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**Toasty Tuesdays**  
 meet around town at  
 6:30 p.m. each week  
 Meet at Fairgrounds  
 this week

**Russ McEwen**  
 Aquatic Center is  
 now open; closed  
 Mondays

**Pops in the Park**  
 July 3  
 Amphitheater

**Highland Fourth of**  
**July Parade**  
 July 3  
 10 a.m.  
 Line up at 9 a.m.

**Coahoma Freedom**  
**Parade**  
 July 3  
 10 a.m.

**Summer meal**  
 program through  
 BSISD has started

## HC to mull 5-year plan Wednesday

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Herald Staff Reporter



When it meets Wednesday, the Howard County Junior College District Board of Trustees will contemplate a five-year strategic plan for Howard College's campuses that will guide the college's vision through 2026.

The board will meet at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Big Spring campus' Fireplace Room in the Student Union building.

Presentation of the college system's strategic plan will take place in the Visioning/Future Directions section of the meeting's New Business portion. Relating to the item, the board plans to discuss a webinar report from the Board of Trustees Institute; the college system's role, mission, purpose,

vision and values; the HCJCD's strategic priorities, goals and objectives; strategic measurements; and a report and program gap demand analysis from Economic Modeling Specialists International (EMSI), an economic analysis and employment data firm.

In other business, the board will consider an agreement for the acquisition of student information system software and a report on the district campuses' response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The college's 75th Anniversary initiatives will also be under consideration, including a resolution and grants from the Big Spring Area Foundation and the McGary Regan Foundation; and a donation from the Delek oil company.

The board will also work on its upcoming budget, including a report on legislative appropriation for Fiscal Years 2022-23; a presentation on the Howard County Appraisal District's Certified Estimate of Value; a report on federal funding; and consideration of the colleges' financial focus for Fiscal Year 2022.

The meeting will also include consideration of the colleges' performance measures and outcomes, including affirmation of the district's quarterly investment report and accountability measures including operational, financial, and student success indicators.

The board will consider purchasing, including a competitive sealed proposal on window replacement and retrofitting; and requests for proposals on electrical and plumbing services.

Other item the board will consider are a resolution authorizing an auction

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## Salvation Army to benefit from upcoming BBQ to Bright Futures

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Communities are opening back up, but there are many fundraisers and support efforts that had to be cancelled or put on hold for the past two years. The Salvation Army of Big Spring is one of those organizations that is feeling the impact of those lost opportunities. However, there are those in the community looking to step up and help make up for some of those lost dollars. BBQ to Bright Futures is going to be hosted by Double L BBQ on Aug. 6 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. with funds benefitting the Salvation Army.

"The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club has had to cancel their Summer Daycamp Bowl Fundraiser two years in a row. This fund raiser provided nearly \$60,000 for the BGC in 2019. It was to be in May of this year, but we were hesi-

tant to plan for it with the ever changing dynamic of the pandemic," Salvation Army Lt. Charlise Godwin, said. "With this said, we are looking for ways to fill in the gap as the Boys and Girls Club is primarily funded by community's charitable donations."

As with many fundraisers, there is more than one way to show your support. The day of the event the community is encouraged to purchase a plate, with funds going to the Boys and Girls Club. Leading up to the fundraiser, those wanting to help out can donate items needed for the event. According to the request by Double L BBQ, the items needed include: fold over containers, picnic packs (silverware), cases of water, bread, onions, and homemade dessert items.

"For this fundraiser, we need people

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## Emergency Warning Siren maintenance to take place Wednesday

Special to the Herald

In a press release issued shortly before noon Monday, the City of Big Spring announced they will be testing the local Emergency Warning Siren throughout the day Wednesday. According to the release:

"City of Big Spring Emergency Management and local officials will be conducting Emergency Warning Siren maintenance. We will perform short, interval siren tests throughout the day, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m."

The release emphasizes: "We will complete siren testing at 4 p.m. Any siren heard after 4 p.m. will not be a test."

Additionally, the press release directs local citizens to the website at www.KnoWhat2Do.com for tips on dealing with a weather emergency.

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## Legends and Legacies honors John Middleton



*Editor's Note: Each year new members are added to the honorees of Legends and Legacies through the Heritage Museum. Over the next seven editions, the Big Spring Herald will feature this year's inductees. This is the fifth in a series of seven.*

### Special to the Herald

John Middleton comes from a long line of West Texas Cowboys. He was born into a ranching and rodeo family and grew up riding and roping until the sun went down, loving every minute spent on a horse. His parents were the late Harry and Janet Middleton. They both encouraged and fostered his love of ranch life and of being a cowboy.

John participated in many rodeos through the years both state-wide and nationally. He tried his hand at steer wrestling and team roping but it was calf roping that was always his favorite

event in which to compete. In 1967, he won the Texas High School State Championship in calf roping and went on to compete in the National High School Rodeo Finals in Elko, Nevada, finishing in 4th place.

John graduated from Big Spring High School and attended South Plains Junior College before transferring to Texas Tech University as a member of the Rodeo Team. John made many memories throughout his time rodeoing in college. It was there he met his future wife, Cindy. John and Cindy were married in 1974 and started ranching the land he had grown up loving as a boy.

Soon, John became a proud father of two daughters, Kim and Lauren. Some of the happiest times were days spent with his family of four raising club lambs, actively participating in 4-H as both a

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Courtesy photo  
 John Middleton was one of the inductees this year to Legends and Legacies.

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## Obituaries

### Bruce Schooler

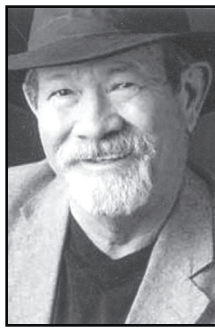
Bruce Schooler, 72, of Big Spring died Tuesday, June 15, 2021. Family will receive friends Wednesday from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Bruce was born Jan. 3, 1949, in Lamesa to Zona Joy and Jimmie Schooler.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving from 1969 until 1973. He moved to Big Spring in 1976 from Ft. Stockton. He worked for Xerox for 35 years. Bruce started Schooler Photography in 1984, then started the Red Barn Studio in 2003.

Bruce was a member of many organizations, Jaycee's in Fort Stockton, Big Spring Art Association, which he was past president and treasurer, past president of the Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Hangar 25 Museum, past president of Professional Photography of America, member of the Vietnam Wall in Big Spring, past president of the West Texas Photography, TSPP Wrangler, member of the Big Spring Rotary Club, and the official photographer for many Howard County organizations.

