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**COVID-19 update for week of Aug. 17-21**

**Active cases: 61**

**Recovered: 157**

**Tests performed: 3674**

**Negative tests: 3422**

**Confirmed positive: 226**

**Results pending: 27**

**Upcoming Events:**

**Public Hearing on proposed City budget 2020-2021**  
 Aug. 25  
 5:30 p.m.  
 City Council Chambers

**Howard College Public Hearing Tax Increase**  
 5:30 p.m.

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## Howard County Commissioners approve budget, extend burn ban

By IRIS RANGEL

Herald Staff Writer

The Howard County Commissioners held a public hearing – on the third floor at the Howard County Courthouse – on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 on Monday afternoon.

During the public hearing, there was no citizen input nor was there any discussion from the court about the proposed 2020-21 budget. A motion was made by Commissioner John Cline to approve the proposed budget, however, he also spoke of carrying over \$147,000 of this year's budget to next year's budget for road and bridge. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jimmie Long and was passed 4-0. The public can find the proposed 2020-21 budget online soon, according to County Auditor Jackie Olson. Commissioners then began discus-



Courtesy photo

**County Commissioners held a public hearing, during the regular meeting of Commissioner Court on Monday. After the public hearing concluded, the court moved into regular agenda items. In addition to the budget, the tax rate was approved along with the burn ban extended.**

sion for the Tax Rate. The proposed new revenue tax rate was \$0.299562, which is approximately the same amount of taxes as last year, according to Olson. A motion was made to approve the proposed Tax Rate by Commissioner Long and seconded by Cline. The motion was passed 4-0.

JoAnn H. Valle then spoke on the agen-

da item Pharmaceutical Bids and Physicians Agreements for 2020-21 fiscal year-Howard County Detention Center & Howard County Indigent/Welfare Health Care, and County Juvenile Probation Program. According to Valle, after receiving the court's approval to apply for pharmacy bids, they received bids from IHS (Indian Health Services) and Diamond Pharmacy for the Detention Center. They did not receive any bids from CIHC (County Indigent Healthcare.) Valle recommended the lowest bid, which was from Diamond Pharmacy. However, discussion began on whether or not they would be able to provide adequate customer care since they are located in Pennsylvania. Afterward, there was a motion made by Commissioner Craig Bailey to accept the bid from Diamond Pharmacy. The motion was then seconded by Commissioner Oscar Garcia and passed 4-0.

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## 6th annual trade day and Garage Sale hosted by Coahoma Lions Club

By IRIS RANGEL

Herald Staff Writer

The Coahoma Lion's Club will be hosting their Sixth Annual Trade Day on Sept. 26, 2020, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Downtown Coahoma. This event will benefit scholarships for Coahoma High School seniors and offer vision care for Howard County residents. There will be a citywide garage sale in conjunction with the trade sale this year, and anyone within city limits is welcome to take part. There will be a fee to be listed on the garage sale listing map.

"We're trying to encourage people to shop locally. Get people out again. Get people to buy local, to support local," Lisa Duggan of the Coahoma Lion's Club said.

Event-goers will be able to enjoy upwards of 20 booths stocked with items



HERALD file photo

**Coahoam Trade Days is scheduled for Sept. 26. There are still booth spaces available. This is the sixth annual event and will be paired with the annual garage sale.**

See COAHOMA, Page 3

## Round 2 of Settled in Summer Market features live music, locally made crafts and more



HERALD photos/Amanda Duforat

The second Settled in Summer Market at Hotel Settles took place Sunday. Community members had from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. to get out and see some locally made arts and crafts, hear local music from Eddie Austin, and even enjoy some local food. More than 10 vendors gathered for the event on the Hotel Settles lawn. Despite the heat, residents turned out to support local vendors who were set up. Farm fresh vegetables, home made hot sauces, and even quail were available for purchase at the event. Hotel Settles offered the Sunday afternoon event as an opportunity for community to get out and support community. According to Hotel representatives, more events are on the horizon as things begin to open back up and a sense of normalcy begins to emerge.

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## Obituaries

## Terry Mark Leshner

Terry Mark Leshner, 57, entered eternal rest on Aug. 17, 2020, at his home in Airway Heights Washington.

He was born in Colorado Springs Colo. on May 26, 1963. Terry graduated from Big Spring High School class of 81. He worked for the Big Spring Fire Department before enlisting in the military. Terry served in the United States Airforce from 1986 to 2007 and retired as a Staff Sergeant at Fairchild Airforce Base. His military career included a tour of duty in South Korea, serving in Kuwait Desert Shield/Dessert Storm, and assisted in rescue operations during Hurricane Katrina.

Terry is survived by his daughter, Janissa Leshner 23, of Airway Heights WA, his former wife Rachel Lidell, of Enumclaw WA; One sister: Sue Hernandez and husband Gilbert of Big Spring Texas; Two nieces: Whitney Marquez of Abilene, Texas, and Kaci Cheyenne Marquez of Midland Texas; two great



nieces, Jadah and Amiyah; two great-nephews, Jordan and Jerryd, all of Abilene; Two aunts: Donice Goodrick Stiers of Anderson IN; Merlene Trexler Jacobson of Palos Heights, IL; three uncles, Mark Leshner of Mount Pleasant, Texas.; Marvin Trexler of Findlay OH and Darrell Trexler of Indianapolis IN.

Family and friends knew Terry to have a quirky sense of humor and he was quite the jokester. He was a loving father and had a heart of gold. He was generous in all his giving. His hobbies included collecting baseball cards, sports memorabilia and comic books. He enjoyed spending time with his dog CoCo.

Terry is preceded in death by his parents Janice Goodrick Leshner and Clark Leshner.

His final resting place will be at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene, Texas.

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*Paid Obituary*

## Nelda Ann Tobias

Nelda Ann Tobias, 89 of Knott, Texas, passed away Aug. 23, 2020, in Brownwood, Texas.

She will be in state Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held Friday, Aug. 28, 2020, at 10 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Services are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be given at npwelch.com.

## Jovita C. Jimenez

Jovita C. Jimenez, 76, died Monday, Aug. 24, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Samuel Marquez

Samuel Marquez, 74, died Monday, Aug. 24, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Flynn V. Long

Flynn V. Long, Jr., 92, of San Angelo formerly of Big Spring died Thursday, Aug. 20, 2020. Grave-side services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Mount Olive Memorial Park. He will be in state 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Flynn was pastor of First Presbyterian Church for a number of years.

Flynn is survived by his wife: Kay of San Angelo.

Flynn was preceded in death by his first wife: Grace Long, on Feb. 6, 1999.

