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Coahoma ISD raises \$7,340 to support childhood cancer research

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Contributing Writer

COAHOMA — Coahoma ISD is helping to shine a light on childhood cancer research by raising \$7,340 in the annual Gold Out fundraiser.

During October, Coahoma ISD sold Gold Out T-Shirts and accepted donations for Team Up which is a charity started by Angel Miller and Kelly Pickle. Both women have children impacted by cancer.

All the money raised, excluding the cost of the T-Shirt, is directly donated to childhood cancer research facilities each year by Miller and Pickle.

"Thank you to everyone who participated this year in purchasing a T-shirt or donating money to help kids who can't fight cancer alone," said Kristen Joslin, who oversaw the fundraising drive for Coahoma.

Gold Out was brought to Coahoma ISD in 2018 by Bulldogs Head Football Coach Chris Joslin and his wife, Kristen. While employed at Rockdale High School, Chris worked for the school's head football coach Jeff Miller, Angela's husband.

Both Chris and Kristen watch as the Miller's son, Gunner, fought an aggressive form of bone cancer called Ewing's sarcoma. Gunner was diagnosed his freshman year in high school but has since gone into remission. He is now a freshman at Texas Tech University.



Courtesy photo

Pictured are the Coahoma Bulldogs captains and honorary captains at the Coahoma/Stanton varsity football game held on Oct. 25. Coahoma ISD honored three children whose lives were impacted by cancer as honorary captains. They were Gunner Miller, who was represented by Trinady Joslin and Zoie Joslin; the late Briella Heranandez, who was represented by the Quiroz family and her sister, Eliana; and six-year-old Serenity with her family.

Coahoma ISD announced the final totals for this year's campaign on Oct. 24, during the varsity football between the Bulldogs and Stanton Buffaloes.

Although Coahoma High School colors are red and white, Bulldog fans were encouraged to wear their Gold Out shirts to show support for the fundraiser. The varsity football team wore special gold and red uniforms.

During the pre-game ceremonies, school officials honored three children whose lives were impacted by cancer by naming them honorary captains, and they or their representatives joined the Bulldogs for the traditional coin toss at midfield.

Honorary captains were Gunner

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HSWCD receives Texas Outstanding Conservation District Award 2019

By **JUDY TERYLETSKY**

Contributing Writer

the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) received the Texas Outstanding Conservation District Award for 2019, on Oct. 29.

Honors were bestowed on the district at the annual Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Districts State Meeting held at the Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa in San Antonio. The two-day event brought representatives from over 300 districts to attend workshops, training sessions and events honoring this year's State Outstanding Conservation Rancher, Conservation Farmer, Wildlife Conservationist, Conservation Teacher, Friends of Conservation and the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District. "The General Session's Keynote Speaker was Bob Phillips of the Texas Country Reporter television program. Attendees were also privileged to hear Hannah Norwood, the State of Texas FFA Soil and Water Stewardship speech winner for 2019 present her award-winning speech. USDA/NRCS Chief Matthew Lohr from Washington D.C. spoke at the general assembly honoring the importance of agriculture in our lives.

There were over 50 sponsors and some 37 exhibitors who provided information and support materials for the participants. More than 700 attendees were able to choose from

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Courtesy photo

Howard Soil and Water Conservation District #243 representatives proudly show their 2019 Texas Outstanding Soil and Water Conservation District award. From Left to right is NRCS District Conservationist Eddy Spurgin, HSWCD Director Mark Morgan, HSWCD Chairman Kein Hamlin, HSWCD Secretary Glenn Berry, and HSWCD District Clerk Judy Tereletsky.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 6

Municipal Court Week Celebration with cookies early afternoon County Courthouse

Nov. 9

Hangar Groundbreaking near Hangar 25

Nov. 14

Alive After 5 Kindred - 609 S. Gregg

Nov. 15

Back in Motion Chili Cookoff 4 p.m.

Nov. 21

Empty Bowls Dorothy Garrett Coliseum 1001 S. Birdwell Lane 11:30 a.m.

Dec. 5

Tour of Homes 6 p.m. United Way fundraiser. More info. call 267-5201

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Seasonal festivities, monthly recognitions and more Health awareness main focus in the month of November

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**

Staff Writer

Now that Halloween has passed, many are already beginning to decorate for the Holidays. Stores have had Christmas and holiday decorations for several weeks now; it seems like they never really go away. But what are some of the special things celebrated in November besides Thanksgiving. Let's take a look at some of the things celebrated in November, including a few coming up this week.

November is Adopt a Senior Pet Month. Big Spring has such a big problem with strays, and the shelters and rescues are full to capacity. Unfortunately, senior dogs are often overlooked for puppies and younger dogs, but senior dogs need homes, too. Senior dogs are perfect for those who may not be as active, so if you're looking for that couch potato who will be content sitting

in your lap watching tv, think about adopting a senior dog.

November is also the national month for epilepsy, lung cancer, Alzheimer's disease, COP, and diabetes. These diseases afflict many of our loved ones, and families require assistance. November is also National Home Care and Hospice Month, so let's not only remember and celebrate those who have these diseases, but the ones who also care for them on a daily basis.

November is also the month in which we take a look at three health care issues that affect many of the men in our lives: prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and mental health. Otherwise known as Movember, and started in 2003, many men grow their mustache and/or beards to raise money for charity. Will you join them this year?

Fall back! November 3 is the day we switched the clocks back to normal and

get back that hour of sleep we lost in the Spring. At 2 a.m. Sunday morning, if you didn't switch that clock back, you probably arrived an hour early. Thankfully, most electronic devices do this automatically for us, but being early to church that first Sunday the clocks switched back was a common occurrence in my childhood.

Sunday, Nov. 3 was also National Sandwich Day. What's your favorite sandwich? Mine is definitely a classic club, less the tomato. It's probably the bacon that adds that extra something that keeps me ordering club sandwiches at many restaurants and sandwich shops.

There is a lot of debate as to who actually invented the sandwich, but many believe it to be named after John Montagu, Fourth Earl of Sandwich. It is

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Obituaries

Myrtle Guedry Schofield



Myrtle Guedry Schofield, 88, of Big Spring, Texas, died Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019, in Big Spring. Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 6 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will be Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019, in Sour Lake, Texas.

She was born Sept. 18, 1931, in China, Texas, and married Coy Schofield, April 19, 1952, in Sour Lake, Texas.

Myrtle showed a kind and gentle spirit like no other. She had a great love for family, and friends, and any activities that brought everyone together. Children could always put a smile on her face; they seemed to be drawn to her and gave her much joy. She was an avid horse lover and enjoyed the companionship of many pets and animals. Myrtle loved the many years of family reunions, hunting with the family in Central Texas, enjoyed her many golf outings, and traveling throughout the U.S. with her husband, Coy.

Myrtle grew up in Sour Lake, Texas area, and lived there for 39 years before moving to Pearland, Texas. Job transfers took the family from Houston area to Kilgore, and finally Big Spring, Texas, where she has lived for the past 44 years.

She will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Myrtle secured her eternal home in heaven, accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior of her life many years ago.

Survivors include; two sons, Michael Schofield and wife, Kim, and David Schofield and wife, Annette; two step-children, Coy Schofield Jr., and Diane Watson; one brother, Harry Guedry; one sister, Lydia Currie; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Coy Schofield; son, Gary Schofield; sister, Audrey Wheeler; and her brother, Buster Guedry.

The family suggests memorials to their favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid Obituary

Stanford Lee Griffin



Stanford Lee Griffin, 83, of Coahoma, Texas, died Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019, at Odessa Regional Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church of Coahoma. Grave-side services will be held at 4 p.m.

at Silver Valley Cemetery in Coleman, Texas.

Stan was born on Jan. 2, 1936, in Longview, Texas. Stan is survived by his four children, Sherry Griffin, Jesse Griffin, Rhonda Griffin Brisbin, and Janna Griffin; his sister, Mary Helen Myers; his current wife, Alma Griffin; her two sons; and her three grandchildren. He has seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Stan was preceded in death by his parents, Eva Elvira Clark Griffin and Jessie Franklin Griffin.

