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DPS, JPs attend Commissioners' meeting to support administrative clerk



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
DPS troopers from around the area attended the Howard County Commissioners Court meeting Monday and spoke in support of leaving their administrative assistant's job at full time instead of the planned reduction to part time.

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Financial pressure from Austin had led Howard County Commissioners to cut their funding for administrative support at the local Department of Public Safety office in an effort to save money, reducing one administrative assistant's job from full time to part time.

At Monday's Commissioner's Court meeting, the local DPS troopers and area justices of the peace turned out in numbers to let Howard County's commissioners know just what they thought of that idea.

"That girl does a lot of work for the troopers, and to do that would be to take a trooper off the streets to man that office and do the things she does," said Justice

of the Peace for Precinct 1 Place 2 Robert Fitzgibbons. "I know we can't look at those guys as a source of revenue because their job is to keep the streets safe, slow people down on the highway, get the heavy trucks off the road, the dangerous, unmaintained trucks, and so forth. But truth be known, this last fiscal year, our revenue through the three JP courts has exceeded \$800,000, strictly from citations. That's what we do. My best figures, 57 percent of that, or \$475,000 of that stays in Howard County, with an excess of \$350,000 of that being just fine amounts, not including court costs, that I believe go to the General Fund. So when you look at that, even though they're

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Stuff the Jeep, support The Salvation Army Scan, donate, and let Porter's do the work

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

The year has flown by and the holiday's are right around the corner. In anticipation and early preparation for the needs in the community, Star Dodge, Porters and the Salvation Army of Big Spring have teamed up for Stuff the Jeep food drive.

"This is an idea that came up last year, but with the take off of the Red Kettle Challenge this idea was tabled, but this year, we are ready to join together and gather as much food as possible and feed Big Spring," Tabitha Clark, Star Dodge Public Relations Director, said. "There is a real need in this community and at the holidays especially. We want to make sure everyone is able to enjoy their family, a good meal and make memories with their family."

Those visiting Porters will notice a Jeep Gladiator parked in the store, and the goal is to stuff the Gladiator with as much food as possible. The food will be distributed during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays to families receiving support from the Salvation Army.

"The beauty of Stuff the Jeep is that you pick up a bag, have it scanned at the register, make the donation and Porter's staff does the work," Clark said. "Each bag runs at \$22, which includes all the necessary foods requested by the Sal-



Courtesy photo
Star Dodge has teamed up with Porters to help support the Salvation Army for the upcoming holiday season. Through the month of October, you can stop in to Porters and make a donation to the food drive, or you can stop by participating businesses and make a donation. The food will help supply the support provided during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

vation Army for their holiday program. It's simply, grab, scan and you've helped a family enjoy a holiday dinner."

In addition to the donation bags at Porters, several local businesses will have pledge cards to allow those who can't make it to Porters to still contribute.

"Every dollar amount helps and every bit of it will remain

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Thank a Veteran Day



Courtesy of KBest Media
"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.
 God Bless our veterans!
 If you know a veteran we should recognize, please send the information to
 editor@bigspringherald.com.



U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Josiah J. Kunkle/Released

Chief Boatswain's Mate Daniel Pike, from Big Spring, Texas, right, instructs Sailors during a general quarters drill aboard Independence-variant littoral combat ship USS Gabrielle Giffords (LCS 10). Pacific Griffin is a biennial exercise conducted in the waters near Guam aimed at enhancing combined proficiency at sea while strengthening relationships between the U.S. and Republic of Singapore navies.

Weather



Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northwest in the afternoon.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. Northeast wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 74. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 47. East wind around 5 mph becoming south after midnight.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 81. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 57.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 89.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 86.

Saturday Night: Clear, with a low around 59.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 90.

Sunday Night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly clear, with a low around 55.

Monday: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Sunny, with a high near 80.

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

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not there for our revenue, I think that more than takes care of that salary for that secretary."

DPS Sergeant Shawn Baxter spoke next.

"The fact that you do allow a county employee to assist us in the office has been invaluable," Baxter said. "The amount of admin work that we produce on a daily basis, just from crash reports, arrests, public information requests, are just overwhelming at times. Without an admin to be able to do that – it's a full-time job – we're pulling troopers off the road and putting them in the office, when they could be out there doing the most important thing, which is helping keep the county and the community safe."

Four other troopers spoke in support of the administrative assistant, as well as Martin County Justices of the Peace Nancy Bradshaw and Gerald Headrick.

"The job of the Highway Patrol Admin doesn't just affect the Highway Patrol," Bradshaw said. "It affects a lot of other agencies in this county and outside this county. It affects other counties that have had the agreement with Howard County and the understanding that, because they pay a portion of that salary, that they would be provided with a secretary for their troopers. In addition to the things that have already been mentioned and have already been said on the value of this, I just want to ask you,

"Do you think it's right to ask the citizens of Howard County, Martin County, Glasscock County, and Sterling County, to have to live with a lowered standard, or a lowered presence of law enforcement because the troopers have to be in the office doing the work of an administrative assistant? And how would the people of those counties feel about that?"