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 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of E. I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of S. Runnels. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block

of S. Avenue in Coahoma. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of S. Main. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3100 block of S. Anderson Road. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Police Report

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ROBERT MARVIN CARSON**, 52, of 1401 S. Scurry Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **VICTOR KIPKOECH KIMELI**, 24, of 4501 Oakwood Drive, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RICHARD DAVID MCCUTCHAN**, 51, of 417 Westover Road, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **FRED JUAREZ**, 34, of 1501 Lincoln Avenue, was arrested on warrant – other agency (x2).
- **CASSANDRA ISABELLE SULATAN**, 25, of 812 Timothy Lane, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana (greater than four ounces less than or equal to five pounds) and possession of a controlled substance penalty group two (less than one gram).
- **JODY WAYNE DAWDY**, 54, of 1511 Sycamore Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BLAKE ALAN EASON**, 26, of 3102 S. Anderson Road, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and discharge firearm within city limits.
- **LAHOMA RENEE NOBLE**, 41, of 1801 Hamilton Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL VIERA**, 29, of 1620 Doug Olson, El Paso, Texas, was arrested on a charge of reckless driving.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 1600 block of Scurry.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in

the 600 block of Edwards Boulevard.

- **BURGLARY OF BUILDING** was reported in the 2000 block of S. Main Street.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of March and Randolph.
- **HIT AND RUN** was reported in the 1500 block of E. 11th Place.
- **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the 1600 block of S. Main Street.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road.
- **INTOXICATED SUBJECT** was reported in the 200 block of W FM 700.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of Lloyd Avenue.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore Street. (x2)
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2900 block of W Highway 80.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1200 block of Cypress Street.
- **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the 1400 block of Virginia Avenue.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2500 block of Langley Drive.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1800 block of Hamilton Street.
- **HIT AND RUN** was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2600 block of S. Gregg Street.

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**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 96. South wind around 5 mph becoming east in the afternoon.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 70. East wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 96. East wind around 5 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 72.

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

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 75.

**Friday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 103.

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 76.

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

# COUNTY

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Referring to the Payroll Tax Deferral Memorandum, according to County Auditor Sharon Adams, this would allow a tax break for county employees, but would also require the county to pay back the amount that was deferred. This would take place from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31. Adams mentioned speaking to other treasurers on the matter but received word that they are waiting on further guidance from the IRS.

"I don't think we should do this. There's too much to keep up with, there are too many variables we don't know to get this money back," Commissioner Bailey said.

A motion to not pursue/approve the Payroll Tax Deferral Memorandum was made by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, and passed 4-0.

Commissioners then went into Executive Session; upon reconvening Commissioners approved the Personnel Consideration agenda item, approving a request for 45 hours and 15 minutes to come out of the sick leave pool for one employee, in a 4-0 vote. During the Executive Session, there was also discussion on the agenda item Approval of landowner agreement for a second radio tower location. According to Commissioner Long, the second radio tower location has a varying contract that ranges from 10 years to five years and is for the sake of replacing the previous radio tower. A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia and was seconded by Bailey. The motion passed 4-0.

Electronic storage for Tax Office, at the request of Tiffany Sayles was tabled as further specifications were needed before Commissioners are able to come to a decision.

As dry weather conditions continue, and Howard County remains in a drought due to lack of rainfall this year, after hearing from Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Mitchell Hooper, County Commissioners decided to extend the burn ban for another 90 days.

"Here (In Howard County) today we have had over 108 grass fires. Texas A&M Forest Services

predicts in the next two months that those are going to accelerate in our area. So it is in our best interest to move to extend the burn ban an extra 90 days," Bailey said.

Bailey's motion was then seconded by Commissioner Long and passed unanimously.

Before the meeting adjourned, discussion on agenda items related to the CTIF (County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant) were discussed. According to Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek the CTIF Grant has been signed and awarded. Klinksiek will begin turning in the certifications within the next couple of weeks to begin upcoming projects. Klinksiek also states that in order to have a start date of Oct. 1, the bids for the first grant project on County Road 34 would need to go out now.

"By going out for bids right now, this allows me to have an Oct. 1 start date, not the work. So we are going to bid and we will accept probably the last week in September, with the intention of having boots on the ground Oct.

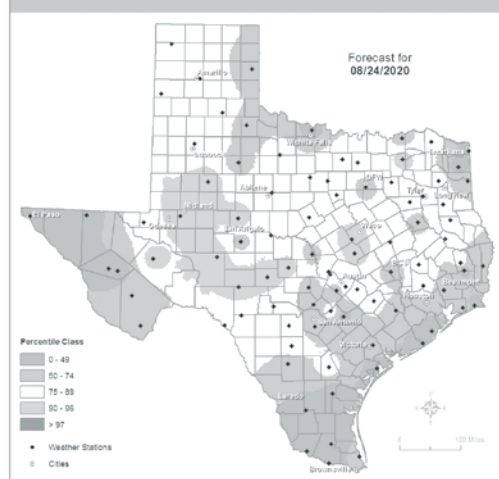
1," Klinksiek stated.

A motion to allow for bids to go out was then made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Long to carry 4-0.

Other items approved during Monday's meeting included:

- Allow for bids on roadway base and LRA
- Surface use agreement with Laredo
- Physicians service agreements for upcoming fiscal year
- Levying a tax rate
- Set salaries, expenses, and any other allowances of elected county officers
- Invoices, purchase requests, monthly report and budget amendments
- Treasurer's monthly report and monthly payroll report
- Obtain fuel bid
- Fee List

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**The Texas A&M Forest Service is predicting the fire danger to get worse and resources are running thin across the state. Howard County VFD Fire Chief Mitchell Hooper recommended extended burn ban.**

# COAHOMA

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like homemade goods, food, arts & crafts, antiques, collectibles, clothing, jewelry, gift ideas, wellness products, and garage sale items.

This year, due to Covid-19, Coahoma Trade Days will be practicing social distancing and recommend wearing a mask, but it is not required. Vendors and booth holders will have the choice to require a mask to shop inside their booths.

The Coahoma Lion's Club was first established in 1955 and has continued providing scholarships and aide for its community for 65 years. The Lion's Club Scholarship that Trade Days funds, allows four Coahoma High School seniors the chance to add an additional \$500 a semester to their college aide to attend Howard

College, each year.

"We have 18 members in the Coahoma Lion's Club, and we usually do four events a year. Any funds that we receive from any of them go back to the college scholarship fund for the seniors in Coahoma. The requirement for the scholarship is that it's used at Howard College. We want to encourage that local too," she said.

Attendees will have the chance to experience some fun in the sun all while shopping locally to support their community and youth.

"This is a wonderful event. We have lots of fun. We usually have a really good turn out and it does help support local vendors and local people here trying to sell their goods," Duggan said.

Deadline to reserve a lot is Thursday, Sep. 24. For more information, please call Lisa at City

Hall at 432-394-4287.

