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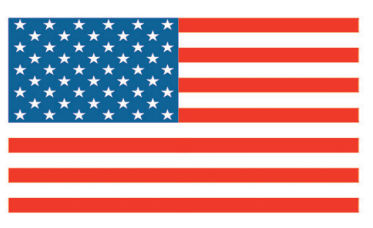
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8th Annual Dove Hunt to honor four veterans Saturday, Sept. 18

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SMMC 9/11 Ceremony
 9 a.m.
 Saturday

Burger Benefit
 Sept. 11
 Eagles Lodge
 To raise funds for
 Krista Bounds funeral expenses

Found object Art Show and Sale
 Heritage Museum
 now through Oct. 28

15th DAV 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony
 4 p.m.
 Spring Creek Fellowship

Dove Hunt
 Sept. 17
 Community invited to honor veterans
 First Methodist Church

Howard County Fair
 Sept. 17-19

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By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

To sacrifice, to fight, to protect ... a choice less than 1 percent of the nation has made. As this year marks the 20th anniversary of 9/11, the 8th annual Dove Hunt closing ceremony will be an open opportunity for the community to show their support for all veterans, especially the four being honored this year.

"There are many who have sacrificed for their country without ever asking for repayment. There are also those who extend an arm of gratitude for that service simply because it honorable. This year, four veterans will be honored at the 8th annual Dove Hunt, as a way of saying 'Thank you' for all the sacrifices that were made and the dedication to the fight that earned the freedoms our nation enjoys today," Mike Tarpley, Vietnam Veteran and organizer of the



The 8th Annual Dove Hunt will be held at First Methodist Church at 6 p.m. The community is invited to attend and help show appreciation for the veterans being honored this year.

Big Spring Dove Hunt, said. The 8th Annual Dove Hunt will honor Vietnam Veteran Sgt. Daniel Bernard; War on Terror veteran Sgt. Jeramy House; War on Terror Corporal Joshua

Junkin; and Vietnam Veteran Sgt. Robert "Bob" Ross, with a weekend of hunting that will conclude on Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. with a ceremony aimed at honoring these brave men.

The community is invited to join in the closing ceremony, which will be held at First United Methodist Church this year, for these four veterans and all those who have served.

"Getting this started was just a way to honor veterans after having been a part of a Purple Hearts Hunt in Eden Texas," Tarpley said. "I felt the need to do something here in Big Spring after experiencing another hunt, and realizing what it meant to veterans to be honored. We chose to make our

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Education is key during September, National Prevention Suicide Month

Special to the Herald

West Texas Centers

Heading straight into a second round of COVID-19 with the more precarious and hostile variants has levied a cumbersome strain on an already overloaded health care system.

As dedicated health care teams confront the physical effects of COVID-19 and its aftermath, and other professionals work on preventive care (think vaccines, healthy living, etc.), still others are charged with an unmeasured tangent of COVID-19 - caring for our mental wellness.

"We have managed numerous effects from past health care concerns, but none like that in which we are facing with COVID-19," West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith said.

"Never before have we been confronted with the mental effects of a physical illness as we have with COVID-19."

The Licensed Master Social Worker said the effects runs the gamut of families confronting the illnesses and deaths of loved ones to those who are scared, concerned and frightened with contracting the disease.

"Everywhere you turn someone has an idea, an opinion,

and most of the time it's very strong and they aren't to be persuaded," Smith said. "The mental health effects are like nothing we have ever seen before."

Smith and her dedicated staff who manage and operate the 15 mental health clinics in the rural West Texas Centers system have seen an influx in people looking for care or at least inquiring about care for themselves and their loved ones.

West Texas Centers operates a 24-hour hotline for people with any questions concerning mental health and/or services provided by West Texas Centers.

"There's been a sharp uptick in the number of calls," she said. "And we are very, very concerned. We are trying to get out the word that we have resources that can help all who have questions, and we are trying very hard to get that word out particularly during National Suicide Prevention Month."

Many of the problems can fester and lead to severe depression and suicidal tendencies, Smith said.

Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone and often are the result of untreated mental health conditions. Thoughts of suicide should not be considered normal and often indicates

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Coahoma Lions Club to host Coahoma Trade Days

By **ROGER CLINE**

Herald Staff Writer



The Coahoma Trade Days annual event will take place Sept. 25. There will be an opportunity to view locally made crafts, sample home grown produce, homemade salsa, and more.

Food. Arts and crafts. Antiques, collectibles, clothing and jewelry. Gift ideas and garage sale items. All these and more can be found at the seventh annual Coahoma Lions Club Trade Day, Sept. 25 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will be held in downtown Coahoma.

"It's going to be held in conjunction with the Coahoma City-wide Garage Sale. Right now, we have 27 booths, and I think three food booths are going to be available at this time," said Coahoma Lions Club Treasurer Lisa Duggan. "We may have more. What we're doing this for is to raise funds for scholarships for Coahoma seniors."

Coahoma residents planning garage sales on Sept. 25 can have their sale included on a map for the occasion, Duggan said.

"What we're doing is, if you're going to have a garage sale in Coahoma, you can pay \$15, and people can stop by the Trade Days and pick up a map that will have the listings of all the garage sales in Coahoma," she said. "We'll have the listings of them on a map, and people can stop by and pick them up, and it helps them to know where they're located at."

In addition to the inclusion on the map for \$15, there is still

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Obituaries

Dennis Parker

Dennis Parker, 83, of Novice, died Monday, Aug. 30, 2021 at Coleman County Medical Center. A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, 2021 at Novice United Methodist Church with Dr. David Medley officiating. A private inurnment will be in the Garden City Cemetery in Garden City. Arrangements are under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

He was born Dennis Truman Parker on May 11, 1938 in Big Spring to Dennis Weldon Parker and Effie Dell Williams Parker.

Dennis grew up in Garden City, where he graduated from high school. He served in the United States Air Force. On March 26, 1970, Dennis married Betty Berry in Odessa.

