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Uninsured cars subject to impound

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council wants to make it harder for uninsured motorists to drive around town.

During their Tuesday meeting, council members unanimously approved the first reading of an ordinance which will allow law enforcement officials to impound uninsured motor vehicles, and to make it expensive for motorists to get those vehicles back on the road.

The ordinance, which must still pass a second reading before it takes effect, states that if a motorist is stopped for a

traffic violation and does not have proof of insurance, his or her vehicle will be subject to impounding. To get their vehicle out of hock, motorists will have to pay an administrative fee of \$150, plus \$20 per day to cover storage.

The city council passed a resolution a few years ago supporting such action, but decided to take the extra step and codify the matter.

"This is a reaction to a whole lot of people driving around out there without insurance," Municipal Judge Tim Green told the council.

Big Spring Police Chief See **COUNCIL**, Page 3



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan makes a comment during Tuesday's city council meeting.

College music dept. offers season ticket package

BY **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Call it a bargain.

The Howard College Music program is offering for the first time ever a season ticket allowing a person to gain entrance to all of its performances including guest solo recitals, chamber concerts

and more.

The 2015-2016 season is expected to feature from 15 to 20 concerts from up and coming professional musicians brought in by Dan Kiley, HC music director and Ethan P. Wills, music instructor, who both are graduates of the University of North Texas.

A season ticket is \$50 and is

available on a first come, first serve basis. Howard College faculty can purchase a season ticket for \$40.

The ticket will include entrance to concerts for trombone, brass quintet, flute, clarinet, two trumpets, cello, piano, tuba, solo and group voice recitals, saxophone quartet, a trio featuring cello,

trumpet and piano, as well as regularly scheduled college music events, Kiley said.

To reserve a ticket, call 432-264-5145, e-mailing Kiley at dkiley@howardcollege.edu or e-mailing Wills at ewills@howardcollege.edu.

Contact **Lyndel Moody** at 263-7331, ext. 234.



A water-ful sight to see

Recent rains have produced a windfall for area lakes, including Comanche Trail Lake, bottom photo, which is at a higher level than it has been in years. In the photo at left, a family takes advantage of sunny weather Tuesday to enjoy some time at the lake.

HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody



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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **KAMARA MARIESHA WILLIAMS**, 21, of 2601 Langley Drive, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **BRIAN CHRISTOPHER LEWIS**, 30, of 505 Young St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **RONNIE LASHAWN BELL**, 18, of 907 N. Gregg was arrested on a warrant for disregard red light and no driver's license-when unlicensed (two counts).
- **JAY FRANK OLIVAS**, 24, of

2001 N. Salem Road was arrested on a warrant for sex offenders duty to register 10 years.

- **MISTY LESHEY NELSON**, 37, of 1103 Stanford Avenue, was arrested on a warrant for illegal dumping, less than 5 pounds.
- **PATRICK ALLEN GLENN**, 53, of 914 E Sixth St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ANTONIO RIVAS**, 17, of 3361 CR 3301 was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the area of Young and Sixth St.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2000 block of S. Birdwell Lane.

- **ANIMAL PROBLEM** was reported in the 3500 block of Gail Highway.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1600 block of Young St.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the area of FM 820/Centerpoint Road.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1600 block of S. Gregg St.

Take Note

President Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

• For information on Garrett Parrish's condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GPSTRONG). Parrish was seriously injured in a recent sledding accident.

• An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street

• The All-School CHS Reunion date has been scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2015. This year's focus will be on recognizing and honoring Coahoma ISD teachers from throughout the years.

Transfer applications for FISD fast approaching for students pre-k to fifth grade

The time period to transfer into the Forsan ISD system as a student for the 2015-2016 school year has begun. Students entering grades pre-kindergarten through fifth grade must have their transfer application to the school by May 29. Students in grades sixth through 12 have until July 30. Guidelines, timelines and applications are available at each Forsan ISD campus.

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

• A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids - Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. Find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 270-7263.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

• The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped-accessible. Cost is \$8 per person.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 5/28	Fri 5/29	Sat 5/30	Sun 5/31	Mon 6/1
87/65	91/69	78/63	81/63	87/66
Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms in the aft.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	A few thunderstorms possible.	Morning thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.
Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:45 PM	Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM	Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM	Sunrise: 6:40 AM Sunset: 8:47 PM	Sunrise: 6:40 AM Sunset: 8:48 PM

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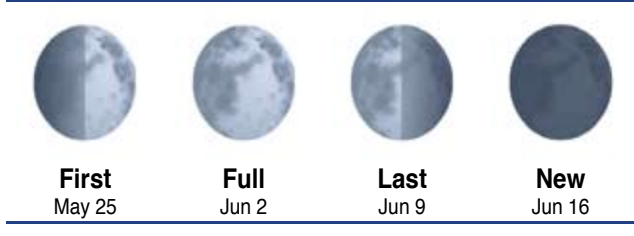
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	85	66	t-storm	Kingsville	88	76	pt sunny
Amarillo	77	55	t-storm	Livingston	84	72	t-storm
Austin	85	71	t-storm	Longview	86	70	t-storm
Beaumont	84	72	t-storm	Lubbock	79	60	t-storm
Brownsville	89	77	pt sunny	Lufkin	88	73	t-storm
Brownwood	84	65	t-storm	Midland	87	65	t-storm
Corpus Christi	86	78	pt sunny	Raymondville	91	76	pt sunny
Corsicana	85	71	t-storm	Rosenberg	84	73	t-storm
Dallas	85	71	t-storm	San Antonio	85	73	t-storm
Del Rio	86	71	t-storm	San Marcos	85	72	t-storm
El Paso	94	65	sunny	Sulphur Springs	86	71	t-storm
Fort Stockton	89	64	t-storm	Sweetwater	85	64	t-storm
Gainesville	81	67	t-storm	Tyler	84	71	t-storm
Greenville	84	70	t-storm	Weatherford	83	68	pt sunny
Houston	86	74	t-storm	Wichita Falls	85	66	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	85	65	t-storm	Minneapolis	83	64	pt sunny
Boston	84	62	pt sunny	New York	85	64	t-storm
Chicago	83	66	sunny	Phoenix	92	64	pt sunny
Dallas	85	71	t-storm	San Francisco	62	52	pt sunny
Denver	73	48	pt sunny	Seattle	75	56	pt sunny
Houston	86	74	t-storm	St. Louis	86	71	pt sunny
Los Angeles	74	58	pt sunny	Washington, DC	91	71	t-storm
Miami	86	75	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Thu 5/28	Fri 5/29	Sat 5/30	Sun 5/31	Mon 6/1
10	10	7	7	10
Very High	Very High	High	High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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Support groups

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• 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.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

• 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. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

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

COUNCIL

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Chad Williams could not give the council an exact number of how many motorists are cited for no insurance locally, but estimated that monthly citations are easily in double figures.

"A number of cities have similar ordinances," Williams said. "There's a number of people driving around Big Spring without insurance, and we're trying to encourage them not to do that."

Williams added police will only exercise the impound action if they have clear proof of no insurance.

"If we can't confirm the vehicle is uninsured, we won't tow it," he said.

In other action Tuesday, council members:

• Appointed District 3 Councilman Justin Meyers mayor pro tem.

• Gave preliminary approval to a petition from Jerry Worthy for the city to annex a two-acre tract of land located on the 3100 block of South Highway 87.

• Appointed Jim Weaver and Ray Kennedy to continue serving on the Colorado River Municipal Water District board of directors.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235.

Flooding overwhelms popular bed-and-breakfast locations

WIMBERLEY, Texas (AP) — The vacation house where two families were to spend Memorial Day weekend was already gone, swept down the swollen Blanco River, when Carissa Smith's husband arrived.

All he found was a Chevrolet Suburban slammed against a tree, the engine running.

The fate of those who were inside the home was still unclear Tuesday. Recovery teams were to resume looking for as many as a dozen people who may have been staying at the two-story house in this small town in the Texas Hill Country, where punishing rains and other

severe weather have destroyed or damaged more than 1,000 homes. At least 11 people were reported killed by the storms in Texas and Oklahoma.

Meteorologists say storms that have been virtually parked over Texas for weeks are not yet done, raising the prospect of even more flooding.

Some of the worst damage so far has been in Wimberley, a popular bed-and-breakfast getaway surrounded by vineyards near Austin.

Hundreds of trees on the banks of the Blanco, which crested to a record 40-plus feet and tripled its flood stage, toppled on or near houses.

"You cannot candy coat it. It's absolutely massive," Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said after touring the destruction.

Witnesses said the vacation house was carried into the river by floodwaters and crashed into a bridge downstream. Bent concrete pylons and a few scattered horseshoes remained on the home's limestone slab.

At the top of a small slope that had led down to the house, the back wheels of a Suburban dangled above a ditch and its tailgate was smashed against a tree. Smith, who owns the land next door, said the car belonged to the homeowner.

"We think he went back in to get everybody out. Problem is, the house is up on stilts, so when they climb down the stairs, they had to climb into the water to get out," said Smith, whose aunt and mother both live nearby. "And I'm sure they realized that when they got in there, it was too late."

Smith said she had spoken to relatives of the homeowner, a retired doctor. Young children were among those believed to be missing.

One person who was rescued from the home told workers that the other 12 inside were all connected to two families, Hays County Judge Bert Cobb said.

Shooting victims relive terror in courtroom

CENTENNIAL, Colo. (AP) — From the witness stand, Christina Blache could finally do what she had most wanted and most feared: She looked for the first time at the man who shot her, who killed her friend, who ravaged so many lives.

Her muscles tensed. Her nerves tingled. She fought back tears.