Commissioner John Cline responded, "I'd like to tell you, we'll take this to be reconsidered, but you need to talk to your bosses and your state representatives. Senate Bill 2...this is the beginning. They're limiting what a county can do to raise funds. This is a little bit of an eye-opener. We will reconsider it."

Later in the meeting, DPS Sgt. Jason Anzaldua spoke to the commissioners.

"I do want to thank you for the support that Howard County has given us over the years," Anzaldua said. "I know there are some other counties that contribute to the salary, but we're very happy to be in Howard County. I love it. We have good people here. We will do the job, day in and day out. If I understand, you have some hard decisions to make. I have to make them as a supervisor. It's for the best interests of the taxpayers. But like I said, when I opened the door and I saw all those uniforms there...I'm not from this community. I feel like I'm part of it already. Just the faces that I've met out there, and they're sitting here. I didn't ask any one of them to be here. That show of support – for that reason,

I'm asking...it's an action item. I'm asking for you to consider reinstating this to a full-time position."

While the commissioners opted not to vote on the issue immediately as two commissioners were absent from the meeting, they promised to revisit it at the next commissioner's court meeting.

In other business, commissioners:

- Approved a routine memorandum of understanding between Howard County and South Plains Rural Health Services Inc.;
- Approved a statement of agreement between West Texas Centers and Howard County;
- Approved a resolution and agreement authorizing the auction of Howard County property;
- Renewed the Breath Alcohol Testing Program Cooperative Agreement between Howard County and Midland College;
- Approved changes for Howard County Subdivision regulation;
- Approved changes for Howard County Tax Abatement agreements;
- Heard a report from the Ports-to-Plains TXDOT Feasibility Study Advisory Committee;
- Tabled action on a Seitel Permit to conduct geophysical operations on County-owned property;
- Heard roadway maintenance updates;
- Approved a request to go out for bids on materials for the Roads Department;

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com

Take Note

• American Legion Post 506 will be hosting a Fish Fry on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are located at 3203 W. Hwy 80. Plates are \$10 each. Delivery will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 263-2084.

• The Coahoma Lions Club will be hosting their Annual Pancake Supper on Monday, Oct. 21, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Coahoma Elementary Cafeteria. Proceeds from this Pancake Supper will help fund scholarship opportunities for Coahoma High School graduating seniors.

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

• O'Neai-Kunkie, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

Halloween Safe Spots



Editor's Note: The Big Spring Herald will be publishing a list of Halloween Safe Spots, during the month of October. If you would like to have your business or organization listed on our Safe Spot list please send in the following information:

Name of Business, location, times, and any additional information you would like to include (special activities, cost, etc.)

Information can be emailed to editor@bigspringherald.com.

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right here, in Howard County, to ensure families are able to receive food boxes," she said.

The Jeep Gladiator will be parked at Porters through the end of the month and donations can be made at supporting businesses until Nov. 1.

To find out how to support the holiday efforts of Salvation Army, call 432-267-8239.

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Russia moves to fill void left by US in northern Syria

CEYLANPINAR, Turkey (AP) — Russia moved to fill the void left by the United States in northern Syria, deploying troops Tuesday to keep apart advancing Syrian government and Turkish forces. At the same time, tensions grew within NATO as Turkey defied growing condemnation from its Western allies of its invasion across the border.

Now in its seventh day, Turkey's offensive against the Kurds has upended alliances and is re-drawing the map of northern Syria for yet another time in Syria's 8-year-old war.

U.S. rival Russia was quickly moving to entrench its de facto power broker role after President Donald Trump ordered the pullout of American forces in northeast Syria. The American move effectively abandoned the Kurdish fighters allied with the U.S. and opened the door for the Turkish invasion aimed at crushing them.

Desperate for a new protector, the Kurdish administration struck a deal with the Russian-backed government of Syrian President Bashar Assad, whose forces began on Sunday deploying in Kurdish-administered areas to shield them against Turkey.

A video posted online by Russian journalists travelling with the soldiers showed what appeared to be an abandoned outpost where American troops had been stationed earlier. Syrian troops waved flags in the city streets.

Outside Manbij, Russian troops began patrolling front lines between Turkish and Syrian army positions to keep them separated, Russia's Defense Ministry said.

"No one is interested" in potential fighting between Syrian government troops and Turkish forces, Russia's envoy for Syria Alexander Lavrentyev told Russian state news agencies. Russia "is not going to allow it," he said.

Lavrentyev confirmed that Kurdish leaders and representatives of the Syrian government held talks at a Russian military base last week but said that he was not aware of any results.

Still, fighting flared near Manbij, a town west of the Euphrates River that Turkey has long wanted to wrest from Kurdish control. A mortar attack from Manbij hit Turkish forces, killing one soldier and wounding eight others, Turkey's Defense Ministry said. The Turkish military retaliated with an assault that "neutralized" an estimated 15 Syrian Kurdish fighters, the ministry added.