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

Ann Cooper Mackey

Ann Cooper Mackey, 93, of Big Spring, died Friday, Nov. 1, 2019. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Ann was born Dec. 31, 1925, in Holly Ridge, Louisiana. Ann is survived by one son, Ronnie Cox (Mae) of Schulenburg, TX; two daughters, Reene

Casey (Monroe) and Lanita Karibian (George), all of Big Spring, TX; three granddaughters; and five grandsons.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Rosia Nolan Tatum and Hugh John Tatum; two husbands, Kenneth Cooper and Roy Mackey; and eight brothers and sisters.

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

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Angela Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg. One person was transported to Scenic

Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Johnson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Buckwell Ave. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of E. 13th St. On person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of E. Clup. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

• **AMBER CHRISTIEN BOOTH**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for criminal trespass, and two counts of bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **TREYCEE LYNN FAIRMAN**, 39, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for a parole violation.

• **MARTIN PAIZ GARCIA**, 56, was arrested by BSOD on a warrant for driving while intoxicated-third or more offense.

• **RANDY GARCIA**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **GABRIELLE GARZA**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **RANDI DAHNAI GERSTENBERGER**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property (\$100 to \$750), and warrants for bondsman off bond-failure to maintain financial responsibility, and bondsman off bond-violating promise to appear.

• **TAJUN COLE JOHNSON**, 21, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of interfering with emergency request for assistance.

• **ALAN DEXTER OWENS**, 33, was arrested by GSCO on a warrant for burglary of a habitation, and charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice, and evading arrest or detention with

a vehicle.

• **MARCLINE PACHECO**, 53, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **BRIANNA NICOLE PENA**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for public nuisance, driving without lights when required, and no drivers license.

• **JOSHUA PROBUS**, 47, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for driving without lights when required, and violating promise to appear.

• **AMADOR RIOS**, 60, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for theft of service (\$750 to \$2,500).

• **JUAN RODRIGUEZ JR.**, 57, was arrested to BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **STEPHEN NOEL SMITH**, 60, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Take Note

• Milestone Environmental Services will be hosting a hiring event on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hotel Settles, located at 200 E. 3rd St. Milestone is seeking skilled,

talented and dedicated candidates for positions at its current and future locations in the Permian Basin area and the South Texas Eagle Ford Shale. Employment opportunities include operations supervisors, operations specialists, equipment operators, ADT truck drivers, pump operators, receivers, and wash rack operators. Milestone employees have access to comprehensive benefits including a competitive salary, career advancement, as well as onsite

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Support Groups

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.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible?

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session begins Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

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, or call 432-268-3003.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.



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Weather



Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. Southeast wind around 5 mph.

Wednesday: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Cloudy, with a high near 71. South wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Wednesday Night: Showers and thunderstorms. Low around 53. South wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

Thursday: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Cloudy, with a high near 54. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast 15 to 20 mph in the morning. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Cloudy, with a low around 34.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 57.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 39.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 67.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 69.

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

HSWCD

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a variety of topics including Agricultural Law and Estate Planning, Watershed Operations, Opportunities Provided through the 2018 Farm Bill, and Growing Hemp in Texas. The Howard SWCD was asked to be part of a panel discussion on how to be a successful conservation district.

On Monday District Director Jimmy Sterling was honored with a special award marking twenty years of service as a director for Howard SWCD. Then Tuesday the Howard SWCD was presented with a special award for being chosen Outstanding Soil and Water Conservation District for Texas 2019.

The award was presented to Chairman Kevin Hamlin, Secretary Glenn Berry and Director Mark Morgan along with District Clerk Judy Tereletsky and District Conservationist Eddy Spurgin with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Directors Ed Miller and Jimmy Sterling were unable to attend.

The Howard SWCD sponsors workshops, symposiums, and field tours that address the needs and interests of local producers.

Farm Tours discussing the latest news on no-till, irrigation, soil health, high tunnel technology and cover crops have been well attended. Sponsoring a Wildlife Symposium and Rangeland tours with Texas AgriLife Extension Service, NRCS, Howard College Agricultural Department, and the Howard SWCD helped to showcase ways of utilizing wildlife to diversify ranching operations along with modern trends in rangeland management. In conjunction with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the Howard SWCD gathers information and helps to determine how the needs of the producers can be best served.

Beginning at the end of November the Howard SWCD will be offering tree seedlings that are specially chosen for Howard County soil and climate. Howard SWCD has a long history of providing access to windbreak trees and grass seed to producers.

The sale of these items provides for educational outreach such as Conservation Roundup magazine, field days, the annual poster/essay contest and Conservation Corner of Kids which is an educational pamphlet designed by District Clerk Judy Tereletsky for distribution to area students. Not only does the district provide for large seed orders but distributes seed packets to local area schools to promote Earth Day, World Soil Day and Soil Stewardship week.

Each Spring the Howard SWCD holds its Annual Conservation Banquet honoring the winners of the year's poster/essay contest.

This year's poster contest theme is "Where Would

We BEE Without Pollinators".

Any area student under the age of 13 and UIL eligible can enter. Please contact Judy at 432-267-1871 Ext. 3 for more details.

District Clerk Judy Tereletsky provides monthly articles to the Big Spring Herald published in the Sunday Lifestyle section to remind readers who may not have agricultural ties of the importance of agriculture in everyday life.

These articles introduce the public to the historical creation and impact of soil and water conservation districts and USDA agencies. They show the legacies and stewardship activities of local producers served by Howard SWCD.

In addition to the historical impact of Howard SWCD, the monthly outreach articles highlight the current trends in agriculture and the importance of agriculture in our local economy and lifestyles. They relate areas of interest like the local state park, Christmas season, latest trends or new technology to show how agriculture impacts our everyday lives.

Along with writing the monthly articles, District Clerk Judy Tereletsky publishes a quarterly Howard Soil & Water Conservation District newsletter to the local producers. It provides time sensitive information such as tree sales, program sign up deadlines, Conservation Corners tips and information from NRCS. Howard SWCD provides newsletters to over one hundred recipients in Howard County.

From ordering seed and windbreak trees to sponsoring workshops, outreach programs to poster contests, Local Work Group meetings to Soil Stewardship activities, the Howard Soil & Water Conservation District strives to be a vital part of Howard County helping to pass on a legacy of stewardship and conservation to future generations.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Rev. Juan A. Jojo-la, 72, died Tuesday. Funeral Service will be at 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial with Naval Honors will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Consuelo "Connie" Balderas, 72, died Friday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Ester Chavarria, 67, died Tuesday. She will lie in state from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Vigil service will begin at 7 p.m. Graveside service will be at 9 a.m. Thursday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Stanford Lee Griffin, 83, died Sunday. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church of Coahoma. Graveside services will be held at 4 p.m. at Silver Valley Cemetery in Coleman, Texas.

Dorothy Marie Moore Taylor, 94, died Sunday. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Ann Cooper Mackey, 93, died Friday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

DAYS

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said that the Earl spent a lot of time gambling and didn't like to take time away from his games to eat. He would ask his servants to bring him pieces of meat between two slices of bread. Your Sunday football get-together is a good place to celebrate the sandwich. Have a tray sitting on the table, and watch how quickly they disappear.

November 4 is National Candy Day. I couldn't find history on how this day first became recognized, but since you may have leftover Halloween candy laying around, this will be a good day to have some of your favorites. Invite your friends without kids to help you eat what's left in the buckets.

Some other days celebrated this first week in November are National Doughnut Day on November 5, National Nachos Day on November 6, National Bittersweet Chocolate Day on November 7, and National Cappuccino Day on November 8. Anything to celebrate chocolate and coffee!

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Miller, who was represented by Trinady Joslin and Zoie Joslin; the late Briella Herandez, who was represented by the Quiroz family and her sister, Eliana; and six-year-old Serenity with her family. Serenity was diagnosed at 5 years old with leukemia. She went into remission on Sept. 6 and continues her treatments every 10 days in Lubbock. Her last day of treatment is set for Oct. 17, 2021.

Since its founding five years ago, Teaming Up has donated more than \$250,000 to fund childhood cancer research.

