedway, which does not have lights.

The race is set to resume at 10 a.m. Monday and will be broadcast on the USA Network.

■ Bowman Gray Stadium in Winston-Salem, N.C., will host a NASCAR race on its short track for the first time since 1971, opening next season with an exhibition race — The Clash on Feb. 2 — on a site with a rich history in motor sports. Bowman Gray hosted Cup races from 1958 to 1971.

■ Josef Newgarden won for the fifth time at World Wide Technology Raceway in Madison, Ill., on Saturday night, taking the lead during a late pit stop and holding off teammate Scott McLaughlin on two restarts in the IndyCar Bommarito Automotive Group 500. Newgarden survived a partial spin-out on Lap 196 in the 260-lap race, keeping his Chevrolet out of the wall as he turned sideways coming out of Turn 2.

■ Blake Alexander, who entered the Lucas Oil NHRA Nationals 10th in the Funny Car standings, took a big step toward a playoff berth with a final-round triumph over Matt Hagan. Justin Ashley (Top Fuel) and Dallas Glenn (Pro Stock) were also winners in Brainerd, Minn. (Results, 5C)

### ELSEWHERE

■ South African Dricus du Plessis (22-2) took a flurry of body blows across four rounds before defeating Israel Adesanya (24-4) by a rear naked choke submission to retain his middleweight championship at UFC 305 in Perth, Australia.

■ Polish rider Kasia Niewiadoma did just enough in a thrilling battle with rival Demi Volterling on the iconic Alpe d'Huez to win the women's Tour de France by four seconds overall. Volterling accelerated powerfully in the final stretch to win the eighth and final stage, but Niewiadoma finished fourth to narrowly clinch her first Tour title.

■ Australian Kaden Groves prevailed in the final sprint to win the second stage of the Spanish Vuelta, with Wout van Aert finishing second to take the overall leader's red jersey.

# Cowboys

## BRIEFS

# Aubrey shows leg power

His 66-yarder would have tied NFL mark during regular season

By CALVIN WATKINS  
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LAS VEGAS — So what's it like to make a 66-yard field goal?

Brandon Aubrey can tell you because that's what he did to close the first half of the Cowboys' 27-12 victory over the Raiders on Saturday night.

After Trey Lance scrambled 20 yards for a first down, the Cowboys called timeout with three seconds remaining. Aubrey, who said the longest kick he ever made was 70 yards in a practice, came out and nailed a 66-yarder.

Preseason records aren't kept, but if this were a regular-season game, Aubrey's kick would have tied the NFL record for the longest, set by Baltimore's Justin Tucker in 2021.

"It just kinda felt like nothing's quite there," Plano's Aubrey said of the kick. "But a little bounce off your foot, it sticks on your foot for a fraction of a second and then it goes. It shoots off, jumps off your foot and you know right off the bat that it was a good clean hit."

Aubrey made field goals of 54 and, of course, 66 yards on Saturday night.

"Looked like it had plenty left, that's for sure," coach Mike McCarthy said of the 66-yarder. "It's a great weapon to have when you know you've just got to get to the 50."

**QB Lance has fun, gets comfortable:** Trey Lance made an impression Saturday night.

The Cowboys' backup quarterback commanded eight offensive drives against the Raiders' first and second teams and produced three scoring drives. Lance threw for one touchdown and ran for another in the Cowboys' 27-12 victory.

Lance completed 15 of 23 passes for 151 yards with a 98.3 quarterback rating.

"I definitely felt more comfortable coming out," Lance said. "I like to start a little bit faster for the third quarter for sure. The whole entire third



Tom Fox/Staff Photographer

Brandon Aubrey made this 54-yard field goal in the first quarter to open the Cowboys scoring and ended the half nailing a 66-yarder in a 27-12 preseason win at Las Vegas.

quarter, left some plays out there. But excited to watch the tape, learned a lot again from it. It was fun to compete with these guys again."

Cooper Rush started and conducted two offensive drives, with the opening drive leading to a field goal. Lance was able to showcase his arm strength and his legs. He scrambled up the middle for 20 yards near the end of the first half to set up a 66-yard field goal by Aubrey.

In the fourth quarter, Lance recognized an oncoming blitz off the edge and quickly ran up the middle on a designed quarterback draw for a 2-yard touchdown.

"I thought we improved today starting with Trey," McCarthy said. "I felt that some of the things we were trying to do was trying to get certain individual touches. So really didn't get them into a rhythm right away. The third-down conversions, we missed a couple there. But two 14-play drives, that's incredible for preseason football."

"It just shows you his understanding and confidence, and he just needs to continue to play. He needs reps. He needs to play in live games, particularly in the drop-back phase because he's doing a very good job managing everything else. So I thought he clearly took a step today."

**DT Smith suffers allergic**

### COWBOYS SCHEDULE

PRESEASON			
Day	Date	Result	TV
Sun.	A11	at LA Rams	.....13 Cowboys
Sat.	A17	Cowboys	.....27 at Las Vegas
REGULAR SEASON			
Day	Date	Opponent	TV Time
Sat.	A24	LA Chargers	Ch. 11 3:00
Sun.	S8	at Cleveland	Ch. 4 3:25
Sun.	S15	New Orleans	Ch. 4 Noon
Sun.	S22	Baltimore	Ch. 4 3:25
Thu.	S26	at NY Giants	Prime 7:15
Sun.	O6	at Pittsburgh	Ch. 5 7:20
Sun.	O13	Detroit	Ch. 4 3:25
Sun.	O20	Bye week	
Sun.	O27	at San Francisco	Ch. 5 7:20
Sun.	N3	at Atlanta	Ch. 4 Noon
Sun.	N10	Philadelphia	Ch. 11 3:25
Mon.	N18	Houston	ESPN 7:15
Sun.	N24	at Washington	Ch. 4 Noon
Thu.	N28	NY Giants	Ch. 4 3:30
Mon.	D9	Cincinnati	ESPN/Ch. 8 7:15
Sun.	D15	at Carolina	Ch. 4 Noon
Sun.	D22	Tampa Bay	Ch. 5 7:20
Sun.	D29	at Philadelphia	Ch. 4 3:25
TBD	TBD	Washington	TBD TBD

**reaction:** McCarthy said defensive tackle Mazi Smith suffered an allergic reaction on the team bus Friday afternoon as it boarded for a ride to the airport.

Smith missed Saturday's second preseason game against the Raiders.

"Frankly, everybody was on the bus," McCarthy said. "And I was passing him as he was coming off the bus and I was getting on. But those things are always serious when you have an allergic reaction like that."

Smith is still being evaluated by the team's medical staff so his status for the final week of training camp practices in Southern California isn't known.

With Smith out, the Cowboys started Jordan Phillips and Justin Rogers as the inte-

rior defensive tackles. Phillips, who was acquired late last week in a trade with the Giants, played 10 snaps.

"Just like anything," McCarthy said. "His time in another camp [with the Giants] and there's always communication that goes on."

McCarthy said the plan was to play Phillips in Saturday's game. It was a similar situation to when the Cowboys traded for cornerback Andrew Booth 48 hours before their first preseason game against the Rams.

Booth played a handful of plays on defense and special teams.

**Briefly:** Matt Waletzko played every snap (60) at right tackle. He was the only Cowboy to play the entire game. McCarthy said the team was short-handed due to some injuries, forcing some younger players to participate a little more. Tyler Guyton played 35 snaps at left tackle and center Cooper Beebe played 23 snaps from center. Guyton and Beebe started. Brock Hoffman, in a competition with Beebe at center, played 37 snaps. ... QBs Rush and Lance threw passes to 14 players. ... With the new kick-off rules, the Cowboys had four returns, two from Tyron Billy-Johnson. Aubrey kicked one ball out of bounds for a penalty and had four other kicks returned.

## CALVIN WATKINS

# Vaughn makes his case for RB spot

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34 yards on five carries. Royce Freeman rushed seven times for 32 yards. Snoop Conner had 15 yards on five carries and Malik Davis picked up 14 yards on five carries.

Vaughn had the most snaps (16) among the running backs, but he had to sit a long time between carries.

McCarthy is trying to get all the running backs into the game.

Freeman had 15 snaps, Davis 13 and Conner 11.

Rico Dowdle was a healthy scratch Saturday night along with Elliott. Does it mean Elliott and Dowdle are on the 53-man roster?

Are the Cowboys seeking just one or two more running backs? How does fullback Hunter Luepke play a part in this?

Will a fourth tight end who's a good blocker push the Cowboys to keep three running backs with a fullback?

There's also a special teams component connected here. Elliott isn't playing special teams, but some other running backs can.

Vaughn was being crossed-trained to play some wide receiver early in training camp before a hamstring injury slowed his progress.

With Vaughn out, Dowdle and Freeman emerged. Freeman then suffered a groin injury, halting his progression. It opened the door for Davis and Conner.

Vaughn kept watching and trying to be patient.

"It was really hard man, especially when it first happened," Vaughn said. "It was one of those things, as a football player and competitor, I'm going, 'I'm not going to tell nobody and try and go back out there.' But I knew that wasn't smart."

Vaughn was told he had two choices: miss two weeks or play through the injury and potentially cost himself months.

It might also damage his ability to make the 53.

"For myself, it was taking it day by day," he said. "As long as my hamstring was getting better every single day I knew I was doing something where I was going to get back to the field."

The Cowboys have two more fully padded practices and a preseason game for the coaching staff to determine the running back room.

The performances will say plenty about where the Cowboys go.

On Saturday night, Vaughn might have placed his name back in the mix.

"A real competitive [room], a lot of guys, different age groups and different types of backs," Freeman said.

"I think it's really a good, great competition [that] can only make us better. At the same time, we all know it's a team. At the end of the day, encourage one another to do better to help the team."

### LATE SATURDAY

Dallas	.....3	10	0	14	-	27
Las Vegas	.....3	3	6	0	-	12

#### First Quarter

Dal—FG Aubrey 54, 9:53.

Las—FG Carlson 29, 8:13.

#### Second Quarter

Las—FG Carlson 27, 7:29.

Dal—Flournoy 1 pass from Lance (Aubrey kick), 1:07.

Dal—FG Aubrey 66, :00.

#### Third Quarter

Las—Bryant 5 pass from O'Connell (pass failed), 5:44.

#### Fourth Quarter

Dal—Hall 69 interception return (Aubrey kick), 14:48.

Dal—Lance 2 run (Aubrey kick), 2:06.

A—62, 248.

	Dal	Las
First downs	.....18	17
Total Net Yards	.....294	315
Rushes-yards	.....31-137	17-68
Passing	.....157	247
Punt Returns	.....3-21	4-72
Kickoff Returns	.....4-93	4-106
Interceptions Ret.	.....1-69	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	.....16-26-0	32-54-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	.....0-0	0-0
Punts	.....5-51.8	4-53.75
Fumbles-Lost	.....1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	.....9-83	8-75
Time of Possession	.....27:25	32:35

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**RUSHING**—Dallas, Vaughn 5-34, Lance 7-34, Freeman 7-32, Conner 5-15, Davis 5-14, Flournoy 1-7, Rush 1-1. Las Vegas, White 4-23, Mattison 5-15, Laube 3-8, Bradley 1-6, Br. Brown 1-5, Minshew 1-5, Abdullah 1-4, McCormick 1-2.