Dennis worked for Tandy Corporation in California and also worked for Kobe Industries. Dennis enjoyed coin collecting and stamp collecting. He

enjoyed it so much, he opened up his own collecting business in Odessa. He was also a member of the Lions Club in Odessa.

After Betty died in 2006, Dennis moved to Novice. There, he enjoyed the outdoors. He helped his brother-in-law, Bill, clear fence line and did what outdoor work his health would allow him to do. During the winter, he and Bill would sit inside and put many jigsaw puzzles together.

Preceded Dennis in death are his parents, his wife Betty Parker and a brother, Charles Parker.

Survivors include one sister, Sue Shields and husband, Bill, of Novice; two brothers, Doug Parker and wife, Donna, of Houston and Jerry Parker and wife, Debra, of Burnet. Also surviving are nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

Remembrances, condolences and expressions of comfort may be left for the family at www.stevens-funeralhome.com. Stevens Funeral Home is honored to serve the Parker family.

Paid Obituary

Ronald "Smurf" Sawyers

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Ray Rutledge

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Tina Marie Bennett

Tina Marie Bennett, age 60 of Big Spring, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2021. She was born Nov. 11, 1960 in Little Rock, Arkansas to parents, Robert Neighbors and Olliedene Roland Neighbors. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

Tina was one of nine siblings. She was a waitress for T.A. formally Rip Griffin for over 25 years. In that 25 years, Tina had an impact on many lives. She was an amazing mother, grandmother, and friend. Tina enjoyed the simple things in life such as video games, reading books, family time, and embroidery. Tina had a passion for helping all forms of life being human or animal. She was hilariously crazy in her own way which made her one of a kind. My mother was a beautiful soul and will be dearly missed.

Survivors include her mother, Olliedene Neighbors; daughter, Angelina Neighbors and son-in-law, Angel Torres; granddaughter, Destiny Neighbors; grandson, David Morales, Jr.; great granddaughter, Bella Morales; brothers: Ross Neighbors, Kyle Neighbors, Craig Neighbors, and Bart Neighbors; sisters: Inashea Hughes, Daryell Mobley, Andrea Neighbors, and Cathey Barber.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bo Bennett; father, Robert Neighbors; and great grandson, Angel Torres, Jr.

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

Paid Obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **SONNY OLIVIO**, 48, of 805 N. Goliad Street was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass – property/building/aircraft/vehicle, warrant from other agency, burglary of a building.
- **DALE GENE PARKER**, 52, of 733 W. Central, was arrested on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750 shoplifting.
- **RANDALL KIRK KIRKHAM**, 31, of 203 Terry Road, was arrested on a warrant from other agency (x4).
- **ARIEL ANN SAUCEDO**, 31, of 1305 Lincoln Avenue, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass – property/building/aircraft/vehicle.
- **CATALINA SONIA LUERA**, 24, of 2409 S. Scurry, was arrested on a charge of accident involving damage to vehicle greater than \$200.
- **ILIAH CHRISTOPHER GUZMAN**, 18, of 2913 N. Birdwell Lane, was arrested on a warrant from other agency.
- **LINDA MARIE HOWARD**, 50, of 7000 of S. Service Road, was arrested on a charge of deadly conduct.
- **ALEJANDRO RODRIGUEZ**, 22, of 1602 Robin Street, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **EVAN SWEETWATER NORIEGA**, 23, of 6313 Evers Road, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **KENNETH WAYNE BANKS**, 52, of 710 E. 17th Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **NILO RODRIGUEZ**, 59, of 523 Drury Lane, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JUAN MIGUEL ORTIZ**, 32, of 5816 Dogwood in Laredo, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JERRELL LYNN TURNER**, 30, of 907 N. Gregg Street, was arrested on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750.
- **MATTHEW CORY FOWLER**, 37, of 1015 Ridgeroad Drive, was arrested on a charge of assault family/household member previous conviction.
- **CARLOS BURROLAS MARQUEZ**, 60, of 610 NW 8th Street, was arrested on a charge of driving

while intoxicated 3rd or more and warrant from other agency.

- **CHRISTOPHER ISAAC REYES**, 30, of 618 E. 18th Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MELISSA KAY RICH**, 44, of Coahoma, was arrested on a charge of fail to identify – fugitive give false information.
- **MICHAEL D. JHOVON PHILLIPS**, 20, of 613 Linda Lane, was arrested on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750 shoplifting.
- **INTOXICATED DRIVER** was reported in the 100 block of S. Main Street.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the area of 4th and Benton; area of MM 180; 100 block of W. 3rd Street.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the area of Bluebonnet and State; area of MM 199; area of San Antonio between W 6th and W 7th; 200 block of W. FM 700; 1800 block of E. FM 700.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 900 block of Willia Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700; 1400 block of S. Rannels Street.
- **HIT AND RUN** was reported in the 2200 block of W. I-20.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of Brian Road; 200 block of W. FM 700.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 800 block of E. 11th Place; 700 block Craigmont Drive; 1300 block of Jeffery Road.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 800 block of E. 16th Street; 1300 block of Mesa Avenue.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street; 1000 block of Ridgeroad Drive.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 700 block of E. 11th Place.
- **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the 800 block of E. 3rd Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the area of Snyder Field Road from 1-20 to Service Road; 500 block of Westover Road.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 100 block of W. 9th Street.
- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported in the area of Crestline and Avondale.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block E. 6th Street. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Osage. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block Hilltop Road. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of Crestline and Avendale. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the area of ported was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical
- **PASSENGER VEHICLE FIRE** was reported in The fire was contained.

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Take Note

• The Cotton Boll Scramble will take place on Sept. 30 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. Registration will be at 8 a.m. at G.C. Broughton Junior Ag Complex followed by Howard County Crop Tour. Lunch will be served at Noon and the Golf Scramble will begin at 1 p.m. Area cotton producers who attend the crop tour will receive free lunch and free golf. The Golf Scramble is sponsored by Expedition Royalty.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. The meetings are starting back up Sept. 18. Kay Smith will be the featured presenter and be discussing how to mat and frame artwork. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943.