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Mesquite trees seen as blessing, curse in parts of Texas

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Ranch manager Farron Sultemeier calls the mesquite a blessing and a curse.

The San Antonio Express-News reports this most iconic of Texas trees is a blessing because the beans provide late summer feed for cattle and wildlife, as well as being a welcome shelter and shade from the burning sun.

And the curse? Mesquite spreads ridiculously fast and is almost unstoppable invasive.

"They've got such a deep root system that if you cut one down, it grows back stronger and more fiercely," said Sultemeier, who manages ranches in Uvalde, Kendall, Mason and Gillespie counties. "Given the chance, they can get so thick they cut off grazing land."

Texas mesquites also produce thorns sharp enough to injure livestock and puncture a car tire. And they grow so gnarly and twisted, the wood is virtually useless for anything other than the outdoor pit where it imparts a bold smokiness to meat — a signature of Texas barbecue.

But that soon may change with two new and improved mesquite trees developed by California-based Altman Plants, which operates a sprawling, 500-acre wholesale nursery on the far West Side.

These experimental trees — only about 2,000 exist so far — grow erect, spineless and fast, while still being able to survive and thrive in harsh, semi-arid climate of South Texas.

Altman Plants recently shipped about 150 of its two experimental hybrids — dubbed Mojave and Sonoran — from California to the San Antonio nursery where they'll be propagated. Specimens should be available for purchase within a year.

These trees grew from seeds resulting from the cross pollination of two patented parents, one a rare and thornless Texas mesquite, the other a cold-hardy mesquite from Argentina that also was thornless.

While there are only four species of mesquite native to the United States — and just one in Texas — Argentina has 27.

The hybrids could represent a new revenue stream for beleaguered Texas ranchers, a way for homeowners to brighten their yards with something distinctive yet familiar and an option for municipalities looking for drought-resistant trees to plant on marginal lands.

The mesquite long has played a role in Texas

lore. Classic Texas author J. Frank Dobie wrote that the tree is "as native as rattlesnakes and mockingbirds, as distinctive as northers, and as blended into life of the land as cornbread and tortillas."

The first barbed wire fence posts were made of mesquite and, when San Antonio started paving its streets in the 1880s, it was with hexagonal mesquite blocks — at least until people started pulling them up to use for winter firewood.

Already about 6 feet tall, these trees eventually will grow to 25 to 30 feet, according to Chris Scott, the San Antonio nursery's sales manager.

"We hope to convince ranchers to grow them as a cash crop and for homeowners to plant them as ornamentals," Scott said. "They may open up some great opportunities."

Mesquite wood is known for its hardness and stability, making it popular for use in furniture and flooring. But because the trees grow in such a twisted way, it's not generally available in long boards, and so supplies tend to be limited. These new trees with their straight trunks and limbs could resolve that problem.

Now all it takes is ranchers willing to grow them.

Peter Felker is a California scientist whose passion is in developing a better mesquite tree, something he's been striving toward since the 1970s, and on which he collaborates with Altman Plants in his spare time.

Felker estimates a rancher would spend about \$600 per acre to plant 45 smaller hybrid mesquites. After 20 years or so, he or she could make between \$15,000 and \$20,000 per acre by harvesting the mature trees and selling the wood for lumber.

While Robert Lyons, extension range specialist with the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Uvalde, called Felker's estimates "reasonable," he questioned whether many experienced ranchers would dedicate that much land for such a long-term payout.

"There might be some younger guys open to something like that, however," he said. Mesquite wood is highly prized, he explained, and the trees could be planted to help reclaim land cleared for oil and gas production.

For Sultemeier, the trees sound promising, although he said he'd need to see hard data before he'd recommend them to the owner of the ranches he manages.

"Diversification is an important tool in making

ranching profitable," he said. "So I guess I would consider it."

Another benefit for ranchers is that mesquite is a member of the legume family so that, as it grows, it adds nitrogen to the soil, improving pasture fertility. Felker has a photo of a grove of mature Argentinian mesquites, the ground beneath them thick with forage grasses.

"The exact same thing happened on the Texas A&M Kingsville experiment station," he said. "So in lumber plantations after seven or eight years, the grazing rates should also substantially increase."

The hybrid trees also are hardier than native mesquites, able to survive freezing temperatures.

"We're going to be testing them in a plot in Waco but for now we know it can survive as far north as Austin," Scott said.

The trees are the result of years of work by Felker, who said he has evaluated thousands of trees over that time. He was able to grow 15 seedlings from the Texas-Argentinian cross pollination. From those, he selected the two — the Mojave and Sonoran — with the best characteristics.

"By the time they were only 30 inches tall, I knew I had something special," he said of the two hybrids they eventually settled on.

The trees' upright growth and feathery, fernlike foliage also is expected to make them attractive to homeowners. Of the two, the Mojave trees have a more compact canopy, with leaves that grow closer together than the Sonoran.

"They don't need a lot of water, so they'll work in a xeriscaped yard," Scott said. He estimated that a tree in a 5-gallon container will sell for \$45 to \$50; one in a 15-gallon container for \$100 to \$125.

Their drought-hardiness also may make them appealing to cities looking to increase their tree canopy. Los Angeles bought 1,000 of the first batch of mesquites for the city's tree-planting program while Caltrans, California's department of transportation, bought about 30 to plant along a highway project in Imperial Valley where summer temperatures reach as high as 107 degrees.

"They did well there," Felker said.

So if the good news continues, ranchers like Sultemeier someday may see mesquites as more of a blessing than a curse.

Nearly half of all Texas traffic deaths come from energy-producing areas

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — Texas continues to lead the nation in oil and gas production, creating jobs and prosperity statewide, but communities in the state's main energy production areas have also seen a rise in deaths on the road accounting for close to half of all traffic fatalities in Texas.

In 2018, 1,673 people died and more than 6,000 were seriously injured in crashes in the Barnett Shale, Eagle Ford Shale, Granite Wash, Haynesville/Bossier Shale and Permian Basin, where oil and gas exploration is underway. Traffic deaths in these areas are up by 4% compared to 2017. Crash reports point to failure to control speed as the most-often cited factor in traffic crashes, followed by driver inattention due to actions such as looking at a cell phone.

"Driving conditions have changed dramatically in many parts of Texas," said Texas Department of Transportation Executive Director James Bass. "A big increase in the number of heavy trucks and traffic on state and county roads adds to the complexity of driving — something we always need to give our full attention to, while also obeying traffic laws. That's why we are urging every motorist to drive smart and take simple precautions to prevent crashes."

In the coming weeks, drivers can expect to see a variety of common-sense safety reminders as TxDOT kicks off its annual "Be Safe. Drive Smart." campaign in the state's energy-producing regions. The campaign reminds drivers to:

- Always buckle up—drivers and all passengers, day and night.
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- Give large trucks plenty of space, be patient, and pass only when it's safe and legal to do so.
- Obey stop signs and traffic signals.
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

TxDOT will be taking its safety messages to community events this month in the Permian Basin and Eagle Ford Shale. Drivers can test their street smarts at an interactive exhibit outfitted with games, quizzes, and video displays that remind motorists how to safely navigate the challenges of driving in high-traffic oil and gas production areas.

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Lady Hawks return home with 1-2 record after Thunderbird Classic

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

The Howard College Hawks women's basketball team began their season over the past week at the Thunderbird Classic in Hobbs, New Mexico.

For three straight days, the Hawks matched up against some of the best junior colleges in Division I. After three tough games that challenged the young Lady Hawks team, they returned to town owning a 1-2 record.

In the first game of the weekend, the Central Arizona College Vaqueros outmatched and outworked the Hawks on both sides of the ball. Returning starting sophomore Makayla Thomas led the Hawks with 12 points and fought hard on the boards by grabbing eight rebounds, but a low shooting percentage and too many turnovers from the team led to an early-game deficit that Howard could not recover from.

"We played two nationally-ranked teams," head coach Earl Diddle said. "They've got tremendous pressure defense and that had a lot to do with it. I thought we missed a lot of easy baskets but it surely was attributed to their defense."