**PASSING**—Dallas, Lance 15-23-0-151, Rush 1-3-0-6, Las Vegas, O'Connell 14-20-1-96, Minshew 10-21-0-95, Bradley 8-13-0-56.

**RECEIVING**—Dallas, Flournoy 4-23, McMath 3-54, Harmon 2-18, Stephens 2-16, Schoonmaker 2-13, Peat 1-15, Holler 1-12, Tolbert 1-6. Las Vegas, Turner 5-31, Tucker 3-66, Wilkerson 3-35, Mayer 3-16, Bryant 3-15, McCormick 3-12, Bynum 2-20, Abdullah 2-10, Guyton 2-8, Shenker 2-4, Br. Brown 1-11, Keyton 1-8, Mattison 1-6, Fotheringham 1-5.

**MISSED FIELD GOALS**—None.

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GOLF ROUNDUP

Matsuyama outlasts final-round drama

Bronze medalist loses five-shot lead in four holes but recovers

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Hideki Matsuyama lost a five-shot lead in four holes and responded with birdies on two of the toughest holes on the course to salvage an even-par 70 and a two-shot victory Sunday in the FedEx St. Jude Championship.

The start of the PGA Tour's postseason had tense moments at the top of the leaderboard and on the bubble to determine the top 50 players in the FedEx Cup who advanced.

Staked to a five-shot lead at the start of the day, Matsuyama went 27 straight holes without a bogey and led by five when he rolled in a 20-foot birdie putt on the 11th.

And then it all came undone — a three-putt bogey on the 12th, a tee shot into the water on the par-3 14th and a scramble for bogey, two chips to reach the 15th green for a double bogey.

Just like that, he was one shot behind hard-charging Viktor Hovland, the defending FedEx Cup champion.

Hovland, however, took bogey from the bunker on the 17th hole and missed a 9-foot birdie chance on the 18th for a 66. He tied for second with Xander Schauffele, who played bogey-free in the stifling heat for a 63.

Scottie Scheffler (Highland Park), who shot 66 and finished fourth, was still in the game on the 17th hole.

Ultimately, it came down to Matsuyama.

Matsuyama got onto the front of the green at the 17th from the left rough and made a birdie putt from just over 25 feet to stay one ahead and add-



Mark Humphrey/The Associated Press

Japan's Hideki Matsuyama sinks a par putt on the 18th hole to finish with an even-par round of 70 and a two-shot win at the St. Jude Championship, the tour's first playoff event.

ed another birdie on 18.

Matsuyama, who finished at 17-under 263, won for the second time this year. He shot 62 in the final round to win the Genesis Invitational at Riviera. Coming off a bronze medal at the Olympic, his performance except for that awful four-hole stretch was golden. He won \$3.6 million and moved from No. 8 to No. 3 in the FedEx Cup.

Coughlin secures Solheim spot: In Irvine, Scotland, Lauren Coughlin pulled away with superb putting and shot 3-under 69 to win the Women's Scottish Open, her second LPGA title this summer, to secure a spot on the U.S. Solheim Cup team.

Coughlin, who won the CPKC Women's Open in Canada three weeks ago, recovered from a pair of early bogeys to move ahead of Megan Khang on the front nine and Esther Henseleit of Germany on the back nine at Dundonald Links.

Tanigawa wins with strong close: In Calgary, Alberta, Ken Tanigawa won the

Rogers Charity Classic for his third career PGA Tour Champions victory, closing with a 6-under 64 to beat Richard Green by two shots.

Two strokes behind Green after matching the Canyon Meadows record with a career-best 61 on Saturday, the 56-year-old Tanigawa birdied the par-5 15th and 17th holes to pull away. Tanigawa finished at 17-under 193.

Ballester becomes first Spaniard to win U.S. Amateur: In Chaska, Minn., Jose Luis Ballester, a senior-to-be at Arizona State, became the first player from Spain to win the U.S. Amateur, fending off Iowa sophomore Noah Kent 2 up at Hazeltine in the 36-hole match on his 21st birthday.

Ballester, who was the only player in the top 10 of the world amateur ranking to reach the round of 16, took the lead on the second hole and never trailed. He joined Jon Rahm as the only players from Spain to win a U.S. GA tournament. Rahm, who also played for the Sun Devils, won the U.S. Open in 2021.

PGA TOUR FEDEX ST. JUDE CHAMPIONSHIP (at Memphis, Tenn.) SUNDAY'S RESULTS (TPC Southwind, par 70) Final round

PGA TOUR WOMEN'S SCOTTISH OPEN (at Troon, United Kingdom) SUNDAY'S RESULTS (Dundonald Links, par 72) Final round

JORDAN SPIETH

Season is over; surgery is next

Procedure is planned on troublesome wrist first injured in May '23

By DOUG FERGUSON The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Jordan Spieth ended his season Sunday after one FedEx Cup playoff event and already was planning for surgery on his left wrist that has troubled him the last 16 months.

"I've got to have it operated on ASAP, and then I'll go through the process of what I'm supposed to do from there," Spieth said after finishing with a double bogey — vintage Spieth, he made a 30-foot putt to keep it from being worse —

and a 74.

At issue is a torn sheath in his left wrist that holds the tendon in place. It first occurred a week before the 2023 PGA Championship, and Spieth (Jesus) has tried various treatments to avoid surgery. But it never got any better, and he could never predict how badly it was going to affect him.

Spieth said he's talked to several people and the recovery is roughly three months, with physical therapy starting after the sixth week. He did not come close to finishing among the top 50 in the FedEx Cup to advance, so he has time on his side.

"If I don't have a reason to try to rush back — which I

don't — I'll probably just take it as slow as I can," he said.

This was the second time Spieth failed to advance out of the first round of the postseason. He was No. 100 in the 2020 season when the top 125 qualified. Now only the top 70 reach the postseason and Spieth was No. 63, in need of a top 10 to advance. He tied for 68th.

Spieth started the 2023 season with five finishes in the top six before he first injured his wrist and had to pull out of the Byron Nelson. He has had only four top-six finishes since then, along with a sixth place in a 20-man field at the Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas.

He was No. 10 in the world

Koepka wins LIV in playoff: In White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Brooks Koepka picked up his second LIV Golf League victory of the year when he shot

7-under 63 at The Greenbrier and beat Jon Rahm with a par on the first playoff hole.

Rahm, who lost a four-shot lead on the back nine at the

Olympics two weeks ago, started the third and final round with a two-shot lead and closed with a 65.

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Jordan Spieth's season ended after the FedEx St. Jude Championship, where he needed a top-10 finish to advance but finished in a tie for 68th place.

NFL PRESEASON

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WEEK 2 THURSDAY'S RESULT Philadelphia 14 at New England 13 Dallas 27 at Las Vegas 12 at Baltimore 13 Atlanta 12 at Chicago 27 Cincinnati 3 at Houston 28 NY Giants 10 Detroit 24 at Kansas City 23 Minnesota 29 at Cleveland 12 Buffalo 7 at Pittsburgh 3 at Indianapolis 21 Arizona 13 at Miami 13 Washington 6 NY Jets 15 at Carolina 12 at Tennessee 16 Seattle 15 LA Rams 13 at LA Chargers 9 at Jacksonville 20 Tampa Bay 7

WEEK 3 THURSDAY, AUG. 22 GAMES Indianapolis at Cincinnati 7:00 Chicago at Kansas City 7:20 FRIDAY, AUG. 23 GAMES Jacksonville at Atlanta 6:00 Miami at Tampa Bay 6:30 San Francisco at Las Vegas 9:00 SATURDAY, AUG. 24 GAMES LA Chargers at Dallas (Ch. 11) 3:00 Baltimore at Green Bay Noon Carolina at Buffalo Noon LA Rams at Houston Noon Minnesota at Philadelphia Noon Pittsburgh at Detroit Noon NY Giants at NY Jets 6:30 Cleveland at Seattle 9:00 SUNDAY, AUG. 25 GAMES Tennessee at New Orleans 1:00 Arizona at Denver 3:30 New England at Washington 7:00

NFL BRIEFS

Former Cowboy Gilmore heads north

Edge Gregory released by Bucs after failing to show for training camp

The Minnesota Vikings agreed to a one-year contract with Stephon Gilmore on Sunday, the fifth cornerback — and by far the most accomplished — the team has added since training camp began in an effort to bolster a vital position group.

Gilmore will get \$7 million guaranteed on a deal that could be worth as much as \$10 million, his agent Jason Chayut told ESPN. The 2019 AP NFL Defensive Player of the Year with New England and fifth-time Pro Bowl pick is joining his fifth team in five seasons.

With 31 interceptions in 165

career regular-season games, Gilmore is fourth among active players currently on a roster. He trails new teammate Harrison Smith (34), Tyrann Mathieu (33) and Tashaun Gipson (33). Patrick Peterson (36) and Marcus Peters (33) also have more career interceptions, but they're still free agents. Smith was drafted by the Vikings in 2012 with the 29th overall pick, 19 spots after Gilmore was taken by Buffalo.

Gilmore, who turns 34 on Sept. 19, had been unsigned after playing for Dallas in 2023 and becoming a free agent. He hurt his shoulder in the final regular-season game and played through the injury during the Cowboys' wild-card round loss in the playoffs, before undergoing surgery for a

torn labrum. Gregory released: The Tampa Bay Buccaneers have released edge rusher Randy Gregory after he failed to report to training camp.

Coach Todd Bowles said Sunday that the team cut Gregory after he had been put on the reserve/did not report list on July 23 for not showing up to camp. Bowles said he never found out why Gregory skipped camp.

"No, I never found out," he said. "I wish him the best. We'll move on from there. You can't miss what you never had."

The 31-year-old Gregory, who's also played for the Cowboys, Denver Broncos and San Francisco 49ers, signed a one-year, \$3 million contract in free agency.

AROUND THE LEAGUE

Las Vegas: Raiders head coach Antonio Pierce named Gardner Minshew the team's starting quarterback, getting the nod over Aidan O'Connell. Pierce said Minshew's experience gave him the edge.

LA Rams: Head coach Sean McVay thinks quarterback Matthew Stafford should be ready to play in the team's season opener at Detroit.

Stafford departed a joint practice with the Cowboys on Wednesday because of hamstring tightness. It's unclear how much he will be able to practice this week, but McVay has no concerns about Stafford's availability for the Sept. 8 opener against the Lions.

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# SportsDay **HS** Football Preview: 4A-Others/Private

CLASS 4A

## Shift takes rivalry to another level

Kimball, Carter will play in same district for first time since 2013

By TORI GARCIA  
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Brandon "Bam" Harrison will always remember his record game for Kimball in 1989 against longtime rival Carter.

The all-state wide receiver, now Kimball's head coach, totaled five catches, three touchdowns and 220 yards.

Harrison is looking forward to continuing the decades-long rivalry between the teams, who meet Oct. 19 in what's known as "The Oak Cliff Super Bowl," with a twist this season — they'll be in the same district for the first time since 2013.

UIL district realignments bumped Kimball from Class 5A to 8-4A Division I, with Carter, Conrad, Wilmer-Hutchins, Lincoln, Pinkston, Roosevelt and North Dallas.

Kimball has gone 4-7 and 8-3 in the two seasons since Harrison returned to his alma mater in 2022.