"I'd never faced him before. I wanted to see who did it and I wanted to be able to try to look

him in the eye," Blache said. "You go through three years of healing and learning, you know, how to walk again and how to swim, how to skate, how to do everything you've learned from the age you were born. All over again. And to look at him ..."

Blache, an Iraq war veteran, went on to describe the sharp bursts of gunfire, the searing pain of bullets through both her legs, the sight of her friend Alex Sul-

livan, lifeless on the floor.

Prosecutors have called more than 144 witnesses in the first month of the death penalty trial of James Holmes, who has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity. Fifty-one of these witnesses were shooting survivors, and for many, testifying has provided a combination of catharsis and terror.

They've approached the stand with brave faces. They've chuck-

led at warm memories of their friends. They've had prolonged pauses and tearful breakdowns. Some felt sudden relief after doing their part. Others felt there was too much left unsaid.

A monumental public and private effort has helped survivors cope in the nearly three years since Holmes killed 12 people and injured 70 others.

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Helen "Nana" Larson, 80, died Friday. Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jesse Ramirez, Jr., 72, died Monday. Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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Tolerance not a one-way street

The Hatfields and McCoys — mere mention of their names stirs up visions of a lawless and unrelenting family feud. It evokes gun-toting vigilantes hell-bent on defending their kin-folk, igniting bitter grudges that would span generations. Although the conflict subsided generations ago, the names Hatfield and McCoy continue to loom large in the American imagination.



EDDY PRINCE

Our world seems to be a smoldering cauldron of unrest, anger and hatred. People sure are having a hard time getting along nowadays. It seems to me there is no shortage of issues to disagree about and many folks just simply don't know how to handle someone with a different view or opinion than their own. Far too often disagreements end in tragic and sorrowful ways, leaving a trail of hurt and brokenness that compounds the pain because it inevitably affects innocent people.

I saw a story this week about a couple of guys named Paul and Art who were a part of my youthful years. They had a disagreement at the height of their success and it ended their lucrative partnership. Even though they both went on to have somewhat successful solo careers, neither gained the fame and following they had enjoyed as a pair. Simon & Garfunkel are considered the most popular folk rock act from the 1960s, and one of the most popular artists from the decade in general. Their music made a deep impression on the baby boomer generation, and they are considered alongside artists such as Bob Dylan and the Beatles to be representative of the era's cultural movements. They have been given 10 Grammy Awards, were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990, and their Bridge Over Troubled Water album was nominated at the 1977 Brit Awards for Best International Album, and ranked at #51 on Rolling Stone's 500 Greatest Albums of All Time. Even though they are somewhat friendly at times, in a Telegraph interview

last week, Garfunkel poses some questions out loud, ostensibly to his former partner: "How can you walk away from this lucky place on top of the world, Paul? What's going on with you, you idiot? How could you let that go, jerk?"

I certainly have better things to do with my time than follow "celebrity feuds" but they keep grabbing the headlines and it's pretty near impossible to escape hearing about Taylor Swift and Kanye West, Rosie O'Donnell and Donald Trump, and dozens of other high-profile people who just simply cannot get along. It should be clear to all of us that arrogant self-consumed celebrities, over-paid athletes and ruthless unprincipled politicians are not good examples to follow when it comes to building and maintaining healthy and fulfilling relationships.

Martin Luther King said, "People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they have not communicated with each other."

It's interesting to me that in a day when we are more connected than ever before we seem to be more isolated. We have thousands of "friends" on Facebook and don't have any idea what our neighbor's name is. Everybody seems to be in a hurry. A few months ago I was almost cursed out by someone for carrying on a conversation with a friend in the aisle of one of our local businesses.

We live in a diverse nation made up of many different cultures, languages, races and backgrounds. That kind of variety can make all our lives a lot more fun and interesting, but only if we get along with each other. And to do that we have to respect each other. But does respecting each other have boundaries?

I made the statement during my Sunday sermon that I have heard the word "tolerance" shoved down my throat until I am weary of it. It seems to be the catchword for a generation determined to do anything they want to and curse anyone who does not support their choices and views. Yet, being tolerant of each other is something that needs to be properly understood.

People want me and you to

be accepting and supportive of their choices, lifestyle or actions regardless of the result or effect it may have on others. And if they perceive we aren't, the Hatfield or McCoy rises up in them. We all know there is no shortage of people ready and willing to incite anger and retaliation against anyone who dares to disagree with their stance on a thousand different issues. That's one of the underlying reasons for the riots and unrest in so many places today.

Being tolerant of other people and their views is important but it's not a one-way street. It's not a one-size-fits-all solution to the problem of getting along. The Bible teaches us that we are our brother's keeper and the importance of taking care of each other's needs. Sometimes what hurting people need the most is someone who will listen to their heart and be willing to stretch out a helping hand. The biblical writer James said, "If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,' and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?"

The same Bible teaches us to stand for what is right and never compromise our true convictions to appease critics or those who disagree with our views. As a Christian I am committed to the principles of the Bible and that's that.

The answer for the strife that saturates our society today is to value one another as fellow human beings and realize the right others have to embrace personal convictions and beliefs. That's the basis for the tolerance movement in society today but it cannot be without mutual respect.

Why don't you and I lead the way by loving and respecting others while standing firm on Proverbs 14:34, "Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a disgrace to any people."

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

From gateway drug to VA medicine

The Senate Appropriations Committee did something last week the Senate has never done; it passed a marijuana reform measure. It was the narrowest of proposals, an amendment co-authored by Sens. Steve Daines, R-Mont., and Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., to a military spending bill that would prohibit the Department of Veterans Affairs from using federal money to prosecute doctors who recommend medical marijuana to veterans in states where the drug is legal.

Last year, the House passed five measures that supported states' rights on marijuana. For its part, the Senate would not budge — until Thursday. Twelve Democrats and four Republicans supported the amendment. Most amazing of all was a "yes" vote from Sen. Dianne Feinstein. "We've always had Dianne Feinstein down as a 'no' vote," policy maven Michael Collins of the anti-drug war Drug Policy Alliance told me. The California Democrat has been a staunch hawk in the war on drugs. She has described marijuana as a gateway drug. She would have been the only Democrat to vote "no." But DiFi voted "yes," although, Collins noted, her "yes" was the most muffled yes I've ever heard in my life."

A like-minded House amendment failed less than a month ago in a 213-210 vote, but if the

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Senate amendment passes, it could survive a joint conference committee. Tom Angell of Marijuana Majority observed, "Elected officials are finally starting to wake up to the fact that endorsing marijuana reform is good politics instead of the dangerous third rail they've long viewed it as, and that means a lot more victories are on the way soon."

Collins believes the landscape changed in March when Sens. Cory Booker, D-N.J., Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., and Rand Paul, R-Ky., introduced the Compassionate Access, Research Expansion, and Respect States Act. The CARERS Act would bar the Department of Justice from using federal dollars to prosecute medical marijuana dispensaries in states where they are legal and reclassify marijuana from a Schedule I drug to a Schedule II drug to allow for more medical research of cannabis. Feinstein has yet to reveal how she will vote on this bill.

On Thursday, Collins told

me, Feinstein was pushing an alternate, watered-down amendment, which she failed to put up for a vote. Then she went with Daines-Merkley. "I strongly believe more research into the potential medical benefits of marijuana — specifically cannabidiol, the non-psychoactive component — is needed, and I am working to reduce barriers to conducting that research at the federal level," quoth DiFi in a statement. "In the interim, I believe doctors at VA facilities in states where medical marijuana is legal should be able to discuss the potential benefits and harms of marijuana with their patients, especially those suffering from chronic pain or terminal illnesses."

It wasn't that long ago — January — that Feinstein and Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, were urging the Obama administration to be tougher on states that have legalized recreational marijuana, lest the United States be seen as flouting U.N. conventions. This month, she has been forced to recognize that marijuana may have medical benefits and veterans in states that have legalized medical marijuana should have access to it. The ground has shifted.

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Check this out: What's at the library

Many people are always surprised to hear that a wealth of stories and traditions about Jesus have always existed alongside the usual Biblical sources. Judaism, Islam and Buddhism, among other religions, have created their own tales about Jesus, sometimes out of



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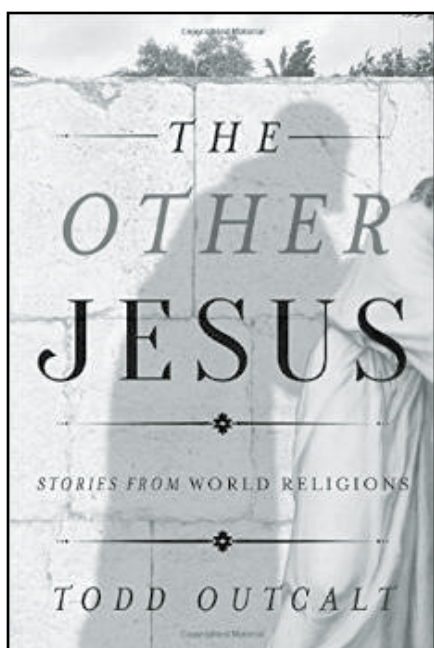
necessary self-preservation and reaction to the claims of the church, but more often thoughtful and artistic adaptation. "The Other Jesus: Stories from World Religions" (232.9 OUT T) by Todd Outcalt studies these stories and gives a fresh exploration and a new perspective that may challenge long-held beliefs on his place in history and other religions.

"Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania" (940.451 LAR E) by Erick Larson is a meticulously researched account of the sinking of the Lusitania as it approached Liverpool, England.