• Burger Benefit to help with funeral expenses for Krista Bounds. Donations will go to Rick and Shoni Morrow. The benefit will be held Sept. 11 beginning at 11 a.m. The benefit will take place at the Eagles Lodge, located at 703 W. 3rd. There will be food plates, an auction, and pool tournament. Volunteers, monetary donations, auction items and services are being accepted at Eagles Lodge.

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. Their season will include: Sept. 25 'A Breath of Fresh Air' which will take place at the Big Spring High School Auditorium; Nov. 20 will feature 'The Music of Queen'; Dec. 8 "Holiday Spectacular"; Feb. 19 "Winter Wonderland"; and Spring Pops

Concert on April 23. The concerts will take place at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium except for the opening performance. Tickets can be purchased in season passes or per concert.

• Howard County Fair is coming Sept. 17-19. Submissions for the Art and Photo contest will need to be submitted Sept. 14 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. The Special Subcategory this year is Cactus or Birds or combination of both. Submissions can be fine art or photography. For more information, call Sandra Lockhart at 432-263-4155.

• The Howard County Fair has a beautiful quilt that will go to a lucky winner on the last day of the Fair, September 19, 2021. Made and donated by Lois Ellison, the quilt has a Texas theme. Tickets are \$1 each or 6/\$5 and may be purchased at the Fair or by calling Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674. Winner need not be present to claim prize.

• The Howard County Fair is looking for all creative people to enter items in our Creative Arts categories. Entries will be taken on Tuesday, September 14 at the Fair Barn from 8 am-6 pm. Categories include Hobbies and Crafts, Handwork and Needlework, Sewing, Baked Goods, and Canned Goods. The special category for this year is candlesticks and candleholders. For more information please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

• Trinity Baptist Church will host a 13-week Grief Share session, beginning Aug. 26.

• The United Way of Big Spring and Howard

County is gearing up for the annual kick off event and golf tournament. The golf tournament will be August 28 and 29 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course; the concert will take place at the amphitheater on Aug. 29 with Micky and the Motorcars and Spur 327.

• 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

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Maggie Christian, 50, died Wednesday. Memorial Service 11 AM Saturday at Trinity Baptist Church

Stephen Hull, 66, died Thursday. Private Family service later date.

HONOR

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event a dove hunt."

Tarpley continued, "The closing event on Saturday, Sept. 18 is an opportunity for the community to join in the celebration and show their appreciation. You get to see how much it means to the community to get to come in and say thank you to a veteran. They (veterans) are less than 1% of the nation they serve and many may not get that opportunity."

The veterans will arrive on Thursday of that week and meet together for a private stay

at Wishbone Ranch. According to Tarpley, the first night is an opportunity for the veterans to form new bonds between fellow veterans and during this time many have found a level of healing.

"The first night serves as an opportunity for the honorees to share their stories, get to know each other, and it is where many of our honorees have reached a level of healing that they may not have known to be possible," Tarpley said. "This weekend isn't just about a hunting trip, but it's an opportunity to serve those who have served our nation and give back to those who have given so much.

The service and sacrifice these brave men and have made has left a legacy of freedom for our community, our nation and so many families. Each one has signed a blank check up to and including their life for your freedom."

The veterans will be treated to two days of hunting, food prepared by local families and businesses such as Al's BBQ. The closing ceremony will have the veterans not only honored in front of the community, but also allow for numerous businesses, families, and community members to present them with special gifts.

"This ceremony has been

growing for the past eight years. I am proud of our community and how it joins together each year to show honor to these brave men," Tarpley said. "This year, this ceremony is even more important as our nation is sitting in so much unrest and turmoil. The events that have taken place recently remind us that our soldiers need to know they have not been forgotten."

Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

HEALTH

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serious issues, she said.

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month - a time to raise awareness on suicide and educating the public on awareness and shifting public perception.

"We want people and their friends and families to know that they have access to resources, including our mental health clinics, a team of mental health professionals and our 24-hour hotline."

Close to half of the people who die by suicide had a known mental health condition, according to the National Alliance

on Mental Illness (NAMI).

Warning signs of suicide include:
Increased alcohol and drug use
Aggressive behavior
Withdrawal from friends, family and community

Dramatic mood swings
Impulsive or reckless behavior
Suicidal behaviors are a psychiatric emergency, according to NAMI. If you or a loved one starts to take any of these

steps, seek immediate help from a health care provider or call 911.

Collecting and saving pills or buying a weapon

Giving away possessions
Tying up loose ends, like orga-

nizing personal papers or paying off debts

Saying goodbye to friends and family
"We are here to help," Smith said of West Texas Centers. "Our Crisis Hotline is 1-800-375-4357."

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space available for vendors at the downtown event. A 10-foot by 10-foot lot for a vendor booth is \$25, while a 10-foot by 20-foot lot is \$40.

"There are still plenty of booths available," Duggan said. "They can contact me here at City Hall. We're saying the deadline is Thursday (Sept. 23), but even if they want to though Friday at noon on the 24th, it's fine."

Duggan said the lot fee is only for the space. Actual booths, awnings, water, electricity, etc., need to be provided by the vendors themselves.

For more information, contact Duggan at Coahoma City Hall at 432-394-4287.

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Hurricane Ida power outages, low fuel available, misery persist 9 days later

By **KEVIN MCGILL and MELINDA DESLATTE**

Associated Press

LaPLACE, La. (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses in Louisiana, most of them outside New Orleans, still didn't have power Tuesday and more than half of the gas stations in two major cities were without fuel nine days after Hurricane Ida slammed into the state, splintering homes and toppling electric lines.

There were also continuing signs of recovery, however, as the total number of people without electricity has fallen from more than a million at its peak, while hundreds of thousands of people have had their water restored. AT&T, which suffered widespread cellphone outages after the storm, reported that its wireless network now is operating normally in Louisiana.