"It's amazing. I feel like I never left," he told *The Dallas Morning News* in a recent interview. "It's one of those things that you come into work every day, and I'm ecstatic every day coming into work."

The move from 5A has led to expectations that Kimball will make a run this year, but Harrison is trying to drown out the noise.

"We had a successful season last year, and we have a lot of kids coming back this year," Harrison said. "So going down to 4A, everyone is saying 'Kimball is going to do this, Kimball is going to do that.' No. There are a bunch of good teams in 4A, so we still have to come down, still have to be consistent, and still have to play the game. It's just the expectation of the outside world that automatically puts us in a spot that we haven't earned yet."



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**Carter's Camden Patterson (left)** runs for yardage against Kimball during last season's game. UIL district realignments bumped Kimball from Class 5A to 8-4A Division I, the same district as rival Carter.

changes much about the 4A landscape, but it leaves room for another champion to be crowned.

"There's still a bunch of good teams in 4A," he said. "Even when they leave, it opens up the door for another team to go and win a state championship, which is great for 4A football."

He said he and his staff agree that realignment was in Kimball's best interest. "My initial thoughts were that my entire program at Dallas Kimball would be able to compete at a higher level than it would in 5A," Harrison said.

For the athletes, the realignment barely crosses their

minds, Harrison said. "The kids really don't care," Harrison said. "The kids just want to go compete, but most of the coaches were ecstatic because they felt like they were going to be playing on even ground now."

But he acknowledged that the move to 4A puts pressure on his team to at least make a longer playoff run than last season, which ended with a 21-13 loss to Ennis in the first round.

"That's one of the biggest goals that we have, is to just win the first round," Harrison said. "Once you win a first round and you kind of get into the midst of the playoffs, anything can happen."

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### CLASS 4A PLAYERS TO WATCH

Pos.	Player	School	Cl.
WR	Cristian Trickett	Frisco Panther Creek	Sr.
All-state player led area public school players with 24 rec. TDs last year			
WR	Tyler Brown	Aubrey	Sr.
No. 93 on <i>The News'</i> Top 100 area recruits list; 5-4A D-II MVP			
WR	Sentel Simpson	Frisco Panther Creek	Sr.
No. 80 on <i>The News'</i> Top 100, rushed for 675 yards, 13 TDs a year ago			
WR	Terry Shelton	Carrollton Ranchview	Sr.
As a junior, reeled in 32 catches for 629 yards and eight touchdowns			
S	Juan-Milleon Aguilar	Kimball	Sr.
No. 100 on <i>The News'</i> Top 100, he recorded 66 total tackles and 10 INTs			
RB	Harrison Williams	Celina	Sr.
Williams led Celina in rushing with 1,618 yards and ran for 18 touchdowns			
RB	Logan Gutierrez	Celina	Jr.
During sophomore campaign, ran for 1,356 yards, a team-high 28 TDs			
RB	Dylan Brauchle	Lake Dallas	Sr.
Led Lake Dallas last year with 673 rush yards on 108 attempts, nine TDs			
Ath.	Camden Patterson	Carter	Sr.
RB/WR rushed for 744 yards, 12 TDs; 15 rec. for 163 yards last season			
DT	Alyric Brown	Sunnyvale	Sr.
In 12 games, Brown recorded 63 solo tackles and two sacks			

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MYAH TAYLOR

## Parish looks to continue title run

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which moved up to TAPPS Division I this season after winning a TAPPS Division II state championship in 2023.

Novakov is already determining all the possible scenarios that could cause Parish's fall. He's got all of the main ingredients that have made Parish successful in the past, like a roster of good players and the backing of the school. But luck could run out at any time.

The coach hopes his preparation and fear of complacency continue to drive the program's reign for a sixth straight season.

"This is all going to go wrong today," Novakov said he often thinks to himself. "It's going to be like Cinderella and the clock's going to strike midnight. And I'm trying to keep that from happening."

### From the top down

Novakov said that when Parish expanded to include seventh through 12th grade students in the early 2000s, former head of school Gloria Snyder understood the importance of Texas high school football in gaining attention.

"They put a lot of emphasis from an administrative level on making sure the football program was successful and that's stayed part of the fabric of the school," Novakov said. "It's kind of woven into the school that Parish football is a big part of the community, a big part of what we do here."

Parish won its first state championship in 2010 and its second in 2014 before embarking on the current run that started six seasons ago.



2023 File Photo

**Sawyer Anderson**, a three-star Purdue pledge, has quarterbacked each of the last three Parish Episcopal state championship teams.

Part of Parish's rise had much to do with quarterback Preston Stone, Novakov said. The four-star prospect out of high school plays for SMU and led Parish to state championships in 2019 and 2020.

"He came as a freshman and it kind of gave us a marquee name with a lot of notoriety that really helped build the exposure," Novakov said.

Since then, Parish has attracted even more talent. Sawyer Anderson, a three-star Purdue pledge, has quarterbacked each of the last three Parish state championship teams.

While seniors like Anderson have tasted a state championship every year of their high school career, they remain hungry.

"We're hoping to win four in a row and six for the school, so we're pumped about that," Anderson said during one of Parish's spring practices.

### What comes next

Some have picked Argyle Liberty Christian, coached by former Dallas Cowboy Jason Witten, to beat Parish in district play this year.

"I wouldn't say they've caused any more concerns than normal," Novakov said. "We're concerned every single day about something. I think it's great to have them and I think it's great that people are picking them to beat us because it gives us motivation to try to prove everybody wrong."

Before Parish meets Liberty Christian in October, it will play Fort Worth All Saints, Bellaire Episcopal, San Antonio Cornerstone Christian and Austin LBJ during its nondistrict slate.

In recent years, Parish has

### PRIVATE SCHOOL PLAYERS TO WATCH

Pos.	Player	School	Cl.
QB	Sawyer Anderson	Parish Episcopal	Sr.
Three-star player led team to 10-3 record, TAPPS Div. I state title			
QB	Luke Carney	Dallas Christian	Sr.
Syracuse pledge was 184 of 231 for 3,400 yards, 35 TDs last season			
WR	Quinton Brown	Argyle Liberty Christian	Sr.
Boise St. pledge ranked No. 79 on SportsDay's Top 100, 19th-ranked WR			
WR	Bryson Fields	Parish Episcopal	Sr.
State champ had 47 catches, 687 yards (14.6 avg) with 10 TDs last year			
WR	Kaleb Mitchell	First Baptist	Sr.
UTSA pledge had 48 catches, 973 yards (20.3 avg), 16 TDs last season			
WR	Carson Darby	Parish Episcopal	Sr.
Ouachita pledge had 63 catches, 917 yards (14.6 avg), 7 TDs last season			
WR	Brady Janusek	Argyle Liberty Christian	Sr.
State champion had 54 catches, 984 yards (18.2 avg), 13 TDs last season			
RB	Chase Garnett	Argyle Liberty Christian	Sr.
S. Florida pledge had 134 carries, 1,019 yards (7.6 avg), 16 TDs last season			
OL	Jaylan Beckley	TCA-Addison	Sr.
No. 35 on SportsDay's Top 100, 9th-ranked OL; committed to Okla. St.			
DL	Dalton Knapp	Fort Worth All Saints	Sr.
No. 69 on SportsDay's Top 100; 7th-ranked DL; committed to Kansas St.			

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played — and sometimes defeated — several high-profile University Interscholastic League teams, like Aledo, South Oak Cliff and China Spring.

The only UIL school on its schedule this year is Austin LBJ.

"The reason we ended up playing Aledo and South Oak Cliff and China Spring is they're the only teams that would play us," Novakov said. "Then when we played them and we had some success, it made it even harder to find teams."

But Novakov added: "It's a compliment when it's hard to find games."

Despite Parish's pedigree and its possession of top recruits like Anderson and three-star junior wide receiver Jaylen Pile, things could always go wrong.

Two seasons ago, the year Parish beat Aledo in Week 1, Novakov said the team was considered one of the best private school squads ever.

"We had to survive that gauntlet of a schedule. You don't know who's going to get your football team," Novakov said. "Then last year everybody

said, 'they've got 11 new starters on defense and they've got an inexperienced team.' And then we had a ton of injuries, so we had to survive that. Every year poses a new challenge."

All-state senior cornerback Drayson Crane shares that thinking.

"We lose guys, we get guys. It comes with a new challenge every year," Crane said during spring practice. "So I think that's what keeps us motivated."

For the last five seasons, Parish has been able to overcome those obstacles.

"When I took this job, I was worried about the program surviving," Novakov said. "To build it to a point like this has been gratifying."

On the quest to win a sixth consecutive state title, Novakov may be anxious about keeping the dynasty alive, but he's not worrying himself about a future beyond Parish.

"I think people have this notion that if you have some semblance of success you have to move somewhere," Novakov said. "I would say I've got one of the top 10 jobs in the state of Texas. ... To walk away in the middle of a run like this would be crazy."

RANGERS BRIEFS

Jung keys walkoff win over Twins

Solo HR caps 5-run 7th; infield hit brings home winner in 10th

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ARLINGTON — Josh Jung's go-ahead home run went 420 feet. His walkoff infield hit went all of 3.

"You get them any way you can take them, I guess," Jung said with a laugh.

Especially now.

Jung played hero twice in the Rangers' 6-5 walkoff win vs. the Minnesota Twins on Sunday at Globe Life Field to snap a three-game losing streak and avoid a four-game sweep. It hardly made a dent in the American League West standings, where the Rangers still trail the first-place Houston Astros by 11 games, but it served as a necessary boost in the midst of an otherwise grim month.

"It was something they needed, the guys," Rangers manager Bruce Bochy said. "To have some tough losses before today. Good for those guys."

In the 10th inning, with ghost runner Adolis Garcia at second base, Jung grounded a Jhoan Duran splitter to third base. Jose Miranda fielded the ball but made an errant throw to first base that allowed Garcia to score the winning run from second in Texas' fifth walkoff victory of the season.

Before that, Jung drilled a go-ahead home run in the bottom of the seventh inning to cap a five-run frame and give the Rangers a 5-4 lead over the Twins. He hit a Jorge Alcala



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Catcher Carson Kelly (18), Josh Jung (helmet) and Max Scherzer (right) savor the Rangers' 10th-inning win after Jung's infield hit brought in Adolis Garcia on an errant throw.

Next five

Table with 5 columns: Day, Opponent, Time, TV, Starter, Opp. starter. Rows include Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and other matchups.

All games broadcast on KRLD-105.3 FM and in Spanish on KFLC-1270 AM.

fastball 106.3 mph into center field for his second home run since he returned from the injured list on July 29 and for his first extra-base hit since Aug. 5.

"I needed that so bad," Jung said of his home run. "I feel like I've just been grinding there, just hitting a lot of singles ... it was big, it lifted my spirits for sure."

Leody Taveras led off the seventh inning with a single into center field and scored on a Marcus Semien double for the

Rangers' first run of the game. Semien scored on a Corey Seager double, then Garcia tied the game with a two-run home run into left field two at-bats before Jung's blast.

The Rangers had to overcome a season-long weakness in the seventh: high velocity. Texas began the day with a .201 batting average against pitches at 95 mph or faster (the third-worst mark in the AL) but recorded four of its five seventh-inning hits on such throws: Tav-

eras hit a 97.8 mph fastball, Semien hit a 96.8 mph fastball, Garcia hit a 97.9 mph fastball and Jung hit a 99.3 mph fastball.

