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Upcoming Events

- Today
- Howard College Board Meeting**  
 Noon
- BSISD Community Pep Rally**  
 7-9 p.m.  
 Memorial Stadium
- Aug. 27
- City Council Meeting**  
 5:30 p.m.  
 City Council Chambers  
 307 E. Fourth St.
- Aug. 28
- Football season is here!**  
*Get your Pigskin Picks starting in Wednesday's paper*
- Aug. 30
- Howard County Bowl**  
 6 p.m.  
 Memorial Stadium
- Last Day for Leadership Big Spring Applications**  
 Turn in to Big Spring Area Chamber Office  
 215 W. Third
- Sept. 2  
**Labor Day**
- Don't forget to submit your We Salute! nominations; good deeds, positive impacts to the community, etc. can be emailed to editor@bigspringherald.com*

## City Council to hold tax rate public hearing Tuesday evening

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

At its meeting Tuesday night, the Big Spring City Council will hold a public hearing on the city's proposed ad valorem property tax rate for fiscal year 2019-2020.

The council will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth Street. The public hearing will be held at the start of the meeting, just after residents are given a chance to speak during the Public Comment section of the meeting. Anyone wishing to speak in the public comment portion of the meeting should arrive early to fill out a brief Public Comment form and turn it in to the City Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.

The proposed tax rate was set at the council's August 13 meeting at

74.43800 cents per \$100 valuation, of which 61.3510 cents per \$100 valuation would be levied for Maintenance and Operation – the city's general fund operating revenue – and 13.00290 cents per \$100 valuation would go to service the city's debt. The Debt Service rate is fixed by law. The total is at the rollback tax rate; just low enough to avoid mandated rate rollback election. The rate is about 4.1 cents per \$100 valuation above the effective tax rate – the rate needed to bring in the same amount of tax revenue as the city brought in during the current year.

Impending state-mandated tax increase caps go into effect in January, according to Big Spring's Financial Director Don Moore.

During the meeting, city council members will also consider awarding two bids, one for stop loss insur-

ance, and the other for Life/Accidental Death and Dismemberment, Disability, and Voluntary Life insurance.

City staff's recommendation for the stop loss insurance is the city's current provider, ISU/Companion Life, with a proposed 4.72 percent increase of overall cost, including a 6.49 percent increase on fixed cost and less than 1 percent increase on attachment point over its current rate. Under the proposed plan, the current premium of \$391,968.96 would increase by \$25,444.81 to \$417,413.77.

The city's current Life/AD&D, Long Term Disability and Voluntary Life insurance provider is Unum Group of Chattanooga, Tennessee. Renewing with Unum for the new fiscal year would involve a 24 percent increase in premiums. Insurance provider Dearborn National presented a proposal reflecting a 16 percent decrease in current city premiums for the Life/AD&D

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## HCVFD contains brush fire quickly Sunday



**Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, along with Howard County Road and Bridge, contained a fire that started near Mile Marker 169 on Sunday afternoon. The fire is estimated to have burned around 20 acres, and an official cause has not been determined.**

HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

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## Heritage Museum Luncheon Lecture 28: *One Night in Petrograd*

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**  
 Staff Writer

The 28<sup>th</sup> Lecture in the series, "Events that Changed History", brings us to the year 1917 when the Russian Empire had many resources,

including oil, mineral wealth and rich soil. Unfortunately, even though there was great wealth, many people lived in dire poverty, many dying of starvation.

We studied and discussed the teach-

ing of Karl Marx several weeks ago and his idea of communism. Vladimir Lenin was a student of Marx, but he thought Marx hadn't gone far enough to achieve a true communist state. He believed capitalism had to end by force but that it was in the best interest to become a communist nation.

## 11 volunteers, 17 bags of trash KBSB keeping clean focus on FM 700



**Keep Big Spring Beautiful and volunteers cleaned up in front of Cosden Federal Credit Union last week. This week they are focusing on the area near McDonalds. To help assist with clean ups, Ben Ella Stewart donated 10 new grabbers.**

Courtesy photo

It was during the Spring of 1917, after the Russian Czar was forced to abdicate, and Russians were looking for better living conditions, when they revolted against the successor, Alexander Kerensky. It was then that Lenin began to gain followers. Lenin promised bread, land and an end to war. He also promised power to the civic committees of Bolsheviks, called "soviets".