One of the fastest trans-Atlantic "greyhounds," it and Captain William Thomas Turner placed tremendous faith in the gentlemanly strictures of warfare that kept civilian ships safe from attack.

Germany, however, was determined to change the rules of the game, and Walther Schwieger, the captain of Unterseeboot-20, was happy to oblige. Meanwhile, an ultra-secret British intelligence unit tracked Schwieger's U-boat, but told no one.

As U-20 and the Lusitania made their way toward Liverpool, an array of forces both grand and achingly small—hubris, a chance fog, a closely guarded secret, and more—all converged to produce one of the great disasters



of history. It is a story that many of us think we know but don't, and Erik Larson tells it thrillingly, switching between hunter and hunted while painting a larger portrait of America at the height of the Progressive Era. Gripping and important, "Dead Wake" captures the sheer drama and emotional power of a disaster whose intimate details and true meaning have long been obscured by history.

This is a book that John Weeks can tell, too: "The Whistleblower: Rooting for the Ref in the High-Stakes World of College Basketball" (796.323 KAT B) by Bob Katz.

Silly me, at first I thought it was about someone coming out and spilling the beans about some mighty corporation. Instead, it is about Ed Hightower, who was raised in poverty in the segregated South and went on to become superintendent of schools in Edwardsville Ill. But it is his side job as an elite basketball referee (four NCAA championships, 12 final Fours) that has earned him renown, which in the eyes of angry coaches and fans is a far cry from affection.

Alone among thousands in a stadium and millions at home, the ref's goal is fairness and neutrality. He truly does not care who wins or loses. His passion is to do the right thing on the court and it is shaped by character, training and a rare

sense of honor. Bob Katz has captured the fascinating story on the unknown role of the referee.

"Down to the Last Pitch" (796.357 WEN T) by Tim Wendel is the story of how the 1991 Minnesota Twins and the Atlanta Braves gave America a very exciting World Series.

Never before had a team finished last and rallied to take the pennant in the following season. Yet in 1991, both the Twins and the Braves reached the World Series by doing so. Four of the games between the Twins and Braves were settled by "walk-off" home runs; three games, including the climactic Game Seven, went into extra innings.

Fans were cautioned about sleep deprivation as the nation were riveted watching Twins players Jack Morris, Kent Hrbek, Dan Gladden and Kirby Puckett going against Braves players Tom Glavine, Lonnie Smith, John Smoltz and David Justice on prime time TV. While the cover headline on Baseball Weekly read "Best World Series Ever" could be debated, what happened in 1991 continues to resonate today.

Just this past Memorial Day weekend, on the History Channel, "Texas Rising" premiered as

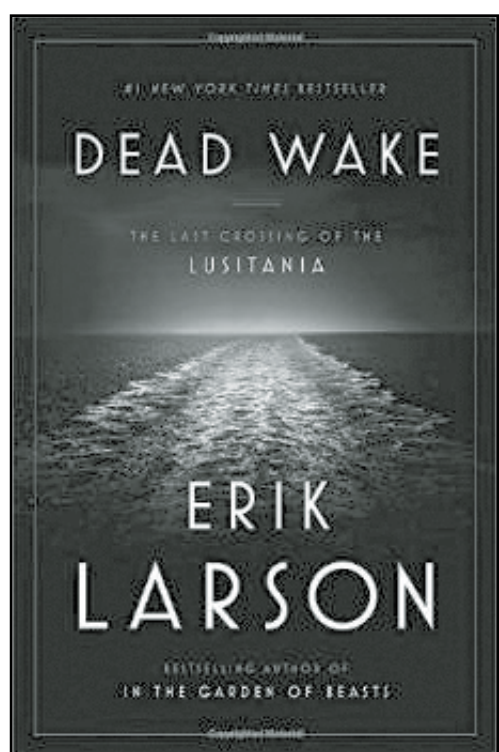
a 10-hour event series that details the Texas Revolution and the rise of the Texas Rangers. In 1836, west of the Mississippi was considered the Wild West and the Texas frontier was viewed as hell on earth. Crushed from the outside by Mexican armadas and attacked from within by ferocious Comanche tribes—no one was safe.

But this was a time of bravery, a time to die for what you believed in and a time to stand tall against the cruel rule of the Mexican General Santa Anna. The heroic General Sam Houston, the ragtag Rangers and the legendary "Yellow Rose of Texas" lead this story of the human will to win against insurmountable odds.

At the end, the Texas flags stood tall and victorious, claiming a piece of history for all eternity.

This description was taken from History Channel's website: <http://www.history.com/shows/texas-rising/about>.

I was lucky enough to meet Stephen L. Moore, a sixth-generation Texan, who was tapped to write the official non-fiction companion to History's dramatic series. Moore lives in Lantana, Texas with his wife and three children. "Texas Rising: The Epic True Story of the Lone Star Republic and the Rise of the Texas Rangers, 1836-1846" (976.404 MOO S) is written by Moore. This column solely reflects my opinion and not that of Howard County Library. We are open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.; our internet/video



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California looks to Australia for tips on surviving drought



BY KRISTEN GELINEAU

Associated Press
SYDNEY (AP) — California has turned to the world's driest inhabited continent for solutions to its longest and sharpest drought on record.

Australia, the land poet Dorothea Mackellar dubbed "a sunburnt country," suffered a torturous drought from the late 1990s through 2012. Now Californians are facing their own "Big Dry," and looking Down Under to see how they coped.

Australia also faced tough water restrictions — along with dying cattle, barren fields and monstrous wildfires that killed 173 people. But when the rains finally returned, Australians had fundamentally changed how they handle this precious resource. They treat water as a commodity to be conserved and traded, and carefully measure what's available and how it's being used. Efficiency programs cut their average daily use to 55 gallons, compared with 105 gallons per day for each Californian.

The lesson: long droughts are here to stay, so societies had better plan ahead, says

drought-policy expert Linda Botterill of the University of Canberra. "We can expect longer, deeper and more severe droughts in Australia, and I believe the same applies in the U.S.," Botterill says. "As a result, we need to develop strategies that are not knee-jerk responses, but that are planned risk-management strategies."

California water officials now routinely cite Australia's experience. Felicia Marcus, who runs California's Water Resources Control Board, can describe the stormwater-capture system watering soccer fields in Perth in minute detail.

But Californians may find Australia's medicine tough to swallow.

Australians are accustomed to living in a dry land, expect government intervention in a crisis and largely support making sacrifices for the common good. For much of their history, many Californians have enjoyed abundant water, or were able to divert enough of it to turn deserts green, and lawyers make sure property rights remain paramount.

From an Australian perspective, California's

drought response has been "absolutely pathetic," says Daniel Connell, an environmental policy expert at The Australian National University.

Australia's drought response was hardly perfect, and some of its gains might be slipping away, but Americans suffering their own "Big Dry" may benefit from some comparisons:

WHOSE WATER IS IT?

AUSTRALIA: Overuse and drought had depleted Australia's main river system, which winds across four states that produce a third of the nation's food, and ran so low by 2002 that the Murray River had to be dredged to reach the sea. The government capped entitlements, canceled inactive licenses, bought back hundreds of billions of gallons from irrigators and strictly metered usage to make sure license holders use only their allocation. Availability now affects price as shares are traded on an open market worth \$1.2 billion a year in U.S. dollars.

The water that farms, industries and towns get depends on what's

in the river; in drought, it can dwindle to virtually nothing. But entitlements can be bought and sold, keeping agriculture afloat. A farmer of a thirsty crop like cotton might not profit when both the share of water and the price of cotton are low. But if an orchard grower in desperate need buys that water, the cotton farmer can live off the sale while the orchard owner reaps a profitable harvest.

CALIFORNIA: Nearly 4,000 so-called senior water rights holders who staked claims before 1914 or own acreage abutting a river or stream get priority. In drought, authorities must completely deny water to most other claimants before they touch the water of these senior water-rights holders. San Francisco has stronger water rights than many other cities because in 1902, Mayor James Phelan hiked up the Sierra Nevada and tacked a water claim to an oak tree along the bank of

the Tuolumne River. Gov. Jerry Brown calls the system "somewhat archaic."

"Revising the water-rights system is a thermo-nuclear issue in California," said John Laird, California's secretary for natural resources, but if water shortages go on, "almost everything has to be on the table."

WATCHING THE FLOW

A U S T R A L I A : Thousands of gauges across Australia measure rainfall, authorities in each state and territory measure surface water at stream gauging stations, and underground water is monitored through a complex process involving the drilling of bores and controlled pumping tests. Water data collection agencies report to the federal Bureau of Meteorology, which publishes the data online.

CALIFORNIA: The legislature last year required monitoring to be phased in gradually, eventually showing for the first time how much groundwater is being pumped.

But roughly a quarter-million California households and businesses still lack water meters, and aren't required to until 2025. The state relies on an honor system: Rights holders self-report their

use of river and stream water every three years. Gov. Brown's budget proposed last week would require monitors and annual usage reports.

TIGHTENING THE TAP

AUSTRALIA: All major cities imposed limits or bans on watering lawns and washing cars, and inspectors fined rule-breakers. Public-service campaigns and water-saving appliances also reduced household water use from 85 gallons per person per day in 2000 to 55 gallons per person today.

CALIFORNIA: After voluntary cutbacks fell short, Brown's administration mandated a statewide 25 percent cut in water use by cities and towns, and ordered more farmers to stop pumping from rivers and streams. Marcus said the one piece of advice that seemed universal in both Australia and California "was conserve, conserve, conserve, as early as you can, because it's the cheapest, most economical way to buy time" while tougher water-saving measures are phased in. See, **DROUGHT**, Page 7

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News in brief

Swiss federal prosecutors open criminal proceedings related to 2018 and 2022 World Cups

ZURICH (AP) — Swiss federal prosecutors opened criminal proceedings related to the awarding of the 2018 and 2022 World Cups, throwing FIFA deeper into crisis only hours after six soccer officials were arrested and 14 indicted Wednesday in a separate U.S. corruption probe.