State health officials, meanwhile, announced that they are revoking the licenses of seven nursing homes that were evacuated to a warehouse where seven residents died amid deteriorating conditions after Hurricane Ida.

The disparity in power restoration between New Orleans, where nearly 3/4 of the city had electricity again, and other communities where almost all residents were still in the dark prompted frustration and finger-pointing.

State Rep. Tanner Magee, the House's second-ranking Republican who lives in the devastated city of Houma in Terrebonne Parish, said he's convinced his region is being shortchanged in favor of New Orleans. A revamped levee system helped protect New Orleans from large-scale flooding and damage, though Ida knocked out power to the entire city.

"It's very infuriating to me," Magee said.

Though water was running again in his area, most hospitals in the region remained shuttered and the parish was in desperate need of temporary shelter for first responders and others vital to the rebuilding effort, he said.

Warner Thomas, president and CEO of the state's largest hospital system — Ochsner Health — warned that it would be "some time" before two Ochsner hospitals — one in Terrebonne Parish and the other in Lafourche Parish — fully reopen. Emergency rooms at the two hospitals, however, were open.

Carnival Cruise Line announced Tuesday that it

will keep one of its ships, Carnival Glory, docked in New Orleans through Sept. 18 to serve as housing for first responders.

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards said while there had been much progress in restoring water and power, "there's an awful lot of work to be done."

Without power, the Louisiana heat is the hardest thing to cope with, said Kim Bass, who lives in St. John the Baptist Parish. She and her husband are using a generator to keep food refrigerated but have no air conditioning. Water service is intermittent.

"So you may have water one minute, then you may not have water for the next two days," Bass said.

In many neighborhoods, homes were uninhabitable. State and federal officials said about 3,200 people are in mass shelters around Louisiana while another 25,000 people whose houses have been damaged are staying in hotel rooms through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's transitional sheltering program. FEMA already has approved more than 159,000 household applications for disaster assistance, according to Louisiana's emergency preparedness office.

Shontrece and Michael Lathers looked on despondently as workers wrestled a billowing blue tarp into place over what was left of the roof of their home in LaPlace. Ida's floodwaters had risen to about 3 feet (1 meter) inside their home and rain that had poured in through the wind-damaged roof obliterated most of the drywall ceilings.

The house will have to be gutted floor to ceiling, Michael Lathers said, adding that he had no idea how much the repairs will cost.

Fuel shortages also persisted across hard-hit areas of the state. More than 50% of gas stations in New Orleans and Baton Rouge remained without gasoline Tuesday morning, according to GasBuddy.com. Magee said people in his parish have waited hours for gasoline to power up generators and vehicles.

The power situation has improved greatly since Ida first hit. In the first hours after the storm, nearly 1.1 million customers were in the dark, but that number was down to about 430,000 on Tuesday. With the help of tens of thousands of workers from power companies in numerous states, the state's biggest energy provider, Entergy, has been able to slowly bring electricity back, leaving only 19% of its customers in the region without power as of Tuesday.

For residents in the state's four hardest-hit parishes in southeastern Louisiana, however, that number is little comfort. Fully 98% of those residents are still without power more than a week after Ida slammed onshore with 150 mph winds (240 kph) on Aug. 29.

Power probably won't be widely restored to St. John the Baptist Parish until Sept. 17 and until Sept. 29 to Lafourche, St. Charles and Terrebonne parishes, Entergy said Monday. The parishes are home to about 300,000 people.

In St. John the Baptist, power has been restored to "a small pocket" of customers in the hard-hit town of LaPlace, Entergy Louisiana President and CEO Phillip May said in a Tuesday conference call. He didn't say how many now have power there, but promised the number will rise as crews work their way into the community.

A parade of utility trucks on Tuesday passed by a Veterans of Foreign Wars hall in LaPlace that serves as a clearinghouse for donated water, ice and other supplies still desperately needed in the area. One truck was in the parking lot of the hall working to restore electricity.

In contrast, nearly all power has been restored in the capital of Baton Rouge, and only 27% of homes and businesses are still suffering outages in New Orleans. Entergy said it expected to have the vast majority of New Orleans brought online by Wednesday. Once areas such as New Orleans have their power restored, Entergy is moving its crews into communities south and west of the city that saw more widespread damage, May said.

As Entergy worked to get the lights turned on everywhere, the Louisiana Department of Health reported that the number of people without water had fallen from a peak of 850,000 to 58,000, though about 850,000 people were being advised to boil their water for safety. And grocery stores reopened in some places.

Ida's death toll in Louisiana rose to 15 people Tuesday after the state Department of Health reported two additional storm-related fatalities: a 68-year-old man who fell off of a roof while making repairs to damage caused by Hurricane Ida and a 71-year-old man who died of a lack of oxygen during an extended power outage. The storm's remnants also brought historic flooding, record rains and tornados from Virginia to Massachusetts, killing at least 50 more people.

Texas governor signs new GOP voting restrictions into law

By **PAUL J. WEBER and LM OTERO**

Associated Press

TYLER, Texas (AP) — Republican Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signed an elections overhaul into law Tuesday that adds more voting restrictions in the booming state, after Democrats spent months protesting what they say are efforts to weaken minority turnout and preserve the GOP's eroding dominance.

Abbott signed the sweeping changes during a ceremony in the East Texas city of Tyler, where the surrounding county went for former President Donald Trump by a more than 2-to-1 margin last year. But it was far closer in Texas overall, with Trump carrying the state by 5 1/2 points, the thinnest margin of victory by a GOP presidential nominee here in decades.

The bill signing again underlined the hard right turn Texas Republicans made this year, including a new state law that took effect last week banning most abortions. Abbott said he chose Tyler because it was home to the voting bill's main author, Republican Sen. Bryan Hughes, who also authored the new abortion restrictions.

Already, the rewrite of Texas' voting laws are the target of at least three federal lawsuits — including another filed Tuesday — and all contend the changes will have a disproportionate impact on minorities. Abbott and oth-

er Republicans say it expands access by increasing the minimum number of early voting hours, but the law also puts new restrictions on late-night voting.

"I feel extremely confident that when this law makes it through the litigation phase, it will be upheld," Abbott said. "Because exactly what we've said, it does make it easier for people to be able to go vote. No one who is eligible to vote will be denied the opportunity to vote."

Texas is among at least 18 states that have enacted new voting restrictions since the 2020 election, according to the Brennan Center for Justice.

The laws are part of a national GOP campaign, including in Florida, Georgia and Arizona, to tighten voting laws in the name of security, partly driven by Trump's false claims that the election was stolen.

Opponents did not wait for Abbott's signature to begin filing lawsuits against the new Texas law known as Senate Bill 1. The American Civil Liberties Union, minority rights groups and disability advocates are part of a broad coalition that filed separate lawsuits last week in federal court in Texas, ac-

causing Republican lawmakers of against minorities. Some changes squarely take aim at violating the federal Voting Rights Act and intentionally discriminating Harris County in the Houston area,

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Rangers win 3rd straight, beat Diamondbacks 3-1

By DAVID BRANDT

AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — Jordan Lyles pitched seven smooth innings in relief, Jason Martin hit a two-run single and the Texas Rangers beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 3-1 on Tuesday night.

It's a rare three-game winning streak for the last-place Rangers. They'll try to tie their season high of four straight wins on Wednesday.

"We had a hard time winning games like today earlier in the season," Texas manager Chris Woodward said. "Now we're finding ways to win games like this."

Arizona has lost nine of 10.

The Diamondbacks jumped out to a short-lived 1-0 lead in the third when Josh Rojas hit a sacrifice fly that brought home Daulton Varsho.

Texas responded with three runs in the fourth, the big blow coming on Martin's two-run single. Lyles took it from there, matching his season high with seven innings despite coming

out of the bullpen. He threw 96 pitches.

Texas used an opener to start the game and right-hander Spencer Howard was effective, retiring all six hitters he faced before handing off to Lyles.

It was the third straight strong outing for Lyles (8-11), a veteran right-hander who has had a rough season and entered with a 5.63 ERA. He'd given up the most hits (171) and homers (36) in the AL this year.

But Lyles cruised through the Diamondbacks' lineup, yielding just three hits and one run. Texas shortstop Yonny Hernandez helped the pitcher by making a diving catch of Varsho's line drive to end the fourth that would have scored Pavin Smith from third.

Smith had two of Arizona's three hits.

Lyles retired 15 of the last 16 batters he faced.

"We had a couple quick, efficient innings in there," Lyles said. "Not too

much traffic on the bases."

Diamondbacks manager Torey Lovullo said his team wasn't being selective enough at the plate and lacked energy at times, especially during the early innings.

"I saw the same game you saw, and we've got to do better," Lovullo said.

Arizona wasted a solid start from Zac Gallen (2-9), who gave up three runs over 6 2/3 innings. The right-hander allowed six hits and struck out eight. The only blemish was a 28-pitch fourth that resulted in three runs.

"I think he did a great job outside of the fourth," Lovullo said. "If you're looking at the entire day, he pitched into the seventh, gave up three runs, overall a solid outing."

It was an interleague matchup between two last-place teams that have long been out of contention. The Rangers (50-88) and Diamondbacks (45-94) came in a combined 74 games out of first place and 87 games below .500.

Arizona was playing slightly better immediately following the All-Star break with an 8-8 record in the first 16 games. Since then, the Diamondbacks have had a slow regression and lost 12 of their past 16.

MAKING MOVES

RANGERS: HOWARD was activated from the COVID-19 injured list before the game. RHP Nick Snyder was placed on the 10-day IL with right shoulder fatigue. The move is retroactive to Sept. 4.

"I felt pretty good," Howard said. "Definitely good to get back out there."

Diamondbacks: Added RHP Brandyn Sittinger and LHP Miguel Aguilar to the big league roster. The team placed RHP Tyler Clippard on the COVID-19 injured list and optioned RHP Taylor Clarke to Triple-A Reno.

UP NEXT

Arizona sends RHP Luke Weaver (3-3, 4.11 ERA) to the mound against RHP Kohei Arihara (2-3, 6.19) in the two-game series finale Wednesday afternoon.

NFL QB youth movement features 13 starters 25 or younger

By JOSH DUBOW

AP Pro Football Writer

There's a quarterback youth movement that has hit the NFL.

With five QBs drafted in the first round for the second time in the past four seasons, the NFL has a staggering number of young quarterbacks led by the three projected rookie starters: Trevor Lawrence in Jacksonville, Zach Wilson for the Jets and Mac Jones in New England.

This will be the second season since the merger when more than two rookie QBs start in Week 1, following the 2012 class that had Andrew Luck, Robert Griffin III, Ryan Tannehill, Brandon Weed and Russell Wilson all start the opener.

The youth movement has really hit the AFC East where all four Week 1 starters are age 25 or younger with Buffalo's Josh Allen (25) and Miami's Tua Tagovailoa (23) joining Wilson (22) and Jones (23).

The last time a division had four starting Week 1 QBs that young came in 1983 when the AFC East did it with Dan Marino, Ken O'Brien, Tony Eason and Art Schlichter. This will be the fourth time since the merger that two rookie QBs in the same division started the opener, with Dallas' Dak Prescott and Philadelphia's Carson Wentz doing it in 2016.

In all, the NFL is projected to have 13 quarterbacks age 25 or younger starting in Week 1, tied for the second-most ever to the 16 that did it in 2013.

On the other end of the spectrum, Tampa Bay's Tom Brady will be the first 44-year-old quarterback to start a season opener after previously being the first to do it at age 42 and 43.

The only players older than Brady to appear in a Week 1 game are kickers George Blanda, Adam Vinatieri and John Carney.

Blanda will remain the oldest to throw a pass. He went 4 for 11 for 64 yards and a TD to Raymond Chester for the Raiders against the Steelers in a relief effort on his 45th birthday in 1972.