On the night of Nov. 7, 1917, in Petrograd, these "soviets" seized power by gaining control of the major forms of communication and the power plants. These communists hoped to create a workers' paradise. Instead, civil war against the remaining forces of the czar ensued. Over the next two years, over 20 million Russians died, either of starvation or as a result of the war. The Bolsheviks tightened their grip, and Lenin began his reign of terror. Those

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## Obituaries

### John Newell Little, Jr.

John Newell Little, Jr. passed away on Aug. 7, 2019 after a fall; he was 56 years old. John was born June 2, 1963 in Big Spring, Texas, to John (Jack) Little and Gayle Harlan Little. He grew up in Big Spring with his three older sisters and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1981. For a short time he attended North Texas State University and Marlboro College, but he settled in and graduated from Boston's Berklee College of Music. John traveled extensively in the U.S. and Mexico, and in 2006 he moved to Salem, Oregon, where he immensely enjoyed the climate and the vibe until his move to Austin, Texas in 2017 to be closer to his family.

John was extraordinarily bright and an accomplished musician. He was proficient at many in-

struments, including piano, drums, lead and bass guitar, trombone and harmonica; we also remember him playing the banjo. John had a terrific memory and was a life-long learner. He read books on diverse topics and could talk at length about his favorite authors, subjects, and the music he loved. His curiosity took him far and wide on many adventures, one of which included jumping a freight train, riding it to the interior of Mexico and then hitchhiking back to the U.S. He had a gentle, sweet nature and loved his family dearly.

John is survived by his mother, Gayle Little; and his sisters, Paige Hamilton, Irene Flannery and Carrie Villani, as well as seven nieces and nephews. He was undoubtedly welcomed into heaven by his father, Jack Little.

*Paid Obituary*

### Mozelle Herring



Mozelle Herring, 96, of Big Spring died Friday, August 23, 2019. The family will receive friends Monday from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Grave-side services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Mount Ol-Park with Rev. Derrell Patterson officiating.

She was born Jan. 26, 1923, at Durant, Oklahoma, to Nancy and William James. The family came from Oklahoma to Merkel in a covered wagon. They moved to Big Spring in 1936. Mozelle was a professional seamstress, having worked at Swartz, other stores, and also was self-employed. She spe-

cialized in clothing and draperies and was a member of First United Methodist Church.

She loved traveling, especially to Ruidoso, or any mountain area. She was very proud of her rose garden.

Mozelle is survived by her grandson, Brian Mathews and his wife, Dawn of Zolfo Springs, Florida; two great-grandsons, Adam Mathews and Griffin Mathews, both of Denver, Colorado; and one nephew, Mike Turner of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

In addition to her parents, Mozelle was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Herring and one son, Tony Herring.

Honorary pallbearers are Tina Coots, Renona Holliman, Melinda Hernandez and Angela Whitely.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

*Paid Obituary*

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **KATHERINE MARIE MC-MANUS**, 32, of 1506 Mesa, was arrested on warrants for possession of marijuana (less than two ounces), possession of drug paraphernalia, and an outstanding warrant from another agency.

• **AMBER DAWN JOBE**, 35, of 498 Sisson Rd., was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.

• **GEORGE MICHAEL COBB**, 37, of 1106 E. 12th St., was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief-imparing, interrupting or diverting public water, and two outstanding warrants from other agencies.

• **JOSE ALFREDO JIMENEZ**, 39, of 1406 Stadium Ave., was arrested on outstanding warrants from other agencies.

• **REBECCA LYNN COM-STOCK**, 35, of 509 S. Johnson St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JAMES PERSON**, 64, of 610 Bucknell Ave., was arrested on a warrant for expired drivers license.

• **MARCUS LAMON COLE**, 32, of 2704 Apache Dr., was arrested on a warrant for criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750).

• **TYLER JAMES HERNANDEZ**, 26, of 3608 Dixon, was arrested on warrants for expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility, child

under 8 and under 4'9" not in a safety seat system, and an outstanding warrant from another agency.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Rd., and the 1300 block of Sycamore St.

• **THEFT OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 100 block of W. 4th St.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1600 block of Runnels St.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 800 block of W. 17th St.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3200 block of S. Hwy 87.

## Take Note

• Memorial at the Plaza: The 13th Annual 9/11 Memorial Service will take place at Springcreek Fellowship in the Spring Town Plaza on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. This is sponsored by O-Neal-Kunkle D.A.V. Chapter 47 and the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department. Please join us in remembering those who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks and to honor our own local fallen heroes and first responders. For more information, please contact Mike Tarpley, D.A.V. Senior Vice Commander, at 432-556-2227

• O'Neai-Kunkie, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

• Big Spring D.A.V. Chapter 47 will be hosting their 6th Annual Dove Hunt. Come join them for community support and fellowship on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. at Springcreek Fellowship in the Spring Town Plaza. 100 free meals will be provided, or until all gone. Donations can be made to the D.A.V. to help our veter-

ans. For more information, contact Mike Tarpley, 432-556-2227.