On Saturday, the Hawks were matched up with Tyler Junior College and the result looked all-too-familiar to the season opener. Through two games, the Hawks shooting percentage and high amount of turnovers were causing the team to fall behind early without being able to dig themselves out of the hole.

After averaging 27 turnovers and shooting 26.5 percent from the field, the Hawks knew they needed to take a long look in the mirror before their final

matchup of the Thunderbird Classic against Phoenix College.

"We are who we are," Diddle said. "We've just got to stop turning the ball over."

Mission accomplished.

Following the high amount of turnovers to start the season, the Hawks managed to turn the ball over only 15 times in Sunday's matchup. The group also racked up 13 steals and forced 23 turnovers on defense, which was a huge improvement over the first two games. Led by freshman Tatym Barnes and her 12 points, the Hawks also increased their shooting percentage with five players scoring five or more points in the final game of their out-of-state tournament.

"I thought all weekend that we were really good defensively," Diddle said. "Like most teams right now, our defense is ahead of our offense. We've only got one starter back from last year, so we have four new players coming in and starting. So it's an adjustment."

Currently averaging only 45.7 points per game, Diddle will look to make his team more efficient on the offensive side of the ball. With the defense getting consistent turnovers and limiting their opponents to less than 50 points per game, it allows the offense to continue to improve while still keeping the game close.

With four more games coming up this week, Howard College will look to build on the positive momentum they built over the past weekend.

The Lady Hawks will look to continue their ascendance tonight against visiting Weatherford College. The game will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

SPORTS VIEWS: Home field wasn't an advantage in this World Series

Much has been made through the years about the home-field or home-court advantage in sports.

Be it high school, college or professional sports, it's considered to be a big advantage playing at home. The athletes sleep in their own beds the night before the contest. The travel is minimal. The routine is pretty much the same.

The opponents are the ones who have to change their routines and make what can be long trips on a bus or a plane, to and from the contest.

The home stadium or arena might have quirks that favor the athletes who play there game after game. They're used to the light or field conditions. The opponents are not. In the case of the Colorado Rockies or Denver Broncos, they're used to playing at higher altitudes. The visitors usually are not.

In Major League Baseball this past season, 18 of the 30 teams posted winning records at home this season, including the Washington Nationals and the Houston Astros. The Astros, in fact, had the best winning record at home out of all 30 teams, 60-21 for a .741 winning percentage.

But the home-field advantage didn't apply in the 2019 World Series. The road team won all seven games, the first time that's ever happened in a World Series. Maybe the road team was a little more pumped. Maybe the home team relaxed a bit. Maybe it was just the law of averages. This World Series had to be different.

Congratulations to the Nationals, who won

their first World Series by that name though Washington fans still haven't seen their team win a home game in the World Series since the Senators did it in 1933.

For the Astros, at least they made it back to the Series and they do know what it feels like to win a World Series title with their victory in 2017.

Texas teams have now made five trips to the World Series, including three by the Astros and two by the Texas Rangers but only have one World Series title.

Congratulations to head coach Jenna Sickels and the Greenville Lady Lions on their District 15-5A volleyball championship. It was their first district title in that sport since 2005.

I was there for the Lady Lions' first day of workouts in the gym, when they ran lines on the court for conditioning. I know how hard they have worked to reach this goal.

Last year they advanced to the playoffs as the fourth-place team in 15-5A and lost in straight sets to Hallsville, the 16-5A champion, at the bi-district round.

The Lady Lions will open the 2019 playoffs at 6:30 p.m. Monday in Mineola against Longview Pine Tree, which finished fourth in 16-5A. Pine Tree is 15-24 for the season. Hallsville went 33-7 in 2018.

I'm expecting a better result for the Lady Lions on Monday.

David Claybourn is sports editor of the Herald-Banner.

NFL Standings

AFC East	Division	Overall	PF	PA
New England	4-0-0	8-1-0	270	98
Buffalo Bills	2-1-0	6-2-0	158	131
Miami Dolphins	1-2-0	1-7-0	103	256
New York Jets	0-4-0	1-7-0	96	211

AFC North	Division	Overall	PF	PA
Baltimore Ravens	2-1-0	6-2-0	251	176
Pittsburgh Steelers	1-1-0	4-4-0	176	169
Cleveland Browns	1-0-0	2-6-0	152	205
Cincinnati Bengals	0-2-0	0-8-0	124	210

AFC South	Division	Overall	PF	PA
Houston Texans	2-1-0	6-3-0	238	191
Indianapolis Colts	2-0-0	5-3-0	182	177
Jacksonville	1-2-0	4-5-0	176	189
Tennessee Titans	0-2-0	4-5-0	168	165

AFC West	Division	Overall	PF	PA
Kansas City Chiefs	2-0-0	6-3-0	252	204
Oakland Raiders	1-1-0	4-4-0	182	216
L.A. Chargers	0-1-0	4-5-0	176	189
Denver Broncos	1-2-0	3-6-0	168	165

NFC East	Division	Overall	PF	PA
Dallas Cowboys	4-0-0	5-3-0	227	142
Philadelphia Eagles	1-1-0	5-4-0	224	213
New York Giants	1-2-0	2-7-0	176	255
Washington	0-3-0	1-8-0	108	219

NFC North	Division	Overall	PF	PA
Green Bay Packers	3-0-0	7-2-0	226	189
Minnesota Vikings	1-2-0	6-3-0	234	158
Detroit Lions	0-2-0	3-4-1	204	217
Chicago Bears	1-1-0	3-5-0	142	144

NFC South	Division	Overall	PF	PA
New Orleans Saints	1-0-0	7-1-0	195	156
Carolina Panthers	1-1-0	5-3-0	209	204
Tampa Bay	1-2-0	2-6-0	230	252
Atlanta Falcons	0-0-0	1-7-0	165	250

NFC West	Division	Overall	PF	PA
San Francisco 49ers	2-0-0	8-0-0	235	102
Seattle Seahawks	2-0-0	7-2-0	248	230
Los Angeles Rams	0-2-0	5-3-0	214	174
Arizona Cardinals	0-2-0	3-5-1	195	251

Prescott throws for 3 TDs as Cowboys beat Giants again

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — First, the black cat ran on the field.

Then the Dallas Cowboys scampered past the New York Giants.

Dak Prescott shook off an interception on his first pass and threw for three touchdowns, and the Cowboys turned three Daniel Efland turnovers into 13 points on their way to a 37-18 win over the Giants in a Monday night game that was briefly delayed in the second quarter by an elusive feline.

"Things weren't good up to that point," Prescott said about the game before the cat appeared. "It could only get better from there. I definitely thought about that. I guess we'll start rolling now that the black cat's come in bad for the Giants. It was fun. First time I've seen an animal run on the field that I've been a part of."

Ezekiel Elliott ran for a season-high 139 yards as Dallas (5-3) beat New York (2-7) for the sixth straight time. DeMarcus Lawrence had one of the Cowboys' five sacks.

Prescott hit Blake Jarwin for a much-needed 42-yard touchdown late in the second quarter. He added a 15-yarder to Michael Gallup and a 45-yarder to Amari Cooper in the fourth.

Brett Maher kicked three field goals, including a 52-yarder in the waning seconds of the first half that gave Dallas the lead for good after falling behind 12-3 in the second quarter. Jourdan Lewis scored on a 63-yard fumble return in the final seconds.

The win gave the Cowboys a half-game lead over Philadelphia (5-4) in the NFC East and improved their record in the division to 4-0, including a win over the Eagles.

Jones threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to Cody Latimer for fading New York. Aldrick Rosas hit four field goals, but he also missed an extra point attempt that was important in sending New York to its fifth straight loss.

"You can't lose the turnover battle and expect to win any game," Giants defensive back Michael Thomas said. "We're making young mistakes, if we stop them we'll start playing winning football. It's not just the offense, it's defense and special teams, too. It's two or three plays a game where we hand the other team points."

Rosas' 25-yarder gave the Giants a 12-3 lead with 2:50 left, but the Cowboys scored 10 points in the final 52 seconds of the half to take a 13-12 lead.

Jarwin, who has scored five of his six career touchdowns against the Giants, rambled most of the 42 yards on the score to get Dallas within 12-10 with 52 seconds remaining in the half.

Xavier Woods intercepted a third-down pass by Jones on the ensuing series and returned it to the Giants 38, setting up Maher's go-ahead field goal on the final play.

The teams exchanged field goals in the third quarter, with a Jones fumble forced by Woods setting up Dallas. Rosas answered for New York.

The chippy fourth quarter belonged to Dallas and Prescott, who finished 22 of 35 for 257 yards. He has thrown for 12 TDs against New York in the last four games.

Jones finished 26 of 41 for 210 yards, including a 65-yard play by Saquon Barkley, his longest reception.

"I just thought we started to play the way we wanted to play," Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said of his team's slow start coming off a bye week. "I do think we dominated them up front. Zeke ran the ball really well. That's certainly a part of us playing our best offensive football."

POST CAT

Before the game was suspended by the cat, the Giants were winning 9-3 and Prescott had 84 yards and an interception by Antoine Bethea on the opening play from scrimmage. After El Gato appeared, Dallas outscored New York 34-9 and Prescott had 173 yards, three TDs and no interceptions.

WORTH NOTING

Jones has dropped five in a row after winning his first two starts. The only other rookie quarterback who lost five in a row after winning his first two starts was John Elway in 1983, according to Stats.

INJURIES

Cowboys: Safety Jeff Heath left early in second half with a leg injury.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mars Starts Strife with Pluto

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You understand something intellectually that you don't understand emotionally or vice versa. Keep trying to engage more of yourself in the solution through a combination of action and reflection.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Where is this going? Think about the end, and you'll do all the other parts better. Bonus: Keeping the end in mind will also help you avoid wasting time and suffering unnecessarily.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Just as every bit of your body has a DNA signature, your energy has a signature. It goes wherever you go. You don't even have to touch anything

for that signature to be felt while you're there or left behind in your wake.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The stakes are high, not because something terrible will happen if you lose, but because the time it takes to play the game is time you'll never get back.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People have backward ways of saying they miss you. They might complain about your absence instead of celebrating your presence when they have it. You'll have to mentally reinterpret things to get the true message.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The success or failure of a venture will hinge on communication. You will listen carefully, stay engaged over the entire course

of a cycle and express yourself so as to have the best chance at being heard and understood.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Typically, life can be taken in small steps, just not today. Here comes a scenario that requires certainty and boldness -- a chasm you can't cross in in two jumps. Back up, get a running start, and commit to your one big leap.



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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may be very adept at a thing, but you're not really a master of it until you can effectively teach it. You'll be forced to be critically aware of what you'd normally do automatically. You'll grow in confidence and insight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Those who accept and love you offer a warm sort of attention that's very different from the attention you'll receive

from those who are getting to know you, which you'll experience as much more visceral and intense.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When it comes to relationships of any kind -- professional, romantic, platonic, financial or other -- the same rule applies. People are attractive in inverse proportion to how needy they are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be building your team. Keep in mind that groups with diverse talents are the strongest. Just because a person can't keep up with you in certain regards doesn't mean he or she wouldn't make a terrific addition to your life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A sad clown isn't an oxymoron of an archetype

so much as an astute observation of funny people. Humor is a way to turn sadness outward instead of inward. You'll forget about that as they laugh and love you today.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 5). This solar return finds you emotionally flexible and vibrant. Inspiration shows up in the form of people you want to be like and people you don't want to be like. You'll love the relationship dynamics coming up. Your role will be new and different. You'll wipe the slate clean of expectation and establish new patterns. Cancer and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 10, 3, 38 and 5.

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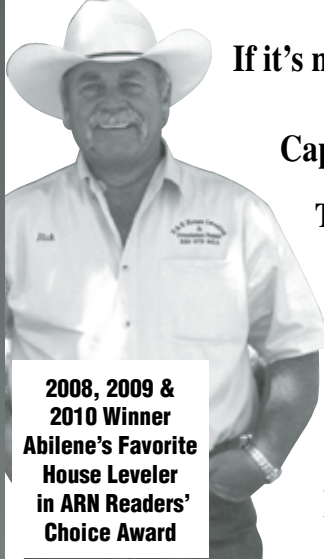


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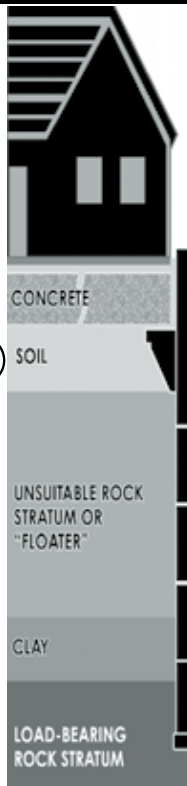
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Dear Readers: I am printing these two letters together to remind anyone who is in an abusive relationship to leave as soon as possible. Take yourself, your children and pets with you. There are many resources available for you.

Dear Annie: Thank you for telling De-pressed and Confused to walk out the door with her pets. My sister didn't, and she lost her life. I so admire women who leave bad men. -- Sister

Dear Sister: I am so very sorry for your loss. Thank you for writing in and reminding all of our readers to leave abusive people as fast as they can. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Dear Annie: I have to suggest that "De-pressed and Confused" immediately find her cat a new home, to spare the cat the physical abuse it is likely enduring. Animal abuse is a sign of a serious mental impairment and can often lead to abuse of a spouse or other people in the home. I don't need to go into

the statistics, as most people are aware that if you are willing to abuse an animal, you are probably well on your way to other psychotic behaviors.

This woman's spouse needs immediate psychological help, and she needs to be very careful. However, above all else, she needs to get that cat out of this situation, immediately. -- Escape Fast

Dear Escape Fast: While you are correct that she needs to get the cat out of the house, she also needs to get herself out of the house.

Dear Annie: My husband spends whatever time he wants during the evenings and weekends playing on his phone, watching football, sleeping or just lying on the couch relaxing. I never say a word. But the moment I sit down and start reading a book or texting back a friend, he can sense it, and he'll quickly get up from wherever he is and sit by me and say, "What's going on?" If I say "nothing" and keep reading, he'll say, "Oh, I just thought you'd want to talk to me," and he expects me to

immediately put down whatever I'm doing. He sulks and pouts all night if I don't.

It's just a ridiculous, controlling power play. If I sit down in the same room as him and wait for him to stop texting or watching his show, it takes him forever to even acknowledge me. Every time I've called him out on this, it's caused a fight. Even if I just ignore him and continue reading, it really upsets me. What can I do? -- Not Allowed to Relax in Peace

Dear Relax in Peace: You deserve to relax in peace. Maybe the way to find that peace is to say something to him -- and in a new way that won't spark the same old fight. Tell him that, just like he needs time to relax and unwind on the couch, you also need time to relax and unwind. Couples should spend time together, uninterrupted, so they can grow closer. But they also need time apart to do things they enjoy individually.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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SUDOKU

8	3		1		7			
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	2		5		3	6	8	
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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!

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

ANSWER:

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Finding the killing lead

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♦ 6 4
- ♥ 8 3 2
- ♦ Q J 6
- ♣ J 10 5

WEST

- ♦ A Q 10 8
- ♥ 8 3 2
- ♦ Q J 6
- ♣ J 10 5

EAST

- ♦ 5 2
- ♥ 6 4
- ♦ 10 8 7 3
- ♣ K 9 7 6 2

SOUTH

- ♦ K J 9 7 3
- ♥ A Q J 9 5
- ♦ A 4
- ♣ A

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♥			

Opening lead — three of hearts.

For the defense, the most critical play is often the opening lead. Time and again, if a defender starts out with the most effective lead for his side, the contract will fail — or at least be put in some degree of jeopardy.

Unfortunately, the opening leader does not have the advantage of seeing the dummy when trying to select the initial salvo. All he has guiding him is his own 13 cards and the bidding. Sometimes though, that can be quite enough.

Take this case where South wound up in four hearts on the auction shown. West had a choice of two seemingly natural leads, the jack of clubs or the queen of diamonds. But before mechanically leading either card, he paused to consider the bidding.