Further east along the border, Kurdish fighters battled trying to retake the town of Ras al-Ayn, which was captured by Turkish forces days earlier. An Associated Press journalist reported heavy Turkish bombardment of targets in the countryside around Ras al-Ayn early Tuesday.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a war monitoring group, reported that Syrian Kurdish fighters had retaken the town. But it appeared it was still being contested, and Turkish media said the military was responding to attempts by the Kurdish fighters to infiltrate Ras al-Ayn.

Russia and Assad's stride into place alongside the once U.S.-allied Kurds came as the United States tried to restrain the invasion by fellow NATO member Turkey.

Targeting Turkey's economy, Trump on Monday announced sanctions aimed at restraining the Turks' assault. The United States also called on Turkey to stop the offensive and declare a ceasefire, while European Union countries moved to broaden an arms sale embargo against their easternmost ally.

Washington said Trump was sending Vice President Mike Pence and national security adviser Robert O'Brien to Ankara as soon as possible in an attempt to begin negotiations over a stop to the fighting. Pence said Trump spoke directly to Turkish leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who promised not to attack the border town of Kobani, which in 2015 witnessed the Islamic State group's first defeat in a battle by U.S.-backed Kurdish fighters.

Erdogan defended Turkey's offensive in an op-ed in the Wall Street Journal, calling on the international community to support Turkey's effort to create what it calls a resettlement "safe zone" for refugees in northeast Syria, or "begin admitting refugees."

"Turkey reached its limit," Erdogan wrote in reference to 3.6 million Syrian refugees in his country. He said Turkey's warnings that it would not be able to stop refugee floods into the West without international support "fell on deaf ears."

Turkey invaded northern Syria aiming to create a zone of control the entire length of the border and drive out the Kurdish fighters, which it considers terrorists because of their links to Kurdish insurgents within Turkey.

Instead, after the Kurds' deal with Damascus, a new de facto carving up of the border appeared to

be taking shape.

Turkish forces control a truncated zone roughly in the center of the border about 100 kilometers (60 miles) long between the towns of Tel Abyad and Ras al-Ain.

Syrian government troops were moving into or beefing up their presence in the regions on either side of that enclave, including Manbij west of it, and the cities of Qamishli and Hassakeh in the far northeastern corner of Syria.

With their deal with Damascus, the Kurds risk losing the virtual self-rule they have enjoyed across the northeast — the heartland of their minority community — ever since Assad had to pull his troops out of the area seven years ago to fight rebels elsewhere. They are hoping, perhaps with Russian mediation, to reach a final deal that would preserve some degree of that autonomy.

But they gain protection: So far, Turkey appears reluctant to clash with Syrian forces wherever they move in.

The main Kurdish-led force in Syria said it has lost 23 fighters in clashes with advancing Turkish-led forces over the past day, mainly at Ras al-Ayn and Tal Abyad. That raises the total of casualties announced by the group to 68 dead.

Separately, two people were killed in a new mortar and rocket attack by Syrian Kurdish fighters on a Turkish town bordering Syria, local officials said. The attack on the town of Kiziltepe, Mardin province, also wounded 12 other civilians, the governor's office said.

Turkish officials say 18 civilians — excluding Tuesday's victims — have been killed in a barrage of mortar and rocket shells fired on towns located on the Turkish border provinces of Mardin, Sanliurfa, Sirnak and Gaziantep, since the operation began on Oct. 9.

The U.N. humanitarian aid coordinator said at least 160,000 civilians in northeastern Syria have been displaced amid the Turkish operations, mostly from Ras al-Ayn and Tal Abyad, where people are fleeing south.

Separately, spokesman Rupert Colville of the U.N. human rights office said it was "not seeing large numbers of civilian casualties" so far — "a few each day" — but people were being killed on both sides of the Syria-Turkey border.

He cautioned: "Obviously we're not necessarily hearing all cases, either."

Fort Worth officer released on bond after murder charge

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A white former Fort Worth police officer charged with murder after shooting a black woman through a window of her home has been released on bond, and the department told a grieving community that investigators would ensure "no stone is left unturned" in the search for answers.

Jail records show Aaron Dean, 34, was out of custody after posting bond Monday night, less than four hours after his arrest in a shooting that began with a call about an open front door. He had been held on \$200,000 bond. Earlier in the day he resigned from the force, and the police chief said he would have been fired if he hadn't.

Police bodycam video showed Dean approaching the door of the home where Atatiana Jefferson, 28, was caring for her 8-year-old nephew early Saturday. He then walked around the side of the house, pushed through a gate into the fenced-off backyard and fired through the glass a split-second after shouting at Jefferson to show her hands.

Dean was not heard identifying himself as police on the video, and Interim Police Chief Ed Kraus said there was no sign Dean or the other officer who responded even knocked on the front door.

"Nobody looked at this video and said that there's any doubt that this officer acted inappropriately," Kraus said.

Sgt. Chris Daniels read a statement Monday night after Dean's arrest in which he pledged that the department's major case and internal affairs units were working "around the clock" for justice in the case.

"To the citizens and residents of our city: We feel and understand your anger and disappointment and we stand by you as we work together to make Fort Worth a better place for all of us," Daniels said.