• Coahoma High School All-School Reunion will take place

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019 at Coahoma Elementary Cafeteria, located at 400 Ramsey Ave. There will be breakfast, coffee, and door prizes. Guest speaker will be Putt Choate.

• Senior and/or mature adults are invited to come to a dance every first and third Friday each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Come two-step the evening away, or just mingle with old friends and make new friends.

Dances are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live entertainment. No alcohol or smoking permitted. Cost is \$5 per person.

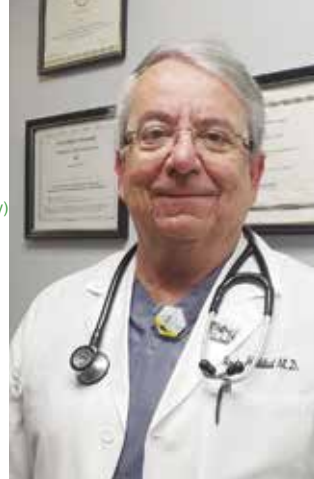
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### Pamela "Pam" Ann Richards

Pamela "Pam" Ann Richards, 60, of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 23, 2019 at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Support Groups

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

• Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

• Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

### WEDNESDAY

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

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-8600.

### THURSDAY

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

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

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

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email [francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org](mailto:francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org), or call 432-268-3003.

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# Weather



**Today:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 110. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 77. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 100. East wind around 10 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 72. East wind around 10 mph.

**Wednesday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 93. East wind around 10 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 73.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 98.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 75.

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 99.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 74.

**Saturday:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 95.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 71.

**Sunday:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 92.

*(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)*

# CITY COUNCIL

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portion of the plan, along with a 25 percent decrease for Longterm Disability, and a match of current rates for Voluntary Life. The Scioli Group of Lubbock, Big Spring and Dallas, contracted by the city to assist with employee benefit needs, recommended switching to Dearborn National for these insurance products. The council will vote on the proposal at Tuesday's meeting.

In other business, the council will:

- Hear reports from City Manager Todd Darden on applications for a vacancy on the Board of Adjustments and Appeals requiring an engineer or architect and an alternate on the Zoning Board of Adjustments; applications for members on the Citizen's Advisory Board; an update on the protest of the city's VOIP phone system bidding process; and the Labor Day Holiday Monday, Sept. 2.

- Consider action on the Howard County 9-1-1 Communications District's proposed 2019-2020 budget.

- Consider action on Big Spring Economic Development Corporation's proposed 2019-2020 budget.

- Hear and consider approval on first reading of a resolution approving a negotiated settlement between the executive committee of "Cities Served by ATMOS West Texas" and ATMOS Energy Corp., and an ordinance approving the settlement.

- Hear and consider approval on first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 18 "Traffic" of the City Code of Ordinances to change the number of votes needed to pass a measure to "a majority of the members present" assuming a quorum is present, rather than "four members."

- Hear and consider an emergency ordinance amendment to Chapter 18, Sec. 18-73, of the City Code of Ordinances "Speed Limits in School Zones" to better regulate the location and speed limits of school zones and bus loading zones in the city.

- Meet in closed executive session to discuss real estate, including 401 E. Fourth St., and to consider pending or contemplated litigation concerning an appeal of a Texas Municipal League insurance decision, the Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center, and settlement of a personnel matter, before reconvening in open session to take any necessary action.

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

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Christine "Musk" Hamby Kauffman, 102, died Wednesday. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. today at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Mozelle Herring, 96, died Friday. The family will receive friends Monday from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Rosa Marquez, 85, died Saturday, Aug. 24, 2019. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Pamela "Pam" Ann Richards, 60, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

# Take Note

- Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

# PETROGRAD

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against communism were imprisoned or executed. Lenin made peace with Germany in order to achieve his dream of communism. Lenin died in 1924, but his rule of terror was continued by Joseph Stalin. It didn't end until Hitler invaded the Soviet Union in 1941 when the Russian people rallied to defend their nation. Unfortunately, they believe Stalin was the only person ruthless enough to defeat Hitler. That's how the Soviet Union started their way to emerge as one of the two superpowers of the world.

Join us on Tuesday at the Heritage Museum at noon as we continue the lecture series with the next subject being, "The Day the Stock Market

Crashed." The Heritage Museum is located at 510 Scurry St., and the lectures are always free.

Contact Staff Writer Anna Gutierrez at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

# NOTICE OF 2019 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR GLASSCOCK COUNTY

A tax rate of \$.230000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Glasscock County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$ .230000 per \$100

PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE \$ .338200 per \$100

EFFECTIVE TAX RATE \$ .239159 per \$100

ROLLBACK TAX RATE \$ .258292 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Glasscock County from the same properties in both the 2017 tax year and the 2018 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that Glasscock County may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

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### CHS boys cross country team earns 13th at Midland Invitational

Special to the Herald

MIDLAND — Coahoma High School cross country runner Ethan Biddison ran a team best at the Midland Invitational held on Saturday and finished 32nd out of 173 competitors in the boys race.