Based on North's final pass of four hearts, and his failure to support spades at any stage, it was clear that he preferred hearts and held at most two spades. This made it quite likely that South would try to ruff his spade losers with dummy's hearts. To cut down on this possibility, and to protect his own strong spade holding, West therefore led a trump.

After this lead, there was no way for declarer to score 10 tricks. In practice, he won the first trump in dummy and led a spade to the jack and queen, whereupon West returned another trump. South won in dummy and tried a spade to the nine, losing to the ten. A third trump by West then marooned declarer with two more spade losers, so he had to go down one.

Had West gotten off to any other lead, South could not have been prevented from ruffing at least one spade in dummy, even if West switched to a trump after winning the first spade. Declarer would then have lost only three spades instead of four and made the contract.

Tomorrow: Now you see it, now you don't.

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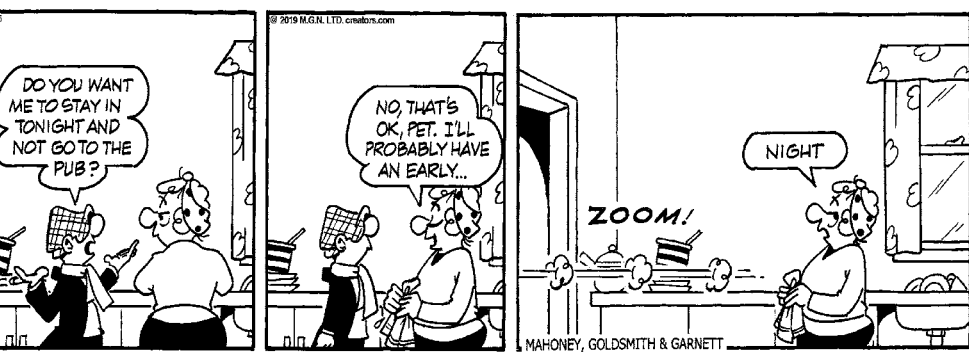



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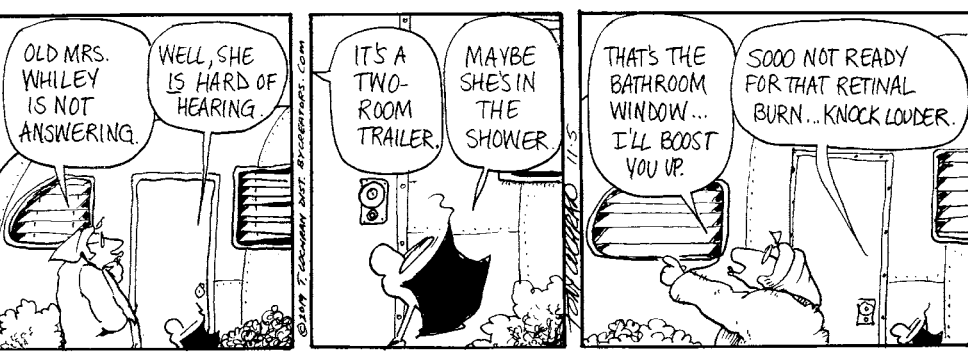
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7:PM	World of Disney: The Little Mermaid Live!	Rosa de Guadalupe	The Resident	NCIS (DVS)	The Voice	News	Dr. Wil	Finding Your Roots	Andy G.	The Flash	Big Bang	Movie: Shooter, Danny Glover (DVS)	College Football: Ball State at Western Michigan.	Stars Pre. NHL Hockey: Colorado Avalanche at Dallas Stars.	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Dave Turin-Mine	
8:PM	Emergence	El dragón	FOX 24 News at 9	NCIS: New Orleans	El Señor de los	New Amsterdam	Light of Southwest	Heroes	Seinfeld	Misery	Movie: The Book of Eli, Mila Kunis (DVS)	SportsCenter W/Van Pelt	E:60	Postgame	Law & Order: SVU	(:06) The First 48	Gold Rush WW	
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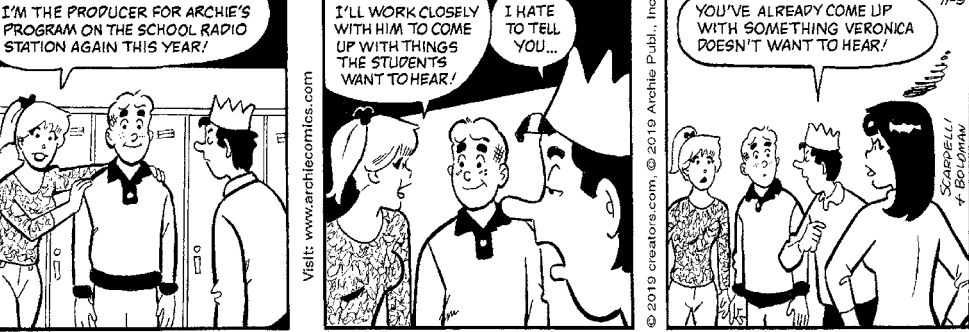
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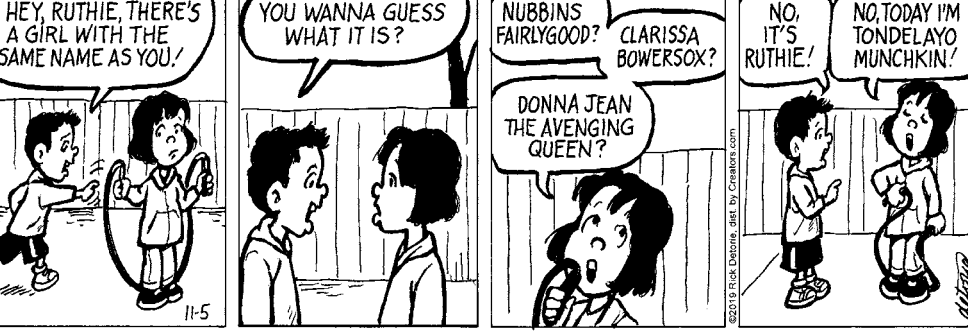
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NEST HEAD



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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 5, the 309th day of 2019. There are 56 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 5, 1717, a gunman armed with an assault rifle opened fire in a small South Texas church, killing more than two dozen people; the shooter, Devin Patrick Kelley, was later found dead in a vehicle after he was shot and chased by two men who heard the gunfire. (An autopsy revealed that he died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.)

On this date: In 1605, the "Gunpowder Plot" failed as Guy Fawkes was seized before he could blow up the English Parliament.

In 1781, the Continental Congress elected John Hanson of Maryland its chairman, giving him the title of "President of the United States in Congress Assembled."

In 1911, singing cowboy star Roy Rogers was born Leonard Slye in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won an unprecedented third term in office as he defeated Republican challenger Wendell L. Willkie.

In 1968, Republican Richard M. Nixon won the presidency, defeating Democratic Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and American Independent candidate George C. Wallace.

In 1974, Democrat Ella T. Grasso was elected governor of Connecticut, becoming the first woman to win a gubernatorial office without succeeding her husband.

In 1987, Supreme Court nominee Douglas H. Ginsburg admitted using marijuana several times in the 1960s and 70s, calling it a mistake. (Ginsburg ended up withdrawing his nomination.)

In 1990, Rabbi Meir Kahane (meh-EER' kah-HAH'-nuh), the Brooklyn-born Israeli extremist, was shot to death at a New York hotel. (Egyptian native El Sayyed Nosair (el sah-EED' no-sah-EER') was convicted of the slaying in federal court.)

In 1992, Malice Green, a black motorist, died after he was struck in the head 14 times with a flashlight by a Detroit police officer, Larry

Nevers, outside a suspected crack house. (Nevers and his partner, Walter Budzyn, were found guilty of second-degree murder, but the convictions were overturned; they were later convicted of involuntary manslaughter.)

In 1994, former President Ronald Reagan disclosed he had Alzheimer's disease.

In 2003, President Bush signed a bill outlawing the procedure known by its critics as "partial-birth abortion"; less than an hour later, a federal judge in Nebraska issued a temporary restraining order against the ban. (In 2007, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act.)