Earlier in the day, Jefferson's fam-

ily had demanded that Dean, a member of the force for 1½ years, be fired and arrested.

"Why this man is not in handcuffs is a source of continued agitation for this family and for this community," family attorney Lee Merritt said, hours before Dean was booked into jail.

Following Dean's arrest, Merritt said the family "needs to see this through to a vigorous prosecution and appropriate sentencing" and added that that "the city of Fort Worth has much work to do to reform a brutal culture of policing."

Police went to Jefferson's home about 2:25 a.m. after a neighbor called a non-emergency line to report a door ajar. In a statement over the weekend, the department said officers saw someone near a window inside the home and that one of them drew his gun and fired after "perceiving a threat."

The video showed Dean shouting, "Put your hands up! Show me your hands!" and immediately firing.

Jefferson was staying up late, playing video games with her nephew, when she was killed, according to the family's attorney.

As for what, exactly, led Dean to open fire, the police chief said: "I cannot make sense of why she had to lose her life." The chief said Dean resigned without talking to internal affairs investigators.

The video included images of a gun inside a bedroom. Kraus said he did not know whether Jefferson was holding the weapon.

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But he said the mere fact she had a gun shouldn't be considered unusual in Texas.

"We're homeowners in Texas," the police chief said. "Most of us, if we thought we had somebody outside our house that shouldn't be and we had access to a firearm, we would be acting very similarly to how she was acting." Kraus said that, in hindsight, releasing the images of the weapon was "a bad thing to do."

Mayor Betsy Price called the gun "irrelevant."

"Atatiana was in her own home, caring for her 8-year-old nephew. She was a victim," Price said.

Texas has had a "castle doctrine" law on the books since 2007 that gives people a stronger legal defense to use deadly force in their homes. The law was backed at the time by the National Rifle Association and is similar to "stand your ground" measures across the U.S. that say a person has no duty to retreat from an intruder.

Fort Worth is about 30 miles (50 kilometers) west of Dallas, where another high-profile police shooting occurred last year.

In that case, white Dallas officer Amber Guyger shot and killed her

black neighbor Botham Jean inside his own apartment after Guyger said she mistook his place for her own. Guyger, 31, was sentenced this month to 10 years in prison.

A large crowd gathered outside Jefferson's home Sunday night for a vigil after demonstrations briefly stopped traffic on Interstate 35. A single bullet hole was visible in the window of the single-story, freshly painted purple home, and floral tributes and stuffed animals piled up in the street.

The police chief said Dean could face state charges and that he had submitted a case to the FBI to review for possible federal civil rights charges.

Dean has not yet hired an attorney but will have one provided with financial support from the state's largest police union, the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas, according to Charley Wilkison, executive director.

Relations with the public have been strained after other recent Fort Worth police shootings. In June, the department released footage of officers killing a man who ignored repeated orders to drop his handgun. He was the fourth person Fort Worth police had fired upon in 10 days.

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Sands Cross Country



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The Sands Cross Country teams competed in the O'Donnell Romp in the Park at Forrest Park in Lamesa, on Oct. 12. Several of the runners ran their personal best times.

HERALD Staff Report

The Sands Cross Country team recently competed in the O'Donnell's Romp in the Park at Forrest Park in Lamesa, on Oct. 12.

The weather turned out to be nice and offered cool running conditions. There were several personal records set during this race. The District meet is set for Oct. 15 in Lamesa.

Results were as follows (only Sands CISD):

Varsity Girls

The Sands Varsity Girls placed First out of seven teams. There were a total of 56 runners. Places were as follows:

- Landry Morrow – 13:05 – 1st
- Me-A Gonzalez – 13:10 – 2nd
- Bianca Plata – 13:13 – 3rd
- Lili Porras – 14:05 – 13th
- Maria Gonzalez – 15:06 – 27th
- Melysa Martinez – 15:21 – 32nd - PR
- Mayra Diaz – 15:24 – 33rd

Varsity Boys

The Sands Varsity Boys placed Fifth out of 11 teams. There were a total of 86 runners. The boys beat all of the other 1A teams. The places were as follows:

- Riley Webb – 18:39 – 10th
- Rodolfo Juarez – 19:11 – 20th
- Trandon Edmonson – 19:24 – 26th – PR
- Cash Walker – 20:52 – 49th
- Jaden Flentge – 20:58 – 50th – PR
- Jesus "Chuy" Porras – 23:24 – 77th

JV GIRLS

The Sands JV Girls placed Third overall. There were 28 runners and Sands finished in the following places:

- Charli Snell – 15:50 – 8th
- Yesenia Reyán – 16:55 – 16th - PR
- Alexa Plata – 17:58 – 20th
- Kaylee French – 18:40 – 21st
- Kylie Barnes – 19:32 – 22nd

Lakyn Sandlin – 20:38 – 27th

JV BOYS

There were 31 runners in the JV Boys division. Sands placement included the following:

- AJ Tomlinson – 19:27 – 1st - PR
- Kaleb King – 24:56 – 22nd – PR
- Trayven Archuleta – 25:10 – 24th – PR

