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Talking I-27



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Lubbock Mayor and District 19 congressional candidate Glen Robertson, right, addresses the Big Spring Rotary Club Tuesday. Robertson talked about the importance of extending Interstate 27 through Big Spring.

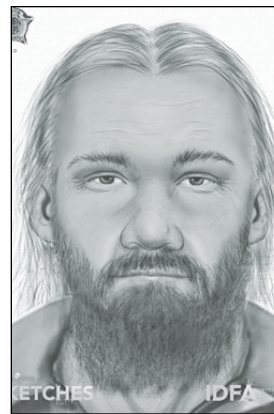
Martin County: Search on for suspect in assault

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

STANTON — The Martin County Sheriff's Department and Crime Stoppers are asking the public's assistance in helping to locate a suspect in an attempted sexual assault.

The Big Spring Howard County Crime Stoppers Facebook page reports the Martin County Sheriff's Office responded to a call of an attempted sexual assault in the area of County Road C-3300 and Private Road C-2881.

"Upon investigation, the Martin County Sheriff's Office learned an unknown male subject attempted to sexually assault the victim, as he threatened the victim with a knife," Crime Stoppers reported.



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Classic car parade to mark Bankhead centennial

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

A fleet of antique cars will make a brief stop in Big Spring Sunday as part of a tour to celebrate the centennial of the Bankhead Highway.

"Big Spring is proud to welcome the Bankhead Highway Centennial Vintage Car Tour that will be passing through Texas with as many as 50 privately-owned vintage cars and trucks to celebrate the historic 100th anniversary

celebration," said Hayley Lewis, Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau coordinator.

Sponsored by the Antique American Independent Automobile Association, the tour will consist of American-

made vehicles manufactured in the 1920s to the 1960s that are kept historically correct. The group will begin the tour Thursday from Texarkana at the Four States Auto Museum and make its way to Odessa on Sunday with stop offs in

towns along the way.

"These are vintage cars that have been very well taken care of," Lewis said. "We are really excited to see them. The tour will be driving down

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Hospital earns lab accreditation

Special to the Herald

Scenic Mountain Medical Center today announced that it has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for Laboratory Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal of Approval is a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to providing safe and effective patient care.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center underwent an unannounced on-site survey in January 2016. During the review, a team of Joint Commission expert surveyors evaluated compliance with laboratory standards related to several areas, including document and process control, health care-associated conditions, risk reduction, and staff education. Surveyors also conducted on-site observations and interviews.

The Joint Commission has accredited hospital laboratory services since 1979, and free-standing laboratories since 1995. Almost 2,000 organizations, including laboratories in hospitals, reference labs, blood transfusion and donor centers, public health laboratories, and point-of-care test sites currently main-



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Giving the gift of life



Courtesy photo

Angie Newman, registered nurse with Compass Hospice, is nothing but cool as she gives blood at the United Blood Services blood drive Monday afternoon.

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Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **VICTOR LOREDO**, 35, of 2401 E FM 700 was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **MARK ANTHONY CHAVERA**, 27, of 1108 W 6th Street was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **DANIEL ANTHONY ALVAREZ**, 30, of 1000 S Birdwell Lane was arrested on a warrant for criminal mischief/greater than \$750 but less than \$2,500.
- **COREY DALE DANCER**, 32, of 810 E 18th Street was arrested on warrants for two counts of driving with invalid license, three counts of failure to appear, and defective stop lamp(s).
- **MICHAEL ELAIDO ZUBIATE**, 33, of 3508 Gail Highway was arrested on a warrant for speeding.
- **CANDI RENE GARZA**, 31, of 1002 N Main Street was arrested on six warrants from other agencies.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 700 block of E I20 and the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of N. Gregg Street.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2200 block of Lynn Drive.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1500 block of S. Johnson Street.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DANIEL ALVAREZ**, 30, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for criminal mischief/greater than \$750 but less than \$2,500.
- **DIJUAN EDWARD AUSBIE**, 27, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for attempting elude in a motor vehicle, possession of a controlled substance, failure to ID fugitive, and possession of marijuana under two ounces.
- **MARK ANTHONY CHAVERA**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on a probation revocation warrant for theft of property.
- **COREY D. DANCER**, 32, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for defective or no stop lamps, violation of promise to appear, two counts of driving with invalid license, expired registration, and two counts of failure to appear.
- **CANDI R. GARZA**, 31, was booked by the HCSO on probation revocation warrants for theft of property and five counts of parent contributing to non-attendance.
- **VICTOR LOREDO**, 35, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of property, greater than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.
- **GLORIA DOMINGO MARTINEZ**, 51, was booked by the BSPD on a charge for public intoxication.
- **MICHAEL ZUBIATE**, 33, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for speeding — 103 mph/75 mph.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity:

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on HWY 176.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of S. Johnson.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of 3rd Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500

block of Tuscon.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway.
- **FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 100 block of Colorado.