He was an Elder at the St. Paul Lutheran Church. Bruce married Belle on November 13, 2003 in Lov-



ington, New Mexico. They loved to travel and take scenic pictures.

Bruce is survived by his wife: Belle Schooler of Big Spring; three daughters: Randi Rhea Gibbs (Daniel) of Sand Springs, Jacki Lopez of Big Spring, and Farrah Freeman (Adam) of Lubbock; one son: Aaron Bruce Schooler (Trina) of Pennsylvania; five stepsons: John Nalley (Manuela) of San Antonio, Josh Nalley (Misty) of Wichita Falls, Micah Nalley of Big Spring, Nathan Nalley (Dawnia) of Sayre, Okla., and Robert Barlow of Big Spring; one stepdaughter: Kim Finch (Bruce) of Slaton; grandchildren: Calvin, Alex, Gabriella, Phillip, Haley, Hannah, Garrett, Bristol, Dylan, Dakota, Camryn, Christian, Lennon, Sawyer, Jared, Tristan, Isabella, Kaydean, and Case; mother: "Granny" Joy (Schooler) Glaser of Big Spring; sister: Sherry McCormick (Glenn) of Seminole; and brother: Ronny Schooler (Janice) of Lubbock.

Bruce was preceded in death by his dad: Jimmie Eli Schooler; grandfather: Stewart Schooler; grandmother: Nettie Schooler; grandfather: Ewel Kirby; grandmother: Cortez Kirby; and grandson: Tyler Nalley.

Pallbearers will be Aaron Schooler, Daniel Gibbs, Calvin Stansel Gibbs, Phillip Lopez, Adam Freeman, and Robert D. Barlow.

"Say monkeey!"

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

*Paid Obituary*

### Wanda Yarbrough

Wanda Yarbrough, 70, of Colorado City, formerly of Forsan died Sunday, June 20, 2021.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. with the family receiving friends from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Grave-side services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, 2021, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Wanda was born Sept. 22, 1950, to Helen and Lee Roy Brown, Sr. in Lubbock.

Wanda is survived by her husband: Darrell of Colorado City; one daughter: Rhonda Shelton of Uvalde; one son: Walker Stendebach of Jourdanton; two sisters: Kay Brown of Cameron and Jacque Stacy of Jourdanton; four grandchildren; two great grandchildren; her step-mother; and mother-in-law.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers.

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



### Joseph Ray Brim Jr.

Joseph Ray Brim, Jr., 51 of Big Spring, Texas passed away Sunday, June 20, 2021, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Joseph was born Feb. 5, 1970, at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

He moved to Big Spring in January 1983. He was an avid bicycle rider with a kindred spirit that never met a stranger.

Joseph is survived by his spouse, Sherry; two sons, Mason Hawk Brim-Standing Bear and Diesel Cloud Brim-Standing Bear of Lubbock, Texas; his mother Judi Black; a brother Shane Brim and wife Veronica of Lubbock, Texas and Justin Brim and wife Tobi of Big Spring, Texas and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

*Paid Obituary*



## Support Groups

### 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 discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. 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.

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

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The pur-

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

• GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

### FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

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

### SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### MONDAY

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

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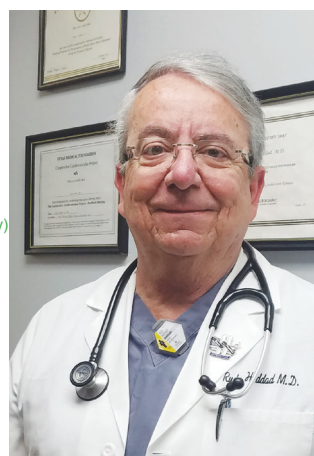
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## A small prayer by K. Rae

*After some deep soul searching, Lord, may we realize how important You are to our life.*

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of Howard County trustee properties; handbook and catalog changes; memorandums of understanding with various foundations; and resolutions relating to faculty retirement.

The board will consider construction and renovation projects, includ-

ing updates and change orders relating to the ongoing Big Spring and SWCD campuses roofing projects, a recent hail storm, and the San Angelo campus' Construction Trades Building, including potential naming of the building.

Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks will present her report, including upcoming activities and recognitions, and the board will hear

an update on required cybersecurity awareness training as well as legislative and general updates.

The board will meet in closed executive session at the onset of the meeting to consult with an attorney regarding the student information system software. Any action stemming from the discussion during the closed session will be voted on when the board returns to open session.

The board will also approve several routine matters collectively, including minutes and financial reports from the board's April and May meetings as well as monthly reports of auxiliary services; personnel matters, an internal audit report.

Finally, the board will consider approval of a report on Education Code 51.252 as it applies to the Spring 2021 semester.

Take Note

- A new non-denominational church to Big Spring, True Deliverance Ministries International will hold its first local services Thursday, June 24, and Friday, June 25. Intercessory prayer will begin at 6:30 p.m. each evening, and revival services will start at 7 p.m. Apostle Sadallie I. Cole Sr., founder and head pastor of the organization, will be the lead speaker at the services. The church is located at 1209 Wright St., and services will be streamed live on the church's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/tdmihq1>.

- Big Spring ISD summer breakfast and lunch service is still ongoing. Breakfast is 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 through July 1; Big Spring High School through June 24; and at Big Spring Junior High School through June 24.

- The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday 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

- Coahoma Freedom Parade will be Saturday, July 3 at 10 a.m. The parade line up will be at 9 a.m. at the Coahoma Footbal Stadium parking lot. For more information call Connie Shaw at 432-271-2041 or Lisa Duggan at 432-394-4287.

- Maranatha Baptist Academy is now enrolling

for 2021-2022 School year. We offer summer session of 4 weeks in the middle of summer. We begin in August 2, 2021 and are a year round school. We service Home school as well as in-house school for Kindergarten through High School graduation. In operation for 40 years we understand the spectrum of curriculum necessary for a good foundation for careers and college education. Please contact us for further information, about tuition, hours, and anything else you might want to know about our education successes. Dr. Lillian Bohannan. Please call 432-213-1046. Or come by and see us at 903 Johnson Street, Big Spring, Texas.

- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service annual Sandhills Beef Cattle Conference will be in Monahans on July 7.

Additional information is available at the Sandhills Beef Cattle Conference facebook page. Sponsorship opportunities are available for the event; contact Floyd at [Dena.Floyd@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Dena.Floyd@ag.tamu.edu) for more information.