Overall, the boys team finished 13th out of 26

teams representing schools from Class 1A to 6A. Fellow teammate Hector Colon-Rivera finished 67th followed closely by Mason Hudgins who was the 68th runner to cross the finish line.

Rounding out the Coahoma boys team, Tanner Atkins finished 73rd, D'Kota Harrison ended in 81st place, and Nick Biddison came in at 86th place.

Serena Dobbs showed an impressive start for the season. The CHS freshman finished 38th out of 171 runners and Katlyna Johnson came in at 59th place.

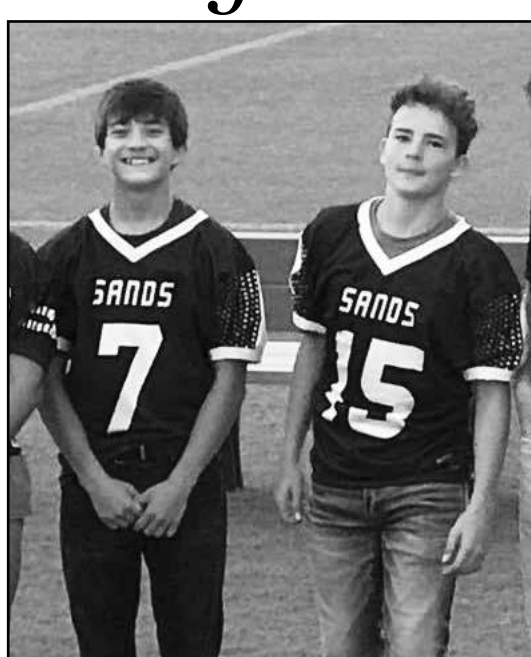
Next: The Coahoma Cross Country high school and junior high teams head to Snyder to compete at the Western Texas Invitational on Sept. 7.



Courtesy photos

Left: Members of the Coahoma Cross Country team pose for a photo at the Midland Invitational held on Saturday, Aug. 24. They are from left, back row, Mason Hudgins, Ethan Biddison, Nick Biddison, D'Kota Harrison, and front row, Hector Colon-Rivera, Katlyna Johnson, JaLei Hernandez, and Serena Dobbs. Right: Coahoma High School athletes D'Kota Harrison, second from left, and Tanner Atkins, second from right, head out on the Midland Invitational cross country course during the boys competition held this past Saturday.

### Meet the Mustangs



Courtesy photos

Sands CISD held Meet the Mustangs, on Aug. 22, introducing the junior high and high school football teams. The annual event was the official kick off the of the football season.

### Lady Steers Booster opens membership opportunity

HERALD Staff Report

Lady Steers Booster Club is changing things up a bit this year.

In order to grow the organization and allow for more community, parent and student involvement, in the organization, a new membership option is being made available.

A yearly membership is able to be purchased, and will include a Lady Steers Booster Club T-shirt and membership card. With the membership card, a free popcorn and drink will be able to be received at each home game for the upcoming season.

More information can be found by reaching out to any member of the Lady Steers Booster Club.

Through the use of Booster Club funds, Big Spring Lady Steers have received assistance with funds for hotel stays during tournaments, team banners, new equipment and supplies for the different sports. Each year, the Booster Club raises funds through concession stand sales, various fundraisers and donations.

### Altuve homers in big inning, Astros beat Angels 11-2

By JOSHUA KOCH

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Astros finally began to barrel up baseballs in the eighth inning, and it seemed like they might never stop.

Jose Altuve's career-high tying 24th home run capped a seven-run eighth after Framber Valdez grinded through six gritty innings, and Houston beat the Los Angeles Angels 11-2 Sunday.

Alex Bregman, Abraham Toro and Josh Reddick also drove in runs in the eighth as the Astros sent 11 batters to the plate.

"We did a good job of doing everything right," Astros manager AJ Hinch said. "We took advantage of a few mistakes, we hit the ball in a couple of good spots to capitalize on a couple of hits, a couple of big swings. Just everybody kind of dialed in and we had an explosive inning and separated ourselves and had a comfortable win."

Houston has won seven of eight. The club entered the day tied with the Yankees for the best record in

the AL at 84-47.

"Play our game, we can't really get stuck scoreboard watching," Reddick said. "Happens every year, team's get so caught up in looking at the out of town scoreboard. That's all fine and dandy once we've gotten our wins. When that happens, we can watch all we want to."