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# Settled in Summer Market marked success



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Vendors gathered once again for the second round of Settled in Summer Market at Hotel Settles this past weekend. More than 10 vendors were on hand with local crafts, home grown vegetables, homemade hot sauces and even an opportunity to enjoy a bite for lunch. The event took place on the Hotel Settles lawn from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and featured live entertainment from Eddie Austin. For those looking to sit and listen to the music there were a couple chairs and tables set out, along with an opportunity for some lawn games to be played. The event was focused on providing an opportunity to support locals and offer an opportunity to get out and about, as things slowly start to return to normal.

## Howard County students are back in the classroom



Photo submitted by Angelica Requejo

**A u s i a n a** was ready to head into her 2nd grade year at Coahoma Academy, after being off for six months. She was ready to go last week, as Coahoma headed back to classes.



Photo submitted by Baylea Roquemore

**Pictured Left: Adalynn Roquemore** was excited about heading into Kindergarten.

Photo submitted by Summer Pearson

**Pictured at right: Amberlea and Cristi** are heading into 8th Grade and Sophia is headed into 2nd Grade, as Alec started his educational career as a kindergartener. These students were ready to get back in the classroom.



## DPS seeks information in 1979 slaying of Dallas child

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is seeking leads in the 1979 homicide of 7-year-old Elizabeth Lynne Barclay, and an increased reward of up to \$6,000 is being offered for information that leads to the arrest of those responsible for her death if the tip is received before the next featured Texas Rangers cold case is announced. A \$3,000 reward for information leading to an arrest is routinely offered on all cases on the Texas Rangers Unsolved Homicides website.



Elizabeth Lynne Barclay

Just over 40 years ago, on Oct. 23, 1979, Barclay was walking with her younger brother and a friend in the 2900 block of West Northwest Highway in Dallas. It was the last time she was seen alive. The trio was approached by a black male — who was approximately 30 to 35 years old — driving a dark-colored vehicle with a trunk lid that wouldn't close all the way. The car stopped, and the male suspect exited the vehicle. Witness say the man grabbed Barclay and struck her several times as he carried her back to his car.

In December 1979, Barclay's remains were found on the side of a rural road in Van Zandt County. After a lengthy investigation by the Dallas Police Department, the case stalled. About a year ago, the Texas Rangers reopened the investigation. Anyone with information about the homicide or the identity of the offender is

urged to come forward. Today, the offender would likely be over 70 years old. To be eligible for cash rewards, tipsters MUST provide information to authorities by calling the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477). All tips are anonymous.

Individuals can also submit information through the Texas Rangers cold case website or by phone at 1-800-346-3242 (Missing Persons Hotline).

The DPS Texas Rangers Unsolved Homicides website provides information on more than 125 cases in an effort to garner public interest in unsolved or cold cases. Texas Crime Stoppers offers rewards (funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division and administered by DPS) of up to \$3,000 for infor-

mation that leads to the arrest of those responsible for any Rangers cold cases listed on the website. For more information, visit the Texas Rangers cold case website.

As part of a DPS public awareness program, one case from the Texas Ranger Unsolved Crimes Investigation (Cold Case) Program will be featured bi-monthly in an effort to generate new investigative leads and bring attention to these cold cases. The Texas Crime Stoppers reward is increased up to \$6,000 for the featured case in hopes that the higher reward money will generate additional tips. The higher reward amount will only be paid if the tip is submitted before the next case is featured.

The Texas Ranger Unsolved Crimes Investigations Program was created to assist Texas law enforcement agencies investigating unsolved homicides or violent serial crimes. Since there is no statute of limitations for the offense of murder, investigators pursue these cases to a successful resolution or until no viable leads remain.

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# Great Texas Birding Classic Moves to Fall for First Time Ever because of COVID

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AUSTIN— Drop that remote and grab those binoculars, the 24th Annual Great Texas Birding Classic (GTBC) is kicking off fall with its annual bird watching competition. For the first time ever, this spring event has moved to the fall due to the public health crisis. Coinciding with the fall migration, the GTBC is perfect for novice birders and nature lovers who want to get outside and take part in the competition.

The deadline to enter is Sept. 14. Teams can enter one or several categories lasting from a morning of birding to 24 hours of competition during this year's Birding Classic being held Oct. 1-31. Last year, more than 130 teams consisting of 850 participants throughout Texas recorded 411 bird species during a host of regional and statewide tournaments.

"Last year's participation was the highest in the past decade," said GTBC director Shelly Plante, Nature Tourism Manager for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "The Classic is a perfect fit for naturalists, birders, communities, nature centers, bird clubs and school groups. There is something for everyone, regardless of bird watching experience, age, ability or location. We postponed our traditional spring event due to the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, but that gave us a chance to create a really special once-in-a-lifetime Fall Birding Classic!"

This year, participants can choose to compete in two new categories the "Dispersed Flock" team and the "Intact Flock." "Dispersed Flock" teams consist of team members located anywhere in Texas. Families and friends can also team up to compete from wherever they are quarantining through the

"Intact Flock" category.

Participating teams can choose from a variety of tournament categories for this special Fall event, including:

**The Expanded Big Sit!** This category is great for teams that have one or two "ringer" birders or if you have lots of people wanting to be on one team together. Due to the pandemic, the size of the Big Sit! circle has increased to a 50-foot diameter to give everyone plenty of space to social distance.

**The State Park Tournament or Sunrise-to-Noon Tournament – "Intact Flock":** Ideal for a team seeking a more laid-back day without too much traveling. The "Intact Flock" category is ideal for friends or families who are quarantining and interacting together. These are mixed age teams, so kids, teens and adults can be on a team together.

**Regional and Statewide Big Day Tournaments – "Dispersed Flock":** Perfect for team members who are unable to participate together due to the pandemic. Participants may put together a team of birders with each team member located anywhere in Texas or in their selected region. Perfect for those who want to bird for most or all of a 24-hour period in their local "patch" (window views, yards, neighborhoods, or outdoor public spaces such as parks if permitted by local/statewide ordinances) within 50 miles of their homes. Categories are separated by age groups.

**Human-Powered by Group – "Dispersed Flock":** Participants can bird by bike, on foot, in a kayak or other non-motorized form of transport to take place in this tournament. Teams can be made up of members from any area of the state.

# Eli Cranor's Athletic Support: "Back to school woes"

By ELI CRANOR

Special to the Herald

Dear Athletic Support: The only reason we're putting my daughter in school this year is because of sports. Is that wrong? She'll be a seventh grader. So that means it's her first year for school-organized sports. Her interest in athletics varies from season to season. I'm afraid if she misses a whole year of sports, she'll fall so far behind she won't be able to keep up and will lose interest for good. I was an athlete and the lessons sports taught me — discipline, toughness, perseverance — have served me well throughout my adult life. I don't want my daughter to miss out on that. — First Year Mom



ELI CRANOR

Dear Athletic Support: My son is drained. After his first week of school, there's just nothing left. This has been impacting his after-school activities, namely, football. He's a senior and one of the best players on the team, but his coach is constantly griping at him. I've been to most of the practices, and despite the struggles these kids are facing right now, this coach still isn't cutting them any slack. It took everything I had last Thursday to keep from getting out of my truck and giving that coach a piece of my mind. What do you think? Should coaches give their players a break since COVID and school are already wearing them out?