"We got the long ball," Bochy said. "Really, in that game, I said, 'If somebody can just come through and drive in a run, this thing can get going here.' ... Marcus kind of got us going, and that got contagious."

Rangers starter Tyler Mahle, in his third start since returning from yearlong Tommy John surgery rehab, allowed four runs on six hits in three innings.

Right-handed pitcher Gerson Garabito replaced him and threw four no-hit innings out of the bullpen before David Robertson pitched a scoreless eighth, and before All-Star clos-

er Kirby Yates blew his first save of the season (he had been 21 for 21 prior) in the ninth courtesy of a game-tying Carlos Santana solo home run.

"In my mind, I'm just trying to throw a strike and get some innings," said Garabito, who has a 2.65 ERA in his first major league season. "The bullpen, we need it. The starter just going three innings, you have to throw a couple more innings, that way you can have the bullpen."

Kelly shines in first 10 games since trade: Who said the Rangers didn't acquire an impact bat at the trade deadline?

And who knew — for at least the time that he's been a Ranger — that it'd be catcher Carson Kelly?

Kelly, whom the Rangers acquired from the Detroit Tigers two days before July's trade deadline in exchange for two minor leaguers, has been one of Texas' best hitters since he first played on July 31. The 30-year-old has slashed .344/.382/.500 with three extra-base hits and six runs driven in through the 10 games that he's played since his arrival.

Only shortstop Corey Seager (.936) has had an on-base plus slugging percentage better than Kelly (.882). Only right fielder Adolis Garcia (.387) has had a better on-base percentage than Kelly (.382). No one has posted a higher batting average.

"I'm really enjoying my time here," Kelly said Sunday. "I've got some history with [offensive coordinator] Donnie [Ecker] and some of the hitting guys. A lot of it is just continuing to dou-

ble down on what I do routinely and what's made me me. The guys in the clubhouse have been really great, and really welcomed me with open arms."

Kelly, including Sunday's series finale vs. the Minnesota Twins at Globe Life Field, has started 10 games at catcher to Jonah Heim's eight since the former first played for Texas. Both were in the Rangers lineup for Saturday's 4-2 loss to the Twins. Kelly started at designated hitter, went 2 for 4 with a double and drove in both of the Rangers' runs. It was just the second time this season — and the fifth time in his nine-year major league career — that he'd played the position.

Former Rangers catcher Mitch Garver acknowledged last season that designated hitter was "not his favorite role" but settled in to post a .751 on-base plus slugging percentage in last year's postseason. Kelly said he tries to stay active and loose in the dugout to best simulate some of the wear and tear that he'd experience if he were catching on days he works exclusively as a hitter.

"It is a different experience, especially as a catcher when you're in every play," Kelly said. "It's kind of — I don't want to say the complete opposite — but it is something where you get to contribute on both sides of the ball [at catcher], and being the DH is one side of the ball."

The method worked. "He gives you good at-bats," Bochy said Saturday. "He's got some pop, good discipline at the plate. He's had a pretty good year offensively, especially here."

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL DISTRICT PREDICTIONS

Order is 2024 projection; records are from 2023.

6-4A DIV. I

Table with 2 columns: School, Rec. Rows include Alvarado, Kennedale, Waxahachie Life, Lake Worth, FW Castleberry, Carr. Ranchview.

With district realignment, Kennedale and Lake Worth are no longer matched against Fort Worth ISD schools. Kennedale lost 49-27 to Alvarado in the bi-district round of the playoffs last season, but before 2022, Kennedale hadn't lost a district game since 2011. Kennedale will be looking for revenge, but Alvarado may be an early favorite.

7-4A DIV. I

Table with 2 columns: School, Rec. Rows include Frisco Panther Creek, Celina, Lake Dallas, Aubrey, Sulphur Springs, Paris, Nevada Community.

This district may be one of the most challenging in the division. After a 10-win season, Lake Dallas shifted from 5A-II to 4A-I and entered a league featuring

five additional 2023 playoff teams from three districts. Aubrey hasn't lost a district game since 2021, when it was matched against Celina.

8-4A DIV. I

Table with 2 columns: School, Rec. Rows include Carter, Kimball, Wilmer-Hutchins, Pinkston, Conrad, Lincoln, North Dallas, Roosevelt.

Anna won its first state championship out of this district last season. Its move to Class 5A Division II leaves the door open for a Dallas ISD school to win the title in this redesigned district.

5-4A DIV. II

Table with 2 columns: School, Rec. Rows include Van Alstyne, Caddo Mills, Farmersville, Gainesville, Krum, Sanger, Bonham.

There shouldn't be many surprises in this district as many of the teams are familiar with one another. Van Alstyne, Caddo Mills

and Farmersville look like favorites to attain playoff spots.

6-4A DIV. II

Table with 2 columns: School, Rec. Rows include Sunnyvale, Quinlan Ford, Wills Point, Canton, Ferris, Kemp.

Expect Sunnyvale — the reigning 6-4AII champion — to lead the district again. Sunnyvale concluded last season as the only team in its district with a winning record. But with three new members added in realignment, one is bound to put an end to the playoff drought.

6-3A DIV. I

Table with 2 columns: School, Rec. Rows include Pottsboro, Whitesboro, Palmer, Madison, Life Oak Cliff, A+ Academy, Pilot Point.

It might be slightly easier for Life Oak Cliff, A+ Academy and Madison to reach playoff contention this year after they moved from a nine-team league to a six-team district. In

2023, Pottsboro and Whitesboro lost area-round playoff games. Expect a similar outcome this upcoming season.

8-3A DIV. II

Table with 2 columns: School, Rec. Rows include Scurry-Rosser, Trinity Leadership CH, Blooming Grove, Gateway Charter, Rice, Inspired Vision.

Scurry-Rosser, which held an 11-game winning streak last year until falling to Comanche in the post-season, is the clear favorite. Trinity Leadership, formerly Trinity Christian Cedar Hill, and Scurry-Rosser were the only teams in this district to reach the playoffs last year.

TAPPS 1-I

Table with 2 columns: School, Rec. Rows include Parish Episcopal, Argyle Liberty Chr., Plano Prestonwood Chr., Frisco Legacy Chr., TCA-Addison, Bishop Lynch, Fort Worth Nolan.

Parish Episcopal hasn't lost a district game since 2020 while winning five straight TAPPS Division I

state titles, and it returns Purdue pledge Sawyer Anderson. But Parish Episcopal should get quite a challenge from Argyle Liberty Christian, last year's Division II state champion).

TAPPS 1-II

Table with 2 columns: School, Rec. Rows include Fort Worth All Saints, Lubbock Trinity, Midland Christian, Grapevine Faith Chr., FW Southwest Chr., Fort Worth Christian.

Lubbock Trinity was a state semifinalist last season, but that was in Division III. Moving up to Division II, it could have a hard time competing with an All Saints team that may have the top three players in the district.

TAPPS 2-II

Table with 2 columns: School, Rec. Rows include Austin Regents, Tyler Grace, Arlington Grace Prep, Bullard Brook Hill, Austin Brentwood, Austin Hyde Park, Bishop Dunne.

Austin Regents has won 10 or more games each of the last eight years. Expect it to remain a powerhouse.

TAPPS 1-III

Table with 2 columns: School, Rec. Rows include Lubbock Christian, Colleyville Covenant, FW Lake Country, Arlington Pantego Chr., TC-Willow Park.

Lubbock Christian lost in the Division IV state championship game last season but moves up to Division III in realignment. Expect it to get pushed by Colleyville Covenant.

TAPPS 2-III

Table with 2 columns: School, Rec. Rows include Dallas Christian, Shelton, Dallas Covenant, McKinney Christian, Tyler T.K. Gorman, Tyler All Saints.

Not counting two forfeit wins, Dallas Christian has outscored the opposition 741-55 while winning its other 13 district games the last four years.

TAPPS 1-IV

Table with 2 columns: School, Rec. Rows include First Baptist, Muenster Sacred Heat, Austin Mercy, FW Temple Chr., Waco Reicher, Waco Live Oak.

First Baptist is the defending TAPPS Division IV

state champion that led all Dallas-area private schools in scoring (54.2 points per game) and total offense (510.3 yards per game).

SPC 4A

Table with 2 columns: School, Rec. Rows include Bellaire Episcopal, Houston Kinkaid, Houston St. John's, Episcopal School-Dallas, Woodlands John Cooper, St. Mark's.

Look for Bellaire Episcopal to win its second straight SPC title after dethroning a Houston Kinkaid team that had won back-to-back championships and four titles in a six-season span.

SPC 3A

Table with 2 columns: School, Rec. Rows include FW Trinity Valley, Houston Christian, FW Country Day, Greenhill, Cistercian, Austin St. Andrew's, Arlington Oakridge.

Trinity Valley is the defending SPC 3A champion and will try to defend its title with an offense led by running back Ben Ngishu, who ran for 849 yards and scored 16 touchdowns.

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BASEBALL

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Table with 4 columns: EAST, WEST, SUNDAY'S RESULTS, TUESDAY'S GAMES. Rows include Sugar Land, Round Rock, Okla. City, Albuquerque, El Paso, Tacoma, Reno, Salt Lake, Las Vegas, Sacramento.

TEXAS LEAGUE

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Table with 4 columns: SOUTH, NORTH, SUNDAY'S RESULTS, TUESDAY'S GAMES. Rows include Midland, Frisco, San Antonio, Amarillo, Corpus Christi, Springfield, Arkansas.

BASKETBALL

WNBA

Table with 4 columns: WESTERN, EASTERN, SUNDAY'S RESULTS, TUESDAY'S GAMES. Rows include Minnesota, Las Vegas, Seattle, Phoenix, Dallas, Los Angeles.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Recalled RHP Colin Selby from Norfolk (IL). Options LHP Cade Povich to Norfolk (IL). BOSTON RED SOX—Sent RHP Liam Hendriks to Worcester (IL) on a rehab assignment. DETROIT TIGERS—Reinstated OF Riley Greene from the 10-day IL. Released INF Gio Urshela. LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Released 3B Luis Guillorme. Designated RHP Jose Cisnero for assignment. Recalled RHP Victor Mederos from Tri-City (NW). NEW YORK YANKEES—Recalled OF Jasson Dominguez from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Placed RHP Austin Adams on the 15-day IL, retroactive to Aug. 15. Reinstated RHP Dany Jimenez from the 15-day IL. TEXAS RANGERS—Sent LHP Jacob Latz to Frisco (TX) on a rehab assignment. CINCINNATI REDS—Claimed SS Amed Rosario off waivers from the Los Angeles Dodgers. Recalled RHP Casey Legumina from Louisville (IL). COLORADO ROCKIES—Reinstated 3B Nolan Jones from the 10-day IL. Options C Hunter Goodman to Albuquerque (PCL). LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Designated RHP Brent Honeywell for assignment. Selected the contract of RHP Ben Casparius from Oklahoma City (PCL). NEW YORK METS—Designated OF Ben Gamel for assignment. Reinstated OF Starling Marte from the 10-day IL. BASKETBALL SEATTLE STORM (WNBA)—Released G Kiana Williams.

