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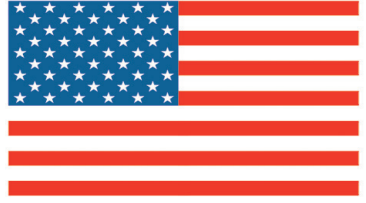
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Upcoming Events

Veterans of Comedy Fundraiser Show for DAV of Big Spring June 11 at 7 p.m. Donations accepted at the door

Big Spring Art Association Area Wide Art Show is open - the community is invited to stop by the Heritage Museum to view the pieces that were submitted by area artists.

Big Spring Graduation May 21 8 p.m. Memorial Stadium

Westbrook Graduation May 14 7 p.m.

Coahoma Graduation May 20 7:30 p.m.

Forsan Graduation May 28



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Citizens speak against renaming N. Gregg

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

Several Big Spring citizens faced the City Council Tuesday evening and urged local leaders not to rename North Gregg Street after former Councilman

for District 2, Oscar Garcia, who passed away in October of 2020.

“No matter how much you want to honor the late Oscar Garcia, he lived on Albrook. Why are you going to inconvenience nine businesses and up to 40 families?” asked Nati Saldivar during time

reserved for public comment during the meeting. “North Gregg was in District 1 until recently. There’s a lot of families and a lot of other people who did a lot more. Why Oscar Garcia and why North

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BSISD to seat new members

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

A proposed increase in pay for substitute teachers will be considered by Big Spring ISD trustees when they meet Thursday evening.

The meeting will be at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the High School Board Room at Big Spring High School, 707 E. 11th Place.

In addition to the proposed substitute teacher compensation increase, the school

board will consider several other items of business, including special recognition of outgoing board members Maria Padilla and Melissa Miller and post-election procedures for elected officials following the May 1 general election. While Padilla and Miller both resigned from the board at the end of their most recent terms, only one candidate ran to fill each

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

New Big Spring City Councilwoman for District 2 Diane Yanez, left, accepts a certificate from Municipal Judge Tim Green after being sworn in at Tuesday’s Council meeting.

BSPD investigating Tuesday dog attack

Attack victim passes away, actual cause of death not yet determined

Special to the Herald

BSPD

On May 11, at approximately 6 a.m., Big Spring Police Department officers responded to the 1100 block of E. 13th due to an unknown disturbance.

Upon arrival, officers immediately observed a dog attacking a male individual identified as John Henry, a Hispanic male, 46 years of age. Officers observed two more individuals outside trying to get the dog to stop attacking Mr. Henry.

The officers discharged their weapons in the direction of the dog, scaring the dog away. Mr. Henry was immediately transported to Scenic Mountain

Medical Center for treatment but, unfortunately has died.

The actual cause of death is not known at this time though, an autopsy is scheduled for tomorrow morning.

The Big Spring Police Department Criminal Investigations Division arrived on scene and are currently investigating this incident.

Animal Control Wardens arrived on scene and were able to capture the dog which, is now in quarantine at the Big Spring Animal Shelter.

During this incident another male individual was also bit who was treated and released from SMMC.

This case is still under investigation and no further information is available at this time.



Howard County comes together for National Day of Prayer at Howard County Courthouse



By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Howard County residents along with civil and religious leaders of the community gathered on the east side of the Howard County Courthouse in recognition of National Day of Prayer during the Noon hour on Thursday. The annual event provided an opportunity for the community - and the nation - to stand united in prayer.

The ceremony was opened by Pastor Sam Segundo of Family Faith Center followed by his wife, Christina Segundo with the opening prayer. Before heading into the seven pillars high-

lighted in the Bible, Big Spring resident Gloria Pierce sang the National Anthem followed by Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams leading the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

“National Day of Prayer is deeply rooted in our national heritage from the earliest days of our republic, Americans have asked God to hear their prayers in times of sorrow and crisis and in times of bounty,” Pastor Segundo said. “The first National Day of Prayer was proclaimed in 1775 by the 2nd Continental Congress and 30 years ago a joint resolution of the Congress requested the President proclaim a day in each year other than a Sunday as National Day of

Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer”

According to Pastor Segundo, since the inception of National Day of Prayer, 10 presidents have proclaimed a day of prayer to the nation, resuming the tradition started by the Continental Congress.

Pastor Kevin Knudson of Life Church offered up the first prayer, focusing on Religious Organizations, followed by Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman praying over Government/Politics; Olivia Moreno praying over Medical Science; Big Spring High School

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National Day of Prayer took place this year at the Howard County Courthouse. Pictured at left is Mike Ritchey, with BSISD, offering a prayer for education. Pictured above is the National Day of Prayer crowd outside the courthouse.



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Obituaries

James M. Murray

James M. Murray, 75 of Big Spring, passed away Monday, May 10, 2021. Services are pending. He was born Oct. 24, 1945, in Texarkana, Texas. He enjoyed golfing, and loved his cats dearly. He is survived by his wife, Betty Murray; one sister, Wanda; and several step children, nieces, and

nephews; as well as numerous other friends and family. He was preceded in death by his parents, and sisters, Ruth and Jana. Arrangements are by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.
Paid Obituary

Jimmy Moore

Jimmy Moore, 46, of Garden City, Texas, passed away Monday, March 10, 2021.



Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 13, 2021, at Belvedere Memorial Park in San Angelo, Texas. Jimmy was born Jan. 13, 1975, in San Antonio, Texas, to May (Lewis) Moore and Jim Moore. He attended Midland Lee High School, developing a close group of friends held near and dear to his heart to this day.

He began his career in the office supply and office furniture industry when he was 18. Through hard work, dedication and as an amazing salesman, he built a successful career. He opened Moore Office Supplies in 2009 in Big Spring quickly adding locations in Midland and San Angelo and servicing all areas in between. He had a great amount of pride in business ownership and was well known and liked in the community. His family will continue his legacy and honor him through his business, as it was such an important part of his life.

He married Sharon (Johnston) Moore on Feb. 14, 1999. They spent 22 wonderful years together raising two sons. They worked together, built a life in Garden City, traveled and spent countless lawn chair hours at Bull Run in Mertzon and the Cat Shack at Lake Ivie. Jimmy most recently became Grandpap to granddaughter Alice, and was excit-

edly waiting the birth of his second grandchild this Fall.

Jimmy enjoyed telling stories about hunting and fishing almost as much as hunting and fishing. His times at deer camp and fishing with his friends were some of his best memories. Hunting with his sons and nephew were experiences they will never forget because Jimmy was always more excited than they were.

He was a Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo board member, and very honored to do so. It was an important commitment for him, and the Big Spring Rodeo was something he looked forward to every year.

Jimmy was one-of-a-kind, and will not be forgotten. He was a loving husband, father, Grandpap, son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin and friend. He will be missed.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Jamie Moore, on Sept. 11, 2017.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Board.

Jimmy is survived by his wife, Sharon, of Garden City; son, Jimmy "LJ" Moore, of San Angelo; son, Joseph and wife Nikki McLaren of Brookesmith; mother, May Moore of Midland; father, Jim Moore and wife Brenda of Brownwood; sister, Melissa Moore of Midland; nephew, Dylan Hill of Midland; nieces, Madi Hill of Midland and Hailey Whitley of Lubbock; granddaughter, Alice McLaren of Brookesmith; many loved aunts, uncles and cousins and many close personal friends.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com
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Aaron Edward "Rusty" Henderson

Aaron Edward "Rusty" Henderson, 60, of Big Spring, died Sunday, May 9, 2021. Viewing and visitation will be Thursday, May 13, 2021, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Friday, May 14, 2021 at Myers & Smith Chapel at 2 p.m. with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Ricky Solis

Ricky Solis, 58, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, May 11, 2021. Viewing and visitation will be Friday, May 14, 2021 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with family receiving friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Funeral service will be Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 11 a.m. at the Myers & Smith Chapel. Arrangements are by Myer & Smith Funeral Home.

Darrin Crooks

Darrin Crooks, 61, of Big Spring, died Saturday, May 8, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Scott Engleson

Scott Engleson, 65, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, May 11, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

David Martin Vierus

David Martin Vierus, age 34, of Roscoe passed away Thursday, May 6, 2021. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 14, 2021, at McCoy Chapel of Memories with Rev. Daniel Stovall and Jason Kingston officiating. Interment will follow at Roscoe Cemetery. A family and friend's visitation will be Thursday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

David was born Dec. 14, 1986 in Sweetwater. He is a graduate of Roscoe High School and was co-owner of J A L Contractors in Big Spring. David

had worked for Ivey Pump and Supply in Roscoe, Charles Burnett Construction, McGlothlin Construction, and Price Construction. He was a Crane

Mechanic and Inspector. David grew up in Roscoe, loved farming and cattle ranching and playing golf and was working toward becoming an airplane pilot.

He is survived by his wife; Jana Vierus of Big Spring, daughters; Hanna King and husband Sam of Needville, Texas, Maddie Robertson of Snyder, parents; Don and Teresa Vierus of Roscoe, sister; Lucrecia Dawn Vierus of Roscoe, maternal grandmother; Barba Kingston of Roscoe, paternal grandfather; Don Martin Vierus, Sr. of Castell, Texas, nephews; Korbin Vierus and Kamden Clark and his special friend's Daniel and Randa Drake of Roscoe.

David was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather; Charlie Kingston, paternal grandmother; Dora Mae Vierus and niece; Kayleigh Dawn Vierus. Honorary pallbearer will be Daniel Drake.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.mccoyfh.com.

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Laurie. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of S. Benton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Settles. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of W. Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Nolan. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 3300 block of W. Hwy 80. No transport was required.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 94 inmates at the time of this report.

- **CARL GENE BURLESON**, 59, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of expired registration.
- **YOAN ALFONSO FERNANDEZ**, 21, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol.
- **BRENDEAN GARCIA**, 19, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces/FTA.
- **MICHAEL JOSEPH MCNEW**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a non reportable La. Probation violation.
- **ROBERT RICHARD PEARSON JR.**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of burglary of a building.
- **MATTHEW ERIN STURGILL**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of FTA/Possession controlled substance between one gram and four grams; unlawful possession of firearm by felon, possession of controlled substance less than one gram, possession of controlled substance between one gram and four grams, possession deliver drug paraphernalia, theft of firearm, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, possession of controlled substance less than 28 grams.
- **JULIEANN WHEELER**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750.

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Gregg?"

Howard County Commissioner for Precinct 1 Eddilisa Ray also spoke against the name change, invoking former Councilwoman Carmen Harbour, who died April 26.

"North Gregg. For 28 years I have lived on North Gregg, and I'm going to die on North Gregg," she said. "I find it disrespectful, despicable, that (Big Spring Mayor) Shannon (Thomason) went on Facebook to honor somebody, when a Council Member died two weeks ago and we didn't have a moment of silence for that? That's what I find disrespectful."

Big Spring citizen T.J. Stewart also addressed the council on the issue.

"If you want to honor a street on our side, Military Order of the Purple Heart and their family," he said. "That is the heart of Big Spring. That is my family. From generation to generation in these wars, that is my family. That's a lot of our families here. That is who we honor. Mr. Oscar Garcia, good man. He served his country in a time, just like my brother, nobody wanted to be there. Honor him in the County. But I know that he would also step up and say 'Honor all veterans, just like we always have.'"

Big Spring citizen Norma Garcia also spoke at the meeting.

"I don't know what's going on, but I don't like it. North Gregg. I think it should be left alone. I agree with what these other citizens have said. There are a lot of streets. I don't say 'Don't honor Oscar Garcia,' but I don't think North Gregg is the one, because it gives me a bad feeling. You well know the situation. To me it sounds and feels like somebody's personal agenda, and I don't like that. That's not what we're here for. I don't support it at all. I don't support it. I want us to work together for the betterment of the community. We don't need to bicker. We need to work together. I am here to let you know I do not support it, and I will support them (opponents of the renaming) whatever necessary to keep that from happening. I do think you can rename Albrook where he lived, or out in the County, but not North Gregg. That leaves a bad

taste in my mouth."

An item on the meeting's agenda addressed the street renaming, as well as naming of a pavilions in ABC Park.

Councilman Nick Ornelas, District 1, moved to rename the pavilion in honor of P.J. Dominguez, known as "P.J. the D.J."

Mayor Shannon Thomason started to offer an amendment to Ornelas' motion. Thomason's amendment would have been to name a planned North Side park in honor of Oscar Garcia, possibly instead of North Gregg.

As Thomason was offering his amendment, City Attorney Andrew Hagen interrupted him, reminding him the naming of the park wasn't listed on the meeting's agenda.

The mayor instructed Hagen to draw up a potential ordinance regarding all the proposed renamings for consideration at the council's next meeting.

In other business, the council honored outgoing Councilman for District 2 Doug Hartman, who was not present at the meeting, with a plaque, and canvassed the results of the May 1 election.

The council formally seated new Councilwoman for District 2, Diane Yanez. City Judge Timothy Green administered the oath of office to Yanez, as well as to re-elected Councilman for District 6, Maury Smith. Councilwoman for District 4, Gloria McDonald, was also re-elected, but was not present at the meeting.

After Yanez and Smith were congratulated by the Mayor and the other council members, Ornelas was named Mayor Pro-Tempore by acclamation. Thomason offered a nomination of Councilman for District 5 Troy Tompkins as an alternative candidate for Mayor Pro-Tem, but Tompkins declined the nomination.

The council also unanimously selection of Jacob Martin LLC engineering firm to assist the city in drafting a proposal on a USA Economic Development Administration grant for the purpose of extending city utility services to the new U.S. 87 reliever route around the periphery of Big Spring. Another agenda item authorized City Manager Todd Darden to apply for the grant.

Another bid-related item concerned development of a planned plaza in Downtown Big Spring, to be

located between City Hall and the Settles Hotel. The only bid on received on the project was from Ryan LLC.

During discussion on the plaza development bid, Ornelas questioned Mayor Thomason.

"The only concern that I have is....Point of Information for you, Mayor. Did Brint Ryan not give you \$5,000 for your recall?"

"Uh huh," responded Thomason.

"So for me, I think it's a conflict of interest to have the mayor negotiate that..."

"Well, actually, Mr. Ornelas, no, he didn't give it to me, specifically," responded Thomason. "No, he didn't. He donated it to the Big Spring Professional Firefighters Association."

Thomason also explained that approval of the issue under consideration at Tuesday's meeting was simply approval to draft a proposal.

"The RFP is simply a formality," he said. "This still has to go back for negotiation and agreement, and come back to council. I had hoped to have that agreement come back at our next meeting."

Hagen said Ryan would be able to address the council at its next meeting regarding the project.

The council also accepted a donation of mattresses to the Big Spring Fire Department; heard a presentation of the Howard County Tax Assessor-Collector's Collection Fee Budget for 2021-22; approved in principal a plan to consolidate rules for city boards and committees, and a list of local boards and committees, into a single ordinance in the city code; approved a resolution asserting that Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC's application to increase its rates should be denied; approved an agreement with Jacob Martin LLC for water line replacements; approved an interlocal agreement with the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission to provide services for the EDA grant; and approved two new appointments to the Colorado River Municipal Water District's Board of Directors: Clif Talbot and Jeff Brozman.

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seat, so no actual election was required.

Michell Dawn Garcia, District 2, and Tommy Jason Martinez, District 4, were both unopposed, and were elected to replace Padilla and Miller. After seating Garcia and Martinez, the board will elect officers for the new term.

In other business, the board will discuss its application for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III) grant through the American Rescue Plan Act, consider approval of various donations, consider approval for the Howard County Tax Collection budget for 2021-22, and consider approval of the district's instructional materials allotment and Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills

certification for 2021-22.

The board will also consider approval of employment recommendations and other personnel issues, including hiring, resignations, reassignment, duties, performance problems and evaluations.

The board may hold a closed session to discuss employee matters.

If the board decides to take action on items discussed during the closed session, it will

do so once it returns to open session.

Following the executive session, the board will hear a report from Superintendent Jay McWilliams.

McWilliams will address resignations and retirements, enrollment figures, the district's COVID-19 statistics and response, and other updates on the status of the school district.

PRAY

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Principal offered up prayer for Education with Jodi Reid, with Back in Motion Chiropractic, offering prayer for families. Reids prayer focused on the traditional family unit and then expanded into additional prayer coverings for all family units and relaying the importance of prayer over the family, including the church family. The prayer covering Media and Entertainment was offered up by Mark Richardson with KBest Media, followed by Joel De La Garza of Western Bank focusing on Business and Finance

in the community.

Before the ceremony ended, Gloria Pierce approached the podium and lead the group in God Bless America before turning the mic over to Pastor Mark Lindsey with First Baptist Church for the closing prayer.

As the crowd dispersed worship music filled the Downtown area.

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

Take Note

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary jewelry sale is set for May 20 and May 21. The sale will start at 7 a.m. each day. It will end at 6 p.m. on May 20 and 2 p.m. on May 21. The sale will take place in the West Texas Medical Plaza lobby.

• American Legion Post 506 is hosting a fish fry on May 15. Delivery will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and meals will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. All are welcome. American Legion is located at 3203 W. Hwy 80. For information, call 432-263-2084.

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

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

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

• Howard College is offering License to Carry Course with class date set for May 15. There is a maximum of 10 students per class; handgun and ammo not provided. Participants must be 21 years of age and have valid ID. Those taking the class will need 50 rounds of ammo and a handgun. Questions can be answered by contacting Dee Lindsey at 432-264-5641 or by e-mail at dlindsey@howardcollege.edu.

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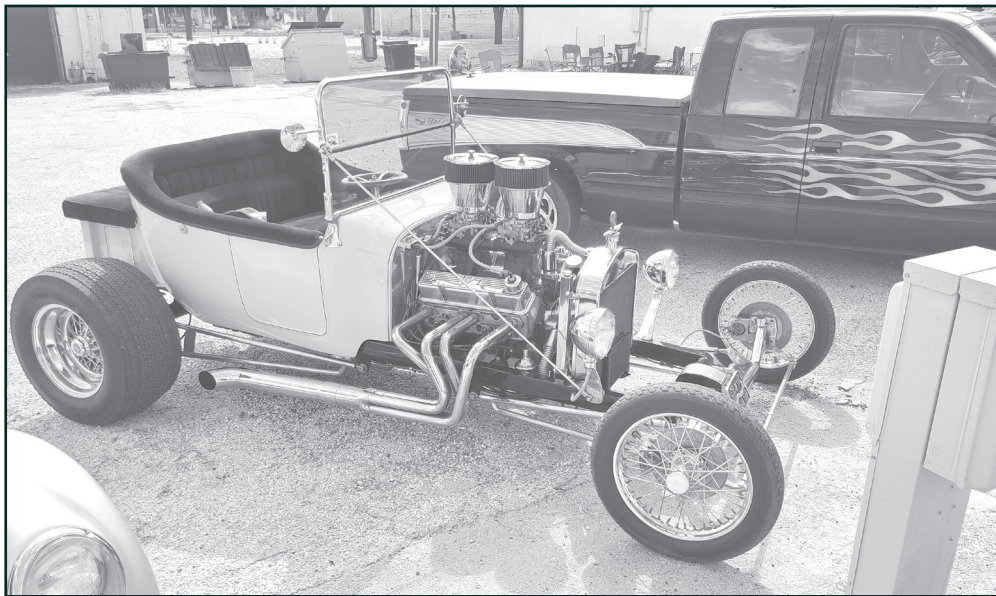
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Downtown Heart of the City Park Car Show



HERALD photos/Amanda Duforat

Antique cars, motorcycles, project cars and more gathered in Downtown Big Spring on Saturday morning for Coffee and Cars. This was the last of the Big Spring shows for the time being, but there will be car shows taking place in surrounding areas.



News Briefs

2 Texas deputies killed, city worker wounded in attack

EDEN, Texas (AP) — A suspect shot and killed two central Texas sheriff's deputies and critically wounded a city employee while they were responding to a complaint about a dog at a home, authorities said Tuesday.

Sgt. Justin Baker, of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said the suspect was taken into custody after Monday night's attack in Eden, a city of about 1,300 people roughly 210 miles (338 kilometers) southwest of Dallas.

The two Concho County sheriff's deputies and city employee arrived at the home shortly after 8:40 p.m., Baker said. While making contact with people at a home, "an altercation occurred and quickly escalated to gunfire," he said.

Authorities haven't released details about the suspect, including the person's name, age, sex or what charges the person is facing.

The Lubbock Police Department said in a statement that it was "heartbroken" to learn of the deaths and that its officers on Tuesday would escort the deputies' bodies to a forensics lab in Lubbock, which is about 200 miles (322 kilometers) northwest of Eden.

Gov. Greg Abbott said in a statement that "our hearts are broken."

"This terrible loss is a solemn reminder of the risks our brave law enforcement officers face while protecting our communities," Abbott said.

Alleged serial killer faces death penalty trial in Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Jury selection continued Tuesday in the death penalty trial of an alleged serial killer accused of kidnapping and killing an Oklahoma woman more than 20 years ago.

William Lewis Reece, 61, faces charges of first-degree murder and kidnapping in the 1997 killing of 19-year-old Tiffany Johnston, who was abducted from a car wash in Bethany, Oklahoma. Her body was found the next day in Canadian County.

The Oklahoman newspaper reported that District Judge Susan Stallings had potential jurors questioned one at a time, and away from others, about their opinions on the death penalty. Jury selection began Monday.

A Texas Ranger testified during a preliminary hearing in 2017 that Reece acknowledged killing "the Oklahoma girl" during an interview in March 2016. He's also suspected of killing a woman and two girls in Texas in 1997.

Johnston, 20-year-old Kelli Cox, 17-year-old Jessica Cain and 12-year-old Laura Smither all disappeared over a four-month period in 1997, after Reece had been released from an Oklahoma prison for previous rape and kidnapping convictions.

Judge dismisses NRA bankruptcy case in blow to gun group

DALLAS (AP) — A federal judge on Tuesday dismissed the National Rifle Association's bankruptcy case, leaving the powerful gun-rights group to face a New York state lawsuit accusing the NRA of financial abuses and that aims to put it out of business.

The case was over whether the NRA should be allowed to incorporate in Texas instead of New York, where the state is suing in an effort to disband the group. Though headquartered in Virginia, the NRA was chartered as a non-profit in New York in 1871 and is incorporated in the state.

Judge Harlin Hale said he was dismissing the case because he found the bankruptcy was not filed in good faith.

His decision followed 11 days of testimony and arguments. Lawyers for New York and the NRA's former advertising agency grilled the group's embattled top executive, Wayne LaPierre, who acknowledged putting the NRA into Chapter 11 bankruptcy without the knowledge or assent of most of its board and other top officers.

Lawyers for New York Attorney General Letitia James argued that the case was an attempt by NRA leadership to escape accountability for using the group's coffers as their piggybank. But the NRA's attorneys said it was a legitimate effort to avoid a political attack by the Democrat.

LaPierre testified that he kept the bankruptcy largely secret to prevent leaks from the group's 76-member board, which is divided in its support for him.

The NRA declared bankruptcy in January, five months after James' office sued seeking its dissolution following allegations that executives illegally diverted tens of millions of dollars for lavish personal trips, no-show contracts and other questionable expenditures.

Judge dismisses NRA bankruptcy case in blow to gun group

DALLAS (AP) — A federal judge on Tuesday dismissed the National Rifle Association's bankruptcy case, leaving the powerful gun-rights group to face a New York state lawsuit accusing the NRA of financial abuses and that aims to put it out of business.

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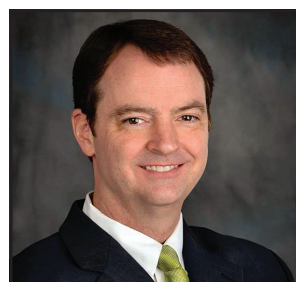
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The Sands Mustang Track Team has impressive showing at State Track Meet



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What a time it was for the Sands Mustangs at the UIL State Track Meet this past weekend. The Lady Mustangs relay team won Gold in the 4x400 and the 4x800 Meters. Landry Morrow came in second in the 300-meter Hurdles. The Boys Mustang relay team came in fifth in their relay race. Riley Webb rounded out the day as she ran in two events finishing fifth in the 400 Meter and 2nd in the 800 Meter. It was a fantastic day for an exceptional group of athletes. Congratulations to all of them.

Coahoma Bulldogettes Area Champions, heading to face off against Jacksboro on Thursday at Abilene Cooper



Courtesy photos

The Coahoma Bulldogettes are Area Champions. The girls will be moving on to Round 3 to take on Jacksboro on Thursday at 6 p.m. followed by Game 2 on Friday at 5 p.m. with Game 3 scheduled 30 minutes after, if needed. All games are at Abilene Cooper. After the game last weekend, the girls presented their mother's with roses. Pictured above right is Shae Lang hugging her grandpa Bobby

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma Bulldogettes won the Area Championship this past weekend. They had a best of three series with City View, but Coahoma only needed the first two-game to take care of business.

In-Game one. Both teams were strong on the rubber, but Coahoma Bulldogettes defeated City View 3-1. Makayla Calvio allowed just five hits to City View. In the second inning, City View got their offense started. An error scored one run for City View. In the top of the third inning, Coahoma Bulldogettes tied things up at one when MaKynlee Overton doubled on a 0-1 count, scoring one run. Coahoma Bulldogettes pulled away for good with two runs in the fourth inning. In the fourth, Karleigh Burt doubled on the first pitch of the at-bat, scoring one run, and Christian Everett singled on a 0-1 count, scoring one run. Calvio got the win for Coahoma Bulldogettes. Calvio allowed five hits and one run over seven innings, striking out ten. Brandie Sutton took the loss for City View. The hurler lasted seven innings, allowing seven hits and three runs while striking out 12. Brynn Rodgers led Coahoma Bulldogettes with three hits in three at-bats.

Game two was a bit different story as the Coahoma Bulldogettes were victorious over City View, 7-2. In the bottom of the third inning, Coahoma

Bulldogettes tied things up at two. MaKynlee Overton singled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run. Coahoma Bulldogettes pulled away for good with two runs in the fourth inning. In the fourth, Christian Everett doubled on a 1-1 count, scoring two runs. Coahoma Bulldogettes tallied three runs in the sixth inning. A triple led Coahoma Bulldogettes' big bats in the inning by Jocelyn Mendoza, an error on a ball put in play by Madison Rodgers, and a double by Everett. Overton led the Coahoma Bulldogettes to victory in the strike. Out pitcher allowed seven hits and two runs over seven innings, striking out nine and walking one. Brandie Sutton took the loss for City View. The bulldog allowed eight hits and seven runs over six innings, striking out seven. Coahoma Bulldogettes racked up eight hits in the game. Everett and Mendoza each managed multiple hits for Coahoma Bulldogettes. Mendoza and Everett each collected two hits to lead Coahoma Bulldogettes.

Next up, Coahoma will take on Jacksboro in a Regional Quarterfinal Matchup. The three-game series will kick off this Thursday at Abilene Cooper. Game one is set for Thursday, and the first pitch is 6 p.m., Game 2 is set for Friday, still at Cooper's first pitch at 5 p.m. If a third game is necessary, it will be played thirty minutes after the second game.

Morant, Brooks help Memphis to 133-104 rout of Mavericks

CLAY BAILEY Associated Press MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Ja Morant had 24 points, eight assists and seven rebounds as the Memphis Grizzlies used a third-quarter burst to beat the Dallas Mavericks 133-104 on Tuesday night.

Dillon Brooks added 22 points and John Konchar had a season-high 18 for the Grizzlies. Kyle Anderson scored 15 points, including 10 in the key third quarter as Memphis continues to try and move up in the Western Conference standings. Konchar and Anderson both were 7 of 10 from the field, part of Memphis shooting

57.3%. While both teams are in the postseason, they still can improve their seedings. Memphis, which earned a spot in the play-in tournament with Monday night's win over New Orleans, still has a chance to move up to eighth. The Mavericks, who are on the cusp of claiming the sixth spot in the West, will have to wait before clinching a spot to avoid the Western Conference's play-in tournament.

"Obviously we didn't play well over the course of the 48 minutes," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said.

Tim Hardaway Jr. led the Mavericks with 19 points, while Willie Cauley-Stein finished with a season-high 16 points. Jalen Brunson scored 15, while leading scorer Luka Doncic managed 12 points but was 4 of 16 from the floor and missed all four of his 3-point attempts.

"I wasn't myself," Doncic said. "We've got to bounce back, but that game was obviously one of the worst I've ever played. I've got to be better than that."

Memphis outscored the Mavericks 36-25 in the third quarter to take a 96-82 lead enter-

ing the fourth. Anderson keyed the rally hitting his first five shots in the quarter and Morant scored 11 in the frame.

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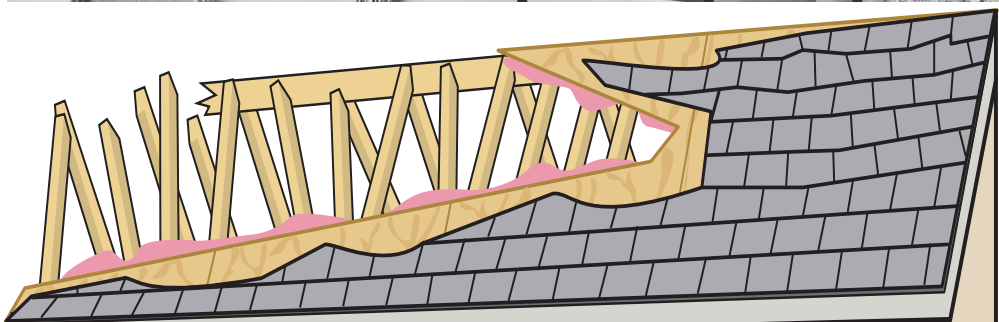
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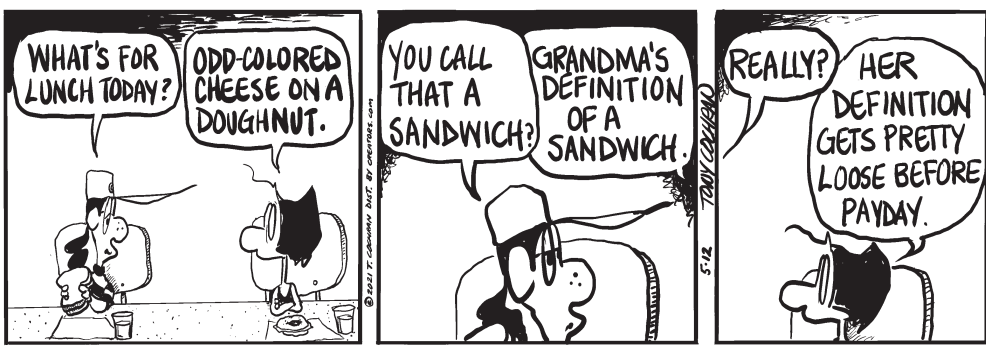
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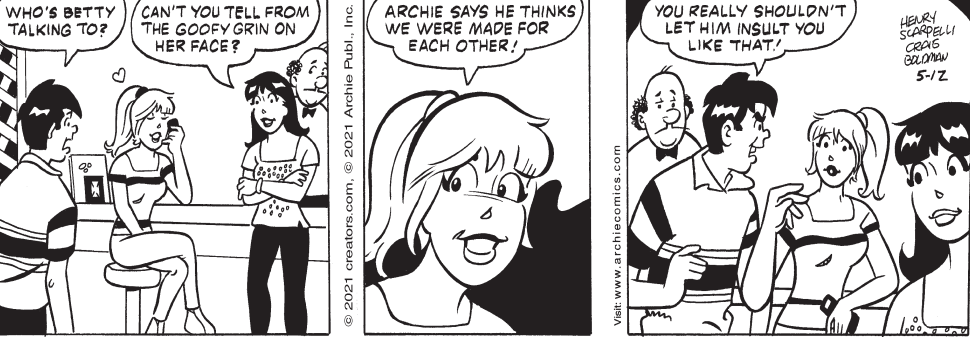
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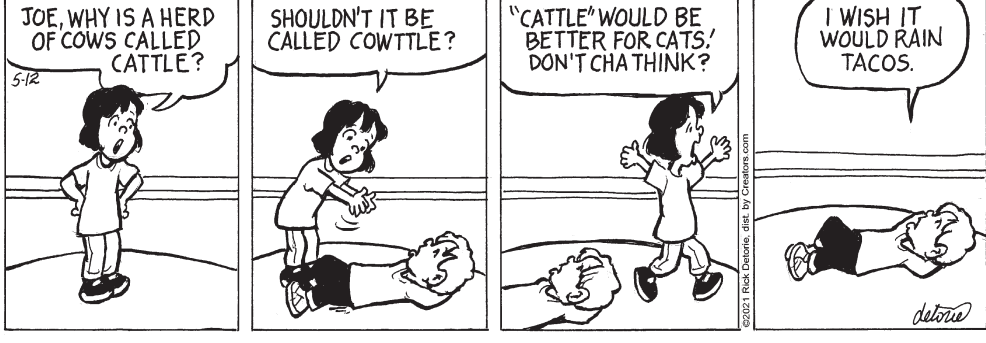
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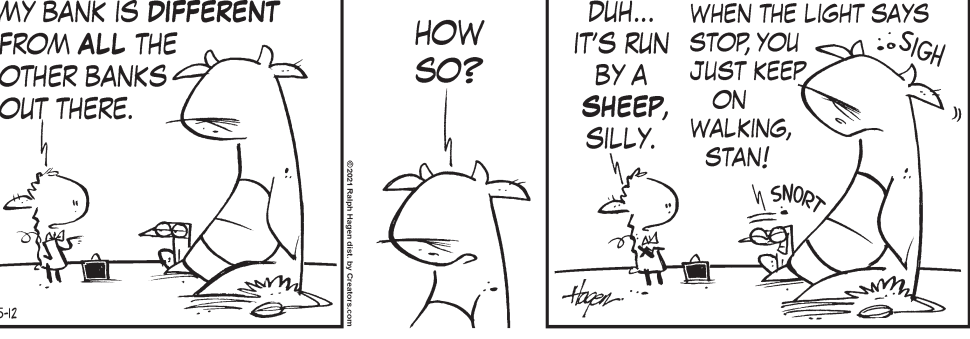
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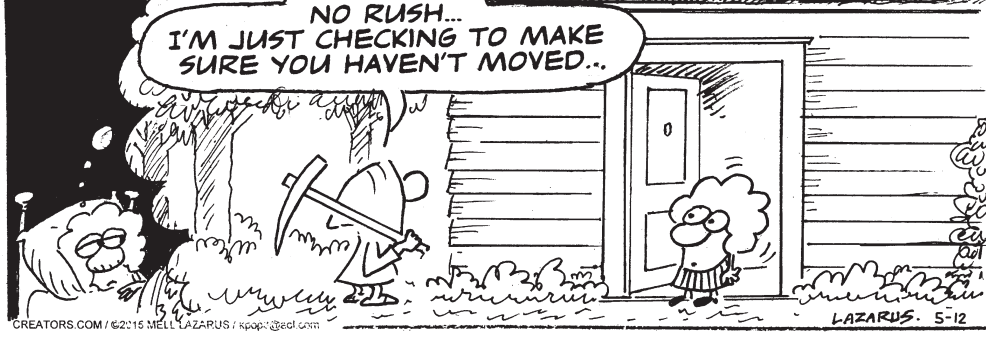
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In 1937, Britain's King George VI was crowned at Westminster Abbey; his wife, Elizabeth, was crowned as queen consort.

In 1943, during World War II, Axis forces in North Africa surrendered. The two-week Trident Conference, headed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, opened in Washington.

In 1955, Manhattan's last elevated rail line, the Third Avenue El, ceased operation.

In 1958, the United States and Canada signed an agreement to create the North American Air Defense Command (later the North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD).

In 1970, the Senate voted unanimously to confirm Harry A. Blackmun as a Supreme Court justice.

In 1975, the White House announced the new Cambodian government had seized an American merchant ship, the Mayaguez, in international waters. (U.S. Marines gained control of the ship three days after its seizure, not knowing the 39 civilian members of the crew had already been released by Cambodia.)

In 1982, in Fatima, Portugal, security guards overpowered a Spanish priest armed with a bayonet who attacked Pope John Paul II. (In 2008, the pope's longtime private secretary revealed that the pontiff was slightly wounded in the assault.)

In 1997, Australian Susie Maroney became the first woman to swim from Cuba

to Florida, covering the 118-mile distance in 24 1/2 hours.

In 2002, Jimmy Carter arrived in Cuba, becoming the first U.S. president in or out of office to visit since the 1959 revolution that put Fidel Castro in power.

In 2008, a devastating 7.9 magnitude earthquake in China's Sichuan province left more than 87,000 people dead or missing.

In 2009, five Miami men were convicted in a plot to blow up FBI buildings and Chicago's Sears Tower; one man was acquitted. Suspected Nazi death camp guard John Demjanjuk (dem-YAHN'yuk) was deported from the United States to Germany.

Ten years ago: CEOs of the five largest oil companies went before the Senate Finance Committee, where Democrats challenged the executives to justify tax breaks at a time when people were paying \$4 a gallon for gas. A German court convicted retired U.S. autoworker John Demjanjuk of being an accessory to the murder of tens of thousands of Jews as a Nazi death camp guard. (Demjanjuk, who maintained his innocence, died in March 2012 at age 91.)

Five years ago: A divided U.S. Supreme Court blocked the execution of an Alabama inmate so that a lower court could review claims that strokes and dementia had rendered him incompetent to understand his looming death sentence. (A federal appeals court ruled in March 2017 that Vernon Madison was incompetent, and could not be executed.)

One year ago: House Democrats unveiled a coronavirus aid package totaling more than \$3 trillion, including nearly \$1 trillion for states and cities to avert layoffs and a fresh round of direct cash aid to American households. (The measure won House approval but Senate Republicans and the White House rejected it as too costly.) Dr. Anthony Fauci warned a Senate panel that cities and states could "turn back the clock" and see more COVID-19 deaths and economic damage if they lifted stay-at-home orders too quickly. German photographer Astrid Kirchherr, who shot some of the earliest and most striking images of the Beatles and helped shape their visual style, died at age 81 in her native Hamburg.

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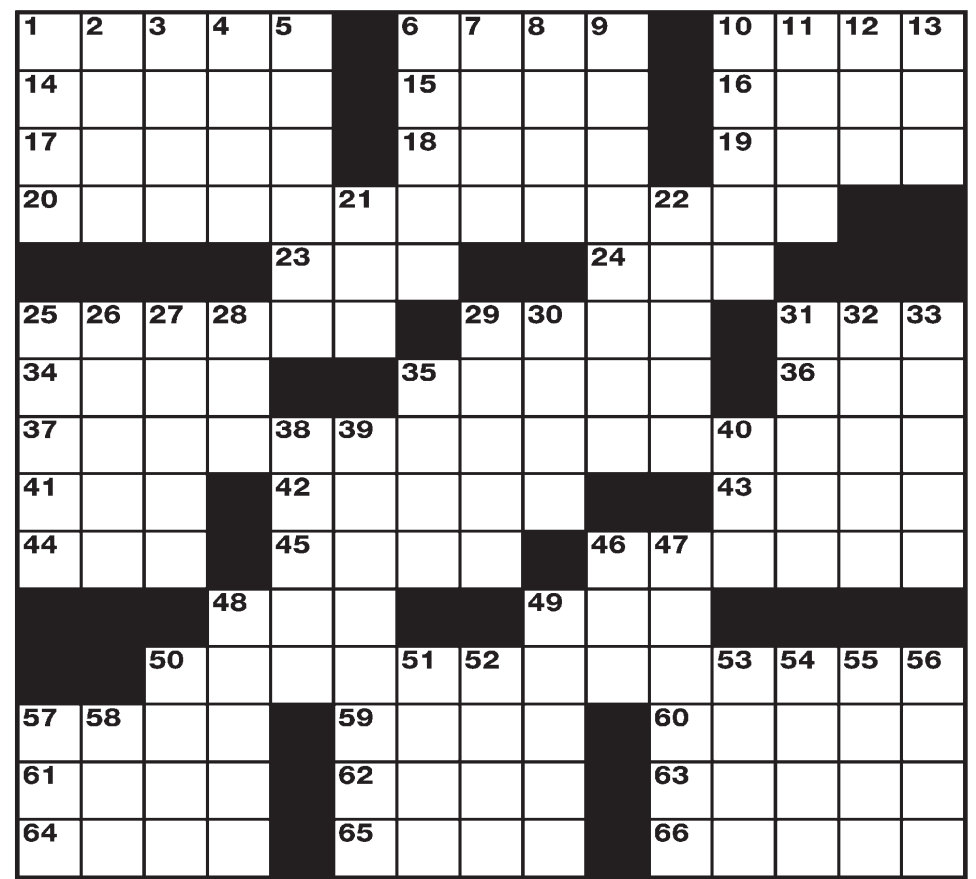
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25 Brown photo tint
26 Social gathering
27 Clean off a blackboard
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Ohtani, McCullers duel into late innings, Houston Astros beat Angels

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer
HOUSTON— From pitching to hitting to playing right field, Shohei Ohtani did a little bit of everything for the Los Angeles Angels on Tuesday night. But a strong performance from Lance McCullers Jr. combined with a late surge by Houston's offense kept the Angels and their two-way star from getting a win. Ohtani struck out 10 in an impressive duel with McCullers, and the Astros broke loose against the Angels' bullpen to beat the Angels 5-1. Ohtani allowed one run and four hits with one walk in seven innings, solving his control troubles in his longest start of the season. "To see Shohei find fastball command, that's what it's going to look like most of the time," manager Joe Maddon said. "He looked spectacular. He was not overwrought with sliders and splitters. He challenged with fastballs. I think his full complements of talent were on display tonight." Ohtani exited with a 2.10 ERA this season and then moved to play right field, and Yuli Gurriel homered during Houston's four-run eighth. Ohtani batted second and went 1 for 4, striking out twice. "My body felt a little heavy, a little sluggish, but I think that worked the best for my performance today," he said through a translator. "Since my body felt a little heavy, my mechanics I felt were very efficient. No wasted movement." McCullers (3-1) yielded three hits, including a

homer by Taylor Ward, while tying a season high with nine strikeouts in going eight innings, his longest start this season. He walked two.

It was the first time he's pitched eight innings or more since July 22, 2016, against the Angels. McCullers loved the energy in the ballpark as he and Ohtani matched each other inning for inning.

"You can feel it," McCullers said. "I know apparently people don't like pitchers' duels, but I thought tonight was a pretty fun game."

Angels reliever Aaron Slegers (2-1) walked Martín Maldonado to begin the eighth and Aledmys Diaz singled with one out. Alex Claudio took over and was greeted with an RBI single by Michael Brantley that put Houston on top 2-1.

Gurriel homered with two outs. Ohtani's appearance in right field marked the second time in his MLB career that he's played a position other than pitcher. He played left field for an inning in his last trip to Houston this season.

Maddon asked him if he was OK with the move to the outfield after he was done pitching and the 26-year-old didn't hesitate before agreeing.

"I had a lot of fun," Ohtani said. "It was a close game and I figured my part of the batting order was coming up in the ninth inning. I was all for it."

It was the third time this season that he's hit on the same day he's pitched, making him the first player in MLB history to do so in three games where a designated hitter was available, passing Ken Brett, who did it twice in 1976 for the White Sox.

"That's the best I've seen him throw," Houston

manager Dusty Baker said. "He had 95-99 (mph) and he was dotting that fast ball low and away. And boy, he's some athlete to do that and go play right field and get a hit, too."

Ohtani had allowed just two singles when Tucker opened Houston's fifth with his solo shot to the seats in left field to put the Astros up 1-0.

McCullers had given up only one hit and retired 11 in a row when Ohtani singled to start the seventh. Mike Trout walked after that, but Jared Walsh grounded into a double play before Justin Upton grounded out to end the threat.

There was one out in the eighth when Ward homered to the third row of the seats in right field to tie it at 1-all.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Angels: 3B Anthony Rendon, who has been on the injured list since May 3 with a left knee bruise, said Tuesday night he's feeling "pretty good," but isn't sure when he'll return. Manager Joe Maddon is hopeful that Rendon can return sometime during this weekend's series at Boston. ... RHP Junior Guerra was placed on the 10-day injured list on Tuesday with a strained right groin.

Astros: RHP Jake Odorizzi is expected to throw live batting practice on Wednesday. He's been on the injured list since April 24 with strained muscle in his right arm. ... LHP Framber Valdez, who has been out since fracturing his left ring finger on March 2, is expected to throw a bullpen in Houston this week before beginning a minor league rehab assignment.

Webb fans 10, Giants hand Texas 9th interleague loss in row

By BEN ROSS

Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO— Logan Webb set a career high with 10 strikeouts in six innings and the San Francisco Giants beat Texas 4-2 Tuesday, keeping the Rangers winless in interleague play this season. Swept in the two-game series, Texas dropped to 0-5 against NL opponents this year. The Rangers have lost a team-record nine straight interleague games overall — their next try to end the drought will be June 1 at Colorado. "Today wasn't a great game," Texas manager Chris Woodward said. "Today we didn't play our typical game. Typically, we play pretty good defense, we don't walk guys, and we kind of did that today. We didn't really get much going offensively." Mike Yastrzemski and Brandon Belt drove in runs for San Francisco, which began the day tied with St. Louis for the best record in the Na-

tional League.

David Dahl launched his third home run of the season for Texas.

Webb (2-3) allowed two runs and three hits to earn his first win in his last three starts. Jake McGee pitched a perfect ninth inning for his 10th save.

"I thought Webby did a fine job today," Giants manager Gabe Kapler said. "I don't think today was his best, but certainly he came out of it with a strong outing and a win, and that's what's most important."

Added Webb: "I was just like, all right, let's start getting some quick outs and start attacking these guys. And when I did that, obviously the strikeouts started to kind of pile up, so I was happy with that."

Jordan Lyles (1-3) gave up two runs in five innings, striking out six. He has lost three straight decisions since he won his first start of the season on April 4.

Texas took a 1-0 lead in the first on

Joey Gallo's RBI grounder.

San Francisco answered with two runs in the bottom half on an RBI double by Yastrzemski and a single by Belt.

The Giants added two more runs in the sixth on a throwing error by Rangers third baseman Charlie Culberson.

Dahl homered to left-center in the seventh to cut San Francisco's lead to 4-2, but the Giants bullpen pitched three scoreless innings to preserve the win.

Texas finished the game 0 for 6 with runners in scoring position.

HOME SWEET HOME

The Giants have won five of their last six games at Oracle Park and own the best home record in MLB at 14-4. San Francisco is just 8-10 on the road, with an eight-game road trip beginning Thursday in Pittsburgh.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: C Jose Trevino missed his second straight game with soreness in his right triceps. Woodward

said that Trevino was available off the bench but was hoping to get him some extra rest ahead of Wednesday's off day.

Giants: Belt left the game in the eighth inning with mild tightness in his left side. Kapler called it precautionary and didn't expect Belt to miss additional time. ... 2B Donovan Solano (calf strain) took batting practice and groundballs on Monday and will likely head out on a rehab assignment sometime during the Giants' upcoming road trip. Solano has been on the injured list since April 22.

UP NEXT

Rangers: Open a four-game series at Houston on Thursday night. RHP Mike Foltyniewicz (1-3, 4.50 ERA) will make his first career start against the Astros, where he began his career.

Giants: RHP Anthony DeSclafani (2-1, 2.40 ERA) will start the opener of a four-game series in Pittsburgh on Thursday night.

Houston Rockets takes on Los Angeles on 6-game slide

By The Associated Press

Houston Rockets (16-53, 15th in the Western Conference) vs. Los Angeles Lakers (39-30, seventh in the Western Conference)
Los Angeles; Wednesday, 10:30 p.m. EDT
BOTTOM LINE: Houston heads into the matchup against Los Angeles after losing six straight games. The Lakers are 23-17 in Western Conference games. Los Angeles has a 35-18 record when scoring 100 or more points. The Rockets are 10-30 against Western Conference opponents. Houston has an 8-36 record in games decided by 10 or more points. The two teams square off for the third time this season. The Lakers defeated the Rockets 117-100 in their last matchup on Jan. 12. LeBron James led Los Angeles with 26 points, and Christian Wood paced Houston scoring 18 points. TOP PERFORMERS: Anthony Davis is third on the Lakers with 3.1 assists and scores 21.9 points per

game. Kyle Kuzma is averaging 12.3 points and 3.8 rebounds while shooting 45.3% over the last 10 games for Los Angeles.

Armoni Brooks leads the Rockets averaging 2.8 made 3-pointers while scoring 9.8 points per game and shooting 38.8% from beyond the arc. Khyri Thomas is shooting 57.8% and averaging 20.3 points over the last 10 games for Houston.

LAST 10 GAMES: Lakers: 4-6, averaging 104.6 points, 42.8 rebounds, 24.5 assists, 7.6 steals and six blocks per game while shooting 44.9% from the field. Their opponents have averaged 108 points on 47.0% shooting.

Rockets: 1-9, averaging 114.7 points, 43.4 rebounds, 25.6 assists, 7.9 steals and 3.9 blocks per game while shooting 45.7% from the field. Their opponents have averaged 126.3 points on 51.0% shooting.

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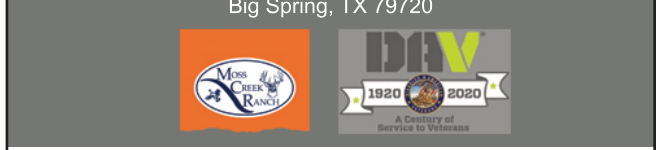
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