— Keeping My Cool  
Dear Cool: Everything is different right now, and your son's coach should keep that in mind.

That being said, it's not a coach's job to take it easy on his players.

I've said it before, and I'll say it again — athletic success is not the end goal for most young athletes. It's not about the wins, or the awards, or getting your

name in the paper (I'm not sure kids even care about this anymore). The biggest benefits sports have to offer are its inherent lessons.

So, yes, things are weird right now. They're upside down and backwards. But many people are still having to go to work. They're still having to be husbands and wives and parents despite the chaos.

If this is the lesson your son's coach is teaching with his hard-nosed approach, then let it ride a bit and see what happens. If he's just being belligerent and nasty for no reason, then by all means, go and give him a piece of your mind.

Dear First Year Mom: Sports are important. I read a statistic the other day that said ninety percent of all Fortune 500 CEOs participated in athletics through high school. So, you're right to consider the impact of this strange, pandemic-altered school year on your daughter's athletic career. I also think you're right to worry she'll fall behind if she misses the seventh-grade season.

If you're wanting to do virtual, or even home school, there's good news! Most school districts allow home-school kids to participate in interscholastic athletics. You just need to contact your state's activity association and find out the guidelines.

I'd be willing to bet your daughter will be able to go to school virtually and still play in-person sports. Now you just need to keep your fingers — and toes — crossed that fall sports don't get cancelled.

# August Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting to Be Held Online

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN – With ongoing public health concerns continuing across the state, the August meeting of the Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) Commission scheduled for August 26-27 will be streamed virtually on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's website.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. CDT on both Wednesday and Thursday. Anyone can listen to the live broadcast either via computer with a reliable internet connection capable of streaming audio, or by phoning in toll-free. The agenda for the Commission meeting, the latest updates, streaming event access and public testimony instructions can be found on the TPWD website. The toll-free phone number to call for live meeting audio will be provided there the day of the meeting.

Public comment for action items will be heard on Thursday. Anyone can read regulations proposals and make comments about them online before the meeting on the TPWD website public comment page. Those wishing to address the Commission must submit a registration form no later than noon CDT Wednesday, August 26.

# JH Big Spring Volleyball Updated Schedule

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

The Big Spring Lady Steers Junior High Volleyball team will no longer face-off against the Snyder Lady Tigers on Sept. 10. Also, the next game against Snyder that was originally scheduled for Oct. 12 will now be played on Oct. 15.

This will put a small hitch in the Lady Steers schedule because

they now have no opponent or matches at all for the week of Sept. 10.

Big Spring will still open their Junior High season on Sept. 3 when they take on Lake View on the road in an opposing gym. Following that match, the Lady Steers will not play until they travel to Levelland on Sept. 14 to take on the Lady Lobos.

## MLB Schedule

### Monday Results

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Toronto Blue Jays	@ Tampa Bay Rays	6-4, Blue Jays
Miami Marlins	@ Washington Nationals	11-8, Marlins
Minnesota Twins	@ Cleveland Indians	3-2, Twins
Chicago Cubs	@ Detroit Tigers	9-3, Cubs
Oakland Athletics	@ Texas Rangers	3-2, Rangers
Cincinnati Reds	@ Milwaukee Brewers	4-2, Brewers
Kansas City Royals	@ St. Louis Cardinals	9-3, Cardinals
Los Angeles Angels	@ Houston Astros	11-4, Astros
Colorado Rockies	@ Arizona Diamondbacks	3-2, Rockies

### Tuesday Games

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
Los Angeles Angels	@ Houston Astros	3:05 p.m.
Miami Marlins	@ New York Mets	4:10 p.m.
Philadelphia Phillies	@ Washington Nationals	5:05 p.m.
Boston Red Sox	@ Toronto Blue Jays	5:37 p.m.
Baltimore Orioles	@ Tampa Bay Rays	5:40 p.m. (FS1)
Los Angeles Angels	@ Houston Astros	6:05 p.m.
New York Yankees	@ Atlanta Braves	6:10 p.m.
Minnesota Twins	@ Cleveland Indians	6:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs	@ Detroit Tigers	6:10 p.m.
Oakland Athletics	@ Texas Rangers	7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh Pirates	@ Chicago White Sox	7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati Reds	@ Milwaukee Brewers	7:10 p.m.
New York Mets	@ Miami Marlins	7:10 p.m.
Kansas City Royals	@ St. Louis Cardinals	7:15 p.m.
Seattle Mariners	@ San Diego Padres	8:10 p.m.
Colorado Rockies	@ Arizona Diamondbacks	8:40 p.m.
Los Angeles Dodgers	@ San Francisco Giants	8:45 p.m.

## NBA Playoff Schedule

### First Round

#### Monday Results

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Milwaukee Bucks (3)	@ Orlando Magic (1)	121-106, Bucks
Houston Rockets (2)	@ Oklahoma City Thunder (2)	117-114, Thunder
Indiana Pacers (0)	@ Miami Heat (4)	99-87, Heat
Los Angeles Lakers (3)	@ Portland Trail Blazers (1)	135-115, Lakers

#### Tuesday Games

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
Utah Jazz (3)	@ Denver Nuggets (1)	5:30 p.m. (TNT)
Dallas Mavericks (2)	@ Los Angeles Clippers (2)	8:00 p.m. (TNT)

## NHL Playoff Schedule

### Second Round

#### Monday Results

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
New York Islanders (1)	@ Philadelphia Flyers (0)	4-0, Islanders
Dallas Stars (2)	@ Colorado Avalanche (0)	5-2, Stars

#### Tuesday Games

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
Boston Bruins	@ Tampa Bay Lightning	6:00 p.m. (NBCSN)
Vancouver Canucks	@ Vegas Golden Knights	8:45 p.m. (NBCSN)

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**Dear Annie:** My wife and I are a retired elderly couple living in a ranch-style home. Over the last four years, my wife has had some health issues and is limited in what she can do. I have been more or less a caregiver, doing all the chores around the house, such as cleaning, washing clothes, cooking and shopping.

Her daughter, who is my stepdaughter and over 50 years old, has been asking to help us with the housework. So, this past week, we

asked her to clean a dining room for us by dusting; washing windows; cleaning woodwork, a china closet, a buffet and a dining table; and sweeping the floor. I noticed this morning that the buffet looked unclean. I took a baby wipe and just went along the edges, and it was not clean, and the baby wipe was very dirty.

I asked my wife if her daughter had cleaned the buffet. She said yes and that she applied Pledge. Should I approach my stepdaughter, who has a temper? I paid \$50 for her work.