Take Note

- The Permian Historical Society will hold its spring meeting at the Petroleum Museum in Midland Saturday, April 23. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. Presenters will be Bill Boyd who will tell his experiences as a cowboy on the McElroy Ranch; Billy Champan who will explain the construction of the world's largest Solar Farm near Bakersfield, Texas; Brian Scarborough who will speak on his winery in the Greenwood area; and Jerry Lackey who will tell stories about ranches and ranchers in West Texas taken from his popular Homestead series which has been published in the San Angelo-Times since 2006. Lunch is \$10.50 per plate. Register by calling Petty Kelton at 432-652-8738.

- Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

- Photographs of area military personnel — currently on the job or veterans — going about their daily life are currently being sought by the July 3 Pops in the Park committee to be used in a military tribute during the event.

The candid photos will be used during the photographic military salute portion of the Independence Day celebration.

Any wishing to provide photographs for the tribute can e-mail digital copies in a jpeg format to popsinthepark2016@yahoo.com. Submissions must be sent by June 15. Also, photographs can be dropped off at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 West Third St. to be scanned in during normal business hours. The person must leave a name and contact number with each submission.

- Dora Roberts Community Center is hosting a clinic on May 2nd, 2016 at 100 Whipkey Drive for Big Spring and Howard County residents to learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious condition with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Screenings are affordable, con-

venient, and accessible for wheelchairs and those with trouble walking. Packages start at \$149, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 for more information.

- The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the Fall 2016 semester. Students must be Howard county residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Application deadline is April 15. Application deadline for current A&M students is June 1.

More information and the application can be found of the club website: www.westexags.com

- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost is \$8 per person.

- The Howard County Fair needs people to cross stitch squares for the annual Quilt Fundraiser. Complete kits may be picked up from Cheryl Joy at the Heritage Museum, Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674

Meetings

- The Big Spring Art Association meets every third Tuesday, September through May at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Memberships are available. The annual dues are \$20.

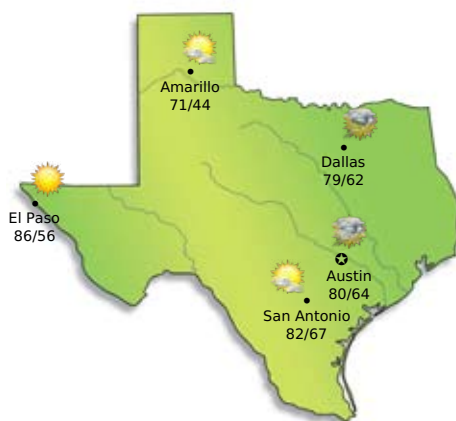
- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

- The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 4/21	Fri 4/22	Sat 4/23	Sun 4/24	Mon 4/25
73/50	75/51	76/57	84/57	87/60
Scattered t-storms in the morning, then partly cloudy late. High 73F. Winds NE at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 50%.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 50s.	Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 8:20 PM	Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 8:21 PM	Sunrise: 7:07 AM Sunset: 8:21 PM	Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 8:22 PM	Sunrise: 7:05 AM Sunset: 8:23 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	74	59	Cloudy	Kingsville	82	69	Cloudy
Amarillo	71	44	Cloudy	Livingston	78	65	T-Storms
Austin	80	64	Sct T-Storms	Longview	75	62	T-Storms
Beaumont	78	66	Cloudy	Lubbock	77	52	Cloudy
Brownsville	83	71	Sunny	Lufkin	76	62	Cloudy
Brownwood	77	60	P Cloudy	Midland	83	61	Cloudy
Corpus Christi	80	69	P Cloudy	Raymondville	87	71	M Sunny
Corsicana	76	62	Showers	Rosenberg	78	67	Cloudy
Dallas	79	62	Cloudy	San Antonio	82	67	Cloudy
Del Rio	83	65	Cloudy	San Marcos	80	65	T-Storms
El Paso	86	56	Sunny	Sulphur Springs	76	61	T-Storms
Fort Stockton	86	59	M Cloudy	Sweetwater	74	58	Cloudy
Gainesville	74	59	Cloudy	Tyler	78	62	T-Storms
Greenville	76	60	Cloudy	Weatherford	76	60	Cloudy
Houston	80	67	Cloudy	Wichita Falls	75	59	Cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	82	57	P Cloudy	Miami	80	71	P Cloudy
Boston	54	42	P Cloudy	Minneapolis	68	52	Cloudy
Chicago	67	56	Cloudy	New York	65	48	Sunny
Dallas	79	62	Cloudy	Phoenix	96	66	Sunny
Denver	58	37	M Sunny	San Francisco	71	56	Sunny
Houston	80	67	Cloudy	Seattle	80	53	Sunny
Los Angeles	84	58	Sunny	Saint Louis	71	54	Cloudy