JH GIRLS

The Sands JH Girls placed Fourth out of 11 teams. They beat all of the 1A teams. There were 133 runners in the division. Placement for Sands runners included:

- Hayley Connell – 13:38 – 3rd
- Myah Heald – 15:00 – 25th - PR
- Taylor Wall – 15:08 – 28th - PR
- Jumalay Mena – 15:10 – 29th - PR
- Madison Segundo – 15:12 – 30th
- Kasey Hogue – 15:32 – 35th - PR
- Virginia Jerotich – 15:50 – 47th – PR
- Aubree Blissard – 15:55 – 51st – PR
- Chloe Gillespie – 16:41 – 67th
- Madison Hataway – 16:47 – 70th
- Savannah Barnes – 19:03 – 110th – PR

JH BOYS – 4th of 13 teams, 145 runners

- Michael Diaz – 11:53 – 3rd
- Austin Archuleta – 11:58 – 4th - PR
- Wiley Gaskins – 12:24 – 10th - PR
- Wyatt Herm – 14:18 – 68th
- Henry Wolf – 15:14 – 89th - PR
- Jaiden Gonzales – 16:23 – 115th
- Kirby Huffman – 16:34 – 120th - PR
- Nate Ybarra – 16:52 – 121st - PR

Big Spring ISD

Oct. 17
Lamesa (Away) 5 p.m. / 7th Grade A and 8th A
6:15 p.m. / 7th Grade B and 8th Grade B

Oct. 21
Sweetwater (Home) 5 p.m. / 7th Grade A and 8th A
6:15 p.m. / 7th Grade B and 8th Grade B

Football (All games begin at 7:30 p.m.)
Oct. 11 – vs. Dumas (Home)
Oct. 18 – Open
Oct. 25 – vs. Andrews (There)
Nov. 1 – vs. Seminole (There)
Nov. 8 – vs. Lakeview (Home)

Golf

Oct. 25-26 at Hobbs (Boys)

Forsan Buffaloes

Football

All games start at 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 18 – vs. Ozona (There)
Oct. 25 – vs. Winters (Home)
Nov. 1 – vs. Hawley (There)
Nov. 8 – vs. Stamford (Home)

Coahoma Bulldogs

Oct. 18 – vs. Abernathy (Away)

Oct. 25 -

Gold Out game vs Stanton (Home)

Nov. 1

Senior Walk – vs Colorado City (Home)

Nov. 8 – vs. Lubbock Roosevelt (Away)

Cardinals can't hit, pitch, run or field, fall into 3-0 hole

By STEPHEN WHYNO

AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Instead of dwelling on the St. Louis Cardinals' troubles at the plate after two losses in the NL Championship Series, manager Mike Shildt tried to accentuate the positives.

"We've pitched really, really well," he said. "We've played really good defense. We've run the bases when we're getting the opportunities really well."

Not anymore. And it might be too late to do anything about those silent bats.

All those previously reliable elements abandoned the Cardinals in Game 3 on Monday night, and their hitting never showed up. After another anemic offensive showing, they got blown out 8-1 by the Washington Nationals to fall into a 3-0 hole and are one loss Tuesday from being swept out of the best-of-seven series.

A comedy of errors in the field and on the basepaths and a rare off night for 23-year-old ace Jack

Flaherty did little to relieve the pressure of a lineup still flummoxed by Nationals pitching. St. Louis scored one unearned run on a throwing error and has a grand total of two runs on 11 hits in the series.

Shildt opted not to shake up a lineup that had gone cold since a 13-run outburst in the clinching Game 5 of the NLDS at Atlanta, changing out only Matt Carpenter for José Martínez. That didn't work: Nationals starter Stephen Strasburg mowed down the Cardinals with 12 strikeouts and zero walks.

Leadoff hitter Dexter Fowler went 0 for 4 with three strikeouts. Power-hitting first baseman Paul Goldschmidt struck out four times. And when Marcell Ozuna doubled leading off the second inning, he stunted the momentum with a baserunning blunder that set the tone for the rest of the night.

With little coming at the plate and the Cardinals' margin for error razor thin, each mistake — like Ozuna missing a catchable ball in left field — became more demoralizing. It didn't help that the starting pitching that kept St. Louis afloat in the

first two games wasn't at the same level.

After going 18 consecutive starts without allowing more than three runs, Flaherty surrendered four on four hits in the third inning alone. He then started off the fourth by giving up Kurt Suzuki's first hit of the playoffs and didn't make it to the fifth.

By the time Shildt turned to his bullpen — to fittingly terrible results — it was difficult to envision the Cardinals scoring enough runs to even make it interesting. The crushing combination of no hitting and flawed play all over the field put St. Louis on the brink of elimination with 25-year-old Dakota Hudson going to the mound trying to extend this season one more day.

"I'm not going to go out there and try to do anything that's out of my skillset," Hudson said before Game 3. "I just want to give the best I have and stay within myself to where I have the best chance of success."