- 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.

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

- St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will

take place the third Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

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

- Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

- VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd.

Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

- Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for information, encouragement and support.

The group meets monthly on the Second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon at the Holiday Inn Express at 5321 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa.

If you or someone you know has been touched by MS, or if you are just interested in more information please feel to contact Gary Tidwell at [garylteagle1987@gmail.com](mailto:garylteagle1987@gmail.com).

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Rene Angel Valdez, Jr., 59, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up to assist the family with expenses.

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BBQ

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to spread the word, buy a plate of delicious BBQ for yourself or donate a plate for our law enforcement, emergency services personnel, or frontline workers," Godwin said. "Yes this is an event to help support the Boys and Girls Club, but it can be more than that. The community coming together to support each other can extend the support and the blessing beyond what we can even imagine."

The funds raised will be used to support the Boys and Girls Club programming. During the summer, the club provides breakfast, lunch, and snack for children each day along with quality care and learning opportunities in a safe environment for children all over Big Spring.

"The Salvation Army is able to help keep children safe, out of the streets, and not home alone during the summer months and after school hours through out the year. Events like these allow us to continue to provide a positive place for this chil-

dren to go and a quality staff who care for them," she said.

Those wanting to pre-order need to do so by Aug. 2. Delivery and pickup will be available on Aug. 6

"We are incredibly thankful for the support, and we've had this BBQ before. It's delicious, and totally worth the cause," Godwin said. "Come out and help us provide bright futures for our youth."

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LEGEND

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parent and adult leader alongside Cindy, taking rides out to the ranch and riding horses with his girls.

During John's time as a resident of Howard County, he faithfully served as a member of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo board for 15 years. Some of his best friends served as well, and the rodeo was always one of the highlights of the year.

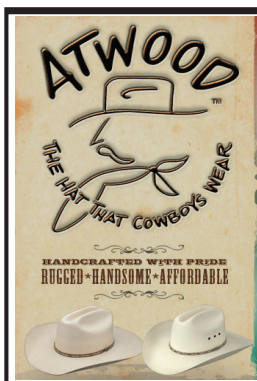
John was a warded Ag Producer of the year for Howard County in 1989 and he and Cindy went on to win Outstanding Conservation Farmer/Rancher in the Howard County Soil and Water Conservation District in 2010. John and Cindy both have an exceptional love of the land, and for their continued efforts in the area of conservation, they were

awarded the Region 2 Texas, Wildlife Conservationist award in 2018.

*These days, you can find John enjoying spending time with Cindy and their family on one of their two ranches in Howard and Lynn counties. John continues to enjoy watching rodeos and recently has added horse racing to his list of hobbies. He and Cindy own several racehorses and enjoy watching them at tracks in Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana.*

*John continues to enjoy the quiet, ranch life and remains a true West Texas Cowboy.*

*(Lovingly submitted by daughters Kim and Lauren)*



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# Houston Astros take combined no-hitter into 8th, rout Baltimore Orioles 10-2

By NOAH TRISTER

AP Baseball Writer

BALTIMORE — Jake Odorizzi pitched five outstanding innings in another sign of progress after his arm issues, and Houston won its eighth straight game.

A no-hitter would have been nice, but the Astros have plenty of other things to feel good about.

Odorizzi and the Houston bullpen took a bid for a combined no-hitter into the eighth inning Monday night, eventually settling for a 10-2 victory over the Baltimore Orioles. Houston now leads the AL West by a game over Oakland, which lost at Texas.

The 31-year-old Odorizzi missed more than a month with a strained muscle in his right arm. This was his fifth appearance and fourth start since returning. He retired his first 13 batters before walking DJ Stewart on a full count in the fifth.

"I'm happy with the way I'm progressing," Odorizzi said. "I knew it was going to be a process. I stuck to that process, and I feel more and more comfortable every time I'm on the mound."

Maikel Franco hit a two-run homer with one out in the eighth off Brandon Bielak, breaking up the no-hitter. Odorizzi and reliever Cristian Javier held the Orioles without a hit through seven.

The start of the game was delayed by rain for an hour, and there was also a 41-minute rain delay during the top of the eighth. That came after the teams played for a while in a driving rain,

with puddles forming in the infield.

"This grounds crew — they appear like they're used to rain delays," Astros manager Dusty Baker said. "Every time I've been here in a three-day period, there's always been a rain delay, so I give the grounds crew a lot of credit for doing a great job."

Bielak came on to pitch the bottom of the eighth for Houston. After he hit Austin Hays in the back of the helmet with a breaking ball — just the second baserunner for Baltimore — Franco sent a drive to deep center field.

Earlier in Franco's at-bat, Bielak appeared to have thrown strike three, but he didn't get the call from plate umpire Angel Hernandez.

Stevie Wilkerson followed with a single up the middle, and the Orioles finished with two hits.

Houston was looking to pitch the seventh no-hitter in the majors this season. That would have matched 1990, 1991, 2012 and 2015 for the most since 1900, one shy of the record eight in 1884 — the first season overhand pitching was allowed.

In a season when pitchers have dominated — and on the day umpires began checking them for illegal foreign substances — Odorizzi (2-3) didn't seem the least bit bothered. He struck out nine and threw 86 pitches, three shy of his season high.

The Astros threw the most recent combined no-hitter in the majors, when Aaron Sanchez, Will Harris, Joe Biagini and Chris Devenski blanked Seattle on Aug. 3, 2019.

There has only been one no-hitter at Camden Yards in Baltimore. That was by Boston's Hideo

Nomo on April 4, 2001.

Yordan Alvarez hit a three-run homer in Houston's five-run third inning. Keegan Akin (0-3) allowed five runs in four-plus innings.

"It wasn't very fun," Orioles manager Brandon Hyde said. "We struggled offensively and gave up 10 runs, and there was ... the eighth inning with the rain."

### COMFORTABLE MATCHUP

Odorizzi has gone five straight starts against Baltimore without allowing an earned run.

"There's a lot of guys I had never faced before tonight," Odorizzi said. "I don't know. Sometimes you just do well against certain teams, certain mounds. I kind of enjoy pitching here. It's got a good backdrop."

### TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: Baker said he expects OF Kyle Tucker (health and safety protocols) will likely be activated later this week. Baker also said RHP Bryan Abreu (left calf strain) is going out on a rehab assignment this week and RHP Josh James (left hip surgery) is as well.