FOOTBALL

ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed S Justin Simmons to a one-year contract. Released WR James Washington. CAROLINA PANTHERS—Waived WR Deven Thomas with an injury settlement. CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed K Evan McPherson to a three-year contract extension. CLEVELAND BROWNS—Waived DB Vincent Gray with an injury settlement. LAS VEGAS RAIDERS—Claimed LB Jackson Mitchell off waivers from Carolina. NEW YORK JETS—Signed DT Jaylen Truymann. Placed WR Malik Taylor on injured reserve. TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS—Waived DL Eric Banks with an injury settlement.

PRO STOCK

1. Dallas Glenn; 2. Mason McGaha; 3. Aaron Stanfield; 4. Fernando Cuadra Jr.; 5. Erica Enders; 6. David Cuadra; 7. Cristian Cuadra; 8. Jey Coughlin; 9. Greg Anderson; 10. Cory Reed; 11. Jerry Tucker; 12. Matt Hartford; 13. Troy Coughlin Jr.; 14. Eric Latino; 15. Chris McGaha; 16. Deric Kramer.

FINAL ROUND RESULTS

TOP FUEL: Ashley, 3.745, 329.34 def. Langdon, 4.020, 261.32. FUNNY CAR: Alexander, 3.927, 324.67 def. Hagan, Foul - Red Light.

PRO STOCK

Glenn, 6.613, 206.95 def. M. McGaha, 10.944, 82.27.

TENNIS

CINCINNATI OPEN (at Cincinnati) SUNDAY'S RESULTS Surface: Hardcourt outdoor MEN'S SEMIFINAL: Jannik Sinner (1), Italy, d. Alexander Zverev (3), Germany, 7-6 (9), 5-7, 7-6 (4).

WOMEN'S SINGLES SEMIFINALS

Aryna Sabalenka (3), Belarus, d. Iga Swiatek (1), Poland, 6-3, 6-3. Jessica Pegula (6), United States, d. Paula Badosa, Spain, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES SEMIFINAL

Mackenzie McDonald and Alex Michelsen, United States, d. Marcel Granollers, Spain, and Horacio Zeballos (2), Argentina, 7-6 (8), 7-6 (9). Mate Pavic, Croatia, and Marcelo Arevalo-Pedregon, d. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Jamie Murray, Britain, 6-7 (6), 7-6 (3), 10-5.

ATP WINSTON-SALEM OPEN

(at Winston-Salem, N.C.) SUNDAY'S RESULTS Surface: Hardcourt outdoor MEN'S SINGLES ROUND OF 64: Borna Coric, Croatia, d. Sumit Nagal, India, 6-4, 6-2. Aleksandar Vukic, Australia, d. Daniel Evans, Britain, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1. Marton Fucsovics, Hungary, d. Taro Daniel, Japan, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2. Arthur Cazaux, France, d. Botik Van de Zand-schulp, Netherlands, 6-1, 7-6 (3). Zizou Bergs, Belgium, d. Reilly Opelka, United States, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (1).

SOCCER

LEAGUES CUP QUARTERFINALS SATURDAY'S RESULTS Columbus advances 4-3 on penalties. Philadelphia advances 1-0. Lazio advances 3-0 on penalties. LAFC advances 3-0. Club America advances 3-0 on penalties. Colorado advances 9-8 on penalties.

SEMIFINALS

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES Columbus vs. Philadelphia 6:30 LA FC vs. Colorado 9:00

MLB Report

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: WEST, CENTRAL, EAST, W, L, Pct, GB, Home, Away, L10, Str. Lists standings for Houston, Seattle, Texas, Los Angeles, Oakland, Cleveland, Minnesota, Kansas City, Detroit, Chicago, Baltimore, New York, Boston, Tampa Bay, Toronto.

at Bal. 4, Bos. 2 Albert Suárez delivered another scoreless start for Baltimore, and Adley Rutschman and Gunnar Henderson homered as the Orioles beat the Yankees atop the AL East. at Hou. 2, Chi. 0 Framber Valdez threw seven sharp innings for his eighth straight win and Yainer Diaz and Jose Altuve homered to help Houston move a season-best 11 games over .500. Det. 3, NY 2 (10) Parker Meadows set off fireworks with a 10th-inning single that brought hundreds of Little Leaguers to their feet and scored Zach McKinstry on a headfirst slide in the Little League Classic.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS Minnesota 5 Texas 2 Houston 6 Chi. White Sox 1 Detroit 4 NY Yankees 0 Boston 5 Baltimore 1 Kansas City 13 Cincinnati 1

TODAY'S PITCHERS Table with columns: Pitchers, TV/Time, 2024 W-L, ERA, Last three starts W-L, IP, ERA. Lists pitchers like Houck (R), Kikuchi (L), Fulmer (R), Lugo (R), Baz (R), Boyle (R).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: WEST, CENTRAL, EAST, W, L, Pct, GB, Home, Away, L10, Str. Lists standings for Los Angeles, San Diego, Arizona, San Francisco, Colorado, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Chicago, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Atlanta, New York, Washington, Miami.

Mia. 3, at NY 2 Derek Hill delivered a tiebreaking single with two outs in the eighth inning that sent Miami to a victory over New York. Francisco Lindor made a bid for a three-run homer in the ninth, but Cristian Pache ran down his long drive on the center-field warning track. Was. 6, at Phil. 4 Keibert Ruiz homered for the third time in four games, Alex Call and James Wood also went deep and Washington snapped a four-game skid and avoided a series sweep by the Phillies. LA 2, at StL 1 Shohei Ohtani hit his National League-leading 39th home run and Clayton Kershaw tossed six shutout innings to lead Los Angeles to a win over St. Louis. at Col.3, SD 2 Jacob Stallings drove in the tiebreaking run with a single in the sixth inning, and Colorado beat San Diego. Colorado took the season series from the Padres 8-5 and ended their streak of series victories.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS NY Mets 4 Miami 0 St. Louis 5 LA Dodgers 2 Philadelphia 5 Washington 1 San Diego 8 Colorado 3 Kansas City 13 Cincinnati 1

TODAY'S PITCHERS Table with columns: Pitchers, TV/Time, 2024 W-L, ERA, Last three starts W-L, IP, ERA. Lists pitchers like Pfaadt (R), TBD.

INTERLEAGUE

Sea. 10, at Pit. 3 George Kirby worked six solid innings and Seattle ended a five-game skid with a win over Pittsburgh. Kirby (9-9) pitched five shutout innings and allowed two runs and four hits, striking out five and walking two. KC 8, at Cin. 1 Dairon Blanco hit his third home run in two days and started a rally with a bunt single as Kansas City beat Cincinnati to complete a series sweep. Blanco, an outfielder, had just 64 at-bats coming into the series, before helping the Royals outscore the Reds 26-3. at TB 8, Ari. 7 (12) Dylan Carlson hit an RBI single in the 12th inning and Tampa Bay beat Arizona to complete a three-game sweep after blowing a six-run lead. at Mil. 2, Cle. 0 Colin Rea and two relievers combined on a two-hit shutout as Milwaukee won its fifth consecutive game. The NL Central-leading Brewers (72-52) improved to a season-best 20 games above .500. Tor. 1, at CHC 0 Joey Loperfido homered and Bowden Francis threw seven scoreless innings to help Toronto shut out Chicago. Atl. 3, at LAA 1 Ramón Laureano homered for the second straight game and Atlanta wrapped up a 10-game road trip with a victory over Los Angeles. SF 4, at Oak. 2 (10) Jerar Encarnación and Michael Conforto hit back-to-back home runs in the top of the 10th inning, lifting San Francisco to a win over Oakland in the finale of the Bay Bridge Series.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS Pittsburgh 7 Seattle 2 Milwaukee 2 Cleveland 1 Chicago Cubs 3 Toronto 2 Oakland 2 San Francisco 0 Tampa Bay 6 Arizona 1 Atlanta 11 LA Angels 3

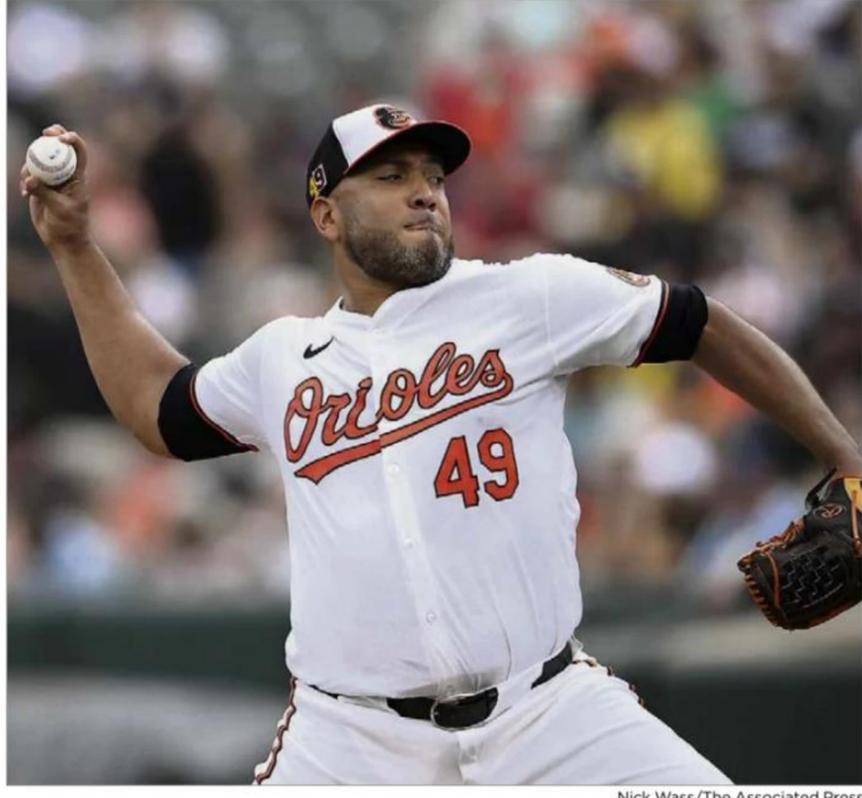
TODAY'S PITCHERS Table with columns: Pitchers, TV/Time, 2024 W-L, ERA, Last three starts W-L, IP, ERA. Lists pitchers like Greene (R), Gausman (R), Rogers (L), Peterson (L), Ortiz (R), TBD, Matthews (R), King (R), Cannon (R), Harrison (L), Woo (R), Stone (R).

MLB BRIEFS

Orioles find pitching gem

Out of the majors for six seasons, Suárez keeps putting up zeros

BALTIMORE — Albert Suárez has now held the opposition scoreless in almost half his starts in 2024. Not bad for a 34-year-old right-hander who spent six full seasons out of the major leagues before reemerging this year with Baltimore. Suárez worked six innings without allowing a run Sunday as the Orioles beat the Boston Red Sox 4-2. It's the eighth time in 17 starts he's kept the opponent off the scoreboard. He leads the majors in scoreless starts of at least two innings. "That's an amazing stat," manager Brandon Hyde said. Suárez (6-4) has gone three consecutive starts without letting in a run, and Grayson Rodriguez's recent injury means the Orioles need him in the rotation. He lowered his ERA to 3.18 — not too far behind Baltimore ace Corbin Burnes at 3.10. Suárez threw 99 pitches and struck out six with no walks against the Red Sox, although he certainly came close to allowing a free pass on occasion. "He bears down really, really well, and there's not a whole lot of panic out there either," Hyde said. "The game doesn't speed up on him." Boston had men on first and second with nobody out in the fourth, but Suárez struck out Tyler O'Neill with a 3-2 cutter and eventually escaped the jam. The Red Sox left two men on in the sixth as well. "He's one of those guys, he's going to attack up in the zone," Boston manager Alex Cora said. "We did a good job taking our singles, whatever, but when it matters we weren't able to cash in."