Should I ignore it or tell her about my finding? Maybe I should just do the work myself. -- Dusty Buffet Table

**Dear Dusty:** It sounds like your stepdaughter might not be the best housekeeper in the world. At the same time, you sound very particular about how cleaning is done. Don't say anything to your stepdaughter. She obviously tried, and her mom is not doing well. Just don't have her clean again.

**Dear Annie:** This is an open letter to the women's nightwear

industry. Give us feminine pajamas. By us, I mean petite women under size 5.

You make beautiful feminine nightgowns -- that could go on the dance floor -- but pajamas that look like we are going to work in the mines (or sleep in them). They have the same old men's shirts with piping around and down the button front and patch pocket. Where are the laces, ribbons, bows, baby buttons, ruffles and frills? Anything that shows we are female and sexy?

We want necklines that are imaginative and decorative, that show we are women but not sluts. We want sleeves that keep us warm and are pretty, not just serviceable. We want bottoms to keep our thighs from sticking together when it's hot, and to keep us warm when it's cold. And do camouflage the bigness of them -- maybe just below the knee to mid-calf with lace or ribbons. And enough fabric to span bigger bellies comfortably. Even at 77, I want to look feminine and sexy for ME, let alone a partner.

Use your imagination, and provide us pajamas we will be proud to wear. -- Petite Lace and Bows

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By Steve Becker

Oops!

South dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH ... WEST ... EAST ... SOUTH ... The bidding: ... Opening lead — four of hearts.

Declarer went up with the ace and drew trump, ending in her hand. She then led a club to the queen, losing to the ace. At this point, West realized she could have defeated the slam earlier by leading her singleton club.

This deal occurred in a women's pair championship. The bidding indicates that North-South were not gunshy in undertaking slams. North's five-spade bid, following her two previous forward-going responses, clearly shows she did not come from the shrinking-violet school.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



Venus and Jupiter Tug o' War

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Just when you think you know what you care about, you discover feelings you didn't even know were there for people, places or things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). How do you care for a person who doesn't need your care? That's easy: You do what's fun. As you follow your own curiosity and joy, it sparks the same in others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Many will be attracted to your kindness, including orphans, strays, wounded souls and kindred spirits. You'll be open to all types and learn a little something from each person you interact with.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are inspired by encouragement and support. You're also inspired by criticism and competition. Neither way is better than the other. Take motivation wherever you can get it, no judgment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Some of your resources are not readily apparent. They are like underwater springs. Like the ancients who used a sacred stick to find water underground, apply your intuition to divine your way to the good stuff.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The flow of energy through a location matters even more

than the location itself today. Bad organization leads to unnecessary stress. Arrange things so you can easily move through.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Love isn't always wise, but it is unwise indeed to shun love. Open yourself to love from wherever it may come, and accept as much of it as you are given.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't hold out for magic. Make it happen. Align yourself with powerful forces to bring about a certain result, or learn the smoke-and-mirrors tricks that create an effect. Magic is within your ability.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The last word goes to the one who is the most stubborn, not the most correct. Either way, it is a childish prize to fight for unless you are a parent teaching respect and manners to a child.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In dedicating yourself to being more effective, you will have the bonus of being more powerful. With power comes responsibility. You'll be deciding, realistically, if you really want it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The new person entering your life is neither entirely familiar nor entirely strange. There is some old Karma to work out here. No need to ask too many questions, though... feel your way through it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Much will be sorted out in 15 silent, thoughtful minutes. Those breaks during which you retreat to the sanctuary of your own mind will recharge you and open you to wonderful ideas.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 25). There has been and will continue to be much that was out of your control, and yet your deft handling of circumstances will put you in power. You will lead a group and do so in the spirit of hope and justice. Make a play for unlikely prizes in the new year because you'll be exceptionally lucky. February brings a financial boon. Libra and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 40, 39, 3 and 22.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: (Part Two of Three) Yesterday's question was from a Virgo planning to share a home with her husband, two children and her mother, a Sagittarius. She wrote: "When I surprised her to share the news that we wanted to include her in our house hunt, mother had her curtains drawn and was in her dark living room curled into a fetal position. I felt the need to protect her from herself. That said, I don't want to bring potential toxicity into the safe space that I have deliberately shaped for my husband and children."

While boundaries are crucial here, going into this with a bunch of rules, as is the Virgoean way, will place too much energy on what you (SET ITAL) don't (END ITAL) want to happen. You can cut through the necessity of a Sheldon Cooper-esque "roommate agreement" with one seemingly selfish mandate: Always ask, "What's in it for me?"

Does this advice come across as odd to someone in your position, which is to say, embarking on a journey that very well may put you on the shortlist for canonization? Even so, figuring out what's in it for you will call out your better angels. It is the way to avoid the over-giving that leads to resentment, the compromise that no one is really happy with, the bending that leads to breaking. More tomorrow...

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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to mentoring. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 23 = e)

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B. 20 11 24 19 23 Clue: Shows the way

C. 12 23 7 7 14 26 7 Clue: Teachings

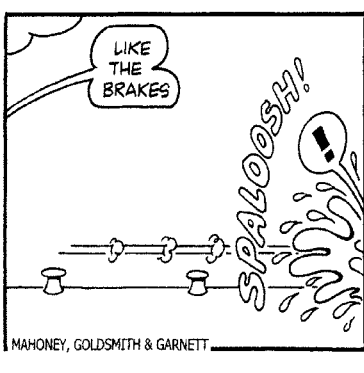
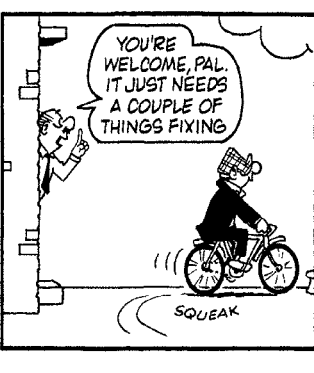
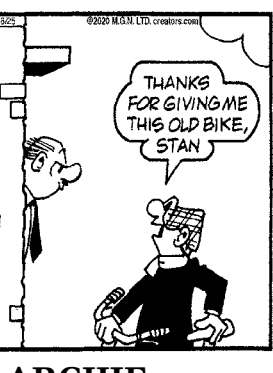
D. 26 23 18 17 14 15 5 Clue: Group of associates

Answers: A. mentor B. guide C. lessons D. network

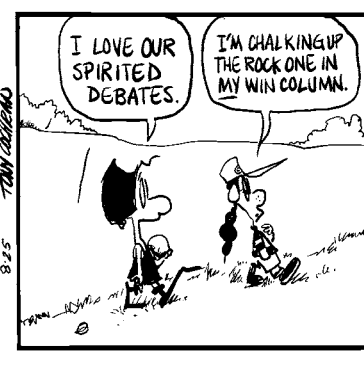


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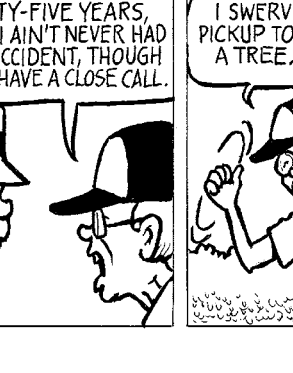
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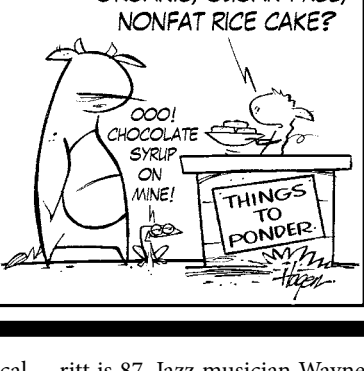
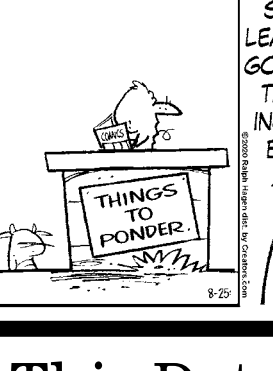
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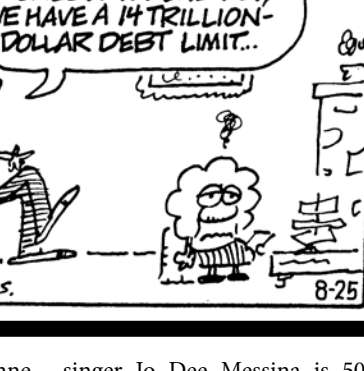
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 25, the 238th day of 2020. There are 128 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On August 25, 1944, during World War II, Paris was liberated by Allied forces after four years of Nazi occupation.

On this date: In 1718, hundreds of French colonists arrived in Louisiana, with some settling in present-day New Orleans.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed an act establishing the National Park Service within the Department of the Interior.

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a measure providing pensions for former U.S. presidents and their widows.

In 1967, George Lincoln Rockwell, founder of the American Nazi Party, was shot to death in the parking lot of a shopping center in Arlington, Virginia; former party member John Patler was later convicted of the killing.

In 1980, the Broadway musical "42nd Street" opened. (Producer David Merrick stunned the cast and audience during the curtain call by announcing that the show's director, Gower Champion, had died earlier that day.)

In 1981, the U.S. spacecraft Voyager 2 came within 63,000 miles of Saturn's cloud cover, sending back pictures of and data about the ringed planet.

In 2001, rhythm-and-blues singer Aaliyah (ah-LEE'-yah) was killed with eight others in a plane crash in the Bahamas; she was 22.

In 2012, Neil Armstrong, 82, who commanded the historic Apollo 11 lunar landing and was the first man to set foot on the moon in July 1969, died in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In 2009, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, the liberal lion of the U.S. Senate, died at age 77 in Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, after a battle with a brain tumor.

In 2014, a funeral was held in St. Louis for Michael Brown, the Black 18-year-old who was shot to death by a police officer in suburban Ferguson.

In 2017, Hurricane Harvey, the fiercest hurricane to hit the U.S. in more than a decade, made landfall near Corpus Christi, Texas, with 130 mph sustained winds; the storm would deliver five days of rain totaling close to

52 inches, the heaviest tropical downpour ever recorded in the continental U.S. The hurricane left at least 68 people dead and caused an estimated \$125 billion in damage in Texas.

In 2018, Sen. John McCain of Arizona, who had spent years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam before a 35-year political career that took him to the Republican presidential nomination, died at the age of 81 after battling brain cancer for more than a year.

Ten years ago: North Korea welcomed Jimmy Carter back to Pyongyang as the former U.S. president arrived to bring home Aijalon Mahli Gomes (EYE'-jah-lahn MAH'-lee gohms), an American jailed in the communist country since January 2010 for entering the country illegally from China.

Five years ago: French authorities formally opened a terrorism investigation into a foiled attack four days earlier; a prosecutor said minutes before he slung an assault rifle across his chest and walked through a high-speed train, suspect Ayoub El-Khazzani of Morocco had watched a jihadi video on his cellphone.

One year ago: Thousands turned out for a benefit hosted by comedian Dave Chappelle in Dayton, Ohio, for victims' families and survivors of a shooting rampage earlier in the month that killed nine people and left dozens injured. Joe Walsh, a former Illinois congressman and tea party favorite who'd become a radio talk show host, announced a challenge to President Donald Trump for the Republican nomination in 2020, saying Trump was unfit for office. (Walsh ended his challenge six months later.) Opera star Placido Domingo received a standing ovation as he took to the stage at the Salzburg Festival in Austria, his first performance since nine women accused him of sexual harassment in a report by The Associated Press. A team from suburban New Orleans defeated Curacao 8-0 to claim the Little League World Series title.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Sean Connery is 90. Actor Tom Skerrett is 87. Jazz musician Wayne Shorter is 87. Movie director Hugh Hudson is 84. Author Frederick Forsyth is 82. Movie director John Badham is 81. Filmmaker Marshall Brickman is 81. Rhythm-and-blues singer Walter Williams (The O'Jays) is 77. Actor Anthony Heald (held) is 76. Rock singer-actor Gene Simmons is 71. Actor John Savage is 71. Au-

thor Martin Amis (AY'-mih) is 71. Country singer-musician Henry Paul (Outlaws; Blackhawk) is 71. Rock singer Rob Halford is 69. Rock musician Geoff Downes (Asia) is 68. Rock singer Elvis Costello is 66. Movie director Tim Burton is 62. Actor Christian LeBlanc is 62. Actor Ashley Crow is 60. Actor Ally Walker is 59. Country singer Cyrus (AKA Billy

Ray Cyrus) is 59. Actor Joanne Whalley is 59. Rock musician Vivian Campbell (Def Leppard) is 58. Actor Blair Underwood is 56. Actor Robert Maschio is 54. Rap DJ Terminator X (Public Enemy) is 54. Alternative country singer Jeff Tweedy (Wilco) is 53. Actor David Alan Basche (BAYSH) is 52. Television chef Rachael Ray is 52. Actor Cameron Mathison is 51. Country

singer Jo Dee Messina is 50. Model Claudia Schiffer is 50. Country singer Brice Long is 49. Actor-writer-director Ben Falcone (fal-KOHN') is 47. Actor Eric Millegan is 46. Actor Alexander Skarsgard is 44. Actor Jonathan Togo is 43. Actor Kel Mitchell is 42. Actor Rachel Bilson is 39. Actor Blake Lively is 33. Actor Josh Flitter is 26.

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Look bad when worn together
  - 6 Actor Baldwin
  - 10 Cooler than hot
  - 14 "\_\_\_ hesitates is lost"
  - 15 Uproar
  - 16 Neck of the woods
  - 17 Traditional Arctic home
  - 18 First guy in the Bible
  - 19 Impose, as a tax
  - 20 A rescheduling for later
  - 23 Secret agent
  - 24 People who snooze
  - 28 Measures of gem weight
  - 32 "Don't rub \_\_\_"
  - 34 Filmmaker Brooks
  - 35 Workshop
  - 36 Des Moines' state
  - 37 Pet protection org.
  - 38 "Do tomorrow" strategy
  - 41 Frames of eyeglasses
  - 42 Arrange for in advance
  - 43 Qualify for
  - 44 "Don't mind \_\_\_ do!"
  - 45 Enemies
  - 46 Fights off
  - 47 Commits robbery
  - 49 Rower's blade
  - 50 Delaying a decision
  - 57 Sleep in a tent
  - 60 Scottish girl
  - 61 Lake boat
  - 62 Milky-colored gemstone
  - 63 Otherwise

- DOWN**
- 1 Crunchy potato snack
  - 2 Brand of toy bricks
  - 3 Hole-punching tools
  - 4 Photographed
  - 5 Basketball player, informally
  - 6 \_\_\_ rate (nevertheless)
  - 7 Vein of ore
  - 8 Dutch wax-coated cheese
  - 9 Joke-telling entertainer
  - 10 Ballroom dance in three-quarter time
  - 11 "\_\_\_ you listening?"
  - 12 Gun, as an engine
  - 13 Spring month
  - 21 Covert activities, for short
  - 22 Prefix for sense
  - 25 \_\_\_ State (New York's nickname)
  - 26 Pull back in fear
  - 27 Tilts slightly
  - 28 Women's calf-length pants
  - 29 Floating aimlessly at sea
  - 30 Apartment sharer, slangily
  - 31 Rainbow shapes
  - 32 Tiny bits
  - 33 Small bed size
  - 36 Cruise stop
  - 37 Rung of a ladder
  - 39 Last Supper attendees
  - 40 From Austin or Boston
  - 45 Winter bug
  - 46 Cloth scrap
  - 48 Spread on, as makeup
  - 49 Initial stage
  - 51 With 53 Down, improbable story
  - 52 "This \_\_\_ sudden!"
  - 53 See 51 Down
  - 54 \_\_\_ about (approximately)
  - 55 Sweet, as a farewell
  - 56 Service charges
  - 57 New England fish
  - 58 Orangutan, for one
  - 59 Grown-up boy

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Answer to previous puzzle

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# Schroder scores 30; Thunder top Rockets to even series

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Dennis Schroder scored a career playoff-high 30 points, and the Oklahoma City Thunder rallied to beat the Houston Rockets 117-114 on Monday and even the first-round Western Conference playoff series at two wins apiece.

Oklahoma City trailed by 15 points in the third quarter and was down a point heading into the fourth. But the Thunder led the league during the regular season with 17 wins after trailing heading into the final quarter. And they trailed going into the fourth on Saturday before winning in overtime.

"I always believe we can turn it around," Schroder said. "Just bring a little bit of energy, get stops as a team, take the good shots and we'll be in good shape. We've been doing it all season."

Chris Paul scored 26 points and Shai Gilgeous-Alexander added 18 points and 12 rebounds for the Thunder, who won despite allowing 23 3-pointers.

James Harden had 32 points, 15 assists and eight rebounds for Houston. Eric Gordon scored 23 points and Danuel House Jr. added 21 for the Rockets.

The Thunder shot 49% from the field.

"This game, we needed better individual defense," Gordon said. "They really had it going, and they just tried to spread us out and go one-on-one. We scored enough but they just continued to keep scoring and that was really the name of the game."

Former Thunder star Russell Westbrook sat out for Houston again with a strained right quad. The All-Star point guard has not played in the series.

The score was tied at 60 at the half. The Thunder shot 47.8% and the Rockets 47.7% before the break.

Houston made its first eight 3-pointers to start the third quarter. The Rockets led 93-80 before Schroder made a 3-pointer and Houston's Austin Rivers was called for a foul away from the shot. Oklahoma City's Nerlens Noel made the free throw, and that sequence sparked a 12-0 run for the Thunder. Schroder hot a deep 3-pointer at the buzzer, and the Oklahoma City climbed within 93-92

at the end of the third.

"I think our team all season has dealt with adversity really, really good," Paul said. "We just tried to keep playing, keep fighting and stayed in the game."

Harden made a 3-pointer with 16.3 seconds to play to cut Oklahoma City's lead to 113-111, but Schroder made two free throws with 15.8 seconds to go to give the Thunder control for good.

"Teams are going to make runs, but it's the way they made their runs," Harden said. "We weren't getting our shots offensively, and defensively, we weren't sticking to our principles. So it was a disaster on both ends."

## TIP-INS

Rockets: Ben McLemore was called for a Flagrant 1 in the second quarter for hitting Schroder in the head when Schroder drove to the hoop. ... Made 8 of 15 3-pointers in the first quarter.

Thunder: Shot 61% in the first quarter. ... Paul scored 14 points in the third quarter. ... Outscored the Rockets' bench 43-13.

## KOBE TRIBUTE

After being asked about Kobe Bryant's birthday being Aug. 23, Paul described a shift in his pregame routine out of respect for Bryant's No. 8. "Before the game, I used to hit the stanchion three times. Three times before the jump ball. I do eight now. I do eight, and I look up and say, 'Let's go Bean.'"

## QUOTABLE

Thunder coach Billy Donovan on his team's confidence that it can rally: "I think a lot of these guys understand now, there's so many possessions in an NBA game. There's so much time and people are playing so much faster. Leads that years ago may have seemed like a really, really difficult hill to climb are certainly attainable to get back in the game."

## UP NEXT

Game 5 will be played on Wednesday.

# Valdez fans career-high 11 as Astros beat Angels 11-4

HOUSTON (AP) — Before Dusty Baker became manager of the Houston Astros, he heard that left-hander Framber Valdez had all the weapons, but just needed to get it all together and find the strike zone.

In the last month, the 26-year-old has been able to do just that and it's helped steady a rotation that has been hit hard by injuries.

Valdez struck out a career-high 11 in seven strong innings and Carlos Correa drove in three runs as the Astros snapped a three-game skid with an 11-4 win over the Los Angeles Angels on Monday night.

Angels star Albert Pujols passed Alex Rodriguez on the career RBIs list with a single for his 2,087th run batted in. Hank Aaron is the record holder at 2,297 — Babe Ruth is listed next on some charts with 2,214, even though 224 occurred before the RBI became an official statistic in 1920.

Houston led by one with two outs and the bases loaded in the sixth inning when Correa laced a double to the left field corner to send everyone home and make it 8-4. Kyle Tucker, who hit a solo homer in the second inning, followed with a double that scored Correa to pad the lead.

"Framber was doing a great job, so to be able to give him a comfortable lead that was huge for him to go out and just throw strikes and keep dominating," Correa said.