Orioles: Baltimore put RHP César Valdez (lower back strain) on the 10-day injured list and recalled RHP Travis Lakins Sr. from Triple-A Norfolk. ... OF Anthony Santander had the night off. He returned a month ago from a sprained left ankle, and Hyde said Santander has a little soreness.

### UP NEXT

Houston's Zack Greinke (7-2) takes the mound Tuesday night against Baltimore's Jorge López (2-8).

# Rangers end 6-game skid with 8-3 win over Elvis and the A's

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Baseball Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Kyle Gibson couldn't really get comfortable on the mound, and that had nothing to do with new mandatory checks by umpires looking for foreign substances.

"I've only used rosin pitching my whole life. So they said, 'Hey, nothing looks sticky here, let's move on,'" said Gibson, who pitched into the sixth inning to help the Rangers end another losing streak.

Andy Ibañez and Jose Trevino hit three-run homers to back Gibson as the Rangers snapped a six-game losing streak with an 8-3 win over the Oakland Athletics and Elvis Andrus in the shortstop's return to Texas for the first time since getting traded. It was the fourth time this season the veteran right-hander started a win that ended a losing streak of at least three games for his team.

"That third inning, just kind of felt like I was fighting myself all night after that and I was just trying to find a pitch I could throw for a strike," Gibson said. "Just one of those weird nights, probably the first time in a while that I didn't feel comfortable with my delivery, didn't feel comfortable with where the ball was going."

Ibañez hit his first major league homer as part of a five-run first against Frankie Montas (7-7). The 28-year-old Cuban infielder made his big league debut last month and was recalled Monday after four homers his last nine games at Triple-A Round Rock.

Trevino hit a 420-foot drive to straightaway center for an 8-2 lead in the sixth, one batter before Montas was pulled.

"Playing with a five-run lead right from he beginning kind of puts everybody at ease a little bit. And you have your best guy on the mound," manager Chris Woodward said. "That probably wasn't obviously Gibby's best start, but he still found a way to get us into the sixth inning."

Andrus got a nice ovation when he came to bat in the second inning. It kept getting louder, and he eventually stepped out of the batter's box with a smile on his face and tipped his helmet to the crowd.

"No surprise that he got the type of reception that he did. Monday night, good crowd, probably a lot had to do with Elvis coming back to town and playing. I think we all got a little choked up too," A's manager Bob Melvin said. "He's meant so much to this city and this team and been with them so long."

Many in the announced crowd of 20,259 got Andrus bobbleheads when entering the building. Those were initially part of planned giveaways last year that never happened since the Rangers played the 2020 season without fans in their new ballpark because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Andrus was traded just before spring training after deciding last offseason that Isiah-Kiner Falefa would move to shortstop after winning a Gold Glove at third base last season. Andrus was the longest-tenured player in Texas, the starting shortstop for 12 seasons and lone player remaining from the franchise's only World Series appearances in 2010 and 2011.

Andrus, hitting .220 after going 0 for 4, reached on an error by Kiner-Falefa in the eighth but was promptly retired when Sean Murphy hit a

liner right at first baseman Nate Lowe, who turned and tagged out Andrus for a double play.

Gibson (5-0, 2.17 ERA) struck out three and walked three giving up two runs over 5 1/3 innings. The right-hander has made 15 consecutive starts without a losing decision, though that streak includes his first career opening day start, when the Rangers had its only other five-run first this season. Gibson then gave up five runs while recording only one out in the bottom of the first at Kansas City.

Since that opener, Gibson has given up more than two runs in a start only once.

The A's had a couple of two-out walks before getting a hit off Gibson, on Murphy's one-out solo homer in the fifth. Matt Olson and Ramón Laureano had back-to-back doubles to open the sixth.

Montas struck out six, but gave up eight runs and nine hits in 5 2/3 innings.

"It was really humid, I got sweat all on my palms," Montas said. "That made the ball slippery."

### SHORT HOPS

Murphy has eight homers overall, three in the last six games. ... Texas had at least multiple homers driving in at least three runs in the game in at least three times since the start of the 2019 season.

### RETURN FOR ELVIS

The Rangers got outfielder/designated hitter Khris Davis and switch-hitting catcher Jonah Heim from the A's in the Andrus deal. Davis is now a free agent after being designated for assignment June 8. He hit .157 with two homers and five RBIs in 22 games after missing the first 34 games of the season with a left quad strain. Heim has started 28 games.

### UP NEXT

The Rangers said afterward that Taylor Hearn (2-1, 2.84) would start Tuesday instead of Jordan Lyles (2-5, 5.68 ERA), who gave up four home runs over 4 1/3 innings in his last start. The Rangers haven't won consecutive games since sweeping three games against Houston from May 21-23. Lefty Cole Irvin (4-7, 3.89) is on the mound for Oakland.

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**Campsite safety tips**

The appeal of camping is undeniable. According to The Business Research Company, a market research and intelligence company, the global camping and caravanning market is expected to grow from just under \$40 billion in 2020 to more than \$45 billion in 2021. Estimates suggest the market will grow even more in the coming years, reaching \$56.6 billion by 2025.

Camping has long been a popular pastime for outdoor enthusiasts, but it may have developed an entirely new group of devotees in 2020. Traditional vacations may not have been possible in 2020, when governments across the globe urged citizens to avoid conventional travel as the world found itself in the throes of a global pandemic. In an effort to overcome cabin fever, many people viewed camping as a safe

way to get out of the house while still limiting contact with people from other households. That no doubt inspired new generations of camping fans, many of whom will continue to pitch their tents and sit around campfires long after the pandemic has ended.

The National Park Service recognizes the popularity of camping and urges people to stay safe. Veteran campers and novices alike can benefit from reviewing these safety tips, courtesy of the NPS.

- Plan ahead. Camping trips may not require hours of scouring travel websites in an effort to find the best deals on flights and hotels. But camping trips still require ample planning.

When planning a trip, take into account who's coming along. Assess their camping skills and physical fitness to determine the most appropriate place to camp. Campers with limited mobility may be best suited for accessible campsites. The NPS urges campers to consider if everyone in the group will be able to make a long hike from the parking lot to the campsite. If not, choose a site that you can pull right up to or is just a short, easy walk from the parking lot.

- Research the campsite and surrounding area. Know as much as possible about the campsite prior to embarking on your trip. Learn about everything from the local wildlife you may encounter while camping to the condition of surround-

ing areas, including the altitude, the difficulty of nearby hiking trails and where to go in case of emergency.