Baltimore Orioles starting pitcher Albert Suárez throws during the second inning against the Boston Red Sox. Suárez worked six scoreless innings.

Suárez pitched in Japan from 2019-2021 and South Korea in 2022 and 2023. He's helped keep the Orioles' rotation afloat at times this year despite season-ending injuries to Kyle Bradish, John Means and Tyler Wells. "My mentality is to stay aggressive and attack the hitters," Suárez said. "I think that's what's helping, plus what I'm doing off the field on the training side." Game of firsts for Marlins: Derek Hill delivered a tiebreaking single with two outs in the eighth inning that sent the Miami Marlins to a 3-2 victory over the New York Mets. Miami became the first team to win a game in which it had three runners picked off since the New York Yankees

beat Toronto 4-2 in June 1991. New York's first-inning threat ended when Mark Vientos was thrown out 8-9-4-2 while trying to score from second after Hill crashed into the right-center wall while robbing Pete Alonso of an extra-base hit. Lying on the ground, Hill tossed the ball to right fielder Jesús Sánchez. He fired to second baseman Otto López, who made a one-hop throw to the plate. According to Elias, it's the first double play of its type dating to 1900. "Maybe the relay of the year," Bellozo said.

loss to the Rays. Marte had missed the three previous games because of the injured ankle. Atlanta: Braves third baseman Austin Riley left Sunday's game against the Los Angeles Angels in the first inning after being hit on the right hand by a pitch. Riley took a 97 mph sinker from Jack Kochanowicz off his right hand. He stayed in to run the bases but left between innings. He was replaced by infielder Luke Williams. X-rays and CT scans were inconclusive for Riley following the game. Tampa Bay: Yandy Diaz left Sunday's game after being hit on his left forearm by a pitch. It was later announced as a forearm contusion.

SHAWN MCFARLAND

Team may need to focus on '25

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and have lost their last seven series. There hasn't been a team in the 162-game era (since 1961) that's reached the postseason with the same or worse record as these Rangers through 124 games. It'd take a herculean effort to finish with a record at .500, let alone a miraculous playoff push. These Rangers, simply, have not yet shown an ability this season to construct the kind of sustained run that is necessary. That circumstance breeds comments that tiptoe around the recognition of the present situation and wave at the future. General manager Chris Young broke the ice Thursday when he said "the momentum created the rest of this season will carry forward into the off-season and into 2025." Bochy took his turn on Sunday. "It's a tough year, but it's not over," Bochy said. "I still want to finish strong. I think it'd be important for us as a club to finish strong and get that swagger we had back and realize how good they are."

It's a slightly different tone than the one Bochy spoke with last week in Boston when he declared that "we still think that somehow, someday, we start clicking and fight our way back in this." Three consecutive losses to the Twins before Sunday's walkoff win has the ability to change that. So does the double-digit game deficit in the American League West that has only expanded in recent weeks. Don't bother asking about the wild card. Both lines of messaging require a productive August and

Rangers 6, Minnesota 5 (10) Table with columns: AB, R, H, BI, BB, SO, Avg. Lists stats for Castro ss, Miranda 2b, Larnach dh, c-Vázquez ph-dh, Jeffers c, Wallner lf, Santana 1b, Margot cf, a-Lewis ph, Martin cf, Farmer 2b, Kepler rf, b-Julien ph-2b, Totals, Texas, Semien 2b, Seager ss, Smith 3b, Garcia rf, Lowe 1b, Jung dh, Langford lf, Jankowski lf, Kelly c, Taveras cf, Totals, Minnesota.

LATE SATURDAY Minnesota 5, Rangers 2 Table with columns: AB, R, H, BI, BB, SO, Avg. Lists stats for Minnesota and Rangers players.

September regardless. Bochy will navigate a delicate balance despite that. He acknowledged Sunday that Texas' adjacency to the bottom of the standings will affect how he fills out the lineup. Rest could become a larger priority than it already is for the Rangers' veteran players, and play-

MINNESOTA IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA Lopez 6 6 0 0 3 10 47 Alcala, BS, 0-2 5 5 5 0 1 19 3.09 Richards 1 0 0 0 0 1 13 3.86 Jax 1 0 0 0 0 1 9 1.82 J.Duran 1 1 0 0 0 1 6 3.32 (L 6-6) Mahle 3 6 4 4 0 1 61 4.97 Garabito 4 0 0 0 1 3 46 2.65 Robertson, H, 24 1 0 0 1 0 19 3.17 Yates, BS 1 1 1 0 2 17 1.36 Chafin 1 0 0 0 0 1 12 5.87 (W 1-0) HBP—Garabito (Wallner), López (Lowe). WP—Mahle, Garabito. Umpires—Home, Ryan Addison; First, Paul Clemens; Second, Doug Eddings; Third, Gabe Morales. T—3:00. A—30,735 (40,000).

time could shake up depending on how the Rangers handle roster expansion in September. All that said: Bochy maintained Sunday that Texas' current standing "shouldn't change how you come out here and play" and that fans "want to see a good ballgame, they want to see you go hard" regardless of status. It's not how the Rangers had hoped to be speaking in the stretch run of their title defense season. It is. They aren't prepared

to punt it away either. "We don't want to give up," said third baseman Josh Jung, who recorded a go-ahead home run and a walkoff infield hit in Sunday's win. "We're not in the best of situations at the moment, but it's [just about] going out there and competing every night. Don't give up, don't give away at-bats." Take Sunday's win for example. The Rangers trailed by four runs after three innings and went 0 for 7 with runners in scoring position and left eight on base before a five-run seventh inning and the eventual victory. Bochy classified it as "something they needed" postgame. It hardly moved the needle as it pertains to the Rangers' slim postseason hopes, considering the Astros won to maintain their 11-game lead in the division. It does fit the mold of their broader understanding of what's at hand in these last 37 games. "It's huge for us in the locker room," said starting pitcher Tyler Mahle, who made his third start of the season vs. the Twins. "Just for our self-esteem, I feel like." Said Jung: "You need that. We've put up, it felt like, only one or two runs every night. To put up a big crooked number in one inning, it's like, 'Yeah, we've still got it,' and hopefully we can build on that now." They're on the verge of being entirely out of time to build a playoff push, but it's not too late to build tangible success that can ideally carry into next season. It may need to be the new goal. They may not have another option.

## An easy, leafy substitute for sandwich bread

KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

Dear Heloise: My husband and I try to watch our calorie intake because we love to ski in the winter, but putting on extra pounds just makes it harder for us. So, instead of using bread for our sandwiches, I roll things like chicken or tuna salad in large Romaine lettuce leaves. I've learned to be inventive using Romaine in place of bread, even using it in place of taco shells.

V.M., Wyoming

Dear Heloise: My handheld hair dryer had a lot of lint stuck in the air intake screen, and it made me nervous to think it might cause a fire.

I tried to pick out the lint, but I finally ended up grabbing a wet cotton swab and running it across the air intake screen while the dryer was unplugged. It removed the lint without any hassle.

C.F., Florida

Dear Heloise: Whenever I travel, I always buy two things: One is scented hand



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lotion or perfume, and the other is a kitchen dish towel with the name of our destination. Upon returning home, as I do the dishes, I can recall our wonderful trip. And if I'm having a bad day, I use the perfume to recall those special times.

J.M.

Dear Heloise: When I removed my clothing from the dryer, I noticed rust stains on them. What could be causing this? Please help me figure this out.

Cathy E., Monessen, Pa.

Cathy, you probably have a nick or scratch in your dryer. To find out if there is a nick, take an old pair of pantyhose and slip



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your hand inside. Slowly run your hand over the interior of the dryer drum. The pantyhose will snag on the rusty spot. A hardware store or possibly a paint store will carry a touch-up kit to paint over the rusty spot.

Now, to remove those rust stains, there are commercial products for rust removal on fabric, or you might want to try using vinegar on the rust stains.

Never use bleach on rust stains because it will only intensify the stain.

Heloise

Dear Heloise: In a recent column, you asked readers what they would like to see invented.

I have always been interested in dreams and what they mean. Some mornings I can

remember them better than others, but it would be interesting to have a "recorder" that can be hooked up at night so you can watch your dreams the next day on some device.

Jeff R., Alton, Ill.

Dear Heloise: I used to have problems with a dirty ring around my collars. However, I discovered the problem was me. I jump into the shower every morning and quickly wash up. The area I'm embarrassed to say that I neglected was my neck. I thought my neck was clean, but during the day, I'd sweat in this heat. Oils came out, which, in turn, attracted dirt.

Now I gently scrub my neck and behind my ears with a scrubby, and the ring I used to have on my collars is gone.

Just a Guy, Mississippi

Just a Guy, you can also use shampoo on rings around your collars. Shampoo is designed to break down oils. Use an old toothbrush to lightly scrub the ring, then wash with your regular load of clothing.

Heloise

Dear Heloise: To keep celery crisp and prevent it from wilting early, wash the celery and separate it into individual stalks. Dry, then wrap all the clean stalks in tinfoil and refrigerate. I put mine in the vegetable bin. They will last a long time.

Here's another hint: If you get a small hole in any article of clothing, put a small dab of clear nail polish on the affected area. It will prevent the tear from getting bigger and make it last indefinitely through many washings. This also works to prevent thread from unraveling.

Judy Alexander

Dear Heloise: This is an oldie you used long ago that's worth repeating. After using your flashlight, open it up and turn one battery, or both, upside down. Store them in the flashlight. The batteries won't deteriorate and will last for a very long time. Reinsert the batteries when you need to use the flashlight again.

Louise McQuillen

## He won't add his wife to mortgage

ANDREWS McMEEL SYNDICATION

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been together for nine years (married for seven). I moved into his house with him, and I'm still not on the mortgage. I work full time in the medical field and contribute to all the bills. We did meet with an attorney, and if, God forbid, something happens to him, we have a quitclaim deed, and I wouldn't have to leave. However, he has said to me several times, "If you do this or that, you can't live here anymore."

I'm on eggshells a lot. My concern is that he could tell me to leave at any time, and I wouldn't have a say in it. I love him with all my heart, but he makes me feel like I'm disposable. It makes me sad and uneasy. What do you think?

Tentative in Michigan

Dear Tentative: Your husband should not be threatening you. You live in a state in which assets are decided by a judge on an equitable basis. For your peace of mind, schedule an appointment with an attorney and discuss where you would be financially if your marriage should not work out. Then plan accordingly.

Dear Abby: My best friend has an aging father who will not bathe more than twice a month. Even then, it's usually just one five-minute shower about every three weeks. Her dad changes clothes at about the same frequency. My friend has tried everything — asking nicely, nagging, pleading, etc. He continues to ignore her. What, if anything, can my friend do?