Michael Brantley led off the eighth with a single, extending his hitting streak to 18 games. Reddick's two-run double gave him three RBIs. It was Reddick's first RBIs since Aug. 10 and first multihit game since July 14.

"It was good to get in there and contribute today and it actually mean something," Reddick said. "A lot of my at-bats haven't meant anything lately because we're usually up 3-0 by the time I get up. That's a good problem to have."

Valdez was called up from Triple-A Round Rock and earned his first win since June 15, ending a streak of four-straight losses.

Valdez (4-6) gave up one run, two hits and five walks but struck out eight, which tied a season

high. He ran into trouble in the third, loading the bases with no outs. Back-to-back strikeouts and then a groundout by Albert Pujols kept the Angels off the board.

"I just wanted to throw my best pitches and focus and make sure that I executed my best pitches so that I could get them out," he said through a translator.

Martin Maldonado hit a two-run homer in the seventh to extend the lead to 4-1.

Jaime Barria (4-7) only gave up two runs but still was stuck with his fourth-straight loss. Barria allowed three hits, struck out four and walked three in 5 1/3 innings.

"I know I have to bring my A-game especially with a lineup like that," Barria said through a translator.

Andreton Simmons and Brian Goodwin hit solo home runs for the Angels.

"Obviously, we didn't have a very good offensive game," Angels manager Brad Ausmus said. "We had really the one missed opportunity with the bases loaded and nobody out."

### NFL 2019: Luck's retirement creates opening in AFC South

By TERESA M. WALKER

AP Pro Football Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The popular pick to win the AFC South all off-season had been Andrew Luck and the Indianapolis Colts.

Then Luck retired.

That threw the door wide open in the AFC South, the only division with winning records for three teams last season.

The Colts quarterback heard boos as he walked away from the field, then walked to a podium Saturday night and made the surprise announcement. The oft-injured star is done at age 29.

"I'm in pain, I'm still in pain. It's been four years of this pain, rehab cycle," Luck said. "It's a myriad of issues — calf strain, posterior ankle impingement, high ankle sprain. Part of my journey going forward will be figuring out how to feel better."

The endless barrage of injuries stripped away his joy for the game

and prompted him to walk away so he could enjoy the life he wants.

"There's no doubt when you hear him talk about the cycle of pain and injury and rehab, you can hear that," coach Frank Reich said. "There's a saying in football that everyone knows and everybody lives by: it's next man up. And even though this situation is unique, no one is exempt."

That task now falls to Jacoby Brissett, a fourth-year player whom the Colts acquired two years ago. He went 4-11 as a starter in the 2017 season.

Defending AFC South champ Houston has Deshaun Watson and DeAndre Hopkins along with J.J. Watt back healthy and in his prime. The Titans lost their playoff spot to the Colts in the regular-season finale with Marcus Mariota out, and they protected themselves by upgrading their backup spot. Even Jacksonville has high hopes with Nick Foles now at quarterback; the Jags are coming off a miserable 5-11 season after playing in the AFC championship game

in 2017.

Some things to know about the AFC South:

**HIGH EXPECTATIONS**

Indy has bulked up its roster around Luck at first, and now Brissett. The Colts can lean on second-year coach Frank Reich and an improved Brissett. All-Pro guard Quenton Nelson solidified an offensive line that allowed the NFL's fewest sacks (18). The Colts have two Pro Bowl tight ends in Eric Ebron and Jack Doyle, a Pro Bowl receiver in T.Y. Hilton, and running back Marlon Mack, who nearly cracked the 1,000-yard mark despite missing four games.

All-Pro linebacker Darius Leonard led the league in tackles as a rookie, and a secondary that has long been a weakness now appears to be a strength. Both Nelson and Leonard achieved such status as rookies.

**DEFENDING CHAMPS**

The Texans are without a general manager while coach Bill O'Brien works to improve an 11-6 record and

find a way to win in the postseason after Indianapolis beat Houston on its own field. The Texans still are trying to figure out the best offensive line to protect Watson after giving up the most sacks in the NFL (62). They're leaning on left tackle Matt Kalil, who sat out 2018 recovering from a knee injury, hope right tackle Seantrel Henderson has recovered from his broken ankle in the 2018 opener, and have high hopes for versatile lineman Tytus Howard — their first-round draft pick.

Hopkins is coming off a career-best 1,572 yards receiving, second best in the NFL. Watt often looked like a three-time Defensive Player of the Year last season, but the Texans are still waiting to see when defensive end Jadeveon Clowney shows up to work under his franchise tag. The Texans also revamped half their starting secondary after losing safety Tyrann Mathieu and Kareem Jackson to free agency.



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Annie's Mailbox

Friendships Are Family

Dear Annie: I'm often frustrated when people say that family always comes first. By "family," they mean the people you're related to by blood. My mother was a toxic presence in my life from age 11 to 22. I recently took a big step by asking her not to contact me anymore, instead letting me initiate conversation.