- Develop an emergency plan. The NPS urges campers to develop an emergency plan, noting that it's always wise to expect the unexpected when camping. Bring a first aid kit along when leaving the campsite to engage in activities like hiking or fishing. Go over safety protocols before going on a hike, including the need to stay together and remain on the trail at all times. More information about what to do should anyone be injured during your trip is available at [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov).

- Bring the right gear. The NPS notes that each camping trip will

have its own equipment needs, which will be dictated by the setting, the time of year of the trip, the difficulty of the terrain, and the duration of the trip. Navigational supplies, sun and insect protection, insulation (i.e., extra clothing and blankets), shelter, flashlights and headlamps, first aid kits, extra food and water, firestarters, repair kits and tools, and a communication device like a smartphone or satellite phone are the essential necessities that should be brought along on all camping trips.

Camping is a great way to get away. Campers of all skill and experience levels can make the most of their trips by emphasizing safety at all times.



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3 :PM	Jdg Judy	El gordo y la flaca	The List Mom	Kelly Clarkson	(2:58) Al rojo vivo	Dr. Phil	Light of Southwest	Donkey Curious	Maury	Jerry Springer	American				World World	NCIS (DVS)	Ozzy & Jack's	Dirty Jobs
4 :PM	DailyMail	Primer impacto	Broke Girl	CBS 7 News	En casa con	News	Retro	Curious	25 Words	black-ish	American	(:15) Movie: Fallen, Donald Sutherland	SportsCenter	NFL Live	Golf 18 Holes	NCIS (DVS)	Ozzy & Jack's	Deadliest Catch
5 :PM	Jeopardy!		Mod Fam	CBS 7 News		News	Creation	Xavier	25 Words	black-ish	American		SportsCenter	Daily Wager	The Blitz Chatter	NCIS (DVS)	Ozzy & Jack's	Deadliest Catch
6 :PM	ABC	Noticiero	FamFeud	CBS	Noticias	News	Shofar	Hero	King	Burgers	Fam. Guy		Sports	2021 College World Series: Game 8: Teams	WNBA Basketball: Wings at Sun	NCIS (DVS)	Ozzy & Jack's	Deadliest Catch
7 :PM	News	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	CBS 7	Exatlón Estados Unidos (SS)	News	Freedom	Wild Kratt	Last Man	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Movie: The Equalizer (DVS)	NBA Countdown	NBA	TBA	WWE NXT	Ozzy & Jack's	Deadliest Catch
8 :PM	Wheel	Diseñando tu amor	LEGO Masters	NCIS (DVS)		America's Got Talent	Our Mess Eye on	Odd	Chicago P.D.	The Flash	Big Bang		NBA Basketball: Conference Final: Teams TBA	Eu	Spotlight	(:09) Movie: Olympus Has Fallen (DVS)	Ozzy & Jack's	Deadliest Catch
9 :PM	Conners	black-ish	Mental Samurai	FBI	Hercal: amor y venganza (SS)	(:01) College Bowl	Light of Southwest	Cyber	Mike	Seinfeld	Big Bang	(:45) Movie: American Gangster, Chiwetel Ejiofor (DVS)	SportsCenter	W/Wan Pelt	Boxing	Chrisley	Ozzy & Jack's	Deadliest Catch
10 :PM	To Tell the Truth	La hija	FOX 24 News at 9	FBI: Most Wanted		News	Being	Pink	Friends	Creek	Conan		SportsCenter	NFL Live	NFL Live	Law & Order: SVU	Biography: Ozzy Osbourne	Deadliest Catch
11 :PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Noticiero	Mom	Late Show- Colbert	Noticias	Tonight Show	Words of Jesus IS	Elinor Donkey	CBS 7	Gold	Conan		SportsCenter	W/Wan Pelt	Boxing	Chrisley	Ozzy & Jack's	Deadliest Catch
12 :AM	Nightline	Contacto deportivo	Mod Fam Funny	James Corden	Caso cerrado (SS)	Seth Meyers	Creation	Tiger	Jokers	Gold	Conan		SportsCenter	NFL Live	NFL Live	Law & Order: SVU	Biography: Ozzy Osbourne	Deadliest Catch
1 :AM	Extra	Un gancho al	Two Men	Simpsons	Sin Senos Si	Late-Lilly	On the	Tiger	Holly	Steve Wilkos Show	Wipeout		SportsCenter	NFL Live	NFL Live	Law & Order: SVU	Biography: Ozzy Osbourne	Deadliest Catch
2 :AM	DailyMail		Drew Barrymore	Comidas De'siones		News	Light of Southwest	Molly Hero	Jerry Springer	Short List	Wipeout	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter	E60	Shogun Fights	Law & Order: SVU	Biography: Ozzy Osbourne	Deadliest Catch
3 :AM	Never Fear	Mañana es	Pawn	Paid Prg.		Today-Hoda	Light of Southwest	Wild Kratt	Minute	Organic	Jokers	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter		Tennis Classics	Law & Order: SVU	Ozzy & Jack's	Mysteries of
4 :AM	(:06) ABC World News Now	Vecinos	Paid Prg. P. Luche	(:07) CBS Overnight News	Pelicula: Zacazonapan (SS)	Yolo, TX	A Prom	Odd	Paid Prg.	Floor	Jokers	NCIS: New Orleans	NBA Basketball	Eu		(:02) Date-line	Paid Prg. New YOU!	Gold Rush
5 :AM		El gordo y la flaca	Paid Prg.		Noticias	Early Tdy	Gr8	Odd	Paid Prg.	Tummy	Jokers	NCIS: New Orleans		SportsCenter	Kickboxing	(:01) Date-line	Huckabee	Gold Rush
6 :AM	Morning	Nosotr.	Paid Prg.	Programa	Programa	Early Tdy	The Is	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Air Fryer	Raymond	NCIS: New Orleans		SportsCenter	Ab Squat		Paid Prg.	

# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Strike while the iron is hot

East dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 9  
♥ 9 3  
♦ K 10 9 6 3  
♣ Q 10 9 5

**WEST**  
♠ Q J 10 8 6  
♥ 10 5 2  
♦ 5  
♣ A 7 6 4

**EAST**  
♠ 3 2  
♥ K 8 7 4  
♦ J 8 7 2  
♣ K J 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 7 5 4  
♥ A Q J 6  
♦ A Q 4  
♣ 8 3

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT  
Opening lead — queen of spades.

