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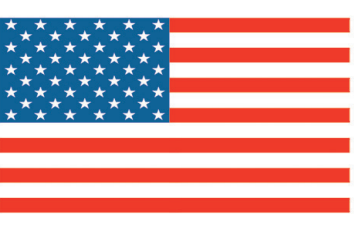
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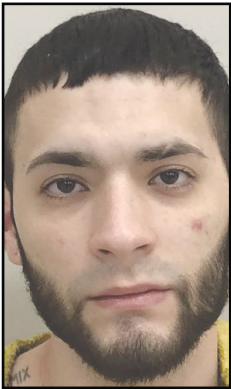
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BSPD makes arrest for capital murder in death of 4-month old



Jose Luis Varga Cruz

Editor's Note: The Big Spring Police Department issued a press release regarding a Capital Murder arrest that was made Tuesday night. BSPD has made an arrest in the incident, but the investigation is still ongoing. The press release reads as follows:

Special to the Herald

BSPD

On April 13, 2021 at approximately 9:41 p.m., Big Spring Police Department officers were dispatched to Scenic Mountain Medical Center in reference to an unattended death of a 4 month old male child. Upon arrival officers were informed that the child's father identified as Jose Luis Varga Cruz, a Hispanic male, 22 years of age had transported the child to Scenic Mountain Medical Center from their residence at the Quail Run Apartments 2609 Wasson Rd. SMMC staff was informed by Cruz that the child had fallen off the bed and sustained head injuries. The Big Spring Police Department Criminal Investigations Division responded to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the residence.

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Expectations & Illusions - Meet the Artist

Heritage Museum will feature the exhibit until April 23




Courtesy photos/Michael Cole

This past Saturday, the Heritage Museum hosted an Artist Reception offering the community an opportunity to visit with local artist Meghan Bias. Bias is the featured artist at the Museum through April 23. This is the first time Bias has shared her work publicly.

By MICHAEL COLE

Herald Contributing Writer

A night of refreshments, good conversation and local art were the focus of a recent Artist Reception at the Big Spring Heritage Museum.

The museum's doors opened at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 10, 2021, for a special event not typically seen at the museum. The museum hosted the reception for local artist Meghan F. Bias. Bias's work will be on display through April 23.

The exhibit, titled *Expectations & Illusions*, has been on display since early March. The exhibit features works that

Bias began creating early in her academic career, some 20 years ago or more. This is the first public art exhibit for Bias outside of her early academic career.

"It was really important to me to do this here in my hometown," Bias said. "I am grateful to have this outlet."

The reception brought together more than 30, including Bias' family and friends as well as local residents, and was supported by the Big Spring Art Association in cooperation with the museum.

"I think the arts are very important," Michele Worthan,

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Thank a Veteran Day - Taking a moment to show appreciation

HERALD Staff Report

There are those who chose to stand up, take up their burden and protect the country they love. They dedicated their life to serving and protecting the freedoms of friends, family and all those who live in the United States. This month, in recognition of Thank a Veteran Day — a day of recognition implemented as a way of reminding the community and veterans that the sacrifices made are not forgotten — the Big Spring Herald and the West Texas VA Medical Center in Big Spring are honoring Veteran Jeryl Everett. Everett served in the U.S. Air Force from 1960 – 1964.

"I was so proud to serve my country," Everett said. "When I served, there was a big push by President Kennedy to build positive relationships and ties with our allies. I was stationed in Germany and loved meeting so many people during my time there. I got to go all over Europe and see so many different cultures."

She continued, "The highlight of my time though was helping during Operation Big Lift, which was a major operation showcasing America's ability to reinforce our NATO allies. I loved that mission so much that when my shift was over, I'd go back and help during the night."





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"WHEREAS, the City of Big Spring, in recognition of the courage, honor, devotion and sacrifice of our service men and women, hereby establish the 15th day of every month as "Thank a Veteran Day", and this day shall forever stand as a day to honor those that have selflessly served each citizen of this Great Nation."

The Big Spring Herald stands in support of all Veterans. The above is part of a proclamation presented by the Big Spring City Council in honor of everyone that has served our Country. Please take a moment today to thank a Veteran. This proclamation was presented by Mayor Larry McLellan on behalf of the Big Spring City Council on Tuesday, April 10th, 2018.

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Obituaries

Alva Thomas

Alva Thomas, 92, died April 14, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

THURSDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women’s meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers’ meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don’t have to talk if you don’t want to. Flexible payment options.

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

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

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

FRIDAY
• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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

SUNDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11

a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

• Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible?

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session beging Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

WEDNESDAY
• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to editor@Bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Take Note

• American Legion Post 506 will be hosting a fish fry on Saturday, April 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for delivery; serving from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Plates will be \$10 each and can be picked up at 3202 W. Hwy 80 or call to place an order at 432-263-2084. Everyone is welcome.

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

• Dylan Marquez Memorial Scholarship applications are now being accepted. The deadline to apply is set at May 1, 2021. Applications can be submitted to laverette@bsisd.esc18.net. The scholarship was created to honor high school seniors from the Howard County area who are set to continue their education after graduating. This scholarship will be awarded annually to two students: one enrolled in an accredited university and one enrolled in a technical/vocational school. Each scholarship will equal \$2,500. In the event there is no recipient from the university

or technical/vocational-tract, the selection committee shall have the authority to double the scholarship awarded to \$5,000 for one recipient.

• Howard College is offering License to Carry Course with class dates set for April 17 and 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.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **LUCAS WAYNE RICE**, 41, of 1502 S. Runnels Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ASHLEY RAE MIRAMONTES**, 27, of 301 NW 10th was arrested on a charge of burglary habitation, unlicensed possession firearm by felon and possession controlled substance less than 28 grams.

• **ELVIS EUGENE LANG JR**, 21, of 1002 N. Main Street was arrested on a charge of burglary habitation intend other felony, unlawful possession firearm by felon and possession controlled substance less than 28 grams.

• **TEDRIC LAMER MCCALISTER**, 44, of 806 Ohio street was arrested on a warrant from other agency, possession of controlled substance less than 28 grams.

• **ZAKKERY WAYNE TURNER**, 31, of 3811 Old Colorado City Highway was arrested on a charge of evading arrest/detention and resist arrest search or transport, possession of controlled substance less than one gram.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 2400 block of S. Gregg Street.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of N. Lamesa Highway.

• **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported at in the area of I-20 MM 190.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1200 block of Mulberry.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Highway.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Apron Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block NW 7th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Tuscon. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 6000 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 5900 block of Walter. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Chanute. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **BUILDING/STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 3800 block of Old Colorado City Highway. Fire was contained.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veteran Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

• **JOSE LUIS VARGAS CRUZ**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of capital murder.

• **ELVIS EUGENE LANG JR**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of burglary of habitation intend other felony; possession of controlled substance less than 28 grams and unlawful possession of firearm by felon.

• **TEDRIC LAMAR MCCALISTER**, 44, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than 28 grams and possession of controlled substance between one gram and four grams.

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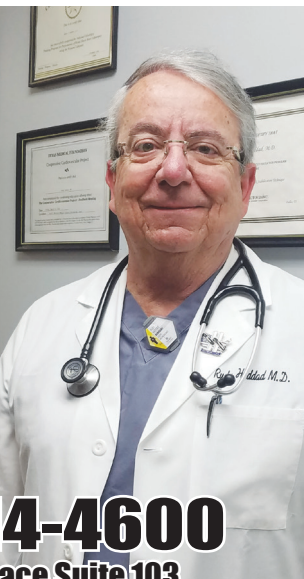
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Today: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 1pm, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Cloudy, with a high near 63. Northeast wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 74. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 41.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 56.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 39.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 60.

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

Biden to pull troops from Afghanistan, end longest US war

By **AAMER MADHANI** and **MATTHEW LEE**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden said Wednesday he will withdraw remaining U.S. troops from Afghanistan, declaring that the Sept. 11 attacks "cannot explain" why American forces should still be there 20 years after the deadliest terror assault on the United States.

His plan is to pull out all American forces — numbering 2,500 now — by this Sept. 11, the anniversary of the attacks, which were coordinated from Afghanistan.

The U.S. cannot continue to pour resources into an intractable war and expect different results, Biden said.

The drawdown would begin rather than conclude by May 1, which has been the deadline for full withdrawal under a peace agreement the Trump administration reached with the Taliban last year.

"It is time to end America's longest war," Biden said, but he added that the U.S. will "not conduct a hasty rush to the exit."

"We cannot continue the cycle of extending or expanding our military presence in Afghanistan hoping to create the ideal conditions for our withdrawal, expecting a different result," Biden said. "I am now the fourth United States president to preside over an American troop presence in Afghanistan. Two Republicans. Two Democrats. I will not pass this responsibility to a fifth."

The decision marks perhaps the most significant foreign policy decision for Biden in the early going of his presidency.

He's long been skeptical about the U.S. presence in Afghanistan. As Barack Obama's vice president, Biden was a lonely voice in the administration who advised the 44th president to tilt towards a smaller counterterrorism role in the country while military advisers were urging a troop buildup to counter Taliban gains. Biden has also made clear he wants to recalibrate U.S. foreign policy to face bigger challenges posed by China and Russia.

Withdrawing all U.S. troops comes with clear risks. It could boost the Taliban's effort to claw back power and undo gains toward democracy and women's rights made over the past two decades. It also opens Biden to criticism, mostly Republicans and some Democrats, even though former President Donald Trump had also wanted a full withdrawal.

"This administration has decided to abandon U.S. efforts in Afghanistan which have helped keep radical Islamic terrorism in check," said Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell. "And bizarrely, they have decided to do so by September 11th."

While Biden's decision keeps U.S. forces in Afghanistan four months longer than initially planned, it sets a firm end to two decades of war that killed more than 2,200 U.S. troops, wounded 20,000, and cost as much as \$1 trillion.

Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani said he spoke on Wednesday with Biden ahead of the U.S. president's speech.

"The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan respects the U.S. decision, and we will work with our U.S. partners to ensure a smooth transition," Ghani said in a Twitter posting.

Biden consulted with allies, military leaders, lawmakers and Vice President Kamala Harris to help make his decision. White House press secretary Jen Psaki added that Biden also spoke to "some of his predecessors" in the White House and administration officials contacted 44 officials from other countries, NATO, the European Union and United Nations in recent days.

He is emphasizing that his administration will continue to support peace talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban and assist international efforts to train the Afghan military.

After his speech, Biden was to visit Section 60 of Arlington National Cemetery to honor those who died in recent American conflicts.

CIA Director William Burns acknowledged at a hearing Wednesday that America's ability to contain the terrorist threat from Afghanistan has benefited from the military presence there, and that when that presence is withdrawn, "the U.S. government's ability to collect and act on threats will diminish."

"That's simply a fact," Burns said. "It is also a fact, however, that after withdrawal, whenever that time comes, the CIA and all of our partners in the U.S. government will retain a suite of capabilities, some of it remaining in place, some of them that we will generate, that can help us to anticipate and contest any rebuilding effort."

A senior administration official said the September withdrawal date was an absolute deadline that won't be affected by security conditions in Afghanistan.

The long conflict has largely crippled al-Qaida and led to the death of Osama bin Laden, the architect of the Sept. 11 attacks. But an American withdrawal also risks many of the gains made in democracy, women's rights and governance, while ensuring that the Taliban, who provided al-Qaida's haven, remain strong and in control of large swaths of the country.

As Biden announced his decision, his top national security aides were consulting on Wednesday in Brussels to coordinate the alliance's withdrawal from Afghanistan with the planned pullout of American troops.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin were meeting senior officials from the alliance's 30 members to discuss NATO's future presence in Afghanistan in light of the announcement of the U.S. withdrawal that Biden was to make later in the day.

Blinken said that he expected the allies to withdraw together but maintained that neither the U.S. nor NATO would abandon the country despite the impending pullout. There are roughly 7,000 NATO forces still in Afghanistan in addition to the remaining 2,500 U.S. troops.

"Together, we went into Afghanistan to deal with those who attacked us and to make sure that Afghanistan would not again become a haven for terrorists who might attack any of us," Blinken said.

Lee reported from Brussels. Associated Press writers Eric Tucker and Alexandra Jaffe contributed reporting.

BSPD

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The investigation led Detectives to take Cruz into custody

and transport him to the Big Spring Police Department. Cruz later confessed to murdering his 4 month old child.

Cruz was arrested and charged with Capital Murder.

The manner of death will not be released at this time due to this being an ongoing criminal investigation. There is no further information available at this time.

ART

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president of the Big Spring Art Association, said. "Art brings people together and allows them to connect in ways that they would not, or may not have been possible otherwise."

Bias has long ties with Big Spring, not just it being her hometown. Bias served as the Curator for the Hangar 25 Museum, and in the public affairs office at the local VA hospital, where she created the museum for the facility.

"I owe a lot of my healing and growth and looking

inside to art," Bias continued. "In my life, even if I never sold a painting, I quickly realized how important it is for me to create this - for me."

Those who were unable to attend the artist reception still have time to visit and view the exhibit. The Heritage Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday.



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Steers Baseball team loses a close one to District leader Levelland Lobos

By **DUSTIN POPE**

Herald Sports Writer

The Big Spring Steers Baseball team traveled to Levelland to take on District leader the Levelland Lobos. The Lobos came into the game with a perfect 9 and 0 District record, and the Steers had a 2-7 district record. The game took place this Tuesday night at the Lobos home park. Despite the record difference, the young Big Spring Steers showed up to play one of their best games of the year. The Steers did fall short of the victory, losing by a final of 5 to 6, but showed the team's talent.

The top of the first did not start ideal for the Steers as the Lobo pitcher struck out the side in order. Kyler Seymore took the mound for the Steers, and the Senior pitched well. After he hit the first batter Seymore then settled down and put the following three Lobos down to get out of the inning unscathed. Both teams remained scoreless after one inning of play.

At the top of the second, the Steers took a patient approach at the plate. Ricky Escovedo leads off the inning with a walk. Freshman catcher Marcos Paredes then followed his walk to place runners at first and second with no outs. Marc Prieto would come in to be a courtesy runner for Paredes. With runners on first and second Senior, Isaiah Solis laid down a perfectly executed bunt to advance Escovedo to third and Prieto to second. Big Spring now had a golden opportunity with runners at Second and Third with only one out. Eli Cobos stepped into the box and had a hard-hit line drive. The Lobo right fielder bobbled, causing an error and allowing both Escovedo and Prieto to cross the plate, giving the Steer an early 2 to 0 lead. After another Steer walk in the inning, the Lobos got a double play that ended the inning. Seymour came back to the mound enjoying a two-run lead, and the pitcher picked where he left off in the first. The senior mowed threw his half of the second inning, not allowing the Lobos to get anything going protecting his two-run lead.

To start the third inning of play, the Steers had a two-run lead. The Steers knew they needed to add to the score, and that's just what they did.

After a quick ground out, it brought up Josh Miramontes. On a 0-2 count, Miramontes saw a pitch he liked and smashed a single to the left fielder. Freshman baseman Isaiah Diaz came to the plate and delivered on a single, advancing Miramontes to second. That brought up Sophomore Ricky Escovedo to the dish, which had a walk his last at-bat. After fouling off the at-bat's first pitch, Escovedo drilled a hard-hit bases-clearing triple to centerfield, scoring both Miramontes and Diaz and bringing

ning of work. The Senior showed his strength by having a perfect 1,2,3 inning sitting down the Lobos in order.

The Steers carried the lead of 4 to 1 heading into the fifth inning. While the Steers got a baserunner on in the inning, they did not do much with the runner as the Lobos kept the Steers from adding to the lead once again. Kyler Seymore came back out to the mound for his fifth inning of work and once again shut down the Levelland Lobos' high-powered bats, maintaining the 4 to 1 lead.



the Steers to lead 4 to 0. After the Escovedo triple, the Lobos did not allow the Steers to score again as they got two quick outs to leave Ricky at third. Trailing by four, the Lobos finally got to the Steers pitcher as the Lobos led off the inning with a triple of their own. Seymore did his best to contain the runner at third, inducing a ground out followed by a strikeout. The Lobos delivered a single to drive home the runner from third to cut the score 4 to 1. Seymore did a fantastic job of limiting the inning's damage, only allowing one run to cross the plate.

With a 4 to 1 run lead, the Big Spring Steer took the box, looking to add on to that lead once again. While the inning started off promising when Eli Cobos got a single, the Steers offense stalled out, and they were not able to get the runner across the plate. Seymore came out for his fourth in-

Pitcher Kyler Seymore stepped to the plate in the top of the sixth, and he helped his cause with a solo Home Run. To extend the Steers lead to 5 to 1. The Lobo pitcher went on to strike out the next three Steer batters leaving the Steers lead at 5 to 1, heading into the sixth. Down to their last six strikes, the Lobos showed why they are the top team in the District as they started to chip away at the Steers' lead. The inning started with a double. The Steers pitcher then got a ground out. A triple followed for the Lobos driving home their second run of the day and cutting the lead to 5 to 2. The next Lobo hitter had a hard-hit single driving home the runner from third, making the lead even closer at 5 to 3. The Steers were able to get out of the inning, limiting the damage to just two runs.

Heading into the seventh inning of play and seeing their lead dissipat-

ing, the Steers wanted to add some insurance runs. Unfortunately, the Lobos did an excellent job of pitching on the inning and did not allow the Steers to get a rhythm going. The Steers carried a 5 to 3 lead into the bottom of the seventh inning against the District leading Lobos. Down to their last three out, the Lobos were in desperation mode. The inning started with the Steers pitcher hitting a Lobo batter to place a man on first. The next Lobo batter had a single to put the tying runs at first and second. The Steers then got a big double play. The Steers were one out away from betting the top team in the District with the double play. Unfortunately, the Steers defense would cost them this game. The Steers had an error on the field that the Lobos took advantage of by scoring a run to cut the lead to 4 to 5. They then tied up the game at five after a hard hit double. With newfound life and the Steers on their heels, the Lobos pounced; another error from the Steers infield would allow the winning run to score, giving the walk-off win to the Levelland Lobos. Who remain undefeated in District at 10-0.

The game was a heartbreaking loss for the Steers as they controlled much of the game. But this game showed the talent this young team has; they went toe to toe with the District's best team. Yes, they didn't come out on top, but what they did do is outplay a good Lobo team. This Steers team has been in almost every game this season; they show fight and grit. Once the young Steers learn how to close out games, it will be a different team. The Steers now face an uphill battle on their road to the playoffs with an 11-14-1 record and a 2-8 district record. With five games left in the season, the young Steers need to get on a winning streak. They get another shot at this Levelland team Friday night at Steers park first pitch is scheduled for 7:33.

Steers will add support this team and cheer them on to turn this season around, starting with a victory Friday night.

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Solak, Culberson drive in 3 each, Rangers top Rays 8-3

By **FRED GOODALL AP Sports Writer**

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.— Nick Solak and Charlie Culberson drove in three runs apiece to back the pitching of Kyle Gibson and help the Texas Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Rays 8-3 Tuesday night to end a season-high four-game losing streak.

Solak delivered the biggest blow in a four-run fourth-inning against Ryan Yarbrough (0-2), a double down the left field line that cleared the bases after the Rangers loaded them with three consecutive singles.

Culberson finished the fourth with an RBI double, then pushed the lead to 8-2 with a two-run homer off Trevor Richards in the eighth.

"It feels good to come out and win," said Solak, whose first-inning fielding error on a sharp ground-er to second base allowed Tampa Bay to take a 2-1 lead.

The second baseman wasn't surprised he got an opportunity to make amends. Four of his five RBIs this season have either tied the score or given Texas a lead, and the timing couldn't have been better Tuesday night considering the Rangers' offensive struggles of late.

"This game tests you in all kind of ways" said Solak, who's now batting .500 (5 for 10) with 14 RBIs

with the bases loaded for his career. He's 8 for 18 with seven RBIs in his career vs. Tampa Bay.

Shut out in three of their previous four games, including Monday night's series opener in which they were limited to three hits in a 1-0 loss, the Rangers quickly ensured they wouldn't make franchise history by being blanked in three consecutive games.

Isiah Kiner-Falefa singled to begin the game, took second on a balk and scored on Joey Gallo's single.

One night after managing just two hits off Rays ace Tyler Glasnow over 7 2/3 innings, the Rangers finished with 13 hits. Most of the damage was inflicted against Yarbrough, who yielded six runs and 10 hits over six innings.

"To go out there and get hits when we needed them, that's kind of what we've been missing," Gibson said.

Gibson (2-0) allowed two runs and four hits over seven innings, his second straight strong outing after a poor performance on Opening Day.

The 33-year-old right-hander, who walked two and struck out three, shut down the AL champions after yielding two runs in the first, one of them on Joey Wendle's double and the other unearned when Solak let Yandy Diaz' infield hit skip through his legs for an error.

Gibson allowed four baserunners over the next

six innings, with only one of them reaching as far as second base.

Diaz had a RBI single off reliever Brett Martin in the eighth for the Rays, who went 2 for 7 with runners in scoring position and stranded six.

"We didn't have our best showing tonight," Rays manager Kevin Cash said. "Runs have been tough to come by. When we've got opportunities, we've got to do more with them."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: 1B/OF Ronald Guzmán was placed on the 10-day injured list with a meniscus cartilage tear in his right knee. He was injured chasing a pop fly eventually caught by Kiner-Falefa on Monday night. ... RP Matt Bush (right elbow inflammation) was transferred from 10-day to 60-day injured list.

Rays: CF Kevin Kiermaier (left quadriceps strain) is running and could be getting close to getting at-bats in simulated game situations at the alternate training site.

UP NEXT

The Rays added left-hander Josh Fleming to the taxi squad for Tuesday night's game, and he's expected to make his season debut and face the Rangers, either as the starting pitcher or following an opener on Wednesday night. Right-hander Kohei Aihara (0-1, 5.00 ERA) starts for Texas.

Cup of Joe: Musgrove's no-hitter boosts parents' coffee shop

By **JOHN PERROTTO Associated Press**

PITTSBURGH — This no-hitter, it turned out, came with a cup of Joe.

Fresh off pitching the first no-no in the San Diego Padres' 52-year history, Joe Musgrove found out his achievement served up a positive effect on his family, too.

The right-hander's parents own and operate a coffee shop in the San Diego suburb of Alpine, California. Padres fans have been flocking there since Musgrove tossed his gem last Friday against the Texas Rangers in Arlington.

"It's something that's been in the family for 20 years, a small drive through in a small town, so they don't usually do crazy business," Musgrove said Tuesday.

"But the last few days have been some of the best days they've ever had. I really appreciate people helping support their small business," he said.

Musgrove will see some familiar faces in his first start since the history-making effort. He's set to pitch Wednesday night in Pittsburgh — last January, after three seasons with the Pirates, he was traded to the hometown Padres.

Musgrove threw 112 pitches against the Rangers and struck out 10. Yet he says he is ready to face his old team from both a physical and mental standpoint.

"I was really grinding and feeling pretty beat up the first couple of days (after the game)," Musgrove said. "I didn't get a lot of sleep the first couple of nights. But I've had two good nights of sleep and I feel ready to go."

"It was really a cool moment and worth taking some time to celebrate and enjoy. But I'm moving past it and getting ready for this start because it's easy to slump and slide if you don't stay prepared," he said.

Musgrove joined the Pirates in a January 2018 trade that sent Gerrit Cole to Houston. The 28-year-old Musgrove bought a house in Pittsburgh — which he sold Tuesday — and became attached to the city.

"The city really grew on me the couple of years I was here," he said. "It's a blue-collar lifestyle and I feel like I cemented myself in the city pretty quickly with the way I approach the game and embraced the people."

Injured Pirates left-hander Steven Brault and Musgrove were not only teammates in Pittsburgh but also at Grossmont High School in the San Diego area. Brault watched every pitch of his old friend's no-hitter on television.

"To be in the history books and not to just be on the hometown team but to throw the first no-hitter is amazing," Brault said. "I remember when I was a kid, we'd go the games and people would get close (to a no-hitter) and it was such a big deal for the fans."

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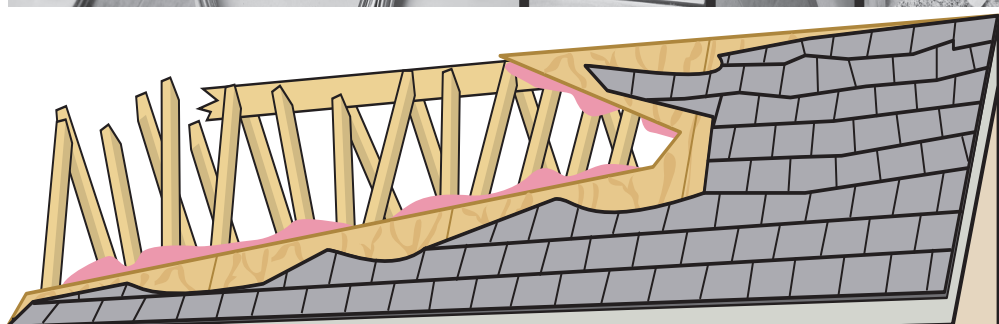
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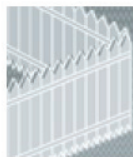
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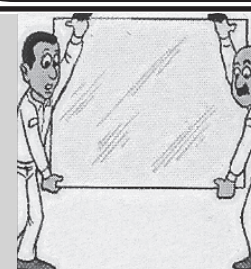
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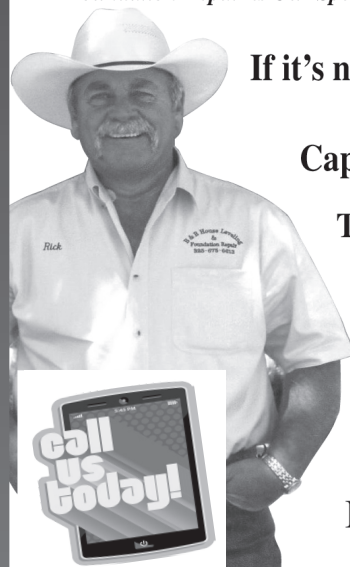
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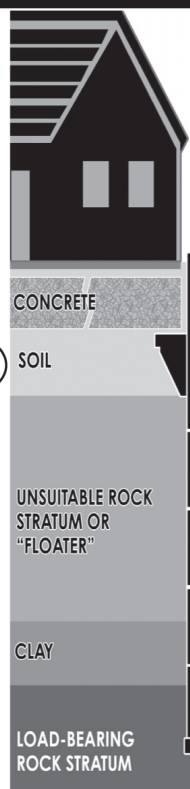
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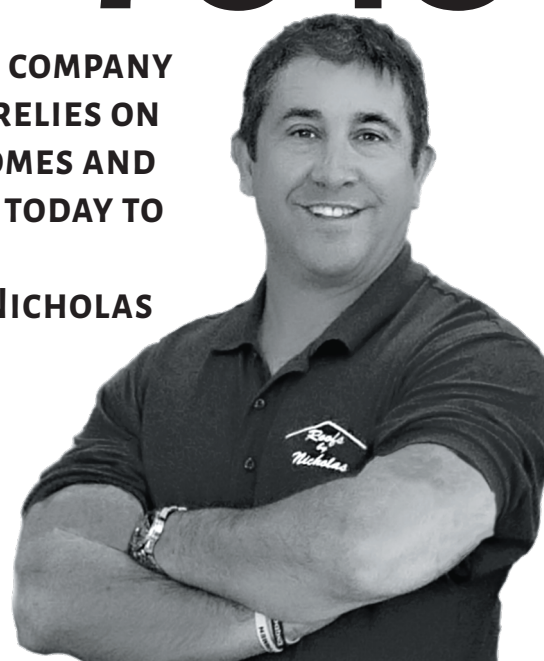
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By Steve Becker

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Annie's Mailbox

Abuse and Another Man

Dear Annie: I'm a mom and have been married for nearly six years. But for the past few years, my husband and I have not been on the same path. We can't communicate without fighting, bickering, arguing, etc. Our sex life has been nonexistent. And I have tried talking and suggesting that we do more things together. I have even tried losing weight because I thought maybe the problem was that I was no longer attractive. I tried everything that I could think of. And some days, I just lay in a different room, balled up and crying.

About a year ago, I started a new job and met a man with whom I clicked almost instantly. Eventually, this co-worker gave me his number and asked if I wanted to go fishing sometime. That night, I told my husband that another man had offered me his phone number and wanted to take me fishing. I hoped he would see that he needed to step up to the plate before something happened. Instead, he flipped out and started accusing me of trying to control him. He started throwing things around the house -- something he does a lot when things don't go his way, often leaving me with bruises and/or him with bruises due to my trying to defend myself. His tantrum that night was the final straw. I decided to take my new colleague up on the fishing trip.

We became close friends but never did anything physical. Then, one day, I found out my husband had been exchanging racy messages with women online. That's when I decided to go ahead and give my body to this new friend. It was nice. It made me feel like a woman again, not like a jacket that's sitting in the closet waiting to be worn.

We continued seeing each other and sleeping together for a few months. But last month, after a night out with him, I confessed everything to my husband. He was upset, of course, but in due time he came around and said he wanted to work things out. Well, that was three months ago, and my husband and I still haven't been intimate. I see no signs of things changing between us. In fact, they've gotten more distant, and I've noticed he now uses a lock code on his phone and computer.

My lover, meanwhile, is waiting in the wings for me to make my decision. -- Between a Rock and Hard Place

Dear Between:

More than anything, I'm concerned about your husband's physical aggression. No matter your differences, it is unacceptable for him to hurt you or even know-

ingly endanger you as he does when he hurls things around the house in a rage. But rather than further engage him right now, I encourage you to reach out to the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 for guidance in planning your next steps.

Dear Annie: April is National Alcohol Awareness Month. While I've seen some friends and family really helped by AA, for others, a different approach is needed. I hope you will print these recommendations in your column.

One is SMART Recovery (https://www.smartrecovery.org), which offers a network of resources and is not just focused on alcohol abuse but addiction in general. LifeRing Secular Recovery (https://lifering.org), like AA, is an abstinence-based anonymous organization that provides safe meeting spaces. Then there are also programs for people who have a non-severe drinking problem but would like to cut back on their drinking or take a break: Moderation Management (https://moderation.org), CheckUp and Choices (checkupandchoices.com), and One Year No Beer (https://www.oneyearnobeer.com). Wherever people are, there are tools available.

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ANSWER:

Venus Agenda

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Love fills your entire world because you see some version of it wherever your eyes land. Even the grass seems to sing love songs to the sun; the mountains give friendship to the sky.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are discovering your inner rock star today, playing the scene like a power chord, right on time, with a charismatic attitude and the tone people need to hear.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It is said that math is the language of the cosmos, but emotion will be the universal tongue you speak today, projecting feelings that resonate in the world to bring unanticipated outcomes to life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's better not to assume the intentions of others, as many act unintentionally and many more have intentions you would never guess. Therefore, it would be pointless to waste thought on.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Because you've made a decision to be in control of your life, relationships and circumstances in opposition to your goal have come to a standstill. Lack of common interests will do that, and, in this case, it's a welcome sign of progress.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you find yourself around people with the attributes you admire, it's because you are either like this as well or developing in this direction. You were meant to be inspired and supported.

LI-BRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're not trying to change anyone. True, it would rather convenient for you if they did change, but there are plenty of remarkably accessible people out there who already embody what you need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Of course, you want to focus on what's important, but today brings some confusion as to what fits the category. Hint: It's small, emotional in nature and couldn't happen on any other day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It is normal to, at times, feel uncomfortable, displaced or lost in the unfamiliar. These feelings accompany the passages of life you will one day be most proud of.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It is so hard for you to take a compliment, and yet it is so easy for you to believe someone's unwanted critique. In general, this is a good day to ignore the opinions of others.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). An intriguing future is taking form in your imagination. This is just one of many possibilities, so why are you already putting limits on it? Practice unbound visualization and watch your reality free up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Bottom line, there are people who make you feel good and people who don't. To be with people in the latter category isn't a waste; you often learn the most from them. That said, why make them your first choice?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 15). Here come the exciting influences! There are definite emotional benefits from the changes over the next 10 weeks, and you'll find your mood on a steady rise. Because of this, you'll attract different situations in May than you do in August. You will leverage one resource for another more brilliantly suited to your needs. Leo and Sagittarius adore

your lucky numbers are: 4, 28, 1, 22 and 16.

COSMIC QUESTION:

"I'm newly engaged to a younger man, a Capricorn. I'm a Gemini, 10 years older than him. He works as a caregiver. I'm fine with his work, but when we're together, he's so tired. We tried to celebrate our 18-month anniversary and he paid \$13 towards the meal and I paid \$20 and the tip. I don't mind being generous but I expect some attention later. When we got home he watched TV while I tried to look glamorous for him. I'm still mad. Should I keep saving for my Vegas wedding or kick him to the curb?"

Capricorn men usually respect traditions, but an 18-month anniversary might not be one of them. Typically, Capricorn men are more into the logical numbers, like one year, two year, etc. Secondly, you might have thought it was generous to pay for your Capricorn, but he actually would prefer to pay for you. Going somewhere he can afford is key, or give him plenty of notice so he can plan for it. Capricorn needs to be needed. Providing for others is a pleasure that makes him feel powerful, so avoid doing too much or babying him. And lastly this relationship is feeling highly transactional. There's nothing wrong with that, per se, but it's not a foundation that will support a lasting marriage. Where is the love?

Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.

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Coahoma Bulldog track team rakes in the medals at District 5-3A meet

Special to the Herald

CRANE — The Coahoma High School track team scooped up nine gold, five silver, and four bronze medals in individual events and five relay teams medaled at the District 5-3A meet on Friday.

MaKynlee Overton turned more than a few heads when she threw her shot put for a gold medal winning distance of 37-00.50, and she set a personal best and new school record for the fourth time in two years. In fact, it was her second record breaking throw of the day in the shot put event and the third this year.

Overton had plenty of company from the CHS team in the winner circle. Sean Striegler ran a time of 23:10 to win the 200 meter dash. Christian Everett sprinted to gold in the 100 meter dash with a time of 12:31.

Tristian Guerrero clocked 53.95 at the finish line to win the 400 meter dash. Madison Rodgers' swift feet earned gold in the 200 meter dash with a time of 28.20, and Austin Perkins picked up gold in the 300 meter dash. He finished the race in 43.18.

Vance Ott brought home three golds in the wheelchair division. He threw a 19-11 in shot put, and clocked 16.70 and 58.45 in the 100 meter and 400 meter dash respectively.

The varsity 4x200 relay team of JR Emerson, Tristan Guerrero, Billy Bailey, and Sean Striegler also won gold with a time of 1:34.59.

The Bulldog team finished second in district and the Bulldogette team was third.

Next: Coahoma will compete in 20 individual events and six relay races at the Area 5&6 UIL meet, which is set for this Thursday in Wall.

5-3A District Track Results

Crane, Texas
April 9, 2021

Note: Varsity athletes who placed in the top four of their event qualified for area

Varsity Boys

100M Dash — 4. Austin Perkins, 11.78; 5. Billy Bailey, 11.98; 6. Isaiah Martin, 12.03

200M Dash — 1. Sean Streigler, 23.10; 3. JR Emerson, 23.56

400M Dash — 1. Tristian Guerrero, 53.95.

800M Run — 10. Nicolas Biddison, 2:24.60; 11. Ethan Biddison, 2:26.49; 12. D'Kota Harrison 2:30.84.

1600M Run — 14. D'Kota Harrison, 6:27.77.

High Jump — 7. Martin, Isaiah, 5-04.00; 7. Billy Bailey, 5-04.00; 10. JR Emerson, 5-02.00.

Long Jump — 2. Sean Streigler, 21-04.00; 5. Tristan Guerrero, 19-07.75; 8. Isaiah Martin, 18-07.50.

Triple Jump — 2. Sean Streigler, 40-09.50; 3. JR Emerson, 40-04.75; 6. Billy Bailey, 38-10.00.

Shot Put — 2. Ashton Kimball, 44-

05.50; 6. Kolt Redden, 39-03.25.

Discus Throw — 3. Kolt Redden, 134-06.75

Varsity Girls

100M Dash — 1. Christian Ever-

ett, 12.91, 7. Karleigh Burt, 14.30.

200M Dash — 1. Madison Rogers,

28.20; 2. Julia Cox, 28.81.

400M Dash — 5. Isabella Cox, 1:11.48.

800M Run — 5. Serena Dobbs, 2:45.20;

7. Isabella Cox, 2:45.60

100M Hurdles — 6. Katelyn Johnson,

21.04.

4x100M Relay — 3. Coahoma A —

Madison Rodgers, Julia Cox, Jocelyn

Torres-Mendoza, Christian Everett,

52.68.

4x200M Relay — 2. Coahoma A —

Madison Rodgers, Julia Cox, Jocelyn

Torres-Mendoza, Christian Everett,

1:54.24.

4x400M Relay — 4. Coahoma A —

Jocelyn Torres-Mendoza, Isabella

Cox, Karleigh Burt, Serena Dobbs,

4:46.51.

High Jump — 8. Jocelyn Torres-

Mendoza 4-02.00.

Pole Vault — 3. Jocelyn Torres-Men-

doza, 6-06.00.

Women Triple Jump — 4. Christian

Everett, 33-02.25; 5. Julia Cox, 31-

00.00; 7. Isabella Cox, 29-03.25.

Shot Put — 1. MaKynlee Overton, 37-00.50; 8. Nys-

sa Tran, 27-10.25; 12. Cayhill Lewis, 24-05.50.

Discus Throw — 2. Cayhill Lewis, 104-03.

Team Rankings

Varsity Girls — 1. Crane 211.5, 2. Sonora 154, 3.

Coahoma 99.5, 4. Reagan County 75, 5. Odessa Com-

pass Academy 69; Stanton 8.

Varsity Boys — 1. Crane 157.5, 2. Coahoma 132,

3. Sonora 125, 4. Stanton 77.5, 5. Odessa Compass

Academy 75, 6. Reagan County 48.



Courtesy Photo

Coahoma's Sean Striegler sprints to the finish line during a 200 meter dash prelim of the District 5-3A track meet held on Friday in Crane. Striegler went on to win gold in the finals.

3200M Run — 10. Tanner Atkins, 13:15.17.

110M Hurdles — 6. Billy Starr, 18.67; 7. Tanner At-

kins, 20.70.

300M Hurdles — 1. Austin Perkins, 43.18.

4x100M Relay — 3. Coahoma A — JR Emerson,

Sean Streigler, Isaiah Martin, Billy Bailey, 44.89.

4x200M Relay — 1. Coahoma A — JR Emerson,

Tristan Guerrero, Billy Bailey, Sean Striegler,

1:34.59.

4x400M Relay — 2. Coahoma A — Isaiah Martin,

Ethan Biddison, Tristan Guerrero, Austin Perkins,

3:39.84.

Ramos homers twice, Tigers slug Astros for 2nd straight win

By KRISTIE RIEKEN AP

Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Wilson Ramos hit two home runs and Renato Núñez and rookie Akil Baddoo each homered for the second straight game as the Detroit Tigers slugged their way to an 8-2 win over the Houston Astros on Tuesday night.

Ramos has stepped into the cleanup spot with Miguel Cabrera sidelined by a biceps injury, and his six homers lead the majors.

"Miggy is one of the leaders of this team and we need him back," Ramos said. "But since he's not here right now I have to take that spot he left. I'm very happy for what I'm doing right now. I don't want to be Miggy's bat, but I want to give support to my team."

Baddoo, a Rule 5 pick, is off to a scorching start to his major league career with four homers in eight games. Nomar Mazara also homered to give the Tigers a season-high five long balls as they won their second straight following a four-game skid.

"We've made them come inside the strike zone," Detroit manager A.J. Hinch said. "I think we've been selective and punished some mistakes when they've made mistakes."

The Tigers spoiled the Astros debut of Jake Odorizzi (0-1), who got a late start to the season after signing on March 8. Detroit tagged him for seven hits and five runs, including three homers, in 3 1/3 innings to hand the Astros their fourth consecutive loss after a 6-1 start.

"This one's on me," Odorizzi said. "Anytime you give up multiple runs in a mid-game inning it's usually a tough one to come back from. Maybe treat it as a learning tool and try to move from it differently and how to attack it. Having a short area in left field is a different aspect and I got my firsthand experience tonight."

In his first visit to his former team, Hinch won the opening two games, securing the Tigers' first series win against the Astros since July 28-30, 2017, and the first series win in Houston since May 2-5, 2013. Hinch was suspended for a year by MLB in January 2020 and subsequently fired by the Astros for his role in the team's sign-stealing scandal before being hired by Detroit this offseason.

Detroit starter Matthew Boyd (2-1) yielded six hits and one run in 6 2/3 innings.

Yordan Alvarez and Yuli Gurriel hit consecutive singles with no outs in the second and Alvarez scored on a one-out single by Myles Straw that made it 1-0. But Boyd struck out Jason Castro and Jose Altuve to limit the damage.

Those strikeouts were the first of 10 batters in a row retired by Boyd. He allowed a single apiece in the fifth and sixth innings.

The Tigers tied it in the third with Baddoo's full-count homer to the seats in left field. The ball landed in a sea of Astros fans clad in orange and navy jerseys. But a lone fan in a white Detroit jersey in the middle of the group collected it off the floor and beamed as he held it high in the air.

Jeimer Candelario, who had two hits, doubled to open the fourth before Mazara's homer with one out put the Tigers up 3-1. Jonathan Schoop singled and Núñez made it 5-1 with his shot to left field.

There was one on and one out in the fifth when Ramos blasted his fifth homer this season to extend the lead to 7-1.

With two outs in the ninth, he connected to right field again, this time off Nivaldo Rodriguez.

LIMITING THE LONG BALL

The Astros have given up 13 homers

during their four-game skid.

"They've been hitting the ball out of the ballpark on us with consistency the past four days," Houston manager Dusty Baker said. "We've got to find a way to not give up those homers. This ballpark helps but we play in this ballpark, too. We've got to find a way to stop that ball from going over the fence."

UP NEXT

Detroit's Michael Fulmer (0-0, 2.57 ERA) opposes Lance McCullers Jr. (1-0, 1.80) when the Tigers try for the sweep on Wednesday night.

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Lady Steers Softball knock off San Angelo Lake View for another district win



Courtesy Photo

By DUSTIN POPE

Herald Sports Writer

The Lady Steer Softball team took a road trip to San Angelo to face off against District foe the San Angelo Lake View Maidens. The Lady Steers came into the game with a 7-11 record and a 4-2 District record. Meanwhile, the Lake View Maidens had a record of 9-14. The Steers quickly dispatched the Maidens 11 to 0.

Big Spring started things in the top of the first when Kalyn Whitehead laced a hard-hit single. Two batters later, Jocelyn Gonzalez also had a single that drove home Whitehead for the Ladies' first run of the day. After a walk by Vanessa Viasana, Gonzalez scored on a passed ball from the San Angelo pitcher. Kylee Lynch then grounded to the third baseman, which allowed Viasana to score. That gave the Lady Steers a 3 to 0 lead after the top of the first. Vanessa Viasana took the circle for the Lady Steers, and she did not disappoint. Viasana had an easy first inning of work, only allowing one base runner to reach via an error and allow zero runs.

Carrying a 3 to 0 lead into the top of the second, Sarah Wood lead off the inning with a walk. Arielle Nuno followed suit with back-to-back walks placing runners on first and second with no outs. The walk train continued when Cloe Viasana also was walked by the Maidens pitcher loading up the bases. Whitehead stepped up to the plate with the bases loaded and showed her patience, earning the fourth walk in a row for the Lady Steers. The walk pushed Wood across to take the lead to 4 to 0. Alex Enriquez then laid down a bunt and reached base when the San Angelo catcher made an error on the play, allowing Nuno to score, increasing the lead to 5 to 0. The Lady Maidens were able to find the next two outs to end the Lady Steers' inning. Enjoying a five-run lead Viasana came out for her second inning of work. The Steer pitcher kept up the dominance as she went on to have an easy inning setting

the Maidens down in order.

With a 5 to 0 lead going into the third inning, the Steers bats took an inning off the scoring. They did manage to get a few runners on base but did not score any runs. Lady Steer pitcher Viasana kept her momentum going with an easy three up three down inning.

As the fourth inning began, the Lady Steers still enjoyed a five-run lead. The San Angelo Lady Maiden pitcher got through the inning without giving up any more runs, leaving the score at 5 to 0 in favor of the Lady Steers. Viasana continued her dominance in the bottom of the fourth, getting great play from her defense behind her; the Lady Steer pitched yet another scoreless inning.

Leading five to nothing after four innings of play, the Lady Steers decided to tack on some insurance runs in the fifth. The big inning got started when Kylee Lynch singled on a ground ball to third. Brinley Watkins followed with a walk, placing runners at first and second. Wood then came up and executed a perfect bunt single that loaded up the bases. Nuno then came to the plate and reached base on an error scoring Lynch from third base and making it a 6 to 0 lead. With the bases still loaded up with Lady Steers, Whitehead worked the pitch count and earned another walk allowing another run to score. With a 7 to 0 lead and the bases still loaded up, Alex Enriquez worked a walk of her own to push across yet another run. Leading 8 to 0, the Lady Steers would not be done as they went on to score three more runs in the inning to take the lead of 11 to 0 after the top of the fifth. The Lady Steers sent Viasana back

out to finish what she stated. The Lady Steer pitcher finished just as strong as she started with a quick inning. Viasana sat the Lady Maidens down to finish off the one-hit fantastic effort.

The win pushes the Lady Steers to an 8-11 record and a District record of 5-2. Big Spring is in a great place for making the playoffs. This team has grown leaps and bounds since the beginning of the season and seems to be playing their best ball when it matters. Next up, the Ladies take on Snyder in Snyder on Friday at 5 p.m.

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