My life has only improved since making this change and since moving out of her home. No longer do I have to deal with her daily gaslighting -- telling me that my memory's incorrect, that her good intentions are more important than the pain she's caused me. No longer do I have to spend hours of the day denying my truth, living a lie.

She may be upset with me for choosing to severely limit our communication, but I have to take care of myself first. I have tried to make amends again and again and again. I have tried method after method. At some point, it became obvious I was talking to a wall. So, I wish more people understood that birth family isn't everything -- at least, not for everyone.

Please stop telling people things like, "But she's your mom!" or "But you're family!" We cannot choose the family we're born into. But we can choose the people we keep in our lives. People who love

and respect us -- they come first. -- Better Off With My Chosen Family

**Dear Chosen Family:** I'm printing your letter to help people be more sensitive to someone in your position. Congratulations on finding friends who love and support you. While I'm not saying you have to interact with your mother on a daily basis, it might benefit you to seek individual counseling for better understanding of why she is like talking to a wall. Or why she does the things that she does. In that understanding, you might have more compassion for her limitations. Sorry, but after all, she is your mom.

**Dear Annie:** I can't stop thinking about your July 14 column, "Furious Over a Ring." May I add to your spot-on advice?

Do NOT sell the ring. You fought hard to keep something that symbolizes the love you had for your precious mother. You rose above the manipulation that was tossed your way.

Fighting hard and rising above are no doubt qualities you inherited from your mother -- along with the ring.

Sinking to your grandmother's level of spite would really be the catalyst for ruining the ring's sentimental value. Don't let that happen. Take the high road. By not sinking to her level, you'll

have no regrets later. Your mother would no doubt be proud. -- Spot On

**Dear Spot On:** Thank you for your kind words. I am printing your letter because you focused on what I regard as the most important issue -- the daughter's courage to stand up to her grandmother because she knew it was the right thing to do.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
**Famous Hand**

East dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 4 3  
♥ K J 4  
♦ Q 8 7  
♣ Q 10 9 8

**WEST**  
♠ K 9 8 7 6  
♥ 9 8 3  
♦ 9 6 2  
♣ 7 4

**EAST**  
♠ 5  
♥ A Q 10 7 6 5 2  
♦ 4 3  
♣ 6 5 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A J 10 2  
♥ —  
♦ A K J 10 5  
♣ A K J 3

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 1♦ 1♠ (!) 1 NT  
2♥ 3♦ Pass 3 NT  
Pass 4♠ Pass 4 NT  
Pass 5♣ Dble (!) Redble  
Opening lead — nine of hearts.

This deal goes back many years. It occurred in a duplicate game, where the primary aim is to get a better score than the other pairs playing the same hand.

The bidding is recorded the way it took place. West had paid his card fee and felt he could bid anytime the mood so moved him.

The hand was played back in the 1930s, when there was no 50-point bonus for making a doubled contract. West thought his opponents would probably bid a slam in clubs if he

passed five clubs, so he tried to intimidate them by doubling. He also had calculated that if North or South redoubled and the contract was made — even with an overtrick — he would still be better off than if North-South bid and made a slam!

Five clubs redoubled, making with an overtrick, would amount to 900 points, while six clubs undoubled would come to 920 points. The 900 points scored against him would therefore beat every other East-West pair against whom six clubs had been bid and made.

But declarer also realized this when he saw dummy and so embarked on a complicated and risky line of play designed to secure a second overtrick and in that way make up for the lost slam.

Accordingly, he ruffed the heart lead with the ace, played a low trump to the eight and ruffed another heart with the king. Still requiring a third entry to dummy to accomplish his goal, he led a low diamond and finessed dummy's seven!

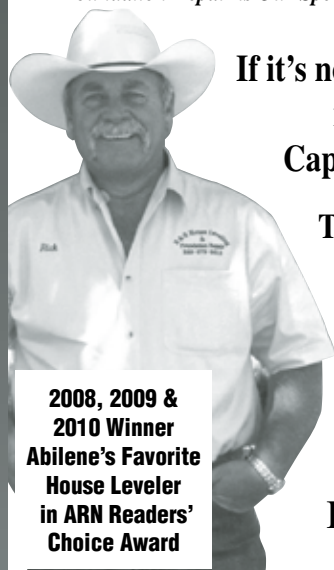
Having gotten over this hurdle, South next ruffed dummy's last heart with the jack, led a diamond to the queen and cashed the Q-10-9 of trump, discarding the J-10-2 of spades to finish with all 13 tricks!

True, West could have thwarted declarer by playing the nine on the very first diamond lead, but who'd want to spoil such a great story?

Tomorrow: With a little bit of luck.  
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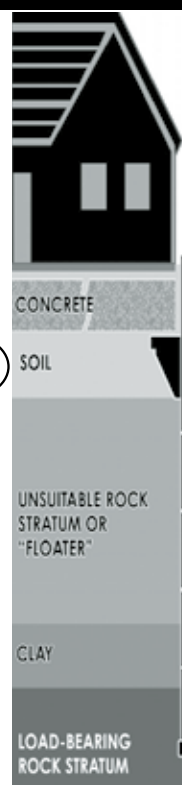
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Round Two for Venus and Uranus

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS you feel some way other than the way you feel.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** "Love me, love my dog," the saying goes. And yet the two, from different species, have different love requirements and it's very possible that a person is capable of one love and not the other. The metaphor applies today.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Make no assumptions about what people can do just because they have done a thing before. The strength (or beauty or intent) exhibited in one area may not match abilities in another area.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You already know what you're going to do. All the back and forth deliberation is a waste of energy. The real question is why must you pretend not to want what you want?

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You're in the mood to take a risk, but you also have a healthy respect for the danger involved. Much will be accomplished here through deference and reverence, which seems like sublimation but is actually action.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Well, it turns out that people are much more complicated and mysterious than you thought. You're a "people," too, and your mysteries aren't just for them to figure out; they are also for you to figure out.



**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Loved ones will need assurance of your loyalty. Loyalty is a hard thing to give, actually. Loyalty is always built on what stands before. Make sure what stands before is rock solid.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Jokes don't come out of nowhere. There's a basis and it's worth looking into. Poke around at your humor as though it's a clue to your deeper beliefs. It is.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Dominant forces are alive in your realm; they're best observed as a fighter would observe the boxing ring of his future opponent. Sit back and learn about what you'll deal with in the future.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Mood shifts don't necessarily mean you're moody. In today's case, you're emotionally intelligent and processing what's happening instead of pretending

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Though people may profess to prefer to be shown love in certain ways, they also might not know themselves as much as they think they do. Give love the way you want to instead of worrying about catering your attention.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** The supermarket line with the fewest number of people isn't always the shortest wait time. Complications can ensue and those take time to sort out. The best route today isn't the shortest one, but the least complicated one.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** A better system will make you stronger. You'll no longer waste your energy on the parts of a job that don't pay you back. You'll spend time on the right things and build them up.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 26).** You'll host as many people as you possibly can this year, as you're the one people want to visit, be around, go places with and celebrate with. You'll root for a winning team. There's a move in February, and you'll be a part of an important project after that. The world will be better for your involvement in this. Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 24, 9, 30 and 50.

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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

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

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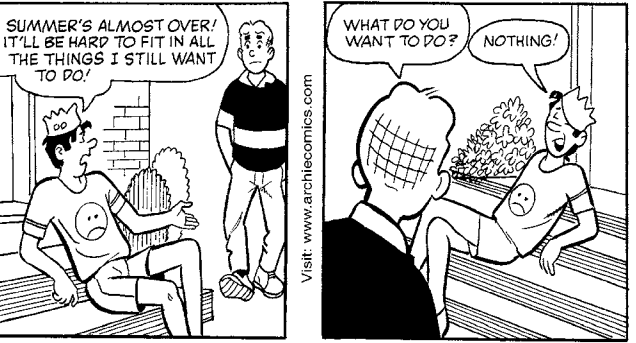
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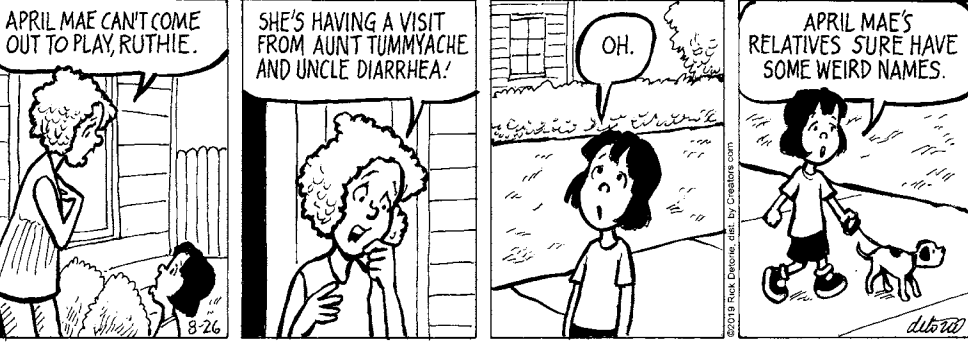
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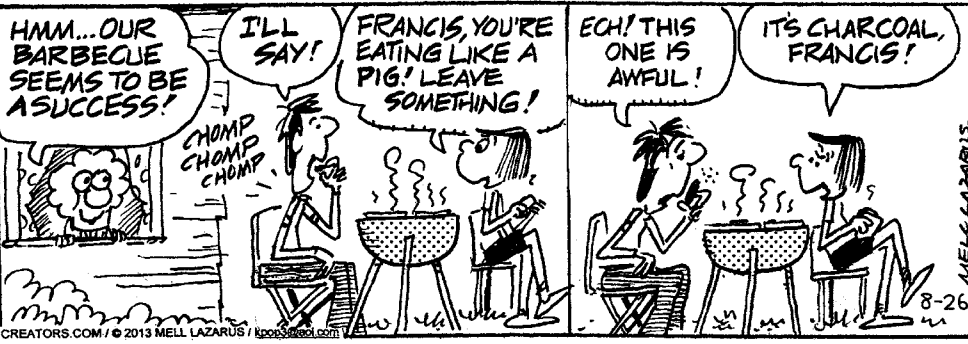
ONE BIG HAPPY



NEST HEAD



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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Monday, Aug. 26, the 238th day of 2019. There are 127 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing American women's right to vote, was certified in effect by Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby.

In 2017, Hurricane Harvey spun into Texas, unloading extraordinary amounts of rain. (The hurricane killed nearly 70 people, damaged more than 300,000 structures and caused an estimated \$125 billion in damage.) Boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr. beat UFC fighter Conor McGregor in a boxing match in Las Vegas that was stopped by the referee in the 10th round; it was the last fight of Mayweather's career and earned him an estimated \$200 million.

whose comedies included "The Odd Couple" and "Barefoot in the Park," died at the age of 91. Today's Birthdays: Pop singer Vic Dana is 79. Former Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge is 74. Rhythm-and-blues singer Valerie Simpson is 74. Pop singer Bob Cowsill is 70. Broadcast journalist Bill Whitaker is 68. Actor Brett Cullen is

63. NBA coach Stan Van Gundy is 60. Jazz musician Branford Marsalis is 59. Country musician Jimmy Olander (Diamond Rio) is 58. Actor Chris Burke is 54. Actress-singer Shirley Manson (Garbage) is 53. Rock musician Dan Vickrey (Counting Crows) is 53. TV writer-actress Riley Weston is 53. Rock musician Adrian Young (No Doubt) is 50. Actress Melissa McCarthy

is 49. Latin pop singer Thalia is 48. Actress Meredith Eaton is 45. Rock singer-musician Tyler Connolly (Theory of a Deadman) is 44. Actor Mike Colter is 43. Actor Macaulay Culkin is 39. Actor Chris Pine is 39. Comedian/actor/writer John Mulaney is 37. Actor Johnny Ray Gill is 35. Country singer Brian Kelley (Florida Georgia Line) is 34. Rhythm-and-blues singer

Cassie (AKA Cassie Ventura) is 33. Actor Evan Ross is 31. Actress Danielle Savre is 31. Actor Dylan O'Brien is 28. Actress Keke Palmer is 26. Thought for Today: "While we read history we make history." — George William Curtis, American author-editor (1824-1892).

Newsday Crossword

TRATTORIA TREATS by Sally R. Stein Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS 1 Young Spanish woman: Abbr. 5 Mouse-catching device with a spring 9 Amount of medicine to take 13 Split apart, as paper 14 Curly-leafed cabbage 15 "How clumsy of me!" 16 Pies with spicy sausage topping 19 Rubinstein of cosmetics 20 Scornful smile 21 No longer damp 22 Loss of memory 26 Compete in a bee 27 Tangle of hair 32 Right away, in a memo 36 "The \_\_\_ Duckling" (fairytale) 37 Spooky 38 With 40 Across, seafood dish with garlic 40 See 38 Across 41 Social composure 42 Dollar or dime 45 Sandwich breads 46 Common type of family car 47 Story seen during sleep 49 Being bet 51 Glide down snowy slopes 54 Topping for spaghetti 57 Newsroom executive 59 Hard-shell seafood dish with tomato 63 A Great Lake 64 Roarer in the jungle

Crossword grid with numbered squares and corresponding clues for the 'Trattoria Treats' puzzle.

Answer to previous puzzle: THREATEN, CIRCUS, ROEWADE, COMEON, UNTILNOW, RIPPLY, COALS, TOAFAULT, ERGO, STORM, IDEA, MANANA, PRICK, ACCEDD, LIL, ATE, BLONDE, CANTOR, OOH, IRA, CANOERS, USERS, CHALET, TERA, PROWL, HOSE, TRENDIER, PASTA, HANDIN, SPLINTER, ACCOST, EVENKEEL, TEEMS, SCISSIONS