FIFA, meanwhile, said Friday's presidential election would go ahead as planned with Sepp Blatter going for a fifth term. Blatter was not named in either investigation.

FIFA also ruled out a revote of the World Cups won by Russia in 2018 and Qatar in 2022.

The Swiss prosecutors' office said in a statement they seized "electronic data and documents" at FIFA's headquarters on Wednesday as part of their probe. And Swiss police said they will question 10 FIFA executive committee members who took part in the World Cup votes in December 2010.

The Swiss investigation against "persons unknown on suspicion of criminal mismanagement and of money laundering" again throws into the doubt the integrity of the voting.

Punishing storms in Texas over holiday weekend test government's emergency response

WIMBERLEY, Texas (AP) — Deadly severe weather over the long holiday

weekend tested government alert and evacuation procedures, as officials scrambled to deal with storms and historic flooding that left more than a dozen people dead and a similar number missing.

Crews will resume searches Wednesday for the 11 people who have now been missing for three days in the small tourist town of Wimberley, where the usually calm Blanco River swelled to an ocean-like squall that crested three times above flood stage. In Houston, where nearly a foot of rain submerged roads and stranded hundreds of motorists, Mayor Annise Parker said two people who capsized in a boat that was helping with rescue efforts Tuesday have not been found.

At least 17 people were killed in the Memorial Day weekend storms in Texas and Oklahoma.

Authorities defended their warnings to residents ahead of the weather, which included alerts via phone and in person, but acknowledged challenges with reaching tourists and said a messaging system in Houston is still waiting for improvements.

Islamic State suicide bombs in Iraq's Anbar province hit army, kill 17 troops, official says

BAGHDAD (AP) — Islamic State extremists unleashed a wave of suicide attacks targeting the Iraqi army in western Anbar province, killing at least 17 troops in a major blow to government efforts to dislodge the militants from the sprawling Sunni heartland, an Iraqi military spokes-

man said Wednesday.

The attacks came just hours after the Iraqi government announced the start of a wide-scale operation to recapture areas under the control of the IS group in Anbar.

Brig. Gen Saad Maan Ibrahim, the spokesman for the Joint Military Command, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the attacks took place outside the Islamic State-held city of Fallujah late the previous night.

The militants struck near a water control station and a lock system on a canal between Lake Tharthar and the Euphrates River where army forces have been deployed for the Anbar offensive, he said.

Ibrahim added that the Islamic State extremists used a sandstorm that engulfed most of Iraq on Tuesday night to launch the deadly wave of bombings. He said it was not clear how many suicide attackers were involved in the bombings but they hit the military from multiple directions.

AP Interview: Afghanistan's first lady breaks taboos but insists she 'doesn't do politics'

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghanistan's first lady has broken numerous conventions in a society that traditionally sequesters women behind closed doors — speaking out on issues such as violence against women, the rule of law and the power of religion. But perhaps Rula Ghani's biggest taboo breaker is simply being the country's first presidential spouse in decades to be seen and heard in public.

When her husband, President Ashraf Ghani, took the helm of the nation eight months ago, he did something unprecedented — he introduced his wife in his inaugural speech.

From that moment on, Rula Ghani has done what first ladies often do in democracies, attending public events alongside her husband and speaking before audiences on current issues. But her words have always been soft-spoken, measured and delivered away from the center stage of the Afghan political scene.

"I don't do politics," she tells The Associated Press. What she does do, she says, is listen.

Since September, hundreds of people have streamed through her cool, wood-paneled meeting room to share their problems and seek the first lady's advice. She says she sees herself as "a counsellor ... a listening post" — someone fulfilling a need for a feminine presence close to the heart of the Afghan government.

Travel ban ending for 5 former Taliban Guantanamo detainees

WASHINGTON (AP) — A one-year travel ban is expiring for five senior Taliban leaders held in U.S. detention at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, until they were released last year in exchange for Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, raising the possibility that the five can move freely around the world as early as Monday.

Under terms of the exchange in May 2014, the five detainees were sent to Qatar where officials there agreed to monitor their activities and prevent them from traveling out of the country. In return, Bergdahl was released to the U.S. military after being held captive by the Taliban for nearly five years after he walked away from his Army post in Afghanistan.

U.S. officials have discussed with the Qataris the possibility of extending the travel ban after it expires on June 1. But so far, the White House has not publicly announced any new agreement with Qatar, meaning the five could leave the tiny nation on the Arabian Peninsula at the end of the month.

"In Congress, we spent a lot of time debating whether the Qataris were going to adequately keep an eye on them in the course of the 12 months," said Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the top Democrat on the House Intelligence committee. "My point all along was that I'm more worried about month No. 13 than the first 12."

Fleeing poverty and duped by traffickers, Bangladeshi boat people describe harrowing journeys

UKHIYA, Bangladesh (AP) — The traffickers spun stories that were unimaginable to their listeners, many who hailed from tiny Bangladeshi villages where almost no one earns more than a few dollars a day.

First, there would be the boat: A huge boat where people could spread out comfortably, where the food would be plentiful and delicious. They would be treated with decency while on board and at the end of a week or so they would be quietly dropped off in Malaysia and given high-paying jobs.

After that, they would have plenty of money to send home to their families. There would be enough for food and house payments and school fees for their children. Maybe, if they worked hard enough, there would be enough to build monuments to their success.

"Since my childhood I have dreamed of building a two-story mosque in my area," said Shafiq Mia.

DROUGHT

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DO MORE WITH LESS

A U S T R A L I A : Australians began conserving long before their drought. In 1995, Sydney's water authority was ordered to slash per-capita demand by 35 percent by 2011, and it met that target by reducing pressure and leaks in pipes, boosting businesses' water efficiency, and offering low-cost, water-saving technologies in homes, such as dual-flush toilets, low-flow showerheads and rainwater tanks for gardens, toilets and laundry. With government rebates, these devices became common across Australia.

Such efficiency measures can be implemented quickly, economically and easily, says Stuart

White, an Australian sustainability expert who has advised Californians on drought response. "In some cities, it's quite possible we would have reached death's door if it hadn't been in place."

C A L I F O R N I A : Communities across California offer rebates on drought-friendly plumbing and appliances, and a growing number of local ordinances are being rewritten to allow families to recycle water from rains and from showers. But the rooftop-rain collectors, stormwater cisterns and bathwater-recycling for gardens common in Australia remain rarities.

MIRACLES OF TECHNOLOGY

A U S T R A L I A : Billions were spent on desalina-

tion plants in major cities, and many are not operating because cheaper water is now available in Australia, prompting critics to dismiss them as expensive and power-hungry flops that will create greenhouse gases and worsen the continent's climate-change woes. Supporters say the plants will protect the country from the next inevitable drought.

C A L I F O R N I A : Brown has called for conservation while focusing on an ambitious, \$17 billion plan, opposed by environmental groups, to build 39 miles of tunnel to take Northern California water to Southern California's bigger farmers. Desalination plants also are envisioned: San Diego's would be the biggest in the Western Hemisphere.

Knickmeyer reported from San Francisco.

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Cavs sweep away Hawks

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James knew what he left behind when he bolted to Miami five years ago.

He broke hearts at home, where generations of Cleveland fans only know championships through stories told by their fathers, yellowed newspaper clippings or grainy black-and-white film.

James had to go back. "I'm a guy who believes in unfinished business," he said.

With four more wins, he can end a half-century of sports misery.

James scored 23 points, Kyrie Irving provided a boost after missing two games and Cleveland reserved a spot in the NBA Finals with a 118-88 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Tuesday night to win the Eastern

Conference title.

By sweeping the top-seeded Hawks, the Cavs, who overcame adversity during the season's start, earned their second trip to the finals, where they will face either Golden State or Houston starting June 4.

It will be the fifth straight visit to the league's showcase event for the inimitable James, who returned to Cleveland after four years in Miami to try and end this city's championship drought dating to 1964. If he can, James will have a title that would put him in a class by himself. Other players have won more championships, but none has ever done it for his ring-starved home region.

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LeBron James (23) and the Cleveland Cavaliers closed out the Atlanta Hawks to win the NBA Eastern Conference championship Tuesday. The Cavaliers will play either Golden State or Houston for the NBA championship.

AP photo

Golden State tries once again to close out Rockets

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — One play. One fall. One bad break.

That's all it takes to shift a series and derail a dream season.

Stephen Curry and the Golden State Warriors found out how fragile their championship chase can be in their Game 4 loss at Houston when the NBA MVP took a scary spill that nearly gave a storybook season a frightening twist.

Instead, the moment just serves as a reminder to both teams: nothing is over till it's over.

The Warriors will get another chance to close out the Rockets on Wednesday night at home and advance to the franchise's first NBA Finals in 40 years. Golden State, which leads the Western Conference finals 3-1, is eager to end the series now and avoid more opportunities for something strange to happen.

"We just don't want to come back to Houston," Warriors guard Klay Thompson said. "It's not going to be easy. They are here for a reason. We have to come and play with more intensity and play together and we'll win the game."

Eight months of work almost came crashing down for the Warriors when Curry jumped in the air as Trevor Ariza started to shoot a layup midway through the second quarter Monday night. Ariza saw him and stopped abruptly, causing Curry to tumble over him.

Curry's head hit the court hard and his arms bent awkwardly. He remained on the floor for several minutes, walked to the locker room looking stunned and returned in the second half after the team said he passed the league-mandated concussion tests.