Loyal Supporter in Iowa

Dear Supporter: Sometimes as people age their olfactory sense diminishes. Was your friend's aging father always this way, or is this relatively new behavior? If it's new and he has a doc-



DEAR ABBY

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"He has said to me several times, 'If you do this or that, you can't live here anymore.'"

tor, he may need to be neurologically evaluated. If more is going on, and he can no longer take care of himself (i.e., do laundry, clean his home, etc.), someone should do it for him on a regular basis. If he refuses to allow that, suggest she visit with him in well-ventilated surroundings.

Dear Abby: My longtime neighbor has stopped speaking to me. I've reached out to her, but she doesn't respond. We raised our children together. Her son is getting married out of state, and my son will be in the wedding party. The groom has sent us a "save the date" card. I would love to see him be married, but I don't want to spoil the day for his mother. Have you any advice about how to proceed?

Wondering in Colorado

Dear Wondering: I wish you had given me a clue about why your longtime neighbor no longer speaks to you. This is not her wedding. Her son would not have sent a "save the date" card if he didn't want you to be part of this special day.

If you would be comfortable attending under these circumstances, then go. But don't expect that the breach will be healed. If not, send your regrets and a small gift to the happy couple.

## Husband crashes spouse's TV time

WASHINGTON POST WRITERS GROUP

Adapted from an online discussion.

Dear Carolyn: My husband and I are having a ridiculous fight. He works late once a week, and I love the alone time — I order food and watch a favorite, guilty-pleasure-type show. He'll usually come home in the middle of my show, then start talking. Making plot predictions, asking about characters. I don't mind his commentary the rest of the week, but this one night, I want to watch my show in peace.

I've addressed this with him directly, and he gets defensive and we argue. I've tried turning off the show when he gets home, same result. I've tried pausing till he gets the hello-I'm-home! energy out of his system, and it works for a while, but he eventually wanders back out to the living room and the same thing happens. What else to try?

Contributing factors: He works from home mostly while I go to the office, so this is my only home-alone time, which I value. We live in a one-bedroom, so I can't go to an out-of-the-way space.

Shhhh My Stories Are On!

Dear Shhhh My Stories Are On! Omg I'd lose my mind. OK. He's wrong twice over, but seems hellbent on staying wrong, so it's time to try bartering.

Is there another issue you've butted heads over that would make a good trade?

To be clear: He's wrong not to just drop it and let you enjoy your show in peace one measly night a week, because it makes you happy and because otherwise he's willfully standing in the way of that — and he's wrong to get defensive and make it about himself. They're separate things, and both could be signs of bigger problems. Hard to tell from here.

But getting creative can

salvage your TV night, so why not: "I get that you're isolated and need to talk after a long day. I'm hearing that my show night feels like rejection. I'm talked out after a long week at the office, though, and this is it for alone time for me." Then offer a concession on something he values in exchange for this. Bad as a habit, but fine as a lone side deal.

Even people who know backing down is the right thing to do will dig in if they don't feel loved or heard, so don't be afraid to say out loud that your goal is for both of you to come out of this feeling loved and heard. You'd just like your share to include one night of me-bubbling inside your shows without commentary.

If he can't grant you even that, jump to "bigger problem."

Re: Shhhh: This is infuriating, but maybe reverse engineer it? What time does he get home? Can you ask him to pick up dinner on his way home and buy yourself 20 more minutes? I'd start the show the second I was home from work and waste no time on food. Then eat together when he gets back. Or, a trick I learned from having little kids asleep in hotel rooms. It's sad but effective: Take your iPad in the bathroom and don't come out!

Anonymous

Dear Anonymous: OK to the first, but I weep at the second.

Here's what we learned from having little kids: It's the hope for relief that breaks you. Being on for eight hours without help is hard, but expecting help and having it not show up is torture. So, applying that here, Shhhh would be happier expecting a weekly half-night alone vs. a whole. (I weep at that, too.)



CAROLYN HAX

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## After shower, she grabs hand towel

ANDREWS McMEEL SYNDICATION

Dear Miss Manners: I have a longtime friend who seems to consider herself very well-mannered. She writes her thank-you notes on cards and mails them, while I send my thank-yous by email.

When I tell her she doesn't need to do a handwritten thank-you, she says, "My mother taught me to always do it that way." Of course, that makes me feel "less than" for my emailed thanks.

When she comes to visit me, she always brings a hostess gift. It's very thoughtful, although it's usually something I can't use. I appreciate the gesture, though.

She knows that my guest bedroom and bathroom are stocked for the use and comfort of my guests. Yet, when she takes a shower, she only uses the hand towel to dry herself. She uses a bath towel at home.

I assume she feels it is somehow more polite to not soil a bath towel, but to make do with a hand towel. I don't say anything about it, but it feels like an insult to me. I am trying to provide everything to make a guest feel at home. How should I handle this?

Gentle Reader: Whoops! Miss Manners was about to chastise you for criticizing your friend's good manners, and even to insinuate that you were doing so to justify your own lower standard. Take that!

But then she got to the part about the hand towel.

What was your friend's thinking? That she would deprive herself of being comfortably dry in order to spare you the effort of laundering a larger towel?

OK, that crosses the border into rudeness. It suggests that hospitality is burdensome to you, to the extent that you would appreciate a guest's discomfort.

There is not much you



MISS MANNERS

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can do about it without seeming to suggest that your guest is not bathing. (Then again, perhaps she is not.) Just keep putting out the towels — perhaps saying, pointedly, "These are for your use" as you supply them.

Dear Miss Manners: My son is getting married. Besides me (his mother), he has his maternal grandmother, paternal grandmother, paternal step-grandmother and paternal great-grandmother. Some of these have living spouses, and some do not.

Who sits where? What order are we seated? He is blessed with longevity in his family, but leaves his mother perplexed.

Gentle Reader: Even if it were common to have families as lucky in longevity as yours, there would be no corresponding seating chart. No good would come of ranking an entire family that closely.

It is customary for the couple's progenitors to sit in the front row of their respective sides. If the row is not long enough, other relatives should file in politely behind them, without making a fuss over exactly where.

Miss Manners appreciates your family's apparent lack of old feuds among these relatives — it is simpler when there is no need to scuffle for advantage.

Dear Miss Manners: Is there a tradition to leave an envelope unsealed when it is delivered by hand? And, if so, why?

Gentle Reader: Yes. It means, "I trust you not to snoop."

HOROSCOPE

By NANCY BLACK
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AUGUST 19 BIRTHDAY: Financial discipline grows joint ventures. Shared accounts reap autumn profits. Resolve a creative challenge this winter.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — One social door closes and another opens with the Full Moon.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — Consider an exciting career opportunity. Make professional changes over two weeks under this Aquarius Full Moon.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Today is a 7 — Your exploration changes and adapts. The Full Moon illuminates a shift in educational direction.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Today is an 8 — Collaborate for financial growth over the next two weeks following tonight's Full Moon.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Collaborate for shared commitments around changes over two weeks following tonight's Full Moon.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — Begin a new fitness phase. Adapt practices for changing conditions over two weeks.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Tonight's Full Moon shines on a transition. Adapt directions with a romance, passion or creative endeavor.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Renovate, remodel and tend your garden. Adapt with domestic changes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — A two-week Full Moon phase highlights communications, connection and discovery.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — Make a shift around income and finances. Discover opportunities in new directions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 9 — This Full Moon in your sign illuminates new personal directions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — Review priorities privately. This Full Moon illuminates a two-week introspective phase.

ARGYLE SWEATER

By Scott Hilburn



DENNIS THE MENACE

By Hank Ketcham



"YOU HAVTA BE AT THE BEACH TO HEAR THE OCEAN IN YOUR SEASHELL, JOEY."

FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Sorry 'bout the way my room looks. My mom just cleaned it."

CRABGRASS

By Tauhid Bondia



CRANKSHAFT

By Tom Batiuk and Chuck Ayers



CURTIS

By Ray Billingsley



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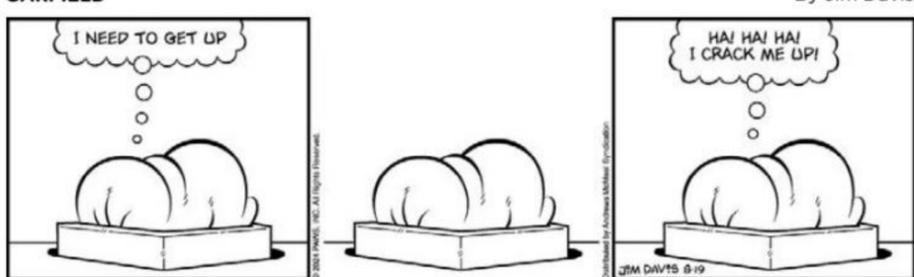
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By Garry Trudeau



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By Jim Davis



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This week's strips are reprints.

By Darby Conley



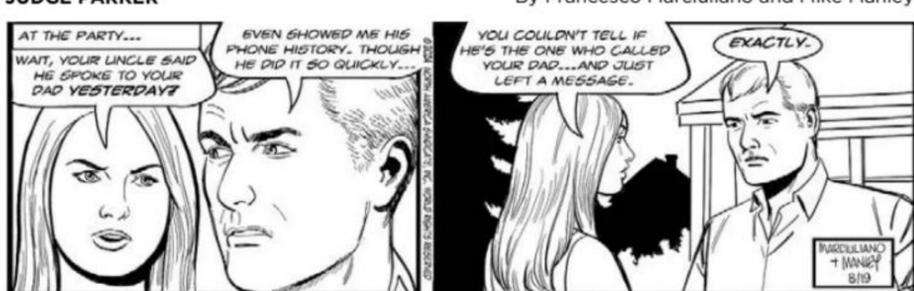
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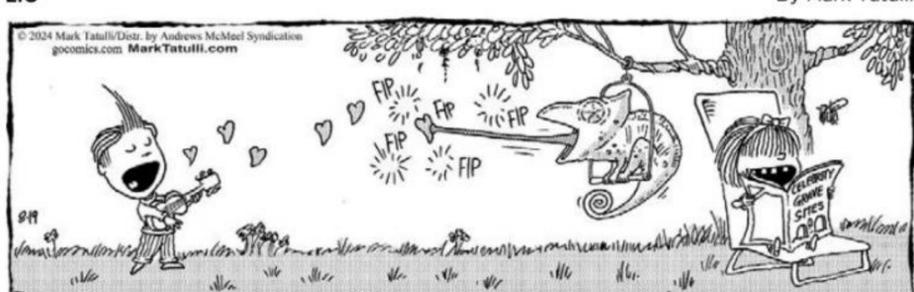
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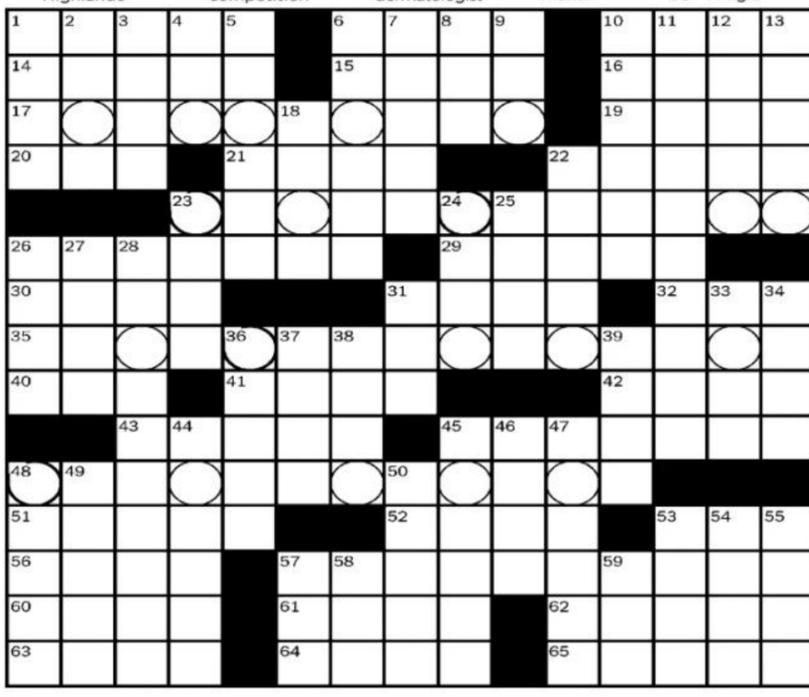
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Edited by Joel Fagliano