It is not unusual for a declarer, after the play has concluded, to realize that he could have made a contract he failed to make. This is all the more annoying if it turns out that the winning play, regardless of how unusual it might be, was called for by the situation he faced.

Consider this deal where West led the queen of spades against three notrump. South took the queen with the king and cashed the A-Q of diamonds. When West discarded a club

on the second diamond lead, declarer continued with a diamond to the king and conceded the diamond ten to East's jack, establishing dummy's nine as a trick. East then returned a spade to dummy's ace.

After cashing the nine of diamonds, declarer tried a heart finesse that succeeded, but he had to go down one because he could not get back to dummy to repeat the heart finesse. In all, he scored eight tricks consisting of two spades, two hearts and four diamonds.

Declarer quickly acknowledged that he had bungled the play. When West showed out on the queen of diamonds at trick three, South should have overtaken the queen with the king and taken a heart finesse. After the finesse succeeded, he could next play a diamond to dummy's 10-9-6, losing to East's jack, and later take a second heart finesse to make the contract.

Granting that this series of plays is much easier to find if one sees all four hands, the fact remains that it is the right line of play on its merits. Once the diamonds don't break, declarer should reason that he cannot make the contract unless East holds the king of hearts, and he should adapt his play accordingly.

Tomorrow: A challenging problem.  
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## Annie's Mailbox

### Buying Housing From a Bestie

**Dear Annie:** A year ago, my best friend, "Tia," got her real estate license, and she has been working very hard to build her clientele. She has succeeded in selling two homes and being the buyer's agent for three.

My husband and I want to buy a home soon, and I'm conflicted on whether to hire her as our agent. She's a wonderful friend, and we've been through thick and thin together.

On the one hand, I want to do everything I can to support my friend in her new career. I think she has excellent qualities and would do a good job for us. I also worry that she would be hurt if we didn't choose her.

On the other hand, my husband is nervous about her lack of experience, and I worry that if we disagreed in this transaction, it would affect our friendship negatively.

What do you think I should do? -- Mixing Friends with Business

**Dear Mixing Friends with Business:** Since Tia is a wonderful friend, and

you've been through thick and thin together, take her to lunch and walk her through the entire situation. Explain that your friendship is more important to you than a single house purchase. Tell her of your husband's concerns.

Then, you can propose one of two options: You and your husband can hire someone else, or she can team up with an experienced real estate agent and you and your husband can work with two agents in buying your house. Having someone you can trust who is representing you is helpful, and having someone with vast experience is worth gold. Good luck with your new home -- and with your enduring friendship.

**Dear Annie:** I need to put this out there, even if I'm overreacting and it is not my place. Recently, friends divorced, and some members of my family took different sides. Specifically, I became the ear for the wife to vent to when things got rough, while my sister-in-law, "Rebecca," became the ear for the husband, "Sam," to vent to.

I tried to stay out of

the details and just offer encouragement during the rough patch of my friend's life. However, details of Sam's stepping out with other girls came to light.

Rebecca does not think Sam did anything wrong because he said that when he met with these girls, nothing physical ever happened. Rebecca and Sam are constantly hanging out together, and she has killed whatever friendship she had with the wife.

The divorce has been finalized, and there is still tension among all parties involved. Recently, I've noticed that Rebecca has taken a much more active role in her friendship with Sam. I would not care if Rebecca and Sam got together if it weren't for the fact that she is married with four kids. She has been constantly texting him while ignoring her own family, despite being told repeatedly that her close relationship with Sam has been raising questions about whether she is cheating on her husband.

Rebecca has complained about her husband working long hours, but the moment he had a day off, she left him at home with

their kids so she could go to a local date spot with Sam. Thankfully, there was an additional guy friend there. My worry is that she is going to be in the same spot as our friends were recently because her husband will think it was too much. Her husband doesn't like Sam either. If a fight or divorce is on the horizon, she will still be part of our family because she is my husband's sister.

Is there anything I can do or say to alert her to the dangers that she may face, or am I sticking my nose somewhere it shouldn't belong? -- Concerned and Worried Sister

**Dear Concerned and Worried Sister:** Rebecca is playing with fire, flirting with Sam and ignoring her husband. Since Rebecca is your husband's sister, you might ask him to talk to her for the sake of the four kids, if nothing else.

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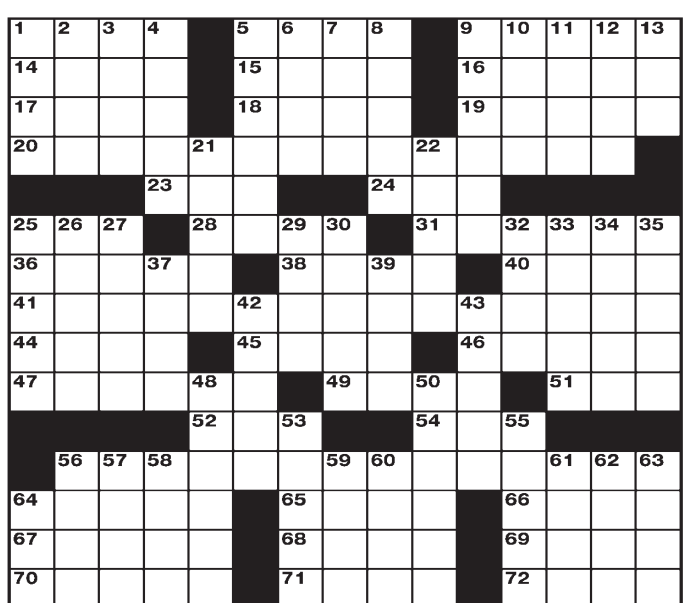
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- ACROSS**  
 1 In the center of  
 5 Makes less bright  
 9 Wash vigorously  
 14 \_\_\_ dish (rice or beans)  
 15 British prep school  
 16 Pursue  
 17 Much-admired celebrity  
 18 \_\_\_ California (region south of San Diego)  
 19 Girder fastener  
 20 Person in an unfamiliar place  
 23 Rustic lodging  
 24 Car assemblers' grp.  
 25 Bubble-bursting sound  
 28 "All right, already!"  
 31 Arm of a shirt  
 36 "You \_\_\_ big trouble, young lady!"  
 38 Italian auto  
 40 Rival of Hertz  
 41 Treacherous person  
 44 Ripped apart  
 45 Brief memo  
 46 Non-studio film, briefly  
 47 "About time!"  
 49 Community rec center: Abbr.  
 51 UFO passengers  
 52 Historic period  
 54 MDs' associates  
 56 False display of sorrow  
 64 Shave, as sheep  
 65 Without any guarantee  
 66 Eating plan