"It could have been a lot worse," Curry said. Warriors coach Steve Kerr said Tuesday, a travel day for both teams, that Curry is doing just fine — other than the bruise on his head — and should be ready to go for Game 5.

The Rockets could relate to losing a key player in a flash — albeit for a slightly different reason.

Dwight Howard, who received a flagrant 1 foul early in the third quarter after throwing an elbow at Andrew Bogut's head, could've been

suspended for a game by accumulation of flagrant fouls if the NBA upgraded the call to a flagrant 2 after review.

NBA President of Basketball Operations Rod Thorn said the league agreed with the game officials and saw no reason to change the call. Before the league announced the ruling, Rockets coach Kevin McHale argued that Howard was retaliating after contact made by Bogut and the foul should not be upgraded.

"I guess the one thing we'll

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Texas Rangers' Prince Fielder is greeted at home plate by Lenoy Martin (2) and Shin-Soo Choo after hitting a three-run home run off Cleveland Indians' Danny Salazar during the fifth inning of a baseball game in Cleveland Tuesday.

AP photo

Prince leads the way again as Texas wins

CLEVELAND (AP) — Texas manager Jeff Banister felt good about returning to .500. Now he wants the Rangers to keep going.

Mitch Moreland hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning, and the Rangers beat the Cleveland Indians 4-3 on Tuesday night for their seventh consecutive victory.

Prince Fielder also connected for a three-run shot as the Rangers (23-23) got back to .500 for the first time since the sixth game of the season. Fielder is batting .583 (14 for 24) with five homers and 15 RBIs in his last five games.

"The reality is the day we start worrying about if we're .500 or one game over or below .500 really goes against the concept that we set out for all of spring training," Banister said. "Ultimately you set out to win the game today with the idea your end goal is to get to the playoffs."

Moreland's fifth homer came on a 2-0 pitch from Nick Hagadone (0-1) with one out.

"I was trying to get a good pitch, something I could drive," Moreland said. "I

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Feldman tosses 4-hitter to lead Astros past Baltimore, 4-1

BALTIMORE (AP) — Solid starting pitching. A shut-down performance by the bullpen. Clutch hitting.

These are the reasons why the Houston Astros own the best record in the AL, and those were

precisely the qualities on display in a 4-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday night.

Scott Feldman out-pitched Chris Tillman and the Astros scored all their runs with two

outs to secure their 10th win in 13 games.

Chris Carter and Jason Castro keyed a two-run seventh, and Luis Valbuena doubled in two runs in the eighth.

"Our at-bats with two outs tonight were the

difference in the game," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said. "When we're right, we have a complete offense that offers a challenge to the opponent all the way through."

The pitching was pret-

ty good, too.

Feldman (4-4) gave up one run and four hits in six innings against his former team. The right-hander was 5-6 in his lone season with the Orioles (2013) but is 4-0 with a 2.41 ERA lifetime

against them in Baltimore.

"Fortunately at the right times I made some good pitches and got them to hit it to the right place," Feldman said.

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Television Licensee, LLC.
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**Mercury Aligns
with Mars**



HOLIDAY
MATHIS

Do you
ever get
the feeling
that you
can look
at some-
one and
they can
feel your
thoughts?
During
the alignment of
messenger-planet
Mercury with intense
Mars, dare to take this
communication bond
even further. The one
you think about can
feel the energy of you
through the magic
tapestry that weaves
us all together.

ARIES (March
21-April 19). You have
a strong constitution,
but taking on more just
to prove you can is
silly. Let things happen
naturally. Give where
it's needed. Pace
yourself. The others
already know your
might.

TAURUS (April
20-May 20). When
you're stressed out, it
goes straight to your
throat and affects your
voice. Thinking about
relaxing that part of
your body will produce
a feeling of ease.

GEMINI (May
21-June 21). You'll
move further away
from your personal
ambition and into a
realm of spiritual un-
derstanding. By losing
yourself, if only tem-
porarily, you contribute
something greater to
the whole.

CANCER
(June 22-July 22). It's
like you can't learn
enough these days.
Your mental abilities
are ever unfolding.
What inspires you at
this time has to do
with your cultural iden-
tity.

LEO (July 23-
Aug. 22). As you seek

don't forget to ask for
it. There are people
around you (especially
fellow fire signs Aries
and Sagittarius) who
will gladly give you
what you need.

VIRGO (Aug.
23-Sept. 22). Being
around some people
makes you feel small-
er than you really are.
The right influences
for you are the ones
who make you feel so-
ciable, beneficent and
drawn toward higher
ideals.

LIBRA (Sept.
23-Oct. 23). Look for
what you can do, and
do all you can. And if
there's nothing to be
done, stand by hope-
fully. When things
break down, it makes
way for something
new to emerge.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 24-Nov. 21).
As you get older, you
realize that the oppor-
tunities that are wildly
hyped are often the
best ones to ignore.
You've learned to walk
on by, and you'll teach
this to someone you
know, who will thank
you for it later.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21).
You'll build the good-
will by freely helping a
neighbor or an associ-
ate. You're not expect-
ing any return on your
efforts, but you'll get
a substantial one in
time.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19).
You're a self-directed
person. You may get
inspired and influ-
enced by the people
you admire, but when
it comes down to it,
the goals you set for
yourself are the ones
you'll stick with.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18).
Your main challenge
will be how to ap-
propriately express
yourself -- too rational,
and they'll think you

crazed by passion.
Moments of prepara-
tion will help you hit
the right tone.

PISCES (Feb.
19-March 20). You've
always been able
to wrap your head
around how others
must be feeling, even
those whose circum-
stances are entirely
different from yours.
That empathy is a tal-
ent you'll use to untan-
gle today's knot.

**TODAY'S
BIRTHDAY** (May 27).
As each year pass-
es, you care less
and less about what
people think of you.
Without the distraction
of having to please,
you'll make fiscal,
personal and creative
breakthroughs in the
next three months.
September will bring
a family addition.
November will focus
you on a special re-
lationship and maybe
a move. Pisces and
Cancer people adore
you. Your lucky num-
bers are: 30, 27, 3, 18
and 49.

**ASTROLOG-
ICAL QUESTIONS:**
"My friend told me he's
a Capricorn with Leo
rising and a stellium in
Sagittarius. What's a
stellium?"

A stellium is a
major planetary con-
figuration in which
three or more planets
are in conjunction
within five mathemat-
ical degrees of one
another. Your friend
is very lucky, indeed,
to have a stellium in
Sagittarius, ruled by
Jupiter, the planet of
good fortune. When
looking at your own
birth chart, keep in
mind that inner plan-
ets (Mercury, Venus,
Mars, Jupiter, Saturn)
bestow more per-
sonal power through
the stellium than do
outer planets (Ura-
nus, Neptune, Pluto).

generational and not
as specific to you
as an individual. For
example, people born
in the late summer-
time from 1964-1968
will all have the sun,
Uranus and Pluto in
Virgo. If this stellium
were comprised of
inner planets, how-
ever, Virgo and the
house it was in at your
birth would be very
significant for you. A
stellium of four planets
or more is so compel-
ling, in fact, that when
astrologers see this
alignment in your birth
chart, they treat the
stellium with the same
importance as the ris-
ing sign or even your
sun sign.

**CELEBRITY
PROFILES:** Golden
Globe winner, best-
selling author, pro-
ducer and ninja sword
master, Chris Colfer
revealed that being
bullied in school made
him quick-witted and
faster on his feet.
These also happen
to be the character-
istics that Geminis
are known for. Colfer
was born when the
moon was in reflective
Cancer. His Saturn,
Uranus and Neptune
aligned in Capricorn
shows business and
financial acumen.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every
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That means no number is repeated in any row, column or
box.

	6	4			8	5	7	
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Sudoku Answers on page 10

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Question of Probabilities

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K J 3 2
♥ 7 6 4
♦ 7 5
♣ 5 3 2

WEST
♠ 10 9 8 6
♥ Q J 10 9
♦ J 9 4
♣ Q 9

EAST
♠ Q 7
♥ 8 5 2
♦ Q 10 8 6
♣ K 10 8 4

SOUTH
♠ 5 4
♥ A K 3
♦ A K 3 2
♣ A J 7 6

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

Most players have little or no
interest in how percentage plays in
bridge are determined. Nevertheless,
the fact remains that success at the
game is highly unlikely without at
least a working knowledge of basic
bridge percentages.

Consider this deal where South
has very little hope for the contract
unless he makes at least four spade
tricks. The question, therefore, is
how South can give himself the best
chance to achieve this goal.

The best play, after winning the

first heart, is to lead a spade and fol-
low low from dummy, intending to
cash the A-K of spades the next time
the suit is played. This approach
wins whenever the opposing spades
are divided 3-3 (a 36 percent
chance), or when they are divided 4-
2 and the player with the doubleton
has the queen (an additional 16 per-
cent). The combined chance of suc-
cess is thus about 52 percent.

If instead you lead a spade to the
jack at trick two, your overall chance
of success is only 36 percent. Win or
lose, you would need to find a 3-3
division to score four tricks in the
suit.

Note that in the actual deal,
declarer goes down two if he takes a
first-round spade finesse, but makes
the contract by playing low from
dummy on the first spade lead. Note
also that if we exchange the East-
West spade holdings and declarer
finesses the jack, he goes down even
though West has the queen — but
makes the contract if he doesn't take
the finesse!

It is somewhat startling to realize
that, under certain conditions, a
declarer can gain a trick by rejecting
a winning finesse. But that is pre-
cisely what happens in this case if
West has the Q-x of spades, while the
refusal to finesse also gains if East
has the Q-x.