In 2006, Saddam Hussein was convicted and sentenced by the Iraqi High Tribunal to hang for crimes against humanity.

Ten years ago: A shooting rampage at the Fort Hood Army post in Texas left 13 people dead; Maj. Nidal Hasan, an Army psychiatrist, was later convicted of murder and sentenced to death.

Five years ago: A day after sweeping Republican election gains, President Barack Obama and incoming Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell pledged to try to turn divided government into a force for good rather than gridlock, yet warned of veto showdowns as well.

One year ago: The U.S. reimposed all sanctions on Iran that had been lifted under its 2015 nuclear deal with world powers. Fox News Channel personality Sean Hannity spoke from the stage of President Donald Trump's last midterm election rally, after insisting all day that he wouldn't. Facebook said it had shut down 30 Facebook accounts and 85 Instagram accounts for suspected "coordinated inauthentic" behavior on the eve of the U.S. midterm elections. NBC, Fox News Channel and Facebook all said they would stop airing President Donald Trump's campaign ad featuring an immigrant convicted of killing two police officers; CNN had earlier rejected the same ad as racist.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Harris Yulin is 82. Actor Chris Robinson is 81. Actress Elke Sommer is 79. Singer Art Garfunkel is 78. Singer Peter Noone is 72. TV personality Kris Jenner is 64. Actor Nestor

Serrano is 64. Actress-comedian Mo'Nique is 61. Actor Robert Patrick is 61. Singer Bryan Adams is 60. Actress Tilda Swinton is 59. Actor Michael Gaston is 57. Actress Tatum O'Neal is 56. Actress Andrea McArdle is 56. Rock singer Angelo Moore (Fishbone) is 54. Actress Judy Reyes is 52. Actor Seth Gilliam is 51. Rock musician Mark Hunt-

er (James) is 51. Actor Sam Rockwell is 51. Country singers Heather and Jennifer Kinley (The Kinleys) are 49. Actor Corin Nemec is 48. Rock musician Jonny (cq) Greenwood (Radiohead) is 48. Country singer-musician Ryan Adams is 45. Actor Sebastian Arcebus is 43. Actor Sam Page is 43. Actor Luke Hemsworth is 39. Actor Jeremy Lelliott

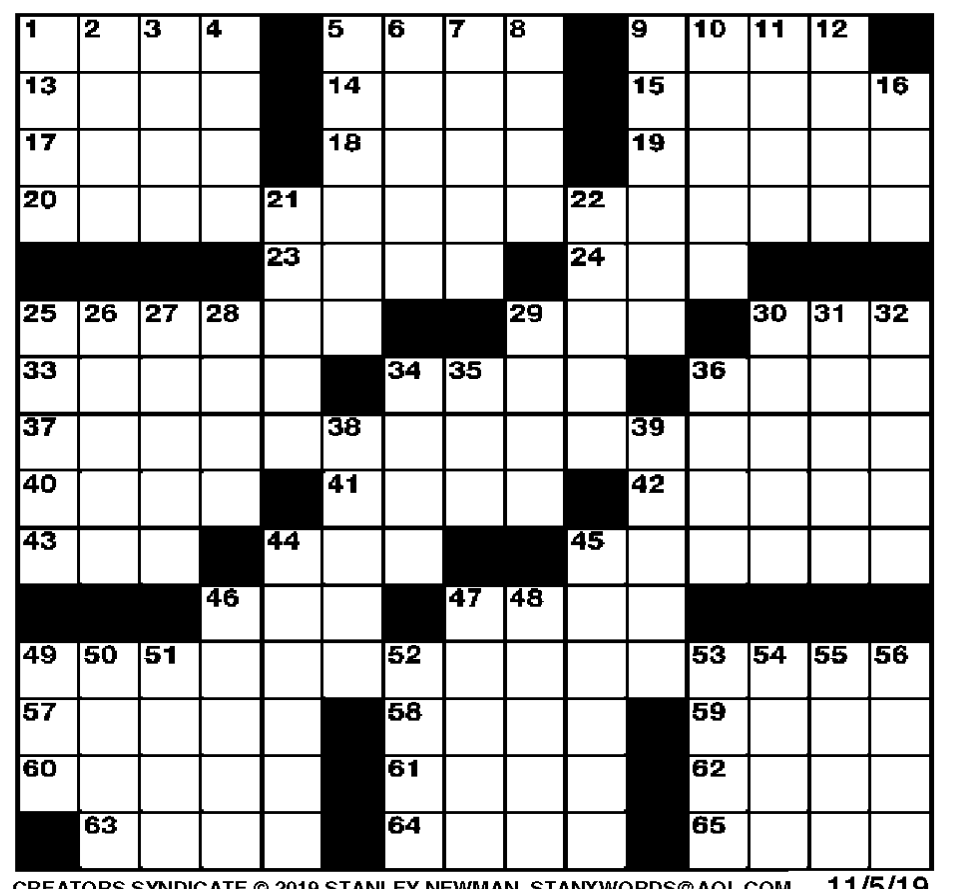
is 37. Actress Annet Mahendru (MAH'-hehn-droo) is 34. Rock musician Kevin Jonas (The Jonas Brothers) is 32. Actor Landon Gimenez is 16.

Thought for Today: "Imagination is the only key to the future. Without it none exists — with it all things are possible." — Ida M. Tarbell, American journalist (1857-1944).

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Feeling happy
 - 5 Sunscreen ratings: Abbr.
 - 9 Paper tablets
 - 13 Make angry
 - 14 Willow or maple
 - 15 Epic tale by Homer
 - 17 Egyptian slitherers
 - 18 Slight amount
 - 19 "That ain't never ___ happen"
 - 20 Hoopsters' footwear
 - 23 Top poker cards
 - 24 When a plane is due: Abbr.
 - 25 Duration, as of a film
 - 29 Seventh of a week
 - 30 "What's ___ matter?"
 - 33 Sci-fi visitor
 - 34 Worship from ___
 - 36 Front of the lower leg
 - 37 Man's collared office attire
 - 40 Poems of praise
 - 41 Knitter's ball
 - 42 Blender setting for baby food
 - 43 Second notes of the scale
 - 44 "Let me think . . ."
 - 45 Think over
 - 46 Service charge
 - 47 Spherical hair
 - 49 Police officer's protective garment
 - 57 Whole wheat or rye
 - 58 Alphabetize, for instance
 - 59 Neighborhood
- DOWN**
- 1 Snatch quickly
 - 2 Bart Simpson's sister
 - 3 Swiss mountains
 - 4 Schoolroom furniture
 - 5 Bit of sewing
 - 6 Investigate in depth
 - 7 Greek cheeses
 - 8 Close firmly, as an envelope
 - 9 Pen for swine
 - 10 Hawaiian greeting
 - 11 T. Rex, for short
 - 12 Sensible
 - 16 Prosecutors: Abbr.
 - 21 "Jack Sprat could ___ fat"
 - 22 Get educated
 - 25 Work hard
 - 26 Avoid cleverly
 - 27 Evenings, in ads
 - 28 Acquires
 - 29 Sunrise time
 - 30 Bronze medalist's finish
 - 31 New employee
 - 32 Walk inside
 - 34 First father
 - 35 In favor of
 - 36 Steer clear of
 - 38 Big Apple baseballer, for short
 - 39 Good-natured parody
 - 44 Followed the advice of
 - 45 Positively charged atomic particle
 - 46 Bit of snow
 - 47 Stood up
 - 48 Person's specialty
 - 49 Air-gun pellets
 - 50 Large coffeemakers
 - 51 ___ year (2020 or 2024)
 - 52 Exam for high school jrs.
 - 53 Enormous
 - 54 One of the Great Lakes
 - 55 Auction off, say
 - 56 Hard to believe, as a tale

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Harden scores 44, Rockets bounce back to beat Grizzlies

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The Houston Rockets didn't let Sunday's anemic performance at Miami carry over into the second night of a back-to-back.

With James Harden leading the way with 44 points, Houston was much more solid on Monday night, beating the Memphis Grizzlies 107-100.