- DOWN**  
 1 "In your dreams!"  
 2 Calif.-length skirt  
 3 Wedding vows  
 4 New \_\_\_, India  
 5 Show to be false  
 6 "Let's leave \_\_\_ that"  
 7 Magic charm  
 8 Chaotic mess  
 9 Write illegibly  
 10 IOU  
 11 Four-star review

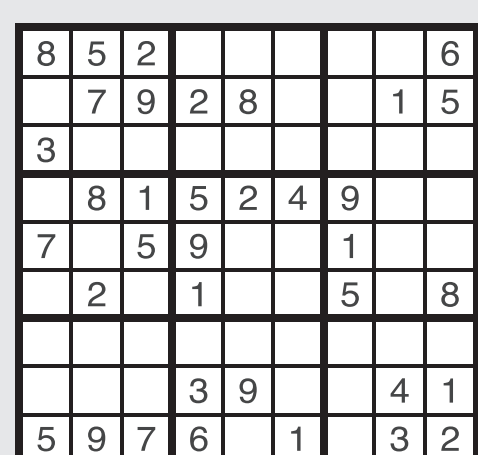
- 12 Customer for software  
 13 Wager  
 21 \_\_\_ knee (preparing to propose)  
 22 Fritter away  
 25 Macaroni or ziti  
 26 "Ready \_\_\_, here..."  
 27 Gem from the sea  
 29 At the point \_\_\_ return  
 30 Baby pet that purrs  
 32 Be worthy of  
 33 Elude  
 34 Pay a call on  
 35 Four letters in "Mississippi"  
 37 Scandinavian furniture chain

- 39 "Sorry to interrupt..."  
 42 Emcee's opening speech  
 43 Goliath-sized  
 48 Confidential matter  
 50 Peaks of waves  
 53 Adjust to something new  
 55 Four-door car  
 56 Burn a bit  
 57 Start over with  
 58 Rowboat implements  
 59 Ireland or Oahu  
 60 Jungle roarer  
 61 Well ventilated  
 62 Horse rider's strap  
 63 Linger  
 64 Sunscreen letters



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## SUDOKU



Level: Beginner

### Like puzzles?

Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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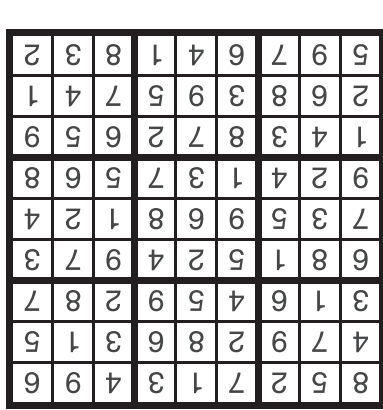
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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

## CROSSWORD

Today's Answers

## SUDOKU

Today's Answers



6/22/21

Answer to previous puzzle

# Today in History

Today is Tuesday, June 22, the 173rd day of 2021. There are 192 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 22, 1970, President Richard Nixon signed an extension of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that lowered the minimum voting age to 18.

On this date:

In 1611, English explorer Henry Hudson, his son and several other people were set adrift in present-day Hudson Bay by mutineers aboard the Discovery.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated for a second time as Emperor of the French.

In 1870, the United States Department of Justice was created.

In 1937, Joe Louis began his reign as world heavyweight boxing champion by knocking out Jim Braddock in the eighth round of their fight in Chicago. (A year later on this date, Louis knocked out Max Schmeling in the first round of their rematch at Yankee Stadium.)

In 1940, during World War II, Adolf Hitler gained a stunning victory as France was forced to sign an armistice eight days after German forces overran Paris.

In 1941, Nazi Germany launched Operation Barbarossa, a massive invasion of the Soviet Union.

In 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, more popularly known as the "GI Bill of Rights."

In 1945, the World War II battle for Okinawa ended with an Allied victory.

In 1969, singer-actor Judy Garland died in London at age 47.

In 1977, John N. Mitchell became the first former U.S. Attorney General to go to prison as he began serving a sentence for his role in the Watergate cover-up. (He was released 19 months later.)

In 1981, Mark David Chapman pleaded guilty to killing rock star John Lennon. Abolhassan Bani-Sadr was deposed as president of Iran.

In 1992, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *R.A.V. v. City of St. Paul*, unanimously ruled that "hate crime" laws that banned cross burning and similar expressions of racial bias violated free-speech rights.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama announced in a White House address that he would pull home 33,000 troops from Afghanistan by the following summer. James "Whitey" Bulger, the longtime fugitive Boston crime boss and fixture on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list, was arrested in Santa Monica, California.

Five years ago: Rebellious Democrats launched a 25-hour round-the-clock sit-in on the House floor to demand votes on gun-control bills, forcing exasperated Republicans to recess while cutting off cameras showing the protest. Dennis Hastert arrived at a Minnesota prison to serve his 15-month sentence in a hush-money case involving revelations that the former House speaker had sexually abused at least four boys when he coached wrestling at an Illinois high school. Chicago's Patrick Kane won the Hart Trophy, becoming the first player born and trained in the U.S. to be named the NHL's most valuable player.