Tomorrow: Now you see it, now you don't.

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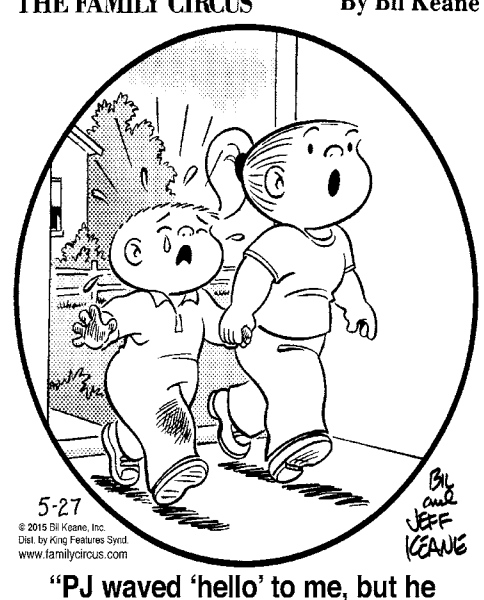
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"I CALL MY FATHER 'DAD'. SNOOTY OL' MARGARET CALLS HER DAD 'FATHER'."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

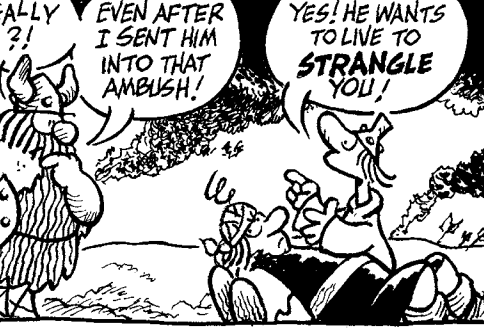


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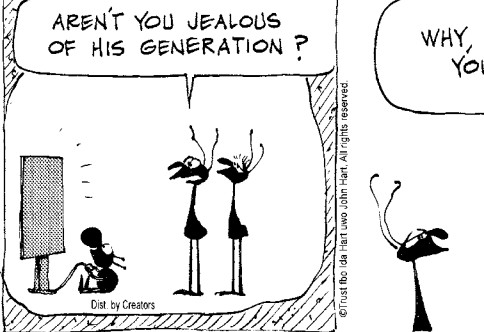
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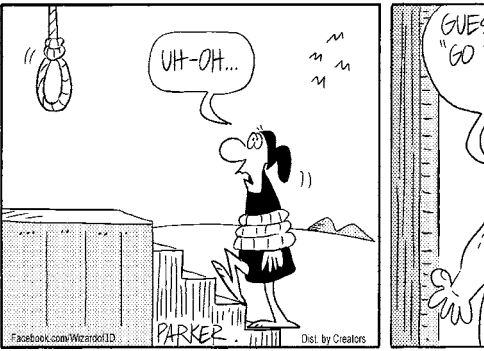
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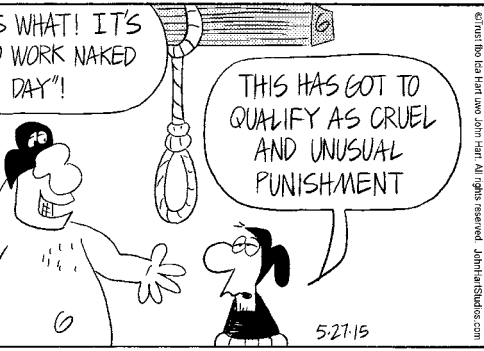
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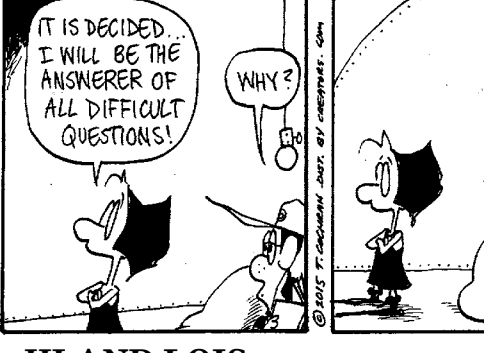
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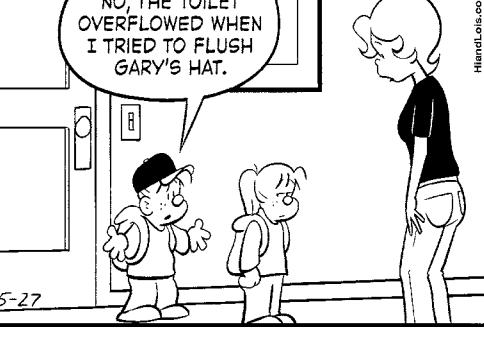
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BEETLE BAILEY



This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, May 27, the 147th day of 2015. There are 218 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On May 27, 1935, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Schechter Poultry Corp. v. United States, unanimously struck down the National Industrial Recovery Act, a key component of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "New Deal" legislative program.
- On this date: In 1896, 255 people were killed when a tornado struck St. Louis, Missouri, and East St. Louis, Illinois.
- In 1929, Charles A. Lindbergh Jr. married Anne Morrow in Englewood, New Jersey.
- In 1933, the Chicago World's Fair, celebrating "A Century of Progress," officially opened. Walt Disney's Academy Award-winning animated short "The Three Little Pigs" was first released.
- In 1936, the Cunard liner RMS Queen Mary left England on its maiden voyage to New York.
- In 1937, the newly completed Golden Gate Bridge connecting San Francisco and Marin County, California, was opened to pedestrian traffic (vehicles began crossing the next day).
- In 1941, the British Royal Navy sank the German battleship Bismarck off France, with a loss of some 2,000 lives, three days after the Bismarck sank the HMS Hood.
- In 1942, Navy Cook 3rd Class Doris "Dorie" Miller became the first African-American to receive the Navy Cross for his "extraordinary courage and disregard for his own personal safety" during Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor.
- In 1944, Jean-Paul Sartre's existentialist play "Huis clos" (known in English as "No Exit") was first performed in Paris.
- In 1962, a dump fire in Centralia, Pennsylvania, ignited a blaze in underground coal deposits that continues to burn this day.
- In 1964, independent India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, died.
- In 1985, in Beijing, representatives of Britain and China exchanged instruments of ratification for an accord returning Hong Kong to Chinese control in 1997.
- In 1995, actor Christopher Reeve was left paralyzed when he was thrown from his horse during a jumping event in Charlottesville, Virginia.
- One year ago: Michelle Obama struck back at House Republicans trying to weaken healthier school meal standards as she met with school nutrition officials who said the guidelines were working at their schools; the first lady called any effort to roll back the guidelines "unacceptable."

Thought for Today:

"A man who limits his interests limits his life." - Ai Vincent Price, American actor (born this date in 1911, died 1993).

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Answer to previous puzzle

S	A	T	U	P	O	D	O	R	W	A	S	H	
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Newsday Crossword

IN THE ZONE by Lonnie Burton Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Register-receipt roll
 - 5 Loud slap
 - 10 Country singer McEntire
 - 14 Footnote abbr.
 - 15 Plain (obvious)
 - 16 Wyatt of the Old West
 - 17 Chop crudely
 - 18 Feeling bad about
 - 19 Exam for future ABA members
 - 20 Quarterback Manning
 - 21 Charged toward
 - 22 Catchers' gloves
 - 23 Santa's helper
 - 24 Op. (footnote abbr.)
 - 25 Uplift
 - 27 Donald Trump ex
 - 29 Neighbor of Germany
 - 32 Mount Rushmore quartet
 - 34 Runs in neutral
 - 36 Dir. opposite SSE
 - 37 Scheduled mtg.
 - 38 Rounded mtg.
 - 39 Postal delivery
 - 40 Elevator compartment
 - 41 North Dakota city
 - 42 Gives off
 - 43 Testimonial dinner, e.g.
 - 45 Software writer
 - 47 Citi Field player, for short
 - 48 Summer mo.
 - 49 Recordings before CDs
 - 52 "Filthy" money
 - 54 Dilapidated
- DOWN**
- 1 Giggle sound
 - 2 In any way
 - 3 Love Boat ship
 - 4 Moose cousin
 - 5 Overexertion
 - 6 Aspen rental, perhaps
 - 7 Locale of Laos
 - 8 Shopping-mall asset
 - 9 Beer barrel
 - 10 Offer again on eBay
 - 11 Onetime "Wings of Man" carrier
 - 12 Spoiled kid
 - 13 Rental units: Abbr.
 - 21 Some DVD players
 - 22 Feel nostalgic for
 - 26 Clan of the Cave Bear author
 - 28 American Legion member
 - 30 Still having a chance
 - 31 Hole-punching tools
 - 32 Datum
 - 33 On ___ with (equal to)
 - 35 Adoption from a pound
 - 38 Actress Winslet
 - 39 French Mrs.
 - 41 Seethe
 - 42 On pins and needles
 - 44 Repetitive way to learn
 - 46 Strong public protest
 - 50 Discussion group
 - 51 Cobra or copperhead
 - 52 Chops (off)
 - 53 Constellation bear
 - 55 Purina rival
 - 58 Homes on wheels, in brief
 - 59 "Sting like a bee" boxer

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TEXAS

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was able to get a fastball and I turned around on it.”

Josh Hamilton, playing his second game of the season for Texas, was hitless in four at-bats and is 0 for 7 in his return to the Rangers.

Keone Kela (4-1) pitched a scoreless seventh, and Shawn Tolleson worked a rocky ninth for his fifth save in five chances.

Tolleson retired his first two batters, but shortstop Elvis Andrus booted Jason Kipnis' ground ball and Carlos Santana was hit on the wrist by a pitch. Michael Brantley then hit a tapper to the mound for the final out.

Indians manager Terry Francona said X-rays on Santana's wrist were negative.

The start of the game was delayed for 56 min-

utes because of rain.

Indians starter Danny Salazar was in command before he walked Leony's Martin and hit Shin-Soo Choo with one out in the fifth. Fielder drove Salazar's next pitch into the seats in right for his 10th homer. He also leads the AL with a .371 batting average.

Salazar remained in the game after being treated for a cut fingernail on his right hand. He allowed six hits and walked three in 5 2/3 innings.

Texas starter Wandy Rodriguez gave up three runs in 5 1/3 innings.

Hamilton, acquired from the Angels on April 27, struck out in the first, grounded out in the fourth, flied out in the fifth and lined out in the eighth. The 2010 AL MVP is coming back from offseason shoulder surgery.

“I felt like the last three at-bats were really a good sign,” Banister said.

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Pat Neshek gave up a hit in the seventh, Chad Qualls worked a 1-2-3 eighth and Luke Gregerson got three straight outs for his 13th save.

Tillman (2-6) allowed two runs and five hits over seven innings. He hasn't won since April 18 and has dropped five straight decisions, tying a career high.

To be fair, in this one the right-hander didn't get a whole lot of support.

“It's a step in the right direction for a guy we know is capable of pitching at a good level,” manager Buck Showalter said. “We obviously haven't been giving our pitchers much margin for error, but he gave us a real good chance to win tonight. Probably even a little bit better than that.”

Jimmy Paredes had

three of Baltimore's five hits.

Feldman wasn't lighting up the radar gun, but his accuracy was uncanny.

“He's just crafty,” Orioles catcher Caleb Joseph said. “He can move the ball whichever way he wants.”

Tillman blanked the Astros before stumbling in the seventh immediately after Baltimore took a 1-0 lead. After Evan Gattis hit a lead-off double, Tillman got two straight outs before Carter delivered an RBI single and scored on a double by Castro.

Feldman and Tillman dominated the early innings before the scoreless duel ended in the sixth. Paredes led off with a double, took third on a groundout and scored when Chris Davis lunged at a breaking ball, sending a fly to right field that was deep enough to enable Paredes to tag up and reach the plate standing up.

ROCKETS

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learn is we should be the first one to grab,” McHale quipped.

With Howard's help, the Rockets are trying to do what no NBA team ever has: come back to win a best-of-seven series after losing the first three games.

Houston hardly seems afraid of the moment. The Rockets became just the ninth team to rally from 3-1 down when they stunned the Los Angeles Clippers in the second round, and they believe that experience has prepared them for an even tougher task ahead.

“Our season comes

down to winning one road game,” McHale said. “That's not going to be anything new.”

Here are some things to look for in Game 5:

RAINING THREES: The long ball has carried both teams all season — and perhaps now more than ever. In Game 4, the Warriors made 20 3-pointers and Houston hit 17 to set an NBA record for most 3-pointers combined in a playoff game. It'll be interesting to see what, if any, defensive adjustments each team makes on the outside.

GOING FOR FORTY: The MVP vs. the runner-up has lived up to the hype so far. Curry scored 40 in Golden State's 115-80 win in

Game 3, and Harden followed up a poor performance with 45 points in Houston's 128-115 win in Game 4. Both teams will continue to rely on their leading men to carry them.

CRASHING THE BOARDS: Houston got back to playing big inside after a horrendous showing in Game 3, when the Warriors grabbed 21 more rebounds than the Rockets and highlights of Curry boxing out Howard were shown repeatedly. Golden State still won the rebounding battle in Game 4, but just 47-46.

EMERGING SHOOTERS: Both teams got a big lift from a player who had been struggling with his shot and

are hoping the trend continues. Josh Smith scored 20 points on 7-for-8 shooting, including 3 for 4 from 3-point range, in Game 4. Klay Thompson finally found his stroke late in the first half, too. He scored 24 points and made 6 of 13 3-pointers.

HOME-COURT ADVANTAGE: If the Rockets want to pull off a historic comeback, they'll need to win twice on Golden State's home floor. The Warriors are 45-3 at raucous Oracle Arena, including 6-1 in the playoffs. The Rockets played well in the first two games in Oakland but lost 110-106 and 99-98. Houston last won at Oracle Arena on Dec. 13, 2013.

CAVS

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When he announced his return last summer, James talked about ending a championship dryspell that has linked generations. He has a chance to turn Cleveland, a city that has taken its fair share of knocks over the years, into a title town.

“I understood what these people were going through, the people here,” he said. “Not only in Cleveland but Northeast Ohio and all over the world who love and bleed wine and gold. To be at this point tonight, it's very emotional.”

Jeff Teague scored 17 and Paul Millsap 16 for Atlanta, which won a team-record 60 games during the regular season and made the conference finals for the first time since 1970. But the Hawks were no match for the Cavaliers and had no answer for James, who nearly averaged a triple-double in the four games.

J.R. Smith added 18 points and Tristan Thompson had 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Cavs, who were handed new caps and T-shirts following the win and were joined by family members on the floor to celebrate.

Sitting at the podium with James, Smith, who had been vanquished to the Knicks bench before being traded in January, adjusted the brim on his “Finals” cap and

took a selfie.

It was a tough way for the Hawks to end a remarkable season. They survived a tumultuous offseason, and their young roster gelled in January when they became the first franchise to go 17-0 in a calendar month. They went on to win 19 straight, improved their record by 22 wins over last season and beat Brooklyn and Washington in the first two rounds.

But an injury to starting forward Thabo Sefolosha in April was followed by DeMarre Carroll injuring his knee in the series opener, before Kyle Korver's season ended in Game 2 with an ankle injury.

Those all hurt, but it was James who inflicted the most pain.

James carried the Cavs to their first finals appearance eight years ago, when they were swept by San Antonio. It was assumed the Cavs would get back again, but James left in 2010 to join the Heat, a move that dropped the Cavaliers from relevance and into the draft lottery four straight years. But those days are over — Cleveland and King James reign supreme in the East.

The Cavs got through the last two rounds without forward Kevin Love, who sustained a season-ending shoulder injury. His arrival last summer, joining James and Irving to form a Big 3, made Cleveland the team to beat in the East.

It didn't go exactly as

planned under first-year coach David Blatt, who left his family in Israel to take the Cavs' job.

“We're in Cleveland,” Blatt cracked. “Nothing is easy here.”

The Cavs lost center Anderson Varejao to a season-ending Achilles injury in December and were 19-20 before trading for Smith, Iman Shumpert and Timofey Mozgov, a trio that transformed Cleveland.

Irving, who missed Cleveland's previous two games with tendonitis in his left knee, scored 16 and the All-Star point guard looked better than he has in weeks.

Unlike Game 3, when he missed his first 10 shots, James started much better and scored 15 in the first half as the Cavs opened a 17-point halftime lead. They spent the fourth quarter playing their reserves and getting ready for a party and some time off before the finals.

This was Cleveland's night from the start.

Following pregame introductions, James slapped hands with members of Gilbert's family and then with his boss. The two mended their broken relationship last summer, paving the way for James to re-sign with Cavs and try to deliver the title he couldn't during his first stint.

James had a bounce in his step and it wasn't long before he delivered one of his patented windmill dunks, prompting the Hawks to call a time-

out while James ran the length of the baseline screaming at Cleveland fans to “Get up!”

Moments later, Irving showed he could get up after being knocked down.

He drove to the basket for a layup and was fouled hard. Irving, though, quickly popped to his feet and James, who was on the bench at the time, walked several feet onto the floor to salute his teammate.

The Cavs know they'll need a healthy Irving to take the next step — the one to the top.

HARD TO WATCH

Like anyone who saw it on TV, James said watching the nasty fall taken by Golden State's Stephen Curry during Game 4 in Houston was difficult. “It was pretty horrific,” he said. “I thought he lucked out by getting his hand out of there. Because if he would have landed with all his weight onto his arm, he could have broke his wrist or arm. And, I've been there before.” James broke his wrist on a similar tumble in high school. “I know exactly what he was going through at that point and time,” he said.

TIP-INS

Cavaliers: James is now 8-0 in the playoffs against Atlanta.... James isn't the only Cleveland player heading to his fifth straight finals. So is swingman James Jones, who played four seasons with James in Miami. ... Cleveland is 26-2 at home since Jan. 19.



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Soccer officials arrested in Zurich

ZURICH (AP) — Swiss prosecutors opened criminal proceedings into FIFA's awarding of the 2018 and 2022 World Cups, only hours after seven soccer officials were arrested Wednesday pending extradition to the U.S. in a separate probe of "rampant, systemic, and deep-rooted" corruption.

FIFA, meanwhile, said Friday's presidential election would go ahead as planned with Sepp Blatter going for a fifth term. Blatter was not named in either investigation.

FIFA also ruled out a revote of the World Cups won by Russia in 2018 and Qatar in 2022.

The Swiss prosecutors' office said in a statement they seized "electronic data and documents" at FIFA's headquarters on Wednesday as part of their probe. And Swiss police said they will question 10 FIFA executive committee members who took part in the World Cup votes in December 2010.

The Swiss investigation

against "persons unknown on suspicion of criminal mismanagement and of money laundering" again throws into the doubt the integrity of the voting.

"FIFA is fully cooperating with the investigation and is supporting the collection of evidence in this regard," FIFA said in a statement.

The Swiss announcement came only hours after 14 people were indicted in the U.S. for corruption. Seven of them were arrested and detained by Swiss police at the request of U.S. authorities after a raid at a luxury hotel in Zurich.

The U.S. Department of Justice said in a statement that two current FIFA vice presidents were among those arrested and indicted, Jeffrey Webb of the Cayman Islands and Eugenio Figueredo of Uruguay. The others are Eduardo Li of Costa Rica, Julio Rocha of Nicaragua, Costas Takkas of Britain, Rafael Esquivel of Venezuela and Jose Maria Marin of Brazil.

All seven are connected

with the regional confederations of North and South America and face up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

"The indictment alleges corruption that is rampant, systemic, and deep-rooted both abroad and here in the United States," Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch said in the statement. "It spans at least two generations of soccer officials who, as alleged, have abused their positions of trust to acquire millions of dollars in bribes and kickbacks."

Nine of the 14 that were indicted by the Justice Department are soccer officials, while four are sports marketing executives and another works in broadcasting. Jack Warner, a former FIFA vice president from Trinidad and Tobago, was among those indicted.

The Swiss prosecutors' office said the U.S. probe was separate from its investigation but that authorities were working together.

The U.S. case involves bribes "totaling more than

\$100 million" linked to commercial deals dating back to the 1990s for soccer tournaments in the United States and Latin America, the Swiss Federal Office of Justice said. The Justice Department said the corruption is linked to World Cup qualifying matches and the Copa America — South America's continental championship.

Dozens of soccer officials are in Switzerland for the FIFA congress and presidential election, where Blatter is widely expected to win reelection at the helm of the governing body of world soccer.

Blatter had been scheduled to attend a meeting of the Confederation of African Football in a different downtown Zurich hotel, but he canceled his appearance.

Blatter's only opponent in Friday's presidential election, Prince Ali bin al-Hussein of Jordan, said it was "a sad day for football," but declined to comment further.

The arrests were made at

the lakeside Baur au Lac Hotel in downtown Zurich, long favored as a place for senior FIFA officials to stay. It was the stage for intense lobbying for votes ahead of the 2018 and 2022 World Cup hosting decisions in December 2010.

In Florida, a small group of agents from the FBI and IRS executed search warrants at CONCACAF headquarters in Miami Beach.

Neither agency offered comment on the investigation.

The North American regional body, known as CONCACAF, reported itself to U.S. tax authorities in 2012. Then based in New York, the organization had not paid taxes over several years when its president was Warner and secretary general was Chuck Blazer of the United States.

Warner left soccer in 2011 to avoid FIFA sanctions in a bribery scandal during that year's presidential election. Blazer left in 2013 and has pleaded guilty to charges, the Justice Department said in Wednesday's statement.

MLB roundup

NEW YORK (AP) — Mark Teixeira homered and drove in four runs, Adam Warren pitched two-hit ball into the seventh inning and the New York Yankees beat the Kansas City Royals 5-1 Tuesday night to send the AL champions to their first three-game skid this season.

Warren (3-3) was perfect until Mike Moustakas beat out a hit to second baseman Stephen Drew on the outfield grass in right-center with one out in the fourth. The only other hit he allowed was Paulo Orlando's first major league homer in the sixth.

Lifted after 6 1-3 innings, Warren struck out five without walking a batter in the best of his 12 big league starts.

Teixeira was the only Yankees' starter without a hit during their 14-1 rout of Kansas City on Monday, which stopped a six-game losing streak. He more than made up as New York won consecutive games for the first time since May 10-11.

CARDINALS 6, DIAMONDBACKS 4

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Jaime Garcia won for the first time in nearly a year, working six solid innings, and Randal Grichuk homered to help St. Louis beat Arizona.

Grichuk and Jhonny Peralta had two RBIs each for the Cardinals, who are a major league-best 30-16. Garcia (1-1) hadn't won since June 15 at home against the Nationals.

Rookie Yasmany Tomas had two doubles and three RBIs for Arizona, but also made two big outs. He struck out against Matt Belisle with the bases loaded to end the seventh and hit a ground ball for the final out with the tying runs in scoring position against Seth Maness, who earned his third save in four chances.

Nick Ahmed homered for the Diamondbacks, who have lost eight of their last nine against St. Louis.

GIANTS 6, BREWERS 3
MILWAUKEE (AP) — Madison Bumgarner won another game in May and three San Francisco players homered in a 6-3 victory over Milwaukee.

Bumgarner (6-2) gave up four hits and three earned runs in six innings to improve to 5-1 in his last six starts. He's also 9-1 in May the last two seasons.

Matt Duffy, Hunter Pence and Brandon Belt hit home runs and Santiago Casilla earned his 13th save for San Francisco, now 10-2 in its last 12 games.

Milwaukee lost is fourth straight and is 1-6 over the last seven.

Matt Garza (2-7) struggled again, allowing eight hits and five earned runs in five innings. The right-hander has lost his last four decisions, owns just one victory in his last eight starts and is 0-4 at Miller Park.

DODGERS 8, BRAVES 0
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Clay-

ton Kershaw combined with two relievers on a five-hitter and capped a six-run fourth inning with an RBI single, Adrian Gonzalez notched his 1,000th RBI with a two-run homer, and Los Angeles beat Atlanta.

Kershaw (3-3) allowed four hits, struck out 10 and walked none while lowering his ERA to 3.86. The reigning NL MVP and three-time Cy Young Award winner is 16-0 with a 1.21 ERA in his last 20 starts against NL East teams.

Julio Teheran (4-2) gave up eight runs and 10 hits in 4 1-3 innings against the two-time defending NL West champions, who have won four of five after getting swept in a three-game series at San Francisco by a combined margin of 10-0.

PADRES 4, ANGELS 0, 10 INNINGS

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Matt Kemp hit a three-run double down the left-field line with two outs in the 10th inning, and San Diego beat Los Angeles.

Kemp equaled his RBI total from his previous 15 games with one big hit for the Padres, who broke open a scoreless game by batting around in the extra inning to win for just the second time in seven games.

Jedd Gyorko snapped an 0-for-13 skid with a single leading off the 10th against Joe Smith (1-2). After Yangervis Solarte and Will Venable walked, Smith struck out Justin Upton before Kemp put his drive into the corner, clearing the bases.

Derek Norris then scored

Kemp with a single off Vinny Pestano.

TIGERS 1, ATHLETICS 0

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — David Price outdueling Jesse Chavez to win for the first time in four starts, and Detroit bounced back from a shutout a day earlier to beat Oakland.

Price (4-1) gave up five hits, struck out three and walked one in seven innings for a third straight winning decision, but his first victory since May 2 at Kansas City.

Former A's outfielder Rajai Davis hit a sacrifice fly in the first against Chavez (1-5). Slugger Miguel Cabrera returned to the Tigers lineup after sitting out Monday and extended his hitting streak to 13 games with a ninth-inning single.

Plate umpire Jeff Kellogg took a ball in the mask in the ninth but stayed in the game after being checked, and then a fan ran onto the field to cause another delay.

CUBS 3, NATIONALS 2

CHICAGO (AP) — Addison Russell hit a game-ending RBI double in the ninth inning, and Chicago beat surging Washington.

Chris Coghlan started the winning rally with a one-out single against Matt Grace (2-1). The Cubs then caught a huge break when shortstop Ian Desmond threw wide to first while trying to turn a potential double play on pinch-hitter Jonathan Herrera's grounder to second.

That extended the inning, and Russell lined a 1-0 pitch beyond center fielder Denard Span's reach for his third hit of the game.

That made a winner of Hector Rondon (3-0), who worked a scoreless ninth.

TWINS 2, RED SOX 1

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Mike Pelfrey was sharp for seven innings, Trevor Plouffe and Kurt Suzuki hit back-to-back RBI doubles in the first inning, and Minnesota held on to beat Boston.

After rain delayed the game's first pitch for 1 hour, 21 minutes, Minnesota jumped on Clay Buchholz (2-6) for three doubles and two runs in the first.

That was enough support for Pelfrey (4-1), who retired the last seven batters he faced and lowered his ERA to 2.77. Pelfrey allowed five hits and struck out four.

Glen Perkins got Hanley Ramirez to fly out to right field with the bases loaded to end the eighth. The All-Star left-

hander stayed in and worked a perfect ninth for his 17th save in as many chances.

The Red Sox have scored 14 runs in their last eight road games.

MARINERS 7, RAYS 6, 10 INNINGS

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Kyle Seager hit a grand slam in the eighth inning and a game-winning home run in the 10th to lift Seattle to a victory over Tampa Bay.

The game-winner, Seager's 10th home run of the season, came off Brad Boxberger (2-2) after the Rays had rallied for three runs to tie the game in the ninth.

Seager's eighth-inning slam off Jake McGee had given the Mariners a 6-3 lead. Seager drove in six runs with three hits and extended his hitting streak to 12 games.

Evan Longoria's bases-loaded double off the top of the wall, his third hit of the game, drove in two of the ninth-inning runs.

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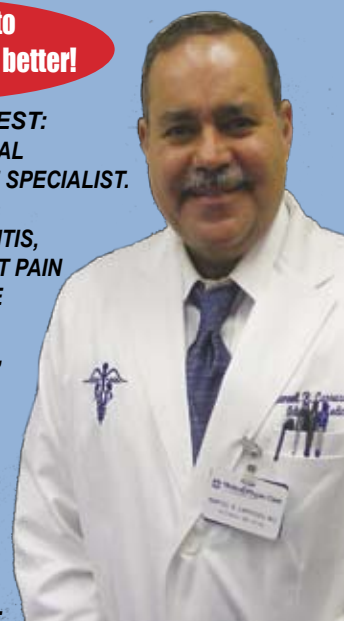
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