Moon Phases

First Apr 14	Full Apr 22	Last Apr 30	New May 6

UV Index

Thu 4/21	Fri 4/22	Sat 4/23	Sun 4/24	Mon 4/25
9	9	8	10	10
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

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

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every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

- 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 271-2176.

- 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.

Volunteer opportunities

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

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News in brief

Government officials: 3 to be charged in Flint water crisis

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan's attorney general will announce criminal charges Wednesday against two state regulators and a Flint employee, alleging wrongdoing related to the city's lead-tainted water crisis, according to government officials familiar with the investigation.

The charges — the first levied in a probe that is expected to broaden — will be filed against a pair of state Department of Environmental Quality officials and a local water treatment plant supervisor, two officials told The Associated Press late Tuesday. They spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly.

The felony and misdemeanor charges include violating Michigan's drinking water law, official misconduct, destruction of utility property and evidence tampering, according to one official.

For nearly 18 months after Flint's water source

was switched while the city was under state financial management, residents drank and bathed with improperly treated water that coursed through aging pipes and fixtures, releasing toxic lead. Republican Gov. Rick Snyder announced in October that the city would return from the Flint River to its earlier source of treated water, the Detroit municipal system. But by that time, dangerously high levels of the toxic metal had been detected in the blood of some residents, including children, for whom it can cause lower IQs and behavioral problems.

The city has been under a state of emergency for more than four months, and people there are using filters and bottled water.

Appeals ruling threatens key provision of North Carolina law

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A federal appeals court ruling on transgender bathroom access in public schools threatens a key provision of a North Carolina law limiting protections for the LGBT community.

The court decision has prompted swift condemnation from the state's Republican leadership.

The 4th Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond sided Tuesday with a transgender teen's arguments that a Virginia school board violated Title IX by forbidding him from using the boys' restroom. The interpretation of the federal education law directly affects North Carolina.

The court's ruling imperils a provision in the North Carolina law — called HB2 — that requires transgender students in public schools and universities to use bathrooms corresponding to the gender on their birth certificate, said Maxine Eichner, a University of North Carolina law professor.

Sharp tremor rattles Ecuador

MONTECRISTI, Ecuador (AP) — A fresh tremor rattled Ecuador overnight, a 6.1 magnitude jolt that was the strongest aftershock since a lethal earthquake killed hundreds of people on Saturday. There was no immediate report of further damage.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the tremor was centered offshore, 25 kms (15 miles) west of Muisne, at 3:33 a.m. local time. The previous strongest aftershock was magnitude 5.7.

Ecuadoreans have begun burying loved ones, while hopes faded that more survivors will be found.

In the small town of Montecristi, near the port city of Manta, two children were among those buried Tuesday. They were killed with their mother while buying school supplies when the magnitude-7.8 quake struck Saturday night.

The funeral had to be held outside under a makeshift awning, because the town's Roman Catholic church was unsafe from structural damage. Family members wailed loudly and one man fainted as the children were laid to rest in an above-ground vault.

Judge approves deal between Ferguson, Justice Department

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A federal judge approved an agreement Tuesday between Ferguson and the U.S. Justice Department that calls for sweeping changes in the Missouri city where 18-year-old Michael Brown was fatally shot by a police officer.

U.S. District Judge Catherine Perry issued her ruling after a public hearing of several hours in St. Louis, where nearly three dozen people spoke, and many others had submitted written comments. Perry said the settlement is a "reasonable resolution" that avoids an extensive court battle.

"I think it's in everyone's best interest and I think it's in the interest of justice," she said.

The settlement calls for diversity training for police; the purchase of software and the hiring of staff to analyze records on arrests, use of force and other police matters; outfitting all officers and jail workers with body cameras; the hiring of a team to monitor progress; significant municipal court reforms; and other changes.

Mayor James Knowles III said after the hearing that the city has already implemented many reforms, and will act swiftly on others to "move into compliance as soon as possible."

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The suspect is described as an approximately 6-foot tall, white male with brown hair, light brown eyes, and weighs approximately 200 pounds, Crime Stoppers reports.

As the suspect fled the scene, the victim's dog bit him on the forearm, Crime Stoppers stated.

"As the attacker left the scene, he disposed of the victim's phone,

while driving eastbound on CR C-3300. The victim was able to provide information to a sketch artist of what the suspect looked like," Crime Stoppers said.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call Crime Stoppers at 432-263-8477. All calls will remain anonymous and no caller ID is used. Tips can also be left on the Crime Stoppers Facebook page at www.p3tips.com/1277. Please reference the Martin County case in your tip.

CARS

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Third St. and we encourage the public to come and show their support."

The entourage will make a brief stop on Johnson Street next to the Hotel Settles lawn from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. where members of the public have a chance to look at the cars up close, Lewis said. Part of Johnson Street from Third to Fourth Street will be closed during this time.

The tour is part of the 100th anniversary of the creation of the highway. In 1916, the passage of the Federal Aid High-

way Act also known as the Bankhead-Shackelford Act sponsored by U.S. Rep. Dorsey W. Shackelford of Missouri and John H. Bankhead of Alabama provided federal money to construct the highway.

"The Bankhead Highway is very important to Big Spring history; the Hotel Settles and (Big Spring) Municipal Auditorium were both built on the Bankhead Highway to attract visitors to our town," Lewis said. "The Bankhead National Highway was the nation's first all-weather, coast-to-coast highway stretching from Washington, D. C. to San Diego, Calif. Because it was a southern road it skirted the west-

ern mountains and was largely free from ice and snow, so it could be used reliably year-round."

In recent years, the Texas Historical Commission has begun to promote the old highway to generate tourism. Big Spring is one of four Texas towns to be named by the THC as a pilot city as part of the Historic Bankhead Highway promotion.

As part of that promotion, last year the CBV held Summers on the Green hosting outdoor movie presentations with car themes.

Lewis said the CBV will bring back the popular summer event on June 10 and July 14. The event will once again be held on the lawn of

the Hotel Settles. The July 10 showing will feature the classic 1978 "Grease," starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John. The second screening features rock icon Elvis Presley starring in "Follow that Dream."

History buffs can learn a little more about the Bankhead Highway by visiting downtown Big Spring, Lewis added.

"We are continuing with our mystery panels," she explain." We have three photos displayed in the windows of different historical buildings downtown on Third Street. They picture old buildings with a little history and at the end asks a question to get the mind thinking

about Big Spring. You can find the first one outside on the window of the CBV building."

For more information about the tour or Summers on the Green, contact Lewis at 432-263-8235. The Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau is located at 113 E. Third Street.

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and accrediting body in the nation," added Emma Krabill, SMMC CEO. "Being accredited means we are focused on continual performance improvement. Pathologists and other laboratory staff are working together to develop and implement approaches and strategies that have the potential to improve care for the patients in our community."

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Opinion

Winners or whiners?

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If there is one pattern that is emerging from this year's political campaigns, it is that rhetoric beats reality — in both parties.

The biggest surprise among the Democrats is Bernie Sanders, and among the Republicans is Donald Trump. Although they are each seeking to be put in charge of the nation's government, does anyone know — or care — what their actual track record in government has been?

Trump of course has no track record at all in government. If Sanders has anything to show for his many years in Congress, no one seems to know what it is. But both are great at rhetoric.

Hillary Clinton's biggest selling point is that she has lots of “experience” in government, having been a Senator and a Secretary of State. But what she actually accomplished in those roles gets remarkably little attention.

The foreign policies under Secretary Clinