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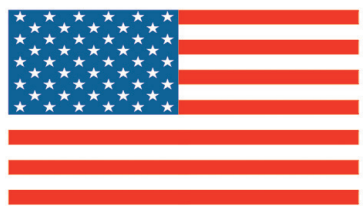
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## City Council to discuss economic agreement regarding Big Spring mall

By **ROGER CLINE**

Herald Staff Writer

An economic agreement involving Big Spring's mall is on the City Council's agenda for its Tuesday evening regular meeting.

During the meeting - scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth St. - the council will consider economic incentives for Texas NH Management LLC, a nursing home management company based in Garrison, Texas. The company is in negotiations to purchase the local mall, and the agreement would guarantee property tax rebates on the property of 100 percent for the first five years (2021-2026), 80 percent for the sixth year (2027), 60 percent for

the seventh year (2028); 40 percent in the eighth year (2029); and 20 percent in the ninth year (2030). Starting in 2031, all rebates by the city would expire and the

company would be expected to pay the full property tax rate. The city would also rebate 1/3 of the sales tax it collects from tenants at the mall.

In exchange, Texas NH Management would agree to refrain from leasing or selling mall space to non-profit organizations other than military or public sector recruiters or the mall's current owners. The company would also refrain from leasing space to organizations that sell donated goods (other than gift wrapping) which could result in a charitable tax deduction; or to resellers, resale businesses, or second-hand stores; or to adult or sexually oriented businesses; or to payday loan or auto title loan companies; or to pawn shops. The company would also provide the city accurate records to allow the city to

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### Upcoming Events

**Large Item Pick Up District 6**  
 June 16

**Schedule pick up by**  
 June 14

**Veterans of Comedy Fundraiser Show for DAV of Big Spring**  
 June 11 at 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Rd.

**Donations accepted at the door**

**Scenic Mountain Medical Center will have first doses available Wednesday, June 10 from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.**

**Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo**  
 June 17-19  
 8 p.m. nightly

**Summer meal program through BSISD has started**

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### A moment in history

## The Wagon Wheel Story



Courtesy photo

The famous wagon wheel is pictured in one of the historic restaurants in old time Big Spring.

By **JAMES JOHNSTON**

Special to the Herald

Married in 1923, H. M. Rainbolt and his flapper girl, Ruby, were a typical young couple, full of hope and energy and chasing America's energy of the Roaring 1920s. As

the Jazz Age moved on, they would move to Big Spring, Texas, where they would run a wholesale grocery business. The business struggled through the Depression and finally drove them to California, where they operated a commercial refrigeration business. After three years, H. M. and Ruby would move back to Big Spring and struggle and stress to make a living. They would eventually come to run three small cafes at the Bombardier School. In those rough years, Ruby would file for divorce. However, H. M. and Ruby came to know that they were better together than apart and became one of Big Spring's best-known couples.

In 1943, with high energy and opportunity, H. M. and Ruby would lease a "Steak House" restaurant from Ted Grobel. During those years in California, the Rainbolts would go to the mountains on weekends and often eat at a restaurant called the "Wagon Wheel." With

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## Cars & Coffee in Downtown Big Spring



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

Cars and Coffee took place in the Heart of the City Park this past Saturday morning. The Big Spring Cruisers Car Club sponsored the gathering and encouraged car owners to stop by and visit. There were cars, trucks, motorcycles, and more on hand for the Saturday morning gathering.

## Covid-19 vaccine update

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be offering first dose Covid-19 vaccines from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. on June 10

at SMMC in the north driveway entrance on Martin Luther King Blvd, located at 1601 W. 11th Place.

Vaccines will be offered while supplies last for individuals 12 years of age and older. You will receive a separate appointment for the second dose.

Effective May 10, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration expanded the emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for the prevention of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) to include adolescents 12 through 15 years of age. The FDA amended the EUA originally issued on Dec. 11, 2020 for administration in individuals 16 years of age and older.

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine, visit scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine.

### Outpatient COVID testing in Big Spring

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## Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 99 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JOSE ANTHONY CHAVEZ IV**, 25, was arrested by HCSO, on a charge of duty on striking unattended vehicle, fail to maintain financial responsibility, no drivers license when unlicensed, failure to appear.
- **TAMMY KAY COKER**, 44, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication, resist arrest search or transport.
- **ARMANDO JOE DELGADO**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **TRISTAN ROSS GALLOWAY**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of MTA/Manufacture deliver

controlled substance greater than four grams and less than 200 grams, MTR/Evading arrest detention with vehicle.

- **NATHANIEL LOUIS PITTMAN**, 34, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of theft of property between \$750 and \$2,500, burglary of habitation, bail jumping and fail to appear (x6), evading arrest detention with vehicle, resist arrest search or transport, possession of controlled substance between four grams and 200 grams; theft of property between \$750 and \$200 grams.
- **MICHAEL ALAN WATSON**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of FTA/Burglary of habitation.
- **JULIEANN LOUISE WHEELER**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

## Support Groups

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

- 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 dis-

cussions 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. 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

• 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 325-212-860

### 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.

## Obituaries

### Margaret Sumner

Margaret Sumner, 71, of Keller, formerly of Big Spring died Sunday, June 6, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Rogelio "Roy" Perez

Rogelio "Roy" Perez, 68, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 6, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Greg Bird

Greg Bird, 58, of Big Spring died Friday, June 4, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JULIEANN LOUISE WHEELER**, 33, of 1412 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **TRISTAN ROSS GALLOWAY**, 21, of 1303 Marijo, was arrested on warrant from other agency (x2).
- **MICHAEL ALAN WATSON**, 23, of 1223 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, was arrested on a charge of failure to appear felony.
- **TAMMY LOCKHART COKER**, 44, of 201 PO Box, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and resist arrest search or transport.
- **NATHANIEL LOUIS PITTMAN**, 34, of 705 E. 15<sup>th</sup>, was arrested on a charge of theft of property between \$750 and \$2,500.
- **JOSE ANTHONY CHAVEZ IV**, 25, of 1205 College Avenue was arrested on no drivers license when unlicensed, failed to maintain financial responsibility, warrant from other agency (x4).
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road.
- **THEFT OF FIREARM** was reported in the 3500 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1400 block of E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place.
- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 900 block of Golf Course Road.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTVIITY** was reported in the 4100 block of E. FM 700.

## Take Note

• First Annual Hospital Corps Birthday Party will be held in Big Spring at Moss Creek Ranch, 1601 S. Moss Lake Road on June 17, 2021. The evening will include smoked brisket, ribs, cole slaw, green salad, beans, potato salad, iced tea and water. All spouses and Marine Corps personnel are invited. For more information or to purchase a ticket, contact Jerry Groves at 432-816-9682 or Doc Roger Rodman at 325-232-0665. Reservations must be made by June 10, 2021.

• The Young and the Married meets every Thursday, for an eight-week study on Familylife art of parenting – with a meal at 5:30 and a small group at 6 p.m. The group will meet in NazFamily Fellowship Hall.

• Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center will be celebrating 60 years on Wednesday June 2 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

• Big Spring ISD summer lunch services will begin June 1 and run through July 30. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. with lunch served from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Serving will take place at Goliad from June 7 through July 1; High School from June 1 through June 24; Junior High from June 7 – June 24.

• The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday at Noon. The lectures will take place in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna – a two dose and Janseen – a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

• College Baptist Church Vacation Bible School 2021 will take place June 6-10 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. College Baptist Church is located at 1105 Birdwell Lane. To register call the church office at 432-267-7429. Preregistration must be completed.

• Interim HealthCare is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can cal 432-263-5999.

• The Howard County Democrats meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 5:30 pm. in the Cactus Room located in the Student Union Building of Howard College.

• Howard College has several Workforce Training courses coming up. Welding Maintenance begins May 24, Shielded Metal Arc Welding begins June 7, and Intro to Welding Using Multiple Processes begins June 21. All welding classes are Monday and Thursday nights from 6 to 10 p.m. Howard College

also has upcoming courses in Customer Service and License to Carry. Call 432-264-5151 or visit hc4.life/training for more information.

• Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center is set to open June 1 and close Aug. 7. The Aquatic Center will be open Tuesday through Saturdays from Noon until 8 p.m. and Sundays 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. and closed Mondays.

• Forsan Food Pantry will be open twice a month from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Families who are in need can pull up to the front doors of the Junior High/High School and receive a free box of pre-packed meals. If you have any questions or need to pick up a box at a different time, contact Kaci Wash at 432-457-2223 ext 821 or Jenny Sayles at jennysales@yahoo.com.

• Cub Scouts meet Monday from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Naz Family Church, located at 1400 S. Lancaster.

• Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month in the Cactus Room at Howard College. The next meeting will be held in the newly renovated Cactus Room. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.

• A new group named Taking Care of Business has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community.

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track the proper amount of the sales tax rebate. In other business, the council will consider changes to the rules on alcohol sales and consumption at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater. The proposed changes would set up certain areas at the amphitheater with varying restrictions on alcohol sales, service and consumption.

Another item on the meeting's agenda touches on a topic discussed at the previous council meeting: The Mayor's role in the preparation of the City Council meeting agendas. During the May council meeting, Councilman Nick Ornelase (District 1) proposed an item barring the Mayor from creating or revising the agenda, and preventing the City Manager from delegating creation or revision of the agenda to the Mayor.

"I asked (City Attorney) Andrew (Hagen) to draft this ordinance because I had asked (City Manager) Todd (Darden) to put something about the rollouts on the agenda and it didn't get on the agenda," Ornelase said in May. "I happened to look at the agenda. Todd was working on a water line, so I called

Andrew and spoke to Andrew. There wasn't a courtesy...my item was not going to be on the agenda."

According to Ornelase, Mayor Shannon Thomason stated that Ornelase's requested item about roll-out trash containers had missed the deadline for inclusion on the agenda.

"I asked him 'Does the Mayor work on the agenda?' I know that that was taken away from him sometime last year," Ornelase said. "I need to make sure that the City Manager only is working on the agenda."

Ornelase's item failed 2-4, with Thomason and council members Gloria McDonald (District 4), Troy Tompkins (District 5) and Maury Smith (District 6) dissenting. Council member Cody Hughes abstained during the vote.

The item on Tuesday's agenda would codify the Mayor's role in preparation of the agenda.

"The mayor shall direct the establishment and preparation of agendas for regular, special, emergency, and workshop city council meetings, including editing any item or item description," the proposed change to the City Code reads. "The city secretary shall be responsible for preparing and posting the agendas, except that, in the absence of the city secretary, the mayor may delegate another

person to prepare and post the agenda."

The item continues to state: "No agenda shall be posted without the express authorization of the mayor."

Another clause of the proposal reads: "All agenda item submissions shall be in writing; shall include a copy of any proposed item for consideration by the council; and shall be delivered or transmitted directly to the mayor by the submitting council member or the city manager in accordance with this section. Copies of all agenda item submissions shall also be delivered or transmitted to the city manager and the city secretary at the same time as those to the mayor."

The proposal sets a deadline of noon Thursday before a regular Monday city council meeting for a resolution or ordinance to be considered at that meeting; while setting the deadline noon Tuesday for any other items.

Tuesday's agenda also includes the first reading of an item increasing the Landfill Fund budget by \$10,000 to pay for mailouts regarding changes to the city's garbage collection procedures, and an item regarding a possible agreement with ADT Commercial for a surveillance camera system.

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memories of good times and good food, they would name their new restaurant at 803 3rd Street and Business Highway 80 after the California restaurant.

Due to the Rainbolt's tenacity and knowing good menus, having good chefs, and serving what people wanted like Mexican food, barbecue, and comfort food, the restaurant thrived. After the Bombardier School closed, a big focus went to the Wagon Wheel. The Rainbolts would come to own the property and a motel to the east of the restaurant. By 1951, the restaurant had become popular with travelers, locals, and even movie and radio stars stopping to eat at the Wagon Wheel.

Always building and improving, by 1951 the Wagon Wheel Restaurant was an icon on US Highway 80. H. M. and Ruby always carried out the western motif and sought ambiance with everything from formal to informal. Along with the regular dining area there would come to be a Western Room for smaller groups and Candlelight Room which could hold up to ninety people. Music was a big part of the atmosphere and hallmark, too, as organ and piano players were on the scene often.

Outside the Wagon Wheel was a scene into itself. H.M. Rainbolt, a big deer hunter who enjoyed private venison barbecues for his friends, was given a buck board wagon from a rancher in Llano County. The wagon was rigged with a frame and tarp, painted, and perched above the restaurant. Eventually lined with neon lighting, the wagon would become a beacon for the Wagon Wheel.

With brilliantly painted signage, western scenes, and that western look on the exterior, the large apron of parking around the Wagon Wheel was not ignored either. There was no actual account, but there were approximately 200 wagon wheels buried to the hub marking the parking spaces outside—and even down on the Second Street and Young Street areas. The Wagon Wheel was that popular all three meals a day.

By 1953, the Wagon was lauded coast to coast and a mecca for tourists. Duncan Hines, of world food authority, had dined at the Wagon Wheel on one of his across America tours. As a result, the Wagon Wheel ended up prominent on his list of "recommended" places to dine. Likewise, the American Automobile Association sent their representatives to Big Spring and the AAA highly rated the Wagon Wheel for years. A large gift shop opened with even more traffic but was closed to make way for expansion in 1956. The Rainbolts also would have a cracker jack manager in a guy named E.L. Terry.

The Wagon Wheel Restaurant's success had been fueled by the addition of Webb Air Force Base alongside the tourists and locals in the early 1950s. H.M. and Ruby, the 24-7 workers they were, also owned and operated a tourist/rental court named the Wagon Wheel Apartments--of course. And they would continue to add to their assets and holdings. With tourist trade interest and months of investigations of drive-ins in other cities and how they operated, the Rainbolts would strike gold again.

The Rainbolts would open the Wagon Wheel Drive-in at Fourth and Birdwell in 1954 for their daughter, in hopes that she would become involved in the food empire. Big Spring's new extension of the Wagon Wheel brand was an instant success with its tuna fish sandwiches, special made corn dogs, pizzaburgers, and Wheel Dogs along with the standard fare of shakes, fries, regular burgers, steak fingers, ice cream, chicken and shrimp baskets, and fountain service. One of the menu's offers was barbecued beef sandwiches, a feature and interest that H. M. pushed and really liked. America was on the go with its new car culture involving fast food, movie drive-ins, and cruising the streets with hot rods and ever changing-styled cars.

Anne Rainbolt, H. M., and Ruby's daughter would prefer drafting and civil engineering over running a drive-in, but the Wagon Wheel Drive-In was so successful that expansion was inevitable. In 1958, Wagon Wheel Drive-In #2 opened at 2011 Gregg along a row of other drive-ins. Wagon Wheel Drive-In #3 would follow in 1960 serving the west end of Big Spring. Mr. Rainbolt would wisely place the drive-in on the busy crossroads of US Highway 87 and US Highway 80. Managing the drive-ins and sharing Rainbolt's interest in barbecue was pit master Al Bagwell.

The 1960s would be rough on the Rainbolts and Wagon Wheel legacy. Anne would have a serious illness going into 1960 and bad car wreck in 1962. Just a few months after burying his sister, Hiram Marion Rainbolt would be found dead of a heart attack on November 17, 1963, while on a deer hunting lease

near San Saba. The 62-year-old restaurateur extraordinaire had led a life of hard work in all his endeavors. He was known in the community for his many years of civic and fraternal involvement with the Knight of Pythias. Ruby and daughter Anne would have to carry on.

By 1964, Ruby had leased out the Wagon Wheel Restaurant to another operator while hiring Frank Alcorn to manage the drive-ins and its 57 employees and announcing that there would be a Wagon Wheel #4 soon. She would continue to operate and hold the Wagon Wheel Apartments and negotiate divestment of properties while enjoying travel and friends.

Travis Mauldin would later manage the three drive-ins for Mrs. Rainbolt. Ruby would barely see the Wagon Wheel #4 which was a former Master's Drive-In bought and operated by Russell Mauldin in 1969. Ruby would pass away in her home at age 62 on December 6, 1969, after a long illness. Ruby Rainbolt's ownership and dispossession of the restaurant, drive-ins, and rental property had started before her death, but Mauldin would take over the operation and ownership over the years. Charles Williams, Richard Walling, Jerry Roach, and many others would own and operate over the Wagon Wheel Drive-ins over the years, too. Today, the relocated Wagon Wheel #2 from Gregg Street to Scurry Street still operates and carries the banner of the Rainbolt creation and pride.

But the Rainbolt heritage and footprint goes beyond the lone remaining Wagon Wheel Drive-In on Scurry Street. Rainbolt protégé E.L. Terry would operate with Ira Bingham the "66" Café at the west side truck stop as well as manage the Wagon Wheel Restaurant until sometime around H. M. Rainbolt's death. Over the years Terry would bring the Baskin Robbins franchise to Big Spring, open Mr. T's Burgers on Scurry, and own the Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise in Big Spring and six other locations in other towns. His restaurant skills learned from those years with the Wagon Wheel organization would propel him into profit and success.

Wagon Wheel Drive-Ins' manager Al Bagwell would stay on the Big Spring food scene in the 1960s with the purchase of the "Big M" Drive-In--as it continued to be the baby boomer's epicenter for years. From 1964 to 1979, he continued Rainbolt's barbecue tradition with his own twist and marketing. After leaving Big Spring for a while, he would return to Big Spring in 1984 and open Al's Hickory House on west Fourth Street. Al would eventually end where he started with another Al's Barbeque at the location where he started with the Rainbolts--the old Wagon Wheel #1 at Fourth and Birdwell. The Bagwell family today is in its third generation of food operations on Gregg Street with its Wagon Wheel days influence.

Like a souvenir from a grand event, the Wagon Wheel's still standing conglomeration of buildings and an elevated, lighted-blinking Wagon Wheel in Big Spring gives us notice of great days past of Sunday-like dining and fast food in our cars. "Where the food and drink and are a little bit better" was just a start. Hiram and Ruby would be proud.

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Misty "Minnie" Babcock, 36, died Friday. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Amanda Dalton, 32, died Wednesday. Vigil Service will be at 7:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Bill Briley, 89, died Friday. Graveside service will be at 10:30 AM Monday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Greg Bird, 58, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Rogelio "Roy" Perez, 68, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Margaret Sumner, 71, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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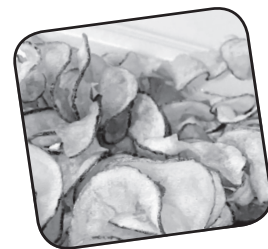
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# 7 advance in NCAA baseball tournament; No. 1 Hogs to face Huskers again

By ERIC OLSON

AP Sports Writer

Seven teams closed out their regionals in the NCAA baseball tournament Sunday and moved one step closer to the College World Series.

But No. 1 national seed Arkansas, trying for a third straight appearance in super regionals, was forced into a winner-take-all game Monday night against Nebraska after losing 5-3 to the Cornhuskers.

Eight other regionals also will go to a second final, including LSU-Oregon. The Tigers beat the Ducks 4-1 to extend the career of active coaching wins leader Paul Mainieri for at least another day.

Mississippi State will play Campbell in the final in the weather-delayed regional at Starkville and would have to lose twice to be denied a fifth straight appearance in supers.

Teams advancing were No. 2 Texas (45-15), No. 3 Tennessee (42-16), No. 4 Vanderbilt (43-15), No. 5 Arizona (43-15), No. 8 Texas Tech (39-15), No. 10 Notre Dame (33-11) and No. 13 East Carolina (44-15).

Vanderbilt, the reigning national champion, beat Georgia Tech 14-11 in 11 innings. Isaiah Thomas' grand slam in the top half broke a 9-all tie. Tech had tied it in the bottom of the ninth on Drew Compton's two-out homer.

Notre Dame's 14-2 win over Central Michigan capped a three-game run in which it hit 15 home runs, scored 50 runs and batted .404.

Carter Putz homered twice, in-

cluding a grand slam, and Niko Kavadas went deep for the fifth time in the regional to lead the Irish to the supers for the first time since 2002, also the last time they reached the CWS.

Kavadas said he and his teammates are still upset they weren't a top-eight national seed. The top eight play at home in the super regionals if they win their regionals. Kavadas said the snub provides fuel for what he assumes will be a series at Mississippi State.

"We feel like this next weekend should've been here," Kavadas said. "That's going to light a fire under us, and we're going to find a way to go into Mississippi State and go 2-0."

Texas is in the super regionals for the second time since 2018 — there was no tournament last year because of COVID-19. The Longhorns beat Fairfield 12-2 behind Pete Hansen's 13 strikeouts in 6 2/3 innings

Fairfield, the small Jesuit university in Connecticut, earned national attention with its 27-0 start, and it entered the national tournament 37-3. With the Stags coming from the lightly regarded Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and having lost twice in their league tournament, there was some question whether they would be selected to the 64-team field.

The Stags were a No. 3 regional seed and blew a two-run ninth-inning lead in losing to Arizona State on Friday. The Stags beat Southern on Saturday, then knocked out

the Sun Devils with a 9-7 win after erasing an early five-run deficit to reach the final.

"I think it justifies what we did this year," Stags coach Bill Currier said. "Our record was only against teams in conference and sometimes wasn't on the ears of the bigger schools they said we could never compete with. I feel like we had the justification of the year we had and the type of team that we are. And that's an important thing to see on a national stage."

Nebraska, which lost 5-1 to Arkansas on Friday, beat NJIT 18-4 on Sunday afternoon to set up the rematch with the Razorbacks. Griffin Everitt's two-run single broke a 3-all tie in the fifth, and closer Spencer Schwellenbach pitched 4 2/3 innings of one-hit shutout ball.

"Win or lose, you have to have that dog in you," Huskers coach Will Bolt said. "You have to have that fight. You've got to have that heart, to where no matter what's going on around you, you're going to be all about the throwdown, and that's what these guys have been about all year long."

### USA-USF SUSPENDED

Play was suspended because of inclement weather in the South Alabama-South Florida final in Gainesville. South Alabama leads 4-0 in the bottom of the fifth inning. The game will resume Monday, and if the Jaguars win, a second final would follow.

### BIG BATS

— Tennessee got a home run for

a third straight game from Drew Gilbert and beat Liberty 3-1 in Knoxville on Sunday.

— Arizona got a two-run homer from Ryan Holgate to break open a one-run game in a 5-2 win over UC Santa Barbara.

— Oregon State forced a second final against Dallas Baptist on Garret Forrester's leadoff walk-off homer in the ninth inning for a 5-4 win.

— NC State's Devonte Brown homered and doubled and drove in five runs against Louisiana Tech.

— Zach Agnos hit a two-out, two-run double in the eighth inning of East Carolina's 9-6 win over Maryland.

### MOUND MARVELS

— MOUND NEEVEE set a Virginia post-season strikeout record with 16 in 5 2/3 innings of relief, and the Cavaliers fanned a total of 24 in an 8-3 win over Old Dominion.

— Nathan Church and Connor McGuire each doubled in two runs in a six-run eighth inning as UC Irvine came from behind to beat Stanford 8-4.

— Tanner Hall pitched five innings of one-hit shutout relief in Southern Miss' 10-7 win over Mississippi.

— LSU held Oregon without a hit over the final six innings, and Dylan Fontenot worked out of trouble in the ninth inning to preserve LSU's win.

— Tennessee's Will Heflin and Sean Hunley combined to scatter five hits and strike out 13 in a 3-1 win over Liberty.

# Home sweet home: Clippers beat Mavs 126-111 to win series

By BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES— No chest-thumping, shouting or theatrics. With very little change of expression, Kawhi Leonard altered the Los Angeles Clippers' playoff fortunes.

Leonard narrowly missed a triple-double, finishing with 28 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists, to help the Clippers finish off the Dallas Mavericks 126-111 on Sunday in Game 7 of the first-round series.

"It's all about the moment," Leonard said. "You got to be aggressive all night and don't try to make the game be perfect."

Playing in front of a noisy mix of 7,342 masked fans and cardboard cutouts, the Clippers did what neither team had been able to pull off in the first six games — win at home. It was the first time in NBA history the road team won the first six games of a playoff series.

"We saw everything in this series," Mavs coach Rick Carlisle said.

The Clippers became the fifth team in league history to lose the first two games at home and come back to win a playoff series.

"It was a great win for us," said Tyrone Lue, who improved to 4-0 in Game 7s of his coaching career. "It showed a lot about our team."

The fourth-seeded Clippers advanced to the Western Conference semifinals for the second straight year. They'll play the top-seeded Utah Jazz starting Tuesday night in Salt Lake City.

"We showed great resilience," said Paul George, who scored 22 points. "They pushed us. They definitely got us war-ready. We hung in there, we played for one another, we played hard."

Luka Dončić had 46 points, 14 assists and seven rebounds to lead the fifth-seeded Mavs, who have yet to win a playoff series since capturing the NBA championship in 2011. He finished the series with 250 points, 55 rebounds and 72 assists.

"Game seven is the toughest game. You've got to give it everything," Dončić said. "We've been in the playoffs twice since I've been there, lost both times. You get paid to win."

George added 10 assists and six rebounds for the Clippers. Their backups outscored Dallas' reserves, 27-6, getting crucial contributions from Terance Mann (13 points) and Luke Ken-

nard (11 points). Kennard had played just four minutes earlier in the series.

"They trusted me," Kennard said. "We trusted each other."

The Clippers were the league's top 3-point shooting team during the regular season, but struggled at times in the series. They regained their touch in Game 7, making 20 3s, led by Morris' seven. The Mavs hit 10, with Dončić having five.

Trailing by eight at halftime, the Mavs outscored the Clippers 19-6 to open the third and take an 81-76 lead. Dončić had just two points in the run, with Dorian Finney-Smith hitting two 3-pointers and Tim Hardaway Jr. adding another. Finney-Smith finished with 18 points and 10 rebounds.

The Mavs won the first two games at Staples Center before the Clippers tied it up with two wins in Dallas. The Mavs won Game 5 in LA and Leonard powered the Clippers to a road win in Game 6 with a huge fourth quarter.

"We all feel like we should have won the series," Finney-Smith said. "If anybody come in and say they don't feel like we should have won, they're crazy. We just couldn't win at home."

The Clippers took control with a 24-4 spurt — including 12 in a row — to lead 100-85 going into the fourth. Morris made three 3-pointers and Kennard hit a pair. Leonard scored seven points, highlighted by a dunk off George's pass. Defensively, Leonard came up with a big block and Mann helped contain Dončić, who had the Mavs' only points over the end of the third.

"Kawhi came with the mentality that he's going to take this game," said Reggie Jackson, who added 15 points. "He wasn't going to be shy about his play at all. Once he got going early, defenses had to change."

Dallas cut its 19-point deficit early in the fourth to seven points on Dončić's fifth 3-pointer of the game with just under 3 minutes remaining. But the Clippers' own long-range prowess carried

them, with Jackson and Morris connecting on back-to-back 3s for a 120-107 lead.

Dončić matched his points total from Game 6 with 29 points in the first half on 10 of 14 shooting.

### LEONARD'S NUMBERS

Leonard is the fourth player in postseason history to have at least 200 total points while shooting at least 60% from the floor in a single series. The last player to do so was Shaquille O'Neal of the Lakers in the 2000 NBA Finals.

### JERSEY EXCHANGE

Dončić said he and George exchanged jerseys in the locker room afterward. The Mavs lost to the Clippers in six games of the first round in last year's bubble in Florida. "It's tough, when it's the same rival you obviously don't want to lose again," Dončić said.

### HE SAID IT

"You just don't get the max deals if you don't work as hard as they do." — Morris on Leonard and George's work ethic.

### TIP-INS

Mavericks: Kristaps Porziņģis had 16 points and 10 of his 11 rebounds on the defensive glass. ... Hardaway received a Flagrant-1 foul for knocking George to the floor on a drive with 37 seconds left. ... Carlisle dropped to 2-2 in Game 7s of his coaching career.

Clippers: Lue has won his first four Game 7s as a coach. Boston's Red Auerbach won his first eight. ... They had one rebound in the first quarter. ... Markieff Morris of the Lakers chatted up his twin brother Marcus at halftime. "He's telling me to slow down and little things he sees during the game," Marcus said. "We've been doing that since we were kids." ... Six-time NBA champion Scottie Pippen and Chiney Ogumike of the Sparks attended.



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# Big Spring has a strong rodeo tradition

After the civil war, longhorns were driven north by men on horseback who battled sun, cactus, prairie dogs and sand. This was the beginning of the cowboy era. The cowboy is an enduring legend. He summons visions of open space, clean air, adventure and freedom. The cowboy was born against the harsh tapestry of frontier life: a lack of water, a lack of security and the challenges of nature and distance.

The cowboy era lasted only about 30 years. Somewhere along the way, disputes developed over which outfit had the best cowboys and horses. So they competed to find out. Rodeo was born.

Rodeo is living history, a reflection of those who helped transform the untamed west.

Over the years, nothing has attracted more people to Big Spring than the rodeo. It is big business, generating revenue by increasing retail sales, as people involve themselves totally in paying homage to their western heritage. They taste the dust and share the tension.

The Big Spring Rodeo started in 1933 as an informal gathering of cowboys from area ranches.

"It was over in what we call the Cold-Strayhorn addition just southwest of the college. We had calf roping and wild cow milking, goat roping and bronc riding."

Those are the words of Charlie Creighton, the second president of the Big Spring Rodeo and Cowboy Reunion interviewed in 1983 during the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the rodeo.

"Spectators sat in their cars, which were parked around to make a natural arena for the performers. That's all the fence we had."

There was no admission fee.

"It was what we call a jackpot. Contestants paid just a little bit, say five dollars, to enter. The purse was split three ways: first, second and third."

Charlie was a director of the rodeo for several years.

"We just met together and decided to have a rodeo and formed an association," Charlie told me. "We elected officers. The first seven directors were Tom Good (who was the first president and served until his death in 1961), Marion Edwards, Jess Slaughter, Ira Driver, Bob Middleton, Harry Lees, and I. I was the youngest at the time."

I asked Charlie how the rodeo association acquired land for an arena.

"We organized and sold some stock. Took in stockholders. We bought these 20 acres from Mrs. Birdwell and built a grandstand and corrals. After the first show we paid it off pretty well. We had good crowds. And I believe we had 6 shows over three days, two performances a day. People seemed to be anxious for a rodeo.

They had been through the depression and they hadn't been anywhere so they wanted to go somewhere. So they went to the rodeo. Admission was awfully high back then.

It was 45 cents. If we had charged 50 cents, we would have had to pay the tax. We didn't want to be bothered with that."

Those first rodeos in Big Spring didn't have a stock contractor.

"We bought the pitching horses, the cattle and the calves. We then sold them after our show. We handled everything. Later, in the mid-forties, we made an arrangement with Earl and Jack Sellers of Del Rio to produce the show and they furnished all the stock. It was a lot easier. We've had it that way every year since then."

The town was building quite a bit around the college and some investors were interested in building an addition on land where the arena sat.

"So we decided to sell the land. We made some money on the sale. That's one of the reasons we sold. That put us in a financial position to build this

rodeo bowl."

The rodeo bowl has been called one of the finest facilities in the country for rodeo.

"We had Wild Bill Elliott here for our first show in the rodeo bowl."

A local rodeo cowboy, Toots Mansfield, drew large crowds.

"He was really well-liked. Everywhere he went the people tried to see him. He was later a director of our rodeo and vice president."

Toots had a roping school in Big Spring in 1968 when I spent two days following him around with a microphone.

"I came out of high school during the depression and money was pretty hard to come by and I learned that I could win a little at the local rodeos and picnics and contests and got started that way," Toots told me.

"I got to liking the sport and got to where I could win and got to liking the money, so that was a good combination, I thought."

Toots was world champion calf roper seven years. He also won the Madison Square

roping seven years.

Two men were murdered during a rodeo in Big Spring.

"That was in 1949," Charlie Creighton said. "It was at the old place. A couple of men that had some trouble. During the show, one walked in and killed the other one. A stray bullet killed a contestant. It was quite a tragedy. Our announcer, Mr. Ditman Mitchell of Kansas City, handled things real good. People in the stands thought it was a clown act when they heard the shooting down near the chutes. We went right on, the show didn't even slow down. They had an ambulance and everything. Most people didn't know anything about the shooting until after the show. But two men were killed."

Herbert Frizzell was the man doing the shooting. The target was a man named Buck Jones. Sonny Choate of Big Spring witnessed that event.

"There was a dog act going on in the arena. The next event was calf roping. Buck Jones was messing around with the rope barrier. Frizzell walked up behind him and shot him high up in the neck. As Buck Jones was falling, Frizzell shot again and that bullet hit a contestant and killed him. Then Frizzell straddled Buck Jones, planted his feet up around Jones's shoulders and shot him in the face at least twice more.

Jess Slaughter, a law officer who was nearby, grabbed Frizzell and took the gun away from him. They just led him off."

Frizzell was never convicted of the shootings. He later died in a car wreck.

Onetime during a junior rodeo in the rodeo bowl, a Brahma bull got loose in the stands. Sonny Choate was at that rodeo, too.

"The bulls weren't arena-broke to leave the arena after they bucked off the cowboy. They'd run around the arena until cowboys would run them out of there. We had this bull that wouldn't get out of the arena. He got down to the end where they rope calves and he was trying to horn the horses. In a minute he flat-foot jumped up into the stands on the east side, about two-thirds of the way down. He jumped over the boxes, which are closest to the arena and got completely up in the stands. He ran down the aisle behind the boxes for a little bit, then started going up the stairs. You could tell he was very disoriented. He got all the way up to the top and naturally mamas were grabbing babies and people were scrambling out of the way. Finally, a fellow named Buster Shortess from Knott got a bullwhip and ran that bull back down the steps and the bull jumped back into the arena. Then they got him back in the pens. That was a very exciting show we had that night."

The concrete rodeo bowl was built in a natural canyon and has two openings built into the sides of the arena. Clowns ducked into these openings

when they were being chased by bulls.

Several rodeo clowns have performed at the Big Spring Rodeo, but none has been as popular as Quail Dobbs, now deceased. He performed with his special car.

"I used to have what we called fill-in acts," Quail told me one time. "I'd show up at a rodeo with a suitcase and it was full of stuff like a skunk or doctor's uniform and I'd clown around like I was sewing up a patient after an operation or something. Then I got this car and it turned into a major act. It'd rare up and spin around and I had a lot of fire and fireworks on it."

Hoyle Nix, another local product who became a legend in West Texas, used to play for rodeo dances in Big Spring. I interviewed him years ago.

"I got to foolin' with my daddy's fiddle when I was six years old and it must have come natural because I never took a lesson. I play it all by ear, you know. My daddy was a great fiddle player and I guess a little of it rubbed off on me. We had a lot of fiddlers in our family."

Skipper Driver, the third generation president of the rodeo said people who grew up in Big Spring grew up going to the rodeo with friends and family. "Kinfolks came to visit during rodeo season. That's still going on today. It's an informal reunion."

Debbie Wegman, the former director of the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau, says the rodeo is an important part of Big Spring. "It's our heritage. It brings visitors who enjoy our motels and restaurants and a real west Texas rodeo."

Debbie ValVerde, Big Spring Chamber of Commerce manager, says Big Spring knows when it's summer not from the calendar, but by the rodeo. "You see families getting together and going to the rodeo. The city gets all duded up by hanging welcome banners all over town. People get their boots shined, their jeans starched and cowboy hats blocked. It's fun."

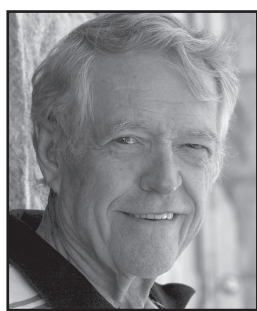
Mike Mathis, who announces the rodeo on horseback, says Big Spring is one of those unique places where 88 years of rodeo go back to the cowboy way of life.

"The entire community embraces the rodeo. The progressive committee works hard all year to keep rodeo alive and make it happen. Rodeo dances after the rodeo used to take place all the time. That was the way it was. They still happen in Big Spring. For the person who goes to one rodeo a year or the one that goes every weekend we entertain that entire crowd. Big Spring is one of those special places where rodeo continues to display the cowboy tradition."

The Texas cattle industry gave birth to the Texas cowboy. As they moved about the country developing cow sense, the cowboys also developed supreme self-reliance and independent initiative. The men who followed the herds left an indelible imprint of their courage and vision. They became experts at observation, noticing unusual sounds or movements. And by being somewhat removed from it, the cowboy learned much about the society in which he lived. Being with animals, he learned a lot about his fellow man. The unpredictability of life and the rigors of nature carved their imprint on the personality of the people of the west.

They're a mighty proud breed: independent, free, and as wide open as the country itself. They have enough confidence to push their personal horizons as far as their strength and vision can carry them. We treasure the legacy of the west left us by the cowboys of a century and a half ago and our appreciation is renewed each year at rodeo time in Big Spring.

This year it will be June 17-19. Because of the pandemic there was no rodeo in Big Spring last year.



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## Pipeline foes gear up for large northern Minnesota protests

SOLWAY, Minn. (AP) — Environmental and tribal groups opposed to Enbridge Energy's ongoing effort to replace its aging Line 3 crude oil pipeline are planning large protests in northern Minnesota as the Canadian-based company gears up for a final construction push.

Organizers say they expect hundreds of people to participate in the "Treaty People Gathering" on Monday, which they are billing as the largest show of resistance yet to the project. They plan to march to the headwaters of the Mississippi River, one of the water crossings for the pipeline, where they will deliver speeches and participate in organized civil disobedience.

Opponents of the project have say they will do whatever it takes to block completion of the project, including risk being arrested. Among those they say will be on hand Monday will be actors Jane Fonda, Catherine Keener, Rosanna Arquette and Taylor Schilling, as well as environmentalist and author Bill McKibben.

Line 3 carries Canadian crude from Alberta. It clips a corner of North Dakota on its way across northern Minnesota to Enbridge's terminal in Superior, Wisconsin. The Canadian and Wisconsin replacement segments are already carrying oil. The Minnesota segment is about 60% complete.

Project opponents say the replacement pipeline, which would carry Canadian tar sands oil and regular crude, would worsen climate change and risk spills in sensitive areas where Native Americans harvest wild rice, hunt, fish, gather medicinal plants and claim treaty rights.

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Orthodontics \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor \_\_\_\_\_  
Pediatrician \_\_\_\_\_  
Pharmacist \_\_\_\_\_  
Physical Therapist \_\_\_\_\_  
Photographer \_\_\_\_\_  
Police Officer/Deputy/Trooper \_\_\_\_\_  
Real Estate Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
RN \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher \_\_\_\_\_  
Tattoo Artist \_\_\_\_\_

- Pets**  
Animal Hospital \_\_\_\_\_  
Animal Rescue/Animal Shelter \_\_\_\_\_  
Pet Boarding \_\_\_\_\_  
Pet Groomer \_\_\_\_\_  
Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_
- Professional Services**  
Abstract Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Accounting Firm \_\_\_\_\_  
Bank \_\_\_\_\_  
Cable Provider \_\_\_\_\_  
Carpet Cleaners \_\_\_\_\_  
Computer Repair \_\_\_\_\_  
Construction Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Union \_\_\_\_\_  
Crop Insurance \_\_\_\_\_  
Drinking Water Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Dry Cleaners \_\_\_\_\_  
Electrical Services \_\_\_\_\_  
Eye Clinic \_\_\_\_\_  
Financial Advisor \_\_\_\_\_  
Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_  
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Insurance Agency \_\_\_\_\_  
Interior Design \_\_\_\_\_  
Internet Provider \_\_\_\_\_  
Laundromat \_\_\_\_\_  
Law Office \_\_\_\_\_  
Medical Clinic \_\_\_\_\_  
Mortgage Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Photography Studio \_\_\_\_\_  
Real Estate Agency \_\_\_\_\_  
Safety Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Towing Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Tattoo Parlor \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax Service \_\_\_\_\_  
Wedding Planner \_\_\_\_\_  
Wrecker Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Retail**  
Boutique \_\_\_\_\_  
Building Supplies \_\_\_\_\_  
Carpet \_\_\_\_\_  
Children's Clothing \_\_\_\_\_  
Coldest Beer \_\_\_\_\_  
Farm Store \_\_\_\_\_  
Florist \_\_\_\_\_  
Furniture Store \_\_\_\_\_  
Gift Shop \_\_\_\_\_  
Grocery Store \_\_\_\_\_  
Jewelry Store \_\_\_\_\_  
Liquor Store \_\_\_\_\_  
Meats \_\_\_\_\_  
Produce \_\_\_\_\_  
Wine Selection \_\_\_\_\_
- Sports & Fitness**  
Dance Studio \_\_\_\_\_  
Golf Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Gym/Fitness Facility \_\_\_\_\_  
Sporting Goods \_\_\_\_\_  
Sports Nutrition \_\_\_\_\_

- Automotive**  
Auto Parts Store \_\_\_\_\_  
Auto Service Shop \_\_\_\_\_  
Car Wash \_\_\_\_\_  
Collision Repair \_\_\_\_\_  
New Car Dealer \_\_\_\_\_  
Oil Change \_\_\_\_\_  
Tire Dealer \_\_\_\_\_  
Used Car Dealer \_\_\_\_\_  
Used Car Salesman \_\_\_\_\_  
Window Tint \_\_\_\_\_
- Community**  
Daycare Center \_\_\_\_\_  
Church \_\_\_\_\_
- Entertainment**  
Birthday Venue \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Entertainment \_\_\_\_\_  
Local Venue \_\_\_\_\_  
Museum \_\_\_\_\_  
Night Life \_\_\_\_\_  
Wedding Venue \_\_\_\_\_
- Food & Dining**  
Appetizers \_\_\_\_\_  
Asian Food \_\_\_\_\_  
Bakery \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbecue \_\_\_\_\_  
Best Place to Watch the Game \_\_\_\_\_  
Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
Buffet \_\_\_\_\_  
Burrito \_\_\_\_\_  
Cake Decorating \_\_\_\_\_  
Casual Dining \_\_\_\_\_  
Caterer \_\_\_\_\_  
Chicken \_\_\_\_\_  
Chicken Fried Steak \_\_\_\_\_  
Coffee Shop \_\_\_\_\_  
Deli \_\_\_\_\_  
Desserts \_\_\_\_\_  
Diner Food \_\_\_\_\_  
Donuts \_\_\_\_\_  
Drive Thru \_\_\_\_\_  
Fast Food \_\_\_\_\_  
Fish \_\_\_\_\_  
Food Truck \_\_\_\_\_  
French Fries \_\_\_\_\_  
Hamburgers \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Cooking \_\_\_\_\_  
Ice Cream \_\_\_\_\_  
Locally Owned Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_  
Macaroni & Cheese \_\_\_\_\_  
Margaritas \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mexican Food \_\_\_\_\_  
Pizza \_\_\_\_\_  
Salad Bar \_\_\_\_\_  
Salads \_\_\_\_\_  
Salsa \_\_\_\_\_  
Sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_  
Seafood \_\_\_\_\_  
Sports Bar \_\_\_\_\_  
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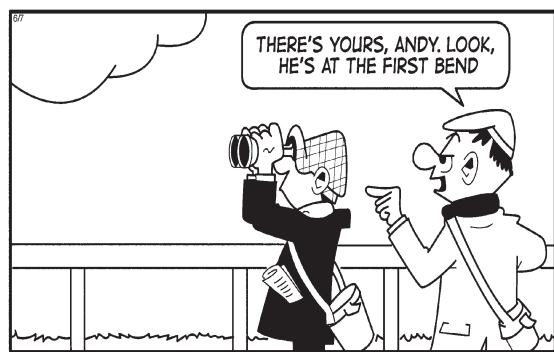
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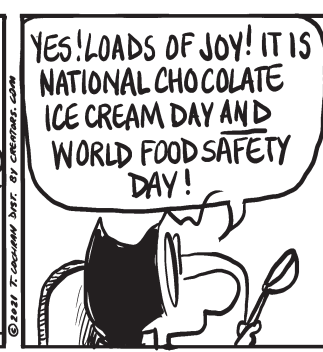
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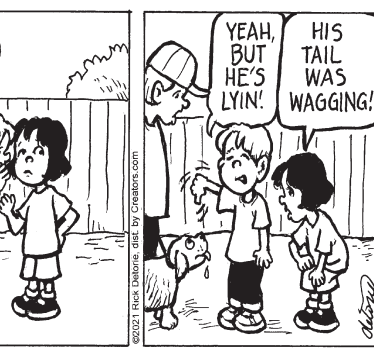
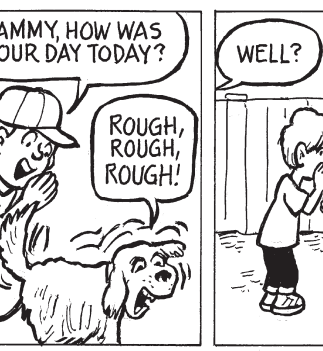
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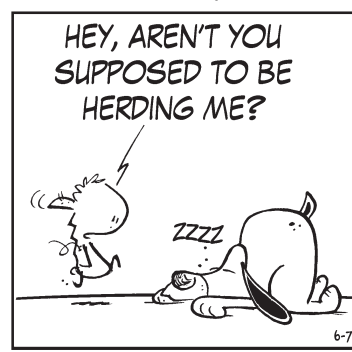
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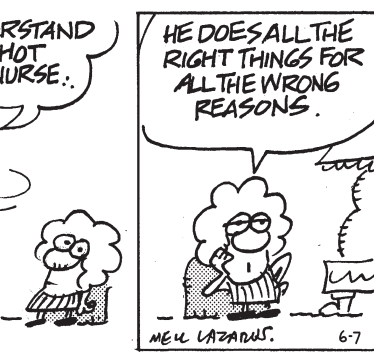
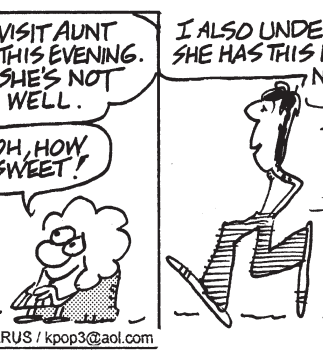
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, June 7, the 158th day of 2021. There are 207 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 7, 1942, the Battle of Midway ended in a decisive victory for American naval forces over Imperial Japan, marking a turning point in the Pacific War.

On this date:

In 1712, Pennsylvania's colonial assembly voted to ban the further importation of slaves.

In 1776, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia offered a resolution to the Continental Congress stating "That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States."

In 1892, Homer Plessy, a "Creole of color," was arrested for refusing to leave a whites-only car of the East Louisiana Railroad. (Ruling on his case, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld "separate but equal" racial segregation, a concept it renounced in 1954.)

In 1929, the sovereign state of Vatican City came into existence as copies of the Lateran Treaty were exchanged in Rome.

In 1937, film star Jean Harlow died in Los Angeles at age 26.

In 1954, British mathematician, computer pioneer and code breaker Alan Turing died at age 41, an apparent suicide. (Turing, convicted in 1952 of "gross indecency" for a homosexual relationship, was pardoned in 2013.)

In 1958, singer-songwriter Prince was born Prince Rogers Nelson in Minneapolis.

In 1965, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Griswold v. Connecticut*, struck down, 7-2, a Connecticut law used to prosecute a Planned Parenthood clinic in New Haven for providing contraceptives to married couples.

In 1981, Israeli military planes destroyed a nuclear power plant in Iraq, a facility the Israelis charged could have been used to make nuclear weapons.

In 1993, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that religious groups could sometimes meet on school property after hours. Ground was broken for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

In 1998, in a crime that shocked the nation, James

Byrd Jr., a 49-year-old Black man, was hooked by a chain to a pickup truck and dragged to his death in Jasper, Texas. (Two white men were later sentenced to death; one of them, Lawrence Russell Brewer, was executed in 2011 and the other, John William King, was executed in April, 2019. A third defendant received life with the possibility of parole.)

In 2004, a steady, near-silent stream of people circled through the rotunda of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California, where the body of the nation's 40th president lay in repose before traveling to Washington two days later for a state funeral.

Ten years ago: Moammar Gadhafi stood defiant in the face of the heaviest and most punishing NATO airstrikes to date, declaring in an audio address carried on Libyan state television, "We will not kneel!" Fazul Abdullah Mohammed, the al-Qaida mastermind behind the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, was killed at a security checkpoint in Mogadishu by Somali forces.

Five years ago: Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump claimed their parties' presidential nominations following contests in New Jersey, California, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota and South Dakota. Five people were killed and four were injured when a pickup struck a large group of bicyclists from behind on a two-lane road in Kalamazoo County, Michigan. (The driver of the pickup, Charles Pickett Jr., who was under the influence of drugs, was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 40 years in prison.)

One year ago: A majority of Minneapolis City Council members said they supported dismantling the police department. (The idea later stalled, but it became part of a national debate over police reform.) Peaceful protests over the death of George Floyd continued in New York City, as Mayor Bill de Blasio announced an end to the 8 p.m. curfew that had been in effect. Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot lifted the city's curfew and the city reopened downtown train stations following days of

protests that largely remained peaceful. Thousands took to the streets of European cities to show support for the Black Lives Matter movement. A tally by Johns Hopkins University revealed that the worldwide death toll from COVID-19 had surpassed 400,000. Tropical Storm Cristobal came ashore in Louisiana, sending dangerous weather much farther east through coastal Mississippi and Alabama and spawning a tor-

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Imperfection
  - 5 Measure of gem weight
  - 10 Practice boxing
  - 14 Tra \_\_ (singing syllables)
  - 15 Suspect's excuse
  - 16 Kitchen flooring piece
  - 17 Days before holidays
  - 18 Marching-band flutes
  - 19 "My treat"
  - 20 "Darn!"
  - 22 Hometown-related
  - 23 Wipe clean
  - 24 Sound of relief
  - 25 Enrage
  - 28 Piece to bake a dessert in
  - 31 Usual income tax filing mo.
  - 32 Nary a soul
  - 34 Be untruthful
  - 35 Naval noncom: Abbr.
  - 36 Parts of horses' harnesses
  - 38 Letter before tee
  - 39 Swiss mountain
  - 40 Reinforced, as winter coats
  - 41 Height: Abbr.
  - 42 Internet location
  - 44 Dies down
  - 47 Otherwise
  - 48 Sandwich shops
  - 50 Barbecues' residues
  - 52 Farm's storage structure
  - 56 Installed, as carpet

- 57 Chalkboard material
  - 58 Notion
  - 59 Join the chorus
  - 60 One from Italy's capital
  - 61 Wooden strip
  - 62 Ye \_\_ Shoppe
  - 63 Attacks, as a fly
  - 64 Change for a \$20 bill
- DOWN**
- 1 Made an escape
  - 2 Volcanic output
  - 3 Pub beverages
  - 4 Cleaned one's hands
  - 5 Lounging robe
  - 6 False name
  - 7 Hunter's gun
  - 8 Brother of Cain
  - 9 " \_\_ the season to be jolly . . ."
  - 10 Unwitting victim
  - 11 Type of drapery fold
  - 12 \_\_ mater
  - 13 Fishing-line holder
  - 21 Anger
  - 22 Is fond of
  - 24 Sensible
  - 25 Colorful parrot
  - 26 Source of cider
  - 27 Fail to keep up
  - 28 Chilly
  - 29 Theater walkway
  - 30 Birds' abodes
  - 32 Three hours before noon
  - 33 Poem of praise
  - 36 Supreme happiness
  - 37 Solemn ceremony
  - 43 Heavy hammer
  - 44 Science-fiction beings
  - 45 Container for recycling
  - 46 Help out
  - 48 Serious stage play
  - 49 Continuously bother
  - 50 In addition
  - 51 Leave port
  - 52 Radiance
  - 53 Not doing anything
  - 54 Low in fat
  - 55 Feedbag meal
  - 57 Fourth-yr. collegians

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## Eat your veggies via a classic dish

Vegetables are an important component of a nutritious diet because they are full of vitamins and minerals. According to the online medical resource Healthline, vegetables also are loaded with antioxidants and other plant compounds that help fight free radicals that damage cells.

Vegetable serving sizes typically range from 1/2 cup to 1 cup. The Mayo Clinic and other health organizations recommend three to four servings of vegetables per day. One way to ensure that vegetables are a primary part of your diet is to incorporate vegetable-rich dishes, such as ratatouille, into your weekly menu. Ratatouille is a vegetable casserole, and there are many different recipes for this beloved, flavorful dish. Julia Child's incarnation

is a standard. Enjoy it, courtesy of "Mastering the Art of French Cooking" (Knopf) by Simone Beck, Louisette Bertholle and Julia Child.

Ratatouille Serves 8

- 1 pound eggplant
- 1 pound zucchini
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 6 to 7 tablespoons olive oil, more if necessary
- 1/2 pound (about 11/2 cups) thinly sliced yellow onions
- 1 pound firm red tomatoes, or 11/2 cups pulp
- 2 sliced green bell peppers (about 1 cup)
- 2 cloves mashed garlic

Salt and pepper to taste  
Peel the eggplant and cut into lengthwise slices 3/8-inch thick, about 3 inches long, and 1 inch wide. Scrub the zucchini, slice off the two ends, and cut the zucchini into slices

about the same size as the eggplant slices. Place the vegetables in a bowl and toss with salt. Let stand for 30 minutes. Drain. Dry each slice in a towel.

One layer at a time, saute the eggplant, and then the zucchini, in hot olive oil for about a minute on each side to brown very lightly. Remove to a side dish. In the same skillet, cook the onions and peppers slowly in olive oil for about 10 minutes, or until tender but not browned. Stir in the garlic and season to taste. Slice the tomato pulp into 3/8-inch strips. Lay them over the onions and peppers. Season with salt and pepper. Cover the skillet and cook over low heat for 5 minutes, or until tomatoes have begun to render their juice. Uncover, baste the tomatoes with the juices, raise heat and boil off several minutes, until juice has al-

most entirely evaporated. Place one-third of the tomato mixture in the bottom of the casserole and sprinkle over it 1 tablespoon of parsley. Arrange half of the eggplant and zucchini on top, then half the remaining tomatoes and parsley. Put in the rest of the eggplant and zucchini, and finish with the remaining tomatoes and parsley. Cover the casserole and simmer over low heat for 10 minutes. Uncover, tip casserole and baste with the rendered juices. Correct seasoning, if necessary. Raise heat slightly and cook uncovered for about 15 minutes more, basting several times, until juices have evaporated leaving a spoonful or two of flavored olive oil. Be careful of your heat; do not let the vegetables scorch in the bottom of the casserole. Set aside uncovered. Reheat slowly at serving time or serve cold.





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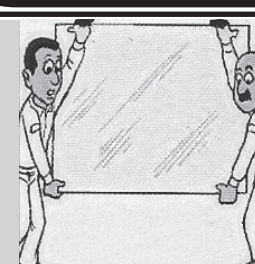
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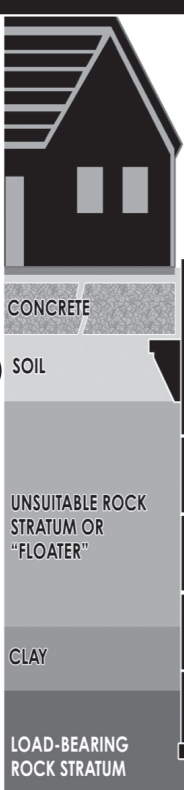
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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
**Famous Hand**

East dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

<b>NORTH</b>			
♠	Q 6	♥	5
♦	A J 10 6	♣	A J 10 9 7 5 4 3
♠	10 8 7 6 4 2		
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
♠	8	♠	A 2
♥	A 10 3	♥	J 9 8 6 4 2
♦	Q 9 7 5 2	♦	8 4
♣	A K Q 9	♣	J 5 3
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠	K J 10 9 7 5 4 3	♥	K Q 7
♦	K 3	♣	—

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	4♠	4NT	5♠

Opening lead — ace of clubs.

This deal occurred at the 1984 World Team Olympiad in the semifinals match between France and Denmark. The French won the 64-board confrontation by the relatively narrow margin of 15 International Match Points, and most of that came from this hand.

When Michel Perron and Paul Chemla of France were North-South, the bidding went as shown. West's four-notrump bid was explained by East as showing both minor suits, and after North raised four spades to five, the Danish East doubled.

Chemla ruffed the club opening

**Tomorrow:** The avoidance principle.

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and led the queen of hearts to West's ace. West returned a trump to his partner's ace, and East continued with a trump to prevent South from ruffing a heart loser in dummy. However, even these efforts proved fruitless.

Declarer won the spade return in his hand, ran all his trumps, cashed the king of hearts and king of diamonds, then led a diamond and finessed the jack. As a result, he made the contract for a score of 850 points.

At the other table, with a Danish pair North-South, the bidding went:

East	South	West	North
Pass	4♠	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass!!

North's meek pass of five clubs, holding six trumps and an ace, was probably generated by the fear that a double might chase the enemy into five hearts, where they seemed likely to do well. In fact, with best defense, five hearts goes down only two, so North was at least partly correct. But since West had already indicated a minor-suit hand, it is doubtful that either opponent would have run to hearts.

As it was, five clubs undoubled went down five — 250 points — leaving Denmark 600 points short of the French score at the other table. This gave France a gain of 11 IMPs on the deal, nearly all of the margin it eventually won by.

# SUDOKU

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

ANSWER:

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



### Simple Advice for Gemini Season

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** The item is worth what people will pay for it, which is to say there is zero inherent worth, only what is perceived. You'll drum up interest, demonstrate usefulness and make a sale.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Nothing is lost, though somewhere in this dance, things have drifted beyond reach. It gives you more room and reason to stretch yourself. You'll have what you need when you need it. All is well.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The more fun you have, the more effective you'll be with the serious work of the day. The improvisational spirit of play will be entwined with the mysterious magic of intuition.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You let go of one attachment and life gets instantly more interesting. Don't rush to fill the void, because the offerings get even better the longer you can hold an opening.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You want many to be lifted by what you put into the world, and yet, if you're too general, you'll speak to no one. Focus on the core few who will really get what you're offering and make the most of it.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Don't wait for permission to move forward. Asking for it would only alert others

to the fact that you don't have it. Many assume you're already in. And for those who don't, intensity of purpose will be more valuable than permission.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You don't have to worry about who owns what. These things have a way of sorting themselves out. No effort to cling, save, hide or hoard can keep what belongs together from finding its way back together.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You're fun to be around. The positive emotions you emit are a joy for others to soak in. Your good cheer is so constant those around you sometimes take it for granted. The appreciation of new people will invigorate.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Terms of endearment like "sweetie" and "honey" can come as a comfort from the lips of loved ones. Perhaps they can even more so coming from a perfect stranger today -- a sign that the unknown world can be welcoming.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Avoid accidentally making a

project of what's going wrong. The more you study a topic, the more of that topic you'll find to study. For this reason, your study of a thing that gives you energy will be better for your vitality.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** The cost of having a thing is greater than your current accounting shows. What about the time involved? What about mental and emotional investment? You won't know if it's worth it until you consider the entire picture.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** The inspiration strikes. You act on it, creating quickly by hand and then delivering it before you have time to second-guess yourself. This is a success formula to keep following all week.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 7).** The best way to ensure that you get your piece of the pie is to make the pie yourself. Your gift from the stars will be a cosmic peach to get the recipe started. Many will gather around you, and your creations bring good times and fortification to all who share in the work.

Financial growth and renovations happen, too. Virgo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 15, 35 and 22.

**COSMIC QUESTION:** "How many friends do I really need? I'm a Sagittarius. I have thousands on social media who I haven't met, and my real-life contacts number about 200. Do you have a recommended number? I'm not one of those people who get depressed over other people's status updates, but lately I've been feeling overwhelmed with trying to keep up with people. I get the nagging feeling I should be doing something else with my time."

One survey a number of years ago determined that the magic number for Facebook friends is 354. Another number that might improve your mood is zero -- at least temporarily. Unplugging from the digital reality for a time will help you get back to reality-reality. Sagittarius is a hands-on learner who loves to find out about the world through face-to-face experiences. Yours is the sign of travel, exploration and going to see for yourself. You trust what you experience firsthand. Too much digital clutter robs you of the time and energy you need to travel, get involved and show up in person. When you do, the stars are on your side.

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## Annie's Mailbox

### A Heart Growing Colder

**Dear Annie:** My husband and I got married right before the pandemic. Before the marriage, we lived in different states, 3,000 miles apart. After we got married, the pandemic split us apart again geographically for eight months. We finally got back together, and I was glad to get the opportunity to work from home with him in his city.

We mostly stay at home, working from home and watching movies together. We were in a car accident a few days after we were reunited, and my leg was hurt, and I am not able to run or walk for long periods of time. He was not hurt in the accident.

It's been six months since the accident, and my husband has not shown any physical interest in me all this time. I occasionally hug him and hold him while watching movies, but he does not initiate any similar physical affection. We must have kissed four or five times since the accident, always at my request.

I keep telling him that I love him, and he acknowledges that, but when I ask him why he has lost interest in affection of any kind, he says he just has. Upon prodding further, he once said that it was because of the arguments we had when we were dating. Another time he said that after my leg is healed and we are able to go out more, we'll both feel better.

Other than the affection issue, everything else is good.

I know I have extra belly fat that is difficult to get rid of, but I had the fat while dating, too. I have gone on a few hikes and walks with him, but with a walking stick, and sometimes I need help. I think he wants me to be completely self-reliant.

The arguments while dating were just about our past relationships that I left behind, but I don't think he is the kind of person who likes to forget the past. While we were separated during the pandemic, I was glad that we had stopped fighting about the past and assumed we had moved on, but now I think there is something

stuck in his head that he refuses to let go of.

I am guessing he would want to blame me for it, but the problem is that he does not tell me what is really going on in his head, and we don't even argue anymore. Other than this issue, he has always been a great guy, helpful to family members and me. I assure you he is not having an affair; we spend all our time together.

I can continue living with him and working from home, but I think going back to my city and state and stopping day-to-day communication with him might get him to open up and resolve the issue.

My concern is that, considering the little amount of time we have spent since we met, we should be like newly married couples, making out all the time. Instead, we don't even hold hands like we did when we were dating. Before the pandemic split us apart, he used to express his love for me, and we would cook, clean and make out like normal couples. I am not planning to give up on us. What should I do? -- Feeling Lost

### Dear Feeling Lost:

It sounds like absence made your husband's heart grow colder, rather than fonder. Shutting you out emotionally and physically is not the solution for a happy marriage. You are right to be upset, and you deserve all the love and tenderness that a marriage can offer, but moving back to another state will not help.

Suggest marriage counseling to him. In the meantime, try and let up on your expectations of what the honeymoon phase should look like. A lot of couples have a very difficult first year of marriage as they iron out this new way of living with someone. Be patient with your relationship and try not to have such an idealized notion of what it should look like.

With the help of a good therapist, you can iron out together what your individual needs are. Always remember to listen to his, and always voice what you need.

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# Rookie Walls sparks late surge as Tampa Bay Rays beat Texas Rangers 7-1

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ARLINGTON, Texas — Yandy Díaz started Tampa Bay's late surge with a game-tying walk before a blow-it-open homer, his first of the season.

Rookie Taylor Walls connected for the big hit in between.

Walls followed the Díaz walk with a tiebreaking, two-run double in the eighth inning among a season-high three hits, and the Rays beat the Texas Rangers 7-1 on Sunday.

The AL-leading Rays trailed 1-0 before scoring three runs in the eighth and four in the ninth to get the series victory in their return to the stadium that hosted their neutral-site World Series loss to the Los Angeles Dodgers last fall.

Two errors by Texas shortstop Isiah Kiner-Falefa led to each rally as five of the seven runs were unearned.

Tampa Bay hasn't lost by more than two runs in the past 26 games, the longest run in the AL this season, and found another way to win to get to 3-3 in June after 22 victories in May, the most for any month in franchise history.

"Probably some of the experience from the past, being a little more seasoned in that high intensity, anxiety moment, they've got a knack for putting pressure and coming through," Rays manager Kevin Cash said. "It certainly feels like we are in every ballgame and we can elevate our game a little bit when it gets later in the game."

Tampa Bay loaded the bases with nobody out against Texas reliever John King in the eighth when Brandon Lowe reached on Kiner-Falefa's throwing error, Randy Arozarena singled and pinch-hitter Mike Brosseau walked.

After King (5-4) got fellow lefty Austin Mead-

ows to pop out on a 2-0 pitch, right-hander Josh Sborz came in and walked Yandy Díaz to force home the tying run.

Walls followed with a liner to center that was ruled a double because he took second base with nobody covering. The 24-year-old doubled twice and had a single.

"I really trust my approach," said Walls, who has a hit in four of the past five games coming off a 1-for-12 skid. "I feel like I do my homework and I have the right read on guys."

The Tampa Bay ninth started with Kiner-Falefa's fielding miscue before Meadows had a two-run single and Díaz connected for a two-run shot off left-hander Brett Martin. The Rays avoided their first series loss since dropping two of three to the New York Yankees at home May 11-13.

J.P. Feyereisen (2-2) pitched 1 1/3 scoreless innings in a bullpen game after the Rays decided to give Tyler Glasnow extra rest.

The right-hander got 28-year-old rookie slugger Adolis García as a pinch-hitter on a flyout to the warning track with two on to end the Texas eighth with the Rays leading 3-1.

Ryan Sherriff, Andrew Kittredge and Jeffrey Springs, Feyereisen and former Ranger Pete Fairbanks combined to finish with 7 1/3 scoreless innings.

Nate Lowe brought in the only Texas run against his former team with a double-play grounder in the first inning as the Rangers lost their seventh series in the past eight.

"I feel like so many at-bats early in the game, we gave away," Texas manager Chris Woodward said. "I can point to some of their at-bats in critical moments where they fouled off a certain pitch, fought with two strikes and we didn't. We have the personnel to do it. We have to get bet-

ter."

Center fielder Kevin Kiermaier kept the Tampa Bay deficit at 1-0 immediately after entering the game in the seventh, ending the inning with a sliding catch on a looping liner from Kiner-Falefa with Jason Martin on third.

"The best version of us is using our entire roster," Cash said. "You're not going to have a bullpen day every day. When it's drawn up, it couldn't have gone any better. Everybody on the bench played a role. We've used our bench and more times than not they've found a way to get it done."

### NO-DECISION STARTERS

Dane Dunning pitched five scoreless innings with six strikeouts for the Rangers, his third scoreless outing of at least five innings without a decision this season.

Michael Wacha went 1 2/3 innings as Tampa Bay's fill-in starter, allowing two hits and his first two walks since April 21 against Kansas City, a span of 17 2/3 innings and 74 batters.

### TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: DH Khris Davis was scratched because of an illness, with second baseman Nick Solak moving into Davis' spot and Charlie Culberson starting at Solak's primary position.

### UP NEXT

Rays: Glasnow (4-2, 2.69 ERA) is scheduled for Tuesday's opener of a two-game interleague series at home against Washington. Glasnow had a 7.53 ERA in five appearances against the Nationals, including two starts, while with Pittsburgh.

Rangers: RHP Jordan Lyles (2-4, 5.75) pitches Tuesday's opener of a two-game interleague series at home against San Francisco. Lyles took the loss in the Giants' 4-2 win at home May 11, allowing two runs in five innings.

# Altuve leadoff HR, Garcia wins 5th in row, Astros top Jays

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BUFFALO, N.Y. — Jose Altuve led off the game with a home run, rookie Luis Garcia earned his fifth straight win and the Houston Astros beat Toronto 6-3 Sunday, finishing the Blue Jays' first homestand of the season in Buffalo.

Chas McCormick also homered, Yuli Gurriel had three hits and Alex Bregman scored twice as Houston won for the sixth time in eight games.

The Blue Jays went 3-2 to open their residency at the home of their Triple-A affiliate. Toronto was 10-11 while hosting home games at its spring training site in Dunedin, Florida, to begin the year.

Garcia (5-3), battling a cold which limited him to 79 pitches, allowed one run and three hits in six innings. The left-hander struck out eight, raising his season total to 68 to tie for the lead among American League rookies with Detroit's Tarik Skubal.

"He didn't have his best stuff," Astros manager Dusty Baker said. "He made the pitches when he had to. He gave us all that we needed and all that we wanted."

Riding a five-game winning streak, Garcia appears to have met Baker's expectations over the first half of the season.

"You never know what a young man is going to do," Baker said. "In spring training, I said I'm always rooting for a surprise player, especially a surprise rookie. Once the young man feels that he belongs here and starts feeling comfortable, he can be himself and rise to the occasion if he has the ability, which we feel he does."

Gurriel, meanwhile, is more surprised by Garcia's success.

"What he's been doing this year has been surprising to see," Gurriel said through an interpreter. "Just how effective he's been, and you can see he's a guy with a lot of capabilities and is ready to do some really great things."

Ryan Pressly worked the ninth inning to earn his ninth save.

Altuve sent a drive just inside the left-field foul pole for his 19th career leadoff homer. McCormick opened the second with his fifth homer and Kyle Tucker had a two-run single in the third off Steven Matz (6-3).

Altuve also made back-to-back sharp plays to stop Toronto in the third. The All-Star second baseman fielded a grounder by Marcus Semien and threw out Danny Jansen at third — Jansen did not return to the game after straining his right hamstring on the

play.

Blue Jays manager Charlie Montoyo said that Jansen was undergoing tests after the game, with more slated for Monday.

The next batter, Bo Bichette, hit a hard grounder to Altuve's left that he stopped with a dive, then got the out at first.

Matz allowed eight hits and four walks over 4 1/3 innings.

"He had to battle every inning," Montoyo said. "He gave up four (runs), but it could have been worse. He made big pitches to keep us in the game. It seems like four runs was a lot, the way (Garcia) was pitching."

Teoscar Hernández had an RBI grounder and Randal Grichuk singled home a run for the Blue Jays.

### STRANGE THING, THIS GRASS

Houston's Yordan Alvarez played in left field, only his second start of the season on defense. Both have come in the last five days. He has been Houston's designated hitter in 42 of the team's 59 games.

### TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: INF/OF Aledmys Díaz fractured his left hand when hit by a fast-ball on Saturday and will be sidelined for six to eight weeks. Baker said Díaz would see a hand specialist this week. The team's plan is to activate OF Michael Brantley (hamstring) for Tuesday's game at Boston. Houston played a man short on Sunday.

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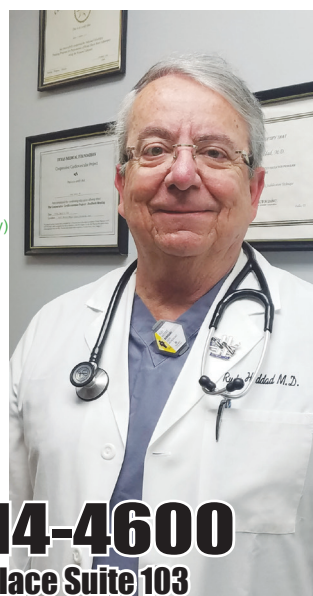
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