Baker raved about Valdez's curveball, which he used to get all of his strikeouts.

"His curveball has always been good," Baker said. "What his curveball does is it kind of peels the banana, which is a baseball term where he's sinking away his fastball and then his curveball he either back doors it or peels the banana on the inside part of the plate."

Valdez (3-2) yielded six hits and four runs to get

his third straight win. He got better as the game went on and retired the last seven batters he faced with five strikeouts, ending his night by fanning Shohei Ohtani and Mike Trout.

The Astros got back on track after being swept in a three-game series this weekend in San Diego that came that came after they won a season-high eight games in a row.

"It was huge to win tonight because we had a really tough series in San Diego and we wanted to start off on the right foot," Correa said. "We have a long homestand so we want to make sure it's a good one and this is the right way to start."

Justin Upton homered and David Fletcher had three hits for the Angels, who have lost six of seven.

Patrick Sandoval (0-4) took the loss after the Astros jumped on him for seven hits and five runs in 2 2/3 innings.

"He just couldn't get it to the right spots," manager Joe Maddon said. "I mean they were all over everything, is the best way I could describe it. Try to get him to reboot a little bit and slow things down but it didn't want to happen tonight, it just didn't. They swung the bats extremely well against him."

Tucker gave Houston an early 1-0 lead with no outs in the second inning when he homered for the second straight game. An RBI single by Josh Reddick with one out in the inning made it 2-0.

The Angels cut the lead to 2-1 on an RBI single by Fletcher in the third.

Michael Brantley hit a run-scoring double in the third to make it 4-1. A wild pitch by Sandoval allowed Brantley to advance to third and he scored on a single by Reddick.

There were two outs in the fourth when Upton snapped a 1-for-39 skid with his solo home run to the seats in right field to cut the lead to 5-2.

Anthony Rendon and Pujols hit back-to-back RBI singles with two outs in the fifth to get the Angels within 5-4 before Correa's big hit in the sixth.

## TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: CF George Springer exited the game in the sixth inning after he was hit by a pitch just above the left elbow. He has a bruised left elbow and X-rays were negative. ... Ace Justin Verlander threw 20 pitches on Sunday and manager Dusty Baker got a positive report that he felt good after the session. Verlander has been on the injured list since July 25 with a strained right forearm.

## EYE ON THE STORM

Thursday's game between these teams has been moved to Tuesday and will be played as part of a doubleheader because of Tropical Storm Laura.

The Astros were supposed to wrap up a four-game series with the Angels on Thursday afternoon. Instead, they will play a doubleheader starting at 4:05 p.m. EDT on Tuesday. Laura could make landfall on the Gulf coast late Wednesday night or early Thursday morning.

Wednesday's game, which was scheduled to start at 9:10 p.m. Eastern, was moved up to 1:10 p.m. because of the impending storm.

Maddon said Monday that the team could take a bus to another city away from the storm before flying home after Wednesday's game. He also said that there is a possibility that the teams won't play on Wednesday because of Laura.

## UP NEXT

Houston's Cristian Javier (2-1, 3.55 ERA) will oppose left-hander Jose Suarez (0-1, 33.75) in the first game of Tuesday's doubleheader. Julio Teheran (0-2, 10.38) will start for Los Angeles in Game 2. The Astros haven't announced their starter for the nightcap of the twin bill.

# Houston's Stills discusses kneeling, activism and Goodell

HOUSTON (AP) — Kenny Stills is glad NFL commissioner Roger Goodell regrets the way he initially reacted when Colin Kaepernick and a handful of other players began kneeling during the national anthem to protest police brutality years ago.

But Goodell's regrets are a bit late for Stills, a receiver for the Houston Texans who began kneeling for the anthem soon after Kaepernick did in 2016, and has continued to do so since then.

Goodell said recently in a video with former NFL player Emmanuel Acho that he "wished we had listened earlier, Kaep, to what you were kneeling about and what you were trying to bring attention to."

In the same interview, Goodell said that he'd spoken about the issue "a lot" with Stills, who is one of the NFL's most active and vocal leaders on issues of police brutality and social justice.

"He can say whatever he wants to say now," Stills said Monday. "But in a sense, if he would have taken a more stern stance and he would have listened to us at the beginning of this, there would have been so many lives that could have been saved."

He went on to call Goodell's words a "nice gesture" but wants to see the league do more to promote issues important to the players in the future.

"We're reactive instead of proactive when it comes a lot of issues in our country and within the league as well," he said. "And so I hope that we can do a better job moving forward of listening to our players and understanding our issues and then doing something about it."

Stills spent much of his offseason involved in activism and has been at the forefront of the movement seeking justice for Breonna Taylor, the Black emergency medical technician

in Louisville, who was killed when officers entered her apartment with a no-knock warrant during a drug investigation. The warrant to search her home in March was in connection with a person who did not live there, and no drugs were found inside.

Stills was among 87 people arrested last month after they gathered at the home of Kentucky's attorney general to demand that the police officers involved in her death be criminally charged.

Stills posts about the case multiple times a day on social media and wore a shirt that read "Breonna Taylors Killers Are Still Police Officers" on Monday.

"It's been over 155, almost 160 days and there's been no justice served in this case," he said. "So, yeah, I went there to bring more attention to this case and we're hoping that something can happen soon. For the officers to be arrested, fired and prosecuted for what they did to Breonna Taylor."

Stills, who is entering his eighth NFL season, considered opting out this year to focus more of his time on the cause, but ultimately decided he could make more of an impact as part of the team.

"You think about what's going on in our country right now, I feel like sports really are a distraction from it," he said. "There's other things that are

way more important than playing football or playing sports at the moment ... (but) I thought after speaking with people that I was close

to and some of my teammates, that I could be more of a benefit to this team and to the movement on the inside trying to be a leader working with my teammates, working with the staff here, working with the league."

That's not to say there aren't times when Stills has trouble focusing on football because of disturbing news that continues to play out in America. The latest example came when he saw the video of Sunday's police shooting in Wisconsin of a Black man as he leaned into his SUV while his three children sat in the vehicle. The man, Jacob Blake, remained hospitalized on Monday.

"I saw that video this morning around 5:00 a.m. and I didn't know if I was going to come to work today," Stills said. "I've been upset, crying all the way up until practice and then something happened at practice that had nothing to do with that and I'm on the side, ready to explode and it had nothing to do with what was happening."

Stills has had to fight through a variety of emotions over the last few months since the death of George Floyd

in the custody of Minneapolis police sparked massive demonstrations across the country and worldwide and led to more candid conversations about race in America.

"(There's) this almost sense of defeat," he said. "I'm trying to figure out ways to kind of battle through that and try to be the light or try and be a light within my family or within this locker room and not be defeated and not give up."

The 28-year-old appreciates that people are beginning to have conversations about the reasons he and others have been kneeling. But he said there's much more work to do if there is going to be real change.

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