One year ago: Mourners filed through Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church for a public viewing of Rayshard Brooks, a Black man who'd been fatally shot in the back by a white police officer after a struggle. Protesters tried to pull down a statue of President Andrew Jackson near the White House before being dispersed by police. President Donald Trump said the United States had done "too good a job" on testing for cases of COVID-19 and that it had more cases than other countries because it did more testing. Trump opened a new front in his fight against mail-in voting, making unsubstantiated assertions that foreign countries would

print millions of bogus ballots to rig the results. Joel Schumacher, director of the Brat Pack film "St. Elmo's Fire" and two Batman movies, died in New York at the age of 80 after a yearlong battle with cancer.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Prunella Scales (TV: "Fawlty Towers") is 89. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., is 88. Singer-actor Kris Kristofferson is 85. Movie director John Korty is 85. Actor Michael Lerner is 80. Actor Klaus Maria Brandauer is 78. Fox News analyst Brit Hume is 78. Singer Peter Asher (Peter and Gordon) is 77. Singer Howard "Eddie" Kaylan is 74. Singer-musician Todd Rundgren is 73. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., is 72. Actor Meryl Streep is 72. Actor Lindsay Wagner is 72. Singer Alan Osmond is 72. Actor Graham Greene is 69. Pop singer Cyndi Lauper is 68. Actor Chris Lemmon is 67. Rock musician Derek Forbes is 65. Actor Tim Russ is 65. Rock musician Garry Beers (INXS) is 64. Actor-producer-writer Bruce Campbell is 63. Rock musician Alan Anton (Cowboy Junkies) is 62. Actor Tracy Pollan is 61. Environmental activist Erin Brockovich is 61. Rock singer-musician Jimmy Somerville is 60. Basketball Hall of Famer Clyde Drexler is 59. Actor Amy Brenneman is 57. Author Dan Brown is 57. Rock singer-musician Mike Edwards (Jesus Jones) is 57. Rock singer Steven Page is 51. Actor Michael Trucco is 51. Actor Mary Lynn Rajskub (RYS'-kub) is 50. TV personality Carson Daly is 48. Rock musician Chris Traynor is 48. Actor Donald Faison (FAY'-zahn) is 47. Actor Alicia Goranson is 47. Actor-comedian Mike O'Brien (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 45. TV personality/actor Jai Rodriguez is 42. Americana singer-songwriter John Moreland is 36. Pop singer Dinah Jane (Fifth Harmony) (TV: "The X Factor") is 24.

# Horoscopes By Holiday

**TUESDAY**  
**JUNE 22, 2021**

## Mercury's Turn

The artist Philippe Petit wrote about ordering a magnificent door handle from a blacksmith and declaring upon receiving it: "Now that I have a way to open the door, all I need to do is build a barn around it!" One way to celebrate Mercury's turn around is to approach projects in the order that most excites you, regardless of the logic.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): You'll get through the day as you would a math quiz, one problem at a time. Just keep your mind on what you're solving and by evening, you'll be done with the hard stuff and delighted by your scores.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): The action will be an adventure, not a chore, although it may come in a package labeled "work." You've never been afraid of work, only of not knowing how to do it. In today's case, figuring it out will be half the fun.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21): What you think you should be doing and what you are doing may be two different things. The lesser activity isn't "bad"; it's just not all you're capable of. You've the grit to answer your more noble calling.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22): There's a sage feeling under your ribs steering you toward or away from someone; heed it, even if it's illogical. Your body has plenty of intelligence and feeds your conscious mind on a need-to-know basis.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Some see the negative space as full of potential to put something into. Others hold the space as a sacred and essential balance to the main beauty. To you, the beauty is the space. You'll honor it, creating much peace for yourself.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The most exciting thing you can do today is a piece of decidedly unglamorous work. It turns out the key to creation is mostly humble actions

in service of a splendid cause.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): A relationship is better played out than analyzed, which is like examining a snowflake, which melts in your hand as it is observed. Stay in the moment, appreciating the natural environment of a thing.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): What another person wants from you seems fine. But to enact it without really owning it is weak. Better to make the choice yourself and stand by it, not because they want you to but because it's something you can get behind.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your mental process is settling into a new order. It's like answers are coming to you from outer space and painting your inner space in a new hue that will have you "redecorating" for weeks.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Repetition doesn't have to be tedious; in fact, it can be quite brilliant, a comfort and a deepening pleasure. The key here is progress. Repetition without progress is the very definition of boredom.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may be allowing yourself an unhelpful habit that is keeping you from realizing something very important to you. You can push through it. The first step is merely pointing to it and calling it by its name.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Prioritizing will be a little tricky today, since important items go masquerading as simple moves. The one to tackle first will bring you back to the basics of who you are, why you're here and what you want.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (June 22): You're so inspired by what you love you will attempt to produce a kind of sublime echo of it and be as pleased with the results as any artist could be. This is only possible because you make the time, not once or twice but just about daily -- an act of dedication on repeat that transforms you and enriches your life in innumerable ways. Taurus

and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 6, 15, 46 and 12.

**COSMICALLY CURIOUS ABOUT... SELF-PARENTING (PART 2):** Even for those fortunate ones born to champions of parenting, life is still better when we learn to care for and help ourselves. **FOR ARIES**, self-parenting is demanding because Aries is the newborn of the zodiac. Aries not only has the high energy of youth but the accompanying headstrong tendencies. Couple that with a rebellious streak and fire-sign passion... this is a job for the super-nanny. But good news, Aries: You have everything you need to keep up with yourself.

The trick is in realizing that the rebel in you isn't something to squash or tame. That part of you is usually trying to tell you something: that you need freedom and fun, that there are basic pleasures and novelties that should be prioritized or else you'll feel stifled and bored. When that part of you acts out, a good self-parenting move is to be patient, loving and curious. Ask, "What is the need that I'm ignoring? What is it I need to face?"

Also, it's worth noting that Aries adults do better with a consistent sleep schedule, just like Aries children do. Going to bed and waking up at approximately the same time may seem boring, but it has many life and health benefits that are anything but.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Moon child Meryl Streep will play the president in "Don't Look Up," a star-studded comedy about two low-level astronomers who must warn the world of an approaching comet. Considered by many to be the greatest living actress, the Academy Award collector was born under a sun, Venus and Uranus in maternal Cancer, suggesting her favorite role is very likely the role of mother of four.

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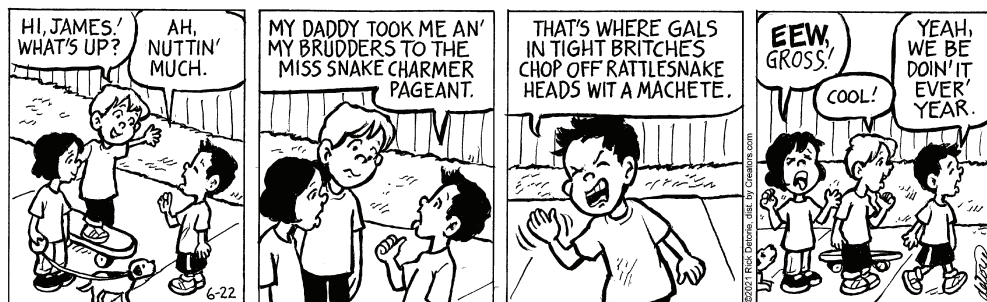
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