OPENING THOUGHTS

No franchise can match the Cleveland Browns when it comes to starting off the season on the wrong note. The Browns are 0-15-1 in their past 16 openers since beating Baltimore 20-3 in 2004 with Jeff Garcia at quarterback.

No other team in NFL history has gone winless in Week 1 in more than nine straight seasons with Washington (1959-67) and Philadelphia (1968-1976) doing that.

The Chiefs open at Kansas City, which is tied for the longest active Week 1 winning streak with Green Bay at six games in a row. The Chiefs have won 14 straight September games since a 19-12 loss at Houston in 2016.

The other team that has been dominant early is Baltimore, which has outscored opponents 177-26 in winning the past five openers.

TURNAROUND TEAMS

In 17 of the past 18 seasons, at least two teams that missed the playoffs the previous year ended up as division champs.

In all, 59 teams have done it with Pittsburgh and Washington joining that group in 2020. That should give hope to plenty of teams with 24 of those teams having gone from last to first in one year.

At least one team has done it in 16 of the past 18

seasons. The teams looking to pull off that trick in 2021 are the Jets, Cincinnati, Jacksonville, Denver, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Detroit, San Francisco.

For 31 straight years, at least four teams that missed the playoffs the previous year have made it to the postseason.

DEBUT COACHES

Opening weekend will feature two matchups between first-year coaches with Jacksonville's Urban Meyer facing Houston's David Culley, and Philadelphia's Nick Sirianni taking on Atlanta's Arthur Smith.

There have been only five Week 1 matchups between first-year coaches since 1983 and never two in the same season until this year. The previous matchups were Bill Parcells—John Robinson in 1983, Dennis Green-Gunter Holmgren in 1992, Dick Jauron-Guenter Cunningham in 1999, Al Groh-Mike Sherman in 2000, and Bill O'Brien-Jay Gruden in 2014.

WORKHORSE BACK

Few players have been worked as hard as Tennessee running back Derrick Henry the past two seasons. Henry became just the third player in the past 10 seasons to have at least 400 touches in the regular season and playoffs in back-to-back seasons.

The last player before Henry to do it was Le'Veon Bell, who then sat out the next season in a contract dispute. The last player to suit up after back-to-back 400-touch seasons was Ray Rice, who hit the mark in 2010-12. Rice then was held to a career-low 3.1 yards per carry in 2013.

Urban legend: Jags' Meyer trying to extend impressive streak

By MARK LONG

AP Pro Football Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Urban Meyer is unbeaten in season openers, and most of them weren't even close.

He never lost the first game of any season as head coach at Bowling Green, Utah, Florida or Ohio State. He built a 17-0 mark in openers between 2001 and 2018 — he didn't coach in 2011 — and had several impressive victories along the way.

His next one could be a bigger challenge.

Meyer's NFL debut comes at Houston on Sunday. His Jacksonville Jaguars are 2 1/2-point road favorites, according to FanDuel Sportsbook. It's just the second time in the past 11 years that Jacksonville has been favored heading into an opener.

History says Meyer is a safe bet. At least he was in college. But the three-time national championship-winning coach acknowledges that playing the Texans on the road will be considerably different than any of his other openers over the past two decades.

"I don't remember ever coming out of the chute where the talent is equated across the board and you have a young quarterback," said Meyer, whose college record was 187-32. "So, yeah, it is a lot going on. But I like where we are at."

Meyer admits he still gets nervous before games, especially amid the unknowns that typically surround openers. Since the Jaguars are in preparation mode, he's "not there yet," but it's coming.

"All coaches get there, and if they tell you they are not, then they are probably not being truthful with you," Meyer said. "I am one of those people, if you remember. It's every T crossed, every I dotted and every tip sheet, 'Why didn't we dot the I on this tip sheet?'"

"So instead of players, I drive coaches crazy. I just want to make sure those players have a shot."

Meyer is the 12th head coach since 2000 to make the leap directly from college to the NFL. The others: Butch Davis (2001, Cleveland), Steve Spurrier (2002, Washington), Nick Saban (2005, Miami), Bobby Petrino (2007, Atlanta), Jim Harbaugh (2011, San Francisco), Greg Schiano (2012, Tampa Bay), Doug Marrone (2013, Buffalo), Chip Kelly (2013, Philadelphia), Bill O'Brien (2014,

Houston), Kliff Kingsbury (2019, Arizona) and Matt Rhule (2020, Carolina).

Meyer's predecessors went 6-4-1 in their NFL debuts, and four of those 11 — Saban, Harbaugh, Kelly, and O'Brien — notched winning records in Year 1.

Nine of those 11 coaches, however, eventually ended up back in the college ranks. Only the previous two hired, Kingsbury and Rhule, remain in the league.

Meyer insists he knows what he's getting into. He studied the NFL for a year while contemplating the move and then hired several experienced veteran assistants to help him navigate the transition.

And they've already made a difference: Meyer wanted to show more in the pre-season; they convinced him to be vanilla and save it for the regular season.

Meyer wanted to use rookie Trevor Lawrence on designed quarterback runs; they pointed out how dangerous that is at this level. Meyer wanted to practice hard and in full pads for much of training camp; they talked him into easing up and taking it relatively easy at times.

Nonetheless, Meyer believes the toughest part of coaching in the NFL, at least for him, is handling losses and stress. It's not something he's done well in the past. He stepped down at Florida following a health scare in December 2009.

Doctors diagnosed Meyer with a brain cyst that caused severe headaches. He had surgery in 2014 to remove fluid and relieve increased intracranial pressure. It helped tremendously, but once the cyst started growing again, the headaches returned.

Fearing for his long-term health, Meyer resigned from Ohio State at the end of the 2018 season.

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| 5:30 AM | Big 2 Good Morning Basin | Como dice el | Paid Prtg. Business | CBS7 Wake Up | Al rojo vivo (SS) | Newsweek 9 | Hidden Restaurants | Cat in the Hat's First Day | Paid Prtg. | More Hair | Matters | Charmed | SportsCenter | Keyshawn, JWill and Max | Ideal Home | NCIS: Los Angeles | Jeremiah | Expedition X |
| 6:30 AM | | Despierta América! | Les Feld Robinson | CBS7 Wake Up | Hoy día (SS) | Newsweek 9 Sunrise | Truth for Life | Arthur's First Day | Paid Prtg. | Highway Thru Hell | George | Charmed | SportsCenter | | MLB Baseball: Rangers at Diamondbacks | NCIS (DVS) | Parking | Expedition X |
| 7:30 AM | Good Morning America | | Space Wom | CBS Mornings | | Today | Light of Southwest | Tiger | CBS7 Wake Up | Divorce | Broke Girl | Charmed | Get Up | SportsCenter | | Law & Order: SVU | Parking | (.05) Expedition X |
| 8:30 AM | | | Fox 24 News AM | | | | Light of Southwest | Sesame Elinor | CBS7 Wake Up | Steve Wilkos Show | Broke Girl | Charmed | | SportsCenter | AVP Pro Beach Vol | Law & Order: SVU | Parking | Expedition X |
| 9:30 AM | The 700 Club | | Wendy Williams | Kelly and Ryan | Caso cerrado (SS) | Today 3rd Hour | Issues4 | Clifford | Kelly Clarkson | Steve Wilkos Show | Friends | Supernatural | First Take | Get Up | AVP Pro Beach Vol | Law & Order: SVU | Parking | Mysteries of |
| 10:30 AM | The View | Como dice el dicho | The Heal | The Price Is Right | La casa De'isiones | Today-Hoda | Families Words of Nature | Dinosaur | Drew Barrymore | Maury | Friends | Supernatural | | | Athletes Unlimited Softball | Law & Order: SVU | Parking | Mysteries of |
| 11:30 AM | Jeopardy | Noticiero | Tamron Hall | Young & Restless | Más sabe Noticias | The Dr. Oz Show | Shepherd's Heart | Nature | The Doctors | Maury | Friends | Supernatural | 2021 U.S. Open Tennis: Men's and Women's Quarterfinals | SportsCenter | | Law & Order: SVU | Neighbor. | Mysteries of |
| 12:30 PM | GMA3: What | Hoy (SS) | TMZ Live | News | Pasión de gavilanes | Days of our Lives | You Need The China | Molly | Dateline | Hot | Friends | Supernatural | | SportsCenter | MLB Baseball: Rangers at Diamondbacks | Law & Order: SVU | Neighbor. | Mysteries of |
| 1:30 PM | General Hospital | La madrastra | The People's Court | The Talk | En casa con | Blast | Eye on | Cyber | The First 48 | Paid Prtg. | Friends | Supernatural | | Jalen | Law & Order: SVU | Court | Mysteries of | |
| 2:30 PM | Rachael Ray | Amor eterno | Judge Mathis | Let's Make a Deal | (1:58) Suelta la sopa | Blast | Israel | Pink | Monk | Jerry | Friends | Movie: Tessa Thompson (DVS) | | NBA: The Jump | Law & Order: SVU | Court | Mysteries of | |
| 3:30 PM | Jdg Judy | El gordo y la flaca | The List | Kelly Clarkson | (2:58) Al rojo vivo | News | Ignite | Curious | 25 Words | Divorce | American | | | NFL Live | Law & Order: SVU | Court | Mysteries of | |
| 4:30 PM | DailyMail Jeopardy! | Primer impacto | Broke Girl | CBS 7 | En casa con | News | Ignite | Curious | 25 Words | Divorce | American | | | Around Pardon | Law & Order: SVU | Court | Expedition Unknown | |
| 5:30 PM | Big 2 | Noticiero | FamFeud | CBS 7 | Tele | News | The Gath | Molly | King | Burgers | Fam. Guy | | | Football | Postgame | Law & Order: SVU | Court | Expedition Unknown |
| 6:30 PM | News | ¿Qué le pasa a | Big Bang | CBS 7 | La casa de los | News | Freedom | Arthur's First Day | Last Man | Fam. Guy | Big Bang | | | WNBA Basketball: Mercury at Dream | Law & Order: SVU | Court | Expedition Unknown | |
| 7:30 PM | Press Your Luck | Diseñando tu amor | MasterChef | Big Brother | Rumbo | News | Israel | Xavier | Last Man | Fam. Guy | Big Bang | | | E60 | Law & Order: SVU | Court | Expedition Unknown | |
| 8:30 PM | Women of 9/11-With Robin Roberts | Si nos dejan | FOX 24 News at 9 | 48 Hours | Eliminatorias Copa Mundial 2022 (SS) | Chicago P.D. | Light of Southwest | Cyber | Mike | News | Big Bang | | | NFL Live | Law & Order: SVU | Neighbor. | Lost Relics of | |
| 9:30 PM | Big 2 | Noticiero | TMZ | CBS 7 | Telemundo 20 | News | News | Pink | Friends | Creek | Full | | | SportsCenter | UFC Unleashed | Postgame | Law & Order: SVU | Court |
| 10:30 PM | Jimmy Kimmel Live! | Noticiero | Mom | Late Show- Colbert | Noticias | Tonight Show | Words of | Elinor | Friends | Creek | George | | | SportsCenter | To Be Announced | World Poker | Law & Order: SVU | Court |
| 11:30 PM | Nightline | Contacto deportivo | Funny | James Corden | Noticias | Seth Meyers | Dr. Wil | Donkey | CBS 7 | black-ish | George | | | SportsCenter | Around Pardon | Tennis | NCIS: Los Angeles | Court |
| 12:30 AM | Extra | Un gancho al | Two Men | Simpsons | Drew Barrymore | News | Jesus IS | Xavier | Forensic | George | George | | | SportsCenter | NFL Live | | NCIS: Los Angeles | Neighbor. |
| 1:30 AM | Home Outages | La madrastra | Pawn | Dr. Carras | Programa | Today-Hoda | Light of Southwest | Molly | Jerry Springer | Liquidator | Gold | | | SportsCenter | UFC 257: Poirier vs. McGregor | Shogun Fights | NCIS: Los Angeles | Court |
| 2:30 AM | (.06) ABC World News Now | Vecinos | Paid Prtg. | (.07) CBS Overnight News | Programa | Inside Ed. | Light of Southwest | Arthur's First Day | Minute | Organic | New Girl | | | SportsCenter | | World Poker | Dateline | Clean air Huckabee |
| 3:30 AM | | El gordo y la flaca | Paid Prtg. | | Programa | Film Fic | Cost | Odd | Paid Prtg. | Grow Hair | New Girl | | | SportsCenter | | Icons | Dateline | Paid Prtg. |
| 4:30 AM | Morning | Noticiero | Two Men | News | Programa | Early Tdy | Heritage | Arthur | Paid Prtg. | Home | Matters | | | SportsCenter | | Paint Like | Dateline | Neck Pain |

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Keeping an open mind

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 5
♥ A Q J 9 3
♦ A K 10 2
♣ 7 4

WEST
♠ 8 2
♥ 8 7 6 2
♦ 9 7 5
♣ A 9 6 5

EAST
♠ Q J 10 9 6
♥ K 4
♦ Q 8 3
♣ K 8 2

SOUTH
♠ K 7 4 3
♥ 10 5
♦ J 6 4
♣ Q J 10 3

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

There are times when a defender must revise his initial plan to defeat the contract and look elsewhere for the setting trick (or tricks). Today's deal from a team contest provides a case in point.

Declarer won the opening spade lead in his hand in order to try the heart finesse, and East took the king and returned a spade to establish his suit. East hoped to regain the lead with a diamond or a club, in which case his three spade winners would set the contract.

After taking the spade return,

declarer ran dummy's hearts, forcing East to make three discards. The first discard — a club — was easy, but the last two were not. To keep all his spades as well as to protect the queen of diamonds, East decided to get rid of his K-8 of clubs, hoping his partner could guard against that suit.

This made things simple for declarer, who next led a club to the queen. West allowed the queen to hold (South would have made an overtrick if West had taken the ace), and declarer had his ninth trick.

Nine tricks would also have accrued if East had thrown one of his spades to keep the club king. In that event, East would win the club lead from dummy at trick eight and cash his two remaining spades but would then have to return a diamond from the queen to yield the contract.

The trouble with East's defense was that he had his heart so set on scoring his spades that he missed an obvious alternative. All he had to do was to discard two spades on the last two hearts and hold onto the K-8 of clubs. East could then put up the king on the first club lead (if South had the ace, declarer had nine tricks), cash his good spade and lead a club to West's ace.

West's diamond return would then leave declarer with no recourse, and the defenders would wind up scoring two clubs, a heart, a spade and a diamond for down one.

Tomorrow: The most important trick.

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Annie's Mailbox

Keep Your Relationship Problems Private

Dear Annie: My boyfriend and I have been talking about moving in together for a very long time. I became pregnant and had our baby, but he didn't move in with me because he was upset that I was talking to other people about our problems.

Well, finally, almost a year later, he has moved in his dresser and bookshelf. But he is mad at me again because he did it all on the weekend, unannounced, and that upset me, and I told my dad that it concerned me. Apparently, my dad asked him about it, and he is upset with me again.

This is driving me crazy because he stays over here 80% of the time, but when he is mad, he just takes off. He told my brother he is done. I'm so tired of this, but I love him. It's constant back and forth.

I want stability and not to suffer. He has done this even before

we had kids. He just takes off, and we can't talk through our issues without him getting mad. At this point, I am wondering, should I continue to work on things -- to keep trying? Is the pain and suffering going to be worth it in the end? -- Highly Frustrated

Dear Highly Frustrated: Regardless of if you stay or go, you and your boyfriend will experience some pain and uncomfortable feelings. The real question is, can you make that pain and discomfort productive? The best way to do that is to get into counseling for the two of you.

With the help of a professional, he can't just storm off when he is upset; he has to stay in the room and work through his feelings. I know you are going through a hard time, and talking to your father about it might feel like a nice relief in the moment, but it doesn't really help your relationship with your boyfriend. Try to keep the problems in your relationship between you and your boyfriend

and your therapist. In the end, you owe it to your baby and yourself to try to work it out.

Dear Annie: Please pass along the information that extremely strong body odors often occur as the result of a nutritional deficiency: zinc. I found my problem had been solved after less than a week on this regimen.

Also, if you are wildly attractive to mosquitoes, vitamin B complex will make them lose interest.

A good multivitamin/mineral tablet taken daily will keep both problems at bay. -- Getting All My Vitamins

Dear Vitamins: Eating or taking vitamins and minerals, within recommended guidelines, is always a good idea for your health, but who knew that they can help with body odor and bugs? Thank you for telling us about these additional benefits.

Dear Annie: In response to "One Grieving Grandmother to Another," who was

upset about not seeing her children and grandchildren on holidays, I was thinking she could try making her own "holidays" or special Sundays. If invited ahead of time, her family might come together and be with her. Competition on regular holidays makes it hard for grown children to see all the family. If there are birthday celebrations for grandkids, I think it's perfectly OK to ask ahead if she may join the festivities, instead of waiting for them to extend the favor. Sometimes, we just have to be proactive. -- Understanding Grandma

Dear Understanding Grandma: Being proactive and creative is always a good thing. Thank you for your suggestion.

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7. Klondike
8. Texas Tech
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10. Jaguars

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Find this week's games between the merchant's ads on this page. Choose the teams you think will win, and fill in the official entry form on this page with your team choices. Clip the entry form out of the page and drop it in the Pigskin box at one of the listed merchants.

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*Winners will be announced on the next week's Pigskin Contest Page.

Pigskin Picks Entry Form

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2. _____
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10. _____

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