Puzzle by Tarun Krishnamurthy

- ACROSS 1 Environmentalist Thunberg 6 Concluding musical passage 10 Bringing up the rear 14 Diameter halves 15 Enthusiastic 16 in a blue moon 17 "Don't you worry about me!" 19 Resting on 20 Rep.'s opponent 21 Surgery souvenir 22 Listing on a mall directory 23 Fixture that may hold gumballs 26 Drink with tapioca pearls 29 Who might say "Take me to your leader" 30 Hubbubs 31 Cat, in Spanish 32 Flow back, as the tide 35 Supposed sighting in the Scottish Highlands 40 Historical period 41 Sign of things to come 42 Palindromic boy's name 43 Desert or tundra 45 Melancholy feeling 48 Ben & Jerry's ice cream flavor with bananas and walnuts 51 They're often in front of the percussion section in an orchestra 52 Bit of bridal attire 53 Question that anagrams to another question 56 Pond organism 57 Colorful marine creature ... or a phonetic hint to the circled letters in 17-, 23-, 35- and 48-Across 60 Track or swimming competition 61 Converse 62 Scrabble pieces 63 Flammable pile 64 Online marketplace for crafts 65 Live and breathe DOWN 1 Crossword diagram 2 Marathon, e.g. 3 Answer to the riddle "What cheese is made backward?" 4 Altoids container 5 Zeros in on 6 Country with a maple leaf on its flag 7 Egg-producing organ 8 Use a shovel 9 Citrus drink suffix 10 Abhor 11 Marie of Versailles 12 Disdain 13 Conical home 18 Common case for a dermatologist 22 Descendant 23 Bills and coins 24 Sir's counterpart 25 Voice between soprano and tenor 26 Hay bundle 27 Stink 28 Barbecue option for a vegetarian 31 Cable channel that airs "Family Feud" reruns 33 Wagers 34 Super Mario 36 Cozy spots 37 The "E" of EGOT 38 Appear to be 39 PlayStation maker 44 Present at birth 45 Devious 46 Similar (to) 47 Backspace over 48 Tourney winner 49 Like Swiss cheese 50 NASCAR circuits, geometrically 53 Hindu festival of colors 54 Half of the digits in binary code 55 Toward sunset 57 French holy woman: Abbr. 58 Consume 59 Mingle

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

By Mike Peters



ONE BIG HAPPY

By Rick Detorie



PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

By Stephan Pastis



PICKLES

By Brian Crane



ROSE IS ROSE

By Pat Brady



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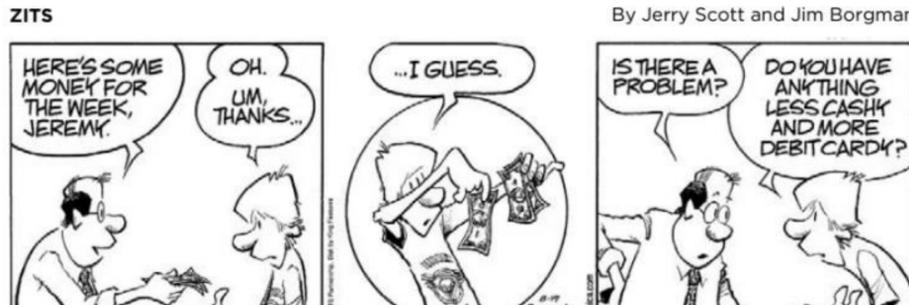
SHERMAN'S LAGOON

By J.P. Toomey



ZITS

By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



TODAY IN HISTORY

The Associated Press

1692 Four men and one woman were hanged after being convicted of witchcraft at Salem in the Province of Massachusetts Bay...

1812 The USS Constitution defeated the British frigate HMS Guerriere off Nova Scotia during the War of 1812...

1814 During the War of 1812, British forces landed at Benedict, Md., with the objective of capturing Washington, D.C.

1854 31 U.S. soldiers were killed after one of the soldiers fatally shot Brule Lakota Chief Conquering Bear...

1909 Indianapolis Motor Speedway hosted its first automobile race.

1934 German voters approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler.

1960 A tribunal in Moscow convicted American

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 ISLE OF SKYE Solution: 13 letters

Grid of letters for the Wonderword puzzle.

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Archerly, Armadale, Beauty, Blackhouse, Boat, Cullin Hills, Drums, Duntulm, Dunvegan, Fairy Glen, Ferry, Garden, Harbor, Hike, Inner Hebrides, Inverness, Kilt Rock, Legend, Lodge, Neist Point, Otter, Peak, Pier, Portree, Quiraing, Red Deer, Scotland, Seal, Sleat, Sunset, Talisker, Trail, Trout, Waternish, Whisky, Windy

Last Saturday's Answer: Menu For WONDERWORD apps, books & more, visit Wonderword.com, or call 1-855-232-2367.

U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers of espionage. (Although sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment, Powers was returned to the United States in 1962 as part of a prisoner exchange.)

2010 The last American combat brigade exited Iraq, seven years and five months after a U.S.-led invasion marked the beginning of the Iraq War.

LOVE IS...

By Kim Casali



PLUGGERS

By Rick McKee



A plugger lies awake at night thinking about what he is going to eat the next day.

COMMUTER PUZZLE

Edited by Stella Zawistowski Tribune Content Agency

- ACROSS 1 Soccer score 5 Betty \_\_\_ 9 Give consent 14 Queue at a counter 15 No more than: 2 wds. 16 Cheer for an opera star 17 Touched the ground 18 Give a grade to 19 Keeps for later 20 Vacation residence: 2 wds. 23 Soil 24 Skimpy swimsuit brand 25 Fully fill 27 Anheuser-\_\_\_ 30 "\_\_\_ Street" (kids' TV classic) 34 Ancient Mexican 37 Singer Mann 39 Texter's "tee-hee" 40 "La \_\_\_" (Debussy work) 41 Recliner part 43 Two in Spanish 44 Noteworthy time 45 Wax candle 46 Clean chalk from 48 "Sure, I'll do it": 2 wds. 50 Big name in tractors 52 Spheres in space 54 Political promise, often 58 One from the U.K. 61 Makes acquainted with 64 Toy bricks 66 Extremely dry 67 Uttered 68 Really love 69 Organ part 70 Red Muppet 71 Steed 72 Exceeded the limit 73 Impertinence DOWN 1 Window material 2 Lubricate: 2 wds. 3 Japanese film genre 4 "Go away!": 3 wds. 5 Pack animals 6 Colorful food fish 7 \_\_\_ von Bismarck 8 Works with verses 9 Crunch muscles 10 School marks 11 Sitarist Shankar 12 "Will I \_\_\_ learn?": 13 The "E" in SSE 21 Teacher 22 Makes simpler

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

Grid of letters for yesterday's answer.

- 26 Balanced unsteadily 28 Site with tents 29 Brought on 31 Actor Alan 32 Cow's noises 33 "What \_\_\_ is there?": 34 "You said it!" 35 Not one 36 Snare 38 Nothing more than 42 Jewish leader 47 Says no 49 Helicopter parts 51 Ate away at 53 Ginger cookies 55 Central Florida city 56 Northern French city 57 Windows predecessor: 2 wds. 58 Unexciting 59 Mulligan 60 Composer Stravinsky 62 Journey 63 Ready to harvest 65 Behold

Large grid for the Commuter Puzzle.

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SUDOKU PUZZLE

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 2, 1, 7, 8, 9, 6, 3, 2, 4, 6, 9, 8, 1, 4, 6, 2, 3, 9, 9, 2, 6, 8, 4, 3, 7, 9, 2, 6, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 8, 2, 9, 6, 6, 8, 2, 9, 3

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

9x9 grid showing the solution to yesterday's puzzle: 7 4 9 5 6 8 2 3 1, 1 5 2 3 4 7 8 9 6, 3 8 6 9 1 2 7 5 4, 8 1 5 6 9 3 4 7 2, 9 3 7 4 2 1 6 8 5, 2 6 4 7 8 5 3 1 9, 4 2 8 1 7 9 5 6 3, 6 9 3 8 5 4 1 2 7, 5 7 1 2 3 6 9 4 8

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

ACES ON BRIDGE

By BOBBY WOLFF Andrews McMeel Syndication

This week, we will be examining some interesting deals from the 2024 Spring North American Bridge Championships in Louisville, Ky.

Take the East cards for today's deal, played in a top flight Swiss teams match. You issue a raise to four diamonds on your five-card support in case partner might want to bid on over four spades. He chooses not to at the vulnerability and leads the diamond king. Plan the defense.

There are no further tricks to come from diamonds, so you should look to clubs. Given that declarer might be about to set up dummy's hearts for discards, you had better attack clubs now. The lead should come from your side of the table in case declarer has a tenace. There is no danger that declarer can discard his heart losers on clubs, but the reverse does not hold true.

Overtake partner's diamond king with the ace (this can hardly cost a trick — his lead implies that he holds the queen) and table the club 10. On the layout shown, this defense is necessary to establish partner's club king as the setting trick, in addition to his top hearts.

If you let the diamond king hold, partner cannot switch to clubs effectively. That will give declarer the time to build the hearts into discards for his slow club losers. So, seize the moment — your chance will not come again.

NORTH ♠ J 7 2 ♥ Q J 8 7 6 2 ♦ 4 ♣ 7 4 2

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

SOUTH ♠ A K Q 8 6 3 ♥ 5 4 ♦ 2 ♣ A Q J 5

Vulnerable: North Dealer: East-West

The bidding: South West North East 2♠ 3♦ 2♥ 3♠ 4♠ All pass

Opening Lead: Diamond king

LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ 10 6 4 ♥ A 7 3 ♦ K Q 4 ♣ Q 8 7 2

South West North East 1♠ 3♠ 3♥ 4♠ All pass

Answer: Lead the spade four. There is no particular rush to attack in a minor suit. A club underlead could easily blow a trick, as could the diamond king. Put the ball in play with a safe trump. This may cut down on declarer's ruffs, and it will be safe in almost every scenario, since your partner is likely to have a singleton trump.

BABY BLUES



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SCRABBLE GRAMS puzzle grid with letters and rack information. Includes directions and solution.

SCRABBLE GRAMS SOLUTION grid showing the solution to the puzzle and rack scores.

MONDAY PRIME TIME

Table of TV programming for Monday, August 19, 2024, including broadcast, cable, sports, kids, and movies.

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