After the game, many of the Rockets referenced the 129-100 loss to the Heat, in which Houston trailed by 41 points in the first half.

"We got smacked in the mouth in the first quarter. That should leave a mark," coach Mike D'Antoni said before the game.

Harden carried the load for the Rockets, who shot 38% from the field and were without Russell Westbrook, who took the night off for rest. The former MVP finished 12 of 28 from the field, including 7 of 16 from 3-point range. He added 10 rebounds and six assists.

Harden said a better energy level contributed to a better performance.

"When you bring energy to the game, good things happen for you and for our team," Harden said. "If you don't bring energy (and) you're not active, good things won't happen. That's what happened (Sunday) night."

Eric Gordon added 16 points, while Danuel House Jr. scored 15. Clint Capela had 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Rookie Ja Morant led Memphis with 23 points and six assists. Dillon Brooks scored 17 points. Jonas Valanciunas had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Morant was 10 of 16 from the field.

There were 15 ties and seven lead changes, and the game was tied at 70 midway through the third period.

Memphis, which has seen leads dwindle with poor second-half performances, saw Houston score 11 straight points, including six by Harden, to break the tie and build a cushion. Memphis never got closer than six points the rest of the way.

"Tough third quarter, in a sense, for both teams," Memphis first-year coach Taylor Jenkins said, "but I really liked the way our guys competed in the second half."

TIP-INS

Rockets: Closed out a four-game trip at 2-2. ... Have reached at least 60 points in the first half in four of eight games this season. ... Harden has 40-plus points in four straight games against the Grizzlies. ... D'Antoni challenged a foul against Ben McLemore in the fourth quarter, but officials upheld the call after review.

Grizzlies: F Jaren Jackson Jr. (right knee soreness) and G Grayson Allen (left ankle) sat out the game. Both left Saturday's loss to Phoenix in the third quarter. ... With Jackson out, rookie Brandon Clarke made his first NBA start. ... Dillon Brooks grabbed a career-high nine rebounds. ... Memphis trailed at halftime for the second time this season. ... Were called for five technical fouls in the game. ... Were outscored 22-16 in the third. Memphis has

not won a third quarter this season.

ROOKIE RECORDS

Morant has scored 117 points this season, the most by a Grizzlies rookie in his first six games. He also is the first rookie since the team moved to Memphis in 2001 to record consecutive games with at least 20 points and five assists. "He's a beast, man," Harden said of the second overall pick in this year's draft. "He's aggressive. As a young guy in this league, some guys tend to be nervous. He has no nerves at all."

TESTY TIMES

The game got testy with about two minutes left when Grizzlies forward Jae Crowder appeared to take a shot to the groin while guarding Harden. After the foul was called on Crowder, Harden and the Grizzlies exchanged words, leading to a technical against Crowder along with ejection. Harden was called for a flagrant-1 foul after a review by officials.

LAST WORD

"It was better, but it was so bad (Sunday) night. So, the bar was really low." — D'Antoni.

UP NEXT

Rockets: Host the Golden State Warriors on Wednesday.

Sports Briefs

Cavs guard Porter suspended 1 game for bumping official

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cavaliers rookie guard Kevin Porter Jr. has been suspended by the NBA for one game without pay for bumping an official.

At the end of the third quarter of Cleveland's 131-111 loss to Dallas on Sunday night, Porter brushed into referee Bill Spooner's shoulder as he ran back down the floor after missing a shot. The contact knocked Spooner off balance, and he immediately looked at Porter, who didn't turn around.

The league announced the discipline for Porter on Monday.

The Cavs drafted the 19-year-old Porter with the No. 30 overall pick in this year's draft. Considered one of the most talented players available, he was passed over by some teams after being suspended for conduct issues at Southern California. He played 21 games for the Trojans.

Porter is averaging 5.3 points in six games for the Cavs, who host the Boston Celtics on Tuesday night.

Black cat scampers on field at Cowboys-Giants game

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — A black cat got the best of the Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants for a few minutes Monday night.

The cat scampered on the field during a Giants drive in the second quarter and forced referee Clay Martin to delay the game while workers at MetLife Stadium and some New Jersey State Troopers herded the feline toward the end zone away from the players.

The cat didn't leave right away. It was directed into the corner of the end zone and then sprinted across the end line to a camera platform.

For a second, the cat jumped on the platform and then sprang out. It finished its run along the end line before running up the tunnel to the cheers of the crowd.

The cat wasn't good luck for the Giants, who lost 37-18.

Trout, Bregman, Semien AL MVP award finalists

NEW YORK (AP) — Los Angeles Angels outfielder Mike Trout, Houston third baseman Alex Bregman and Oakland shortstop Marcus Semien are finalists for the AL MVP award.

Trout is seeking his third MVP after winning in 2014 and '16. He finished second in 2012, '13, '15 and '18.

Washington third baseman Anthony Rendon, Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Cody Bellinger and Milwaukee outfielder Christian Yelich are the top

three for the NL honor. Yelich won last year's NL MVP award with 29 of 30 first-place votes.

Houston's Gerrit Cole and Justin Verlander are finalists for the AL Cy Young Award along with Tampa Bay's Charlie Morton, the Baseball Writers' Association of America said Monday. Verlander won the 2011 Cy Young with Detroit, when he also was voted MVP.

New York Mets ace Jacob deGrom is a finalist for the NL Cy Young Award after getting 29 of 30 first-place votes last year. He is competing with Washington's Max Scherzer and the Dodgers' Hyun-Jin Ryu. Scherzer is a three-time Cy Young winner.

Mets first baseman Pete Alonso, Atlanta right-hander Mike Soroka and San Diego shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr. are finalists for the NL Rookie of the Year. Houston designated hitter Yordan Alvarez, Tampa Bay second baseman Brandon Lowe and Baltimore left-hander John Means are the top candidates in the AL.

The Yankees' Aaron Boone, Minnesota's Rocco Baldelli and Tampa Bay's Kevin Cash are finalists for AL Manager of the Year. Atlanta's Brian Snitker is a finalist to win the NL award for the second straight season, joined by Milwaukee's Craig Counsell and St. Louis' Mike Shildt.

Rookies of the Year are announced Nov. 11, followed by Managers of the Year on Nov. 12. Cy Youngs are announced Nov. 13 and MVPs on Nov. 14.

Andrus stays with Rangers, passing 2nd chance to opt out

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Elvis Andrus is staying with the Rangers after the shortstop passed up on a second chance to opt out of his contract and become a free agent.

Andrus has \$43 million and three years left on his contract in Texas.

He just completed his 11th season with the Rangers. The 31-year-old shortstop is the team's longest-tenured player, and the only player remaining from their only two World Series appearances in 2010 and 2011.

Andrus hit .275 with 12 homers, 72 RBIs and 31 stolen bases in 147 games this year. He is a .275 career hitter with 73 homers and a team-record 302 stolen bases.

He also had the opportunity to opt out after the 2018 season, when he was limited to 97 games because of a fractured right elbow. The two potential opt-outs were part of the \$120 million, eight-year deal he signed before the 2015 season.

Texas also reinstated right-hander Jesse Chavez, All-Star slugger Joey Gallo and lefty Taylor Hearn from the 60-day injured list on Monday.

Tim Federowicz elected to become a free agent after the Rangers assigned the catcher outright to Triple-A Nashville.

Texas coach Smart says Jones to play after cancer treatment

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas coach Shaka Smart said Monday shooting guard Andrew Jones is ready for "significant" playing time after missing most of the last two seasons for cancer treatment.

Jones was Texas' leading scorer when he was diagnosed with leukemia in early January 2018 and missed the rest of that season. He was still undergoing treatment last season when he made brief appearances in two games.

Jones practiced with the team and finally finished his treatments in September, Smart said. Jones wasn't listed as a starter for Tuesday night's season opener against Northern Colorado, but he figures among the team's top six players right now.

"He's earned the right to go in the game and play significant minutes," Smart said.

Jones is still working to build his strength, but he still has basketball smarts and skills, Smart said.

"His jump shot didn't go anywhere," Smart said.

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