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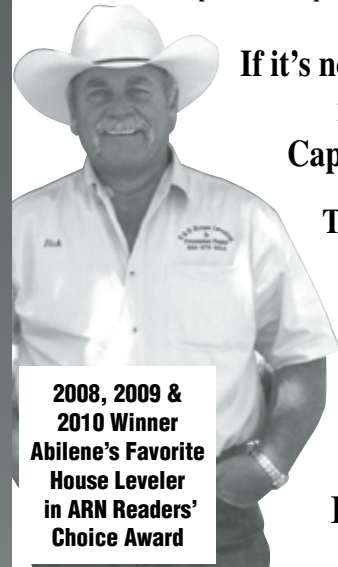
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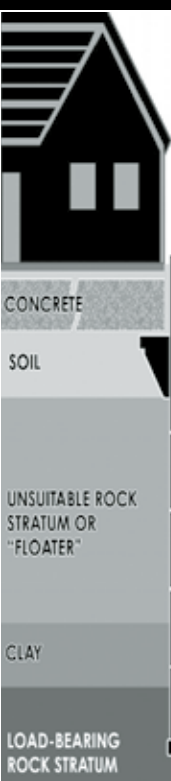
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Annie's Mailbox

Not Very Neighborly

Dear Annie: My neighbor has a huge tree growing squarely in the middle of her yard. The tree is so big that a limb crashed down and broke part of a fence I share with another neighbor. I was left with the repair and the clean-up. When I mentioned this situation and my safety concern to the neighbor with the tree, she responded, "What-ever falls onto your property is not my responsibility." My understanding is that I have a right to prune branches that might overhang my property, but is it my obligation to hire a company, scale the tree and have it pruned? Isn't it the homeowner's responsibility to maintain this massive tree and have it properly pruned so as not to endanger the well-being and property of a neighbor? -- "Arboring" a Grudge

Dear "Arboring" a Grudge: It sounds like your neighbor is not acting very neighborly. She is lucky that the limb only harmed the fence and not a person or animal. While she might be correct that it is not her technical responsibility, it should be her moral responsibility to help you with your fence, especially because it was her tree that caused the damage. Perhaps you live in an association where you can speak with

the head about the dangers of that tree. Sadly, if the tree is 100% on your neighbor's lawn, it is her right to do with the tree what she wants. The only thing you have the right to do is trim the leaves that hang onto your property.

Dear Annie: I feel compelled to answer the gentleman who is anxious about aging. As a woman who is 76 years young, I would like to give him a pep talk about growing old. After going through breast cancer, losing my best friend and my husband, and having my daughter diagnosed with (and cured of, thankfully) uterine cancer, I felt depressed, saddened and hopeless.

I made the decision to go for counseling, the best thing I could have done. I was urged to seek various community activities to pull myself out of my depression and anxiety. At the suggestion of a close friend, I started to attend a local church, which led to my joining a charitable women's organization sponsored by the church. Next, I began attending our town council meetings and was asked to join a committee. Members who are much younger than I am voted to appoint me the secretary. I am a founding member of a nonprofit organization that is a mixture of senior citizens and younger people. My most recent in-

volvement is volunteering two days a week with a program titled "Lunch Buddies." This entails sitting with an elementary school student who may need a little company at lunchtime.

The point I am trying to express is that the public sees you as you see yourself. If you present yourself as "over the hill," this is the perception that others will have, too. You can find activities in your community that will improve your self-worth. As for me, I view you as a younger senior citizen. Don't worry about the next 10 years; none of us could put a target date on our demise. Enjoy each day as precious, and get out there and enjoy it. -- Enjoying My Golden Years

Dear Enjoying My Golden Years: Bravo! Truly, you have made lemonade out of some lemons. Seeing a counselor, while it can be scary at first, sounds like it motivated you to get out of your depression and anxiety. You now have a full and rich life. Congratulations and thank you for sharing your story. Each day is a gift, and receiving your positive letter made my day a little brighter.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker Impulsiveness rarely pays

North dealer. East-West vulnerable. NORTH: ♠K 10 6, ♥A Q 3, ♦A K 7 4, ♣K 10 7. WEST: ♠7 4 2, ♥10 9 8 5, ♦10 8 2, ♣A 9 8. EAST: ♠A Q 5 3, ♥K 7 6, ♦9 5 3, ♣6 5 2. SOUTH: ♠J 9 8, ♥J 4 2, ♦Q J 6, ♣Q J 4 3.

The bidding: North 1♦, East Pass, South 1NT, West Pass. Opening lead — ten of hearts.

It is a well-known fact that many declarers play first and think later. As a consequence, many mistakes are made that could have been avoided had declarer taken more time to plan the play.

To illustrate, take this case where South was in three notrump and West led the heart ten. Instead of considering all his options first, declarer

impulsively followed low from dummy, presumably hoping West had the king. Had this hope materialized, South would have made three notrump easily.

But East won the heart with the king and gave careful thought to what to do next. These deliberations proved very fruitful when East shifted to the three of spades at trick two! From that point on, declarer was fighting a losing battle.

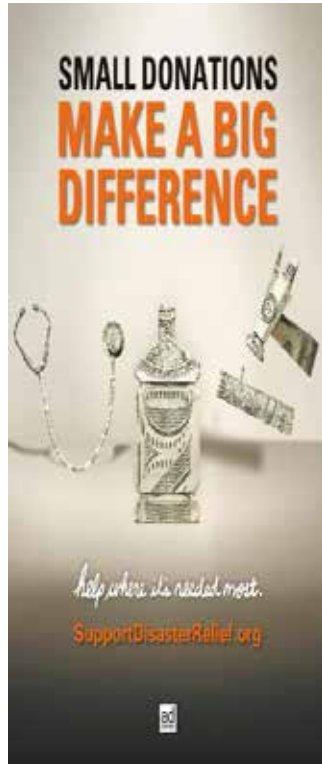
After taking the spade with the eight, South had no choice but to drive out the ace of clubs to secure his eighth and ninth tricks. But when he led the jack of clubs, West rose with the ace and returned a spade, and South went down one.

Analysis reveals that declarer missed a surefire way to make three notrump. All he had to do was to put up the heart ace at trick one and then force out the ace of clubs. This would have given him eight sure tricks, with another certain to come in either hearts or spades.

The importance of taking the time to plan the play at trick one is once again demonstrated by this deal. Those who are remiss in this regard are sure to suffer a self-inflicted disaster from time to time.

Tomorrow: A spot card shows the way.

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Neptune Makes Waves

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Just as you can learn a dance or a computer program, you can teach yourself to think differently. It takes practice, but with enough repetition you really will change your brain's default mode of thinking.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The words "quiet" and "confidence" go together. Insecurity, on the other hand, draws attention to itself, as it longs to be seen and begs to be validated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Unfortunately, you won't have that extra push from others and the weather today, emotional or otherwise. No matter. This is an opportunity to see what you can do without help. As the proverb goes, "If there is no wind, row."

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Recognize the difference between a relationship and an entanglement. In a relationship, harmony and mutual support are the glue, whereas entanglements have more to do with circumstances and leverage.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't always have to fill a role in another person's life. Sometimes you can write your own. As you acknowledge and accept more of yourself, there will be more touchpoints for connection and sharing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Among the most amazing talents of the human mind is its ability to ignore 90% of all sensory input.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Today, you'll be extremely effective as you focus yourself like a laser, blocking out more like 95%.

LI-BRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will laugh at things they do not. No one is wrong; no one is right. Humor, attraction and most preferences on the table today are completely subjective, which makes it all the more satisfying when you find your tribe.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Longing, anticipation, wistfulness, burning passion are all emotions that have an elastic effect on time. Minutes of in-between time can feel like an eternity and/or can be when the best things happen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When one person dances to music the other person doesn't hear, the dancer comes off like a lunatic and the nondancer a buzzkill. You stay neutral, assuming that everyone has their reasons for acting as they do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If only you could feel through another heart

and know the depth of emotion there for you. Even if you could, it's not the emotion that matters so much as what is done about it, and that much is readily apparent.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's no accident that you have an atypical approach to your work. This is a purposeful departure reflecting a thoughtful philosophy. Stand up for your methods.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People act differently in different environments. Sure, the differences may be small, but they are worth understanding. To fully know someone, try to experience the person in different contexts.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 15). This year, you'll gain loyal admirers and be paid for your knowledge. Your versatility opens you to a variety of experiences that add to your personhood, making you both more interesting and more interested. You'll spend your leisure in the thrill of society, and later, in the serenity of a pathless wood or stretch of shore.

Gemini and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 1, 33, 10 and 19.

HALLOWEEN PANTHEON: WITCHES PART ONE: From tall black hats to small black cats, most of the characteristics associated with the traditional Halloween witch are shared with European beer makers of the Middle Ages. Breweries were dominated by women, who would learn a great deal about herbs and plants to make their ale. The cat was for keeping mice out of the grain. The hats were for advertising in the marketplace -- it was known that a woman who stood out in the crowd due to her tall, pointy hat was likely selling drinks. Six-sided stars had to do with a rating system for the ale. Even the advanced age associated with witches tracks. In the mid-15th century, some villages banned women of childbearing age from making beer, so most of the hat wearers would have been over 40. When witch hunting started, it became a ploy to get women out of the lucrative beer business, which worked well. By the late 1700s, brewmasters were mostly men.

A recipe is very much like a spell. It is easy to see how the imagery of stirring over a cauldron while incanting ingredients could just be, well, cooking. Certainly, experimentation happened, and there were claims to the medicinal qualities of various ales.

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ANSWER: 9x9 grid showing the solution to the Sudoku puzzle.

Lions latest victims of NFL's flag football problem

By ARNIE STAPLETON

AP Pro Football Writer

Another frustrating weekend of flag-filled football culminated with the Packers' 23-22 last-second win over the Lions on Monday night thanks to two phantom hands-to-the-face calls on Detroit defensive end Trey Flowers.

The first one came with about 10 minutes left in the fourth quarter and Detroit comfortably ahead 22-13. The flag negated a sack of Aaron Rodgers that might have sealed Green Bay's fifth straight loss to the Lions and instead led to Allen Lizard's 35-yard TD catch that made it 22-20.

The second one came on a third-down incompleteness by Rodgers which would have forced the Packers to kick a field goal with about 90 seconds left, plenty of time for Detroit to respond with its own field goal drive. Instead, the Packers ran the clock down to 2 seconds before Mason Crosby kicked the game-winning 23-yarder as time expired, then did his very first Lambeau Leap.

Flowers, who had never been whistled for hands-to-the-face fouls in his five-year NFL career, said he was using the same move all game, putting his hands on left tackle David Bhaktiari's chest, not his neck or face.

"I didn't think hands to the chest was a penalty," Flowers said.

Referee Clete Blakeman said each of the calls was made by umpire Jeff Rice, and he discussed the last one with him.

"Basically, it's for illegal use of the hands, hands-to-the-face foul," Blakeman told a pool reporter. "To be a foul, we basically need some forceful contact that's prolonged to the head and neck area of the defender.

"So, in his mind he had pinned him back, it was prolonged, and that's what created the foul."

The Lions tried to let the Packers score a touchdown after Flower's second flag so Matthew Stafford would have time to drive Detroit downfield, but Jamaal Williams wisely took a seat the 3 to allow the clock to keep ticking away.

Monday Night Football analyst Booger McFarland complained about the first call on Flowers and was even more critical of the second one, saying,

"you basically end the game on what I call a bogus hands-to-the-face."

Social media was abuzz over the frivolous flags.

"The referees are destroying the NFL game by game," tweeted ex-NFL star Matt Forte. "It's a shame because of how much work is put in and to have games literally won or loss by bad calls in crucial situations."

Barry Sanders chimed in, tweeting, "That is sickening... the @NFL needs to look at a way to prevent that from happening. Two phantom hands to the face calls really hurts us tonight. Yes, we could have scored TDs, but @Lions played too well to have the game end this way."

Instead of leaving Lambeau Field atop the NFC North at 3-1-1, the Lions limped out 2-2-1 in last place while the Packers improved to 5-1.

Other notable Week 6 calls included:

BAILEY'S BULLHORN

Champ Bailey was honored at halftime in Denver for his Hall of Fame induction last summer and his induction into the Broncos' Ring of Fame. After a ceremony Friday night in which his 8-foot bronze pillar was unveiled, Bailey spoke about the positive feedback he's gotten for bringing up race relations in his Hall of Fame speech in Canton, Ohio.

"It feels good because any time you have a platform like that you want to use it the right way," Bailey said. "You want to make sure you take advantage of the opportunity, let people know how you feel, what's important to me, what's on your mind and I think it's only fitting to do it when millions of people are watching you."

ONTO KANSAS CITY

After recording his 20th career interception Sunday against Tennessee, Broncos cornerback Chris Harris Jr. dedicated it to his mentor and said he'd give the ball to Bailey.

Harris was also asked

about Chargers receiver Keenan Allen's dismissive comments about Harris last week after the Broncos star cornerback was primarily responsible for checkmating the league's top receiver in Denver's 20-13 win.

"I've locked him up numerous times. I don't even know how many times I've shut him down," Harris shrugged. "There's nothing to really talk about with him. I'm ready for Tyreek Hill."

Allen took to social media to voice his displeasure over his stat line against Denver, commenting on an Instagram post of a Chris Harris Jr. fan account, "Now, y'all know damn well that boy can't hold my jockstrap. Stop it."

Allen confirmed those comments in the locker room Thursday, suggesting reporters "just watch the tape" for proof.

Unless that tape was replaced, it showed the Allen, the league's leader in catches and receiving yards, catching a season-low four passes on six targets for a measly 18 yards on a day the Chargers failed to score an offensive touchdown.

CRAZY KICKOFF

Ravens coach John Harbaugh says the NFL has deemed illegal the kickoff dropkick that Justin Tucker used against Kansas City last month with Baltimore trailing 33-28 with 2:01 remaining in a Week 3 game. Harbaugh said the league told him it was legal when he raised the plan with NFL headquarters before using it.

Coach Orgeron: LSU receiver Marshall not yet ready to play

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — LSU coach Ed Orgeron says receiver Terrace Marshall Jr. won't be ready to return from a foot injury when the second-ranked Tigers visit Mississippi State on Saturday.

Marshall has missed two games since injuring his right foot during a victory at Vanderbilt on Sept. 21.

The sophomore caught 20 passes for 304 yards and six touchdowns before getting hurt. He was in uniform and participated in pre-game warm-ups last Saturday night before LSU's 42-28 win over Florida.

Orgeron says Marshall is "going to do some individual this week, but he's not ready to play yet."

Meanwhile, Orgeron says LSU is benefiting from the reintegration of guard Ed Ingram into the lineup. Ingram missed all of last season and the beginning of this season while sorting out legal matters stemming from an arrest on sexual assault charges.

Orgeron says Ingram has been subbing in and out during games because he's still "getting in playing shape."

Orgeron says Ingram also gives the LSU more flexibility by allowing Adrian Magee to play either guard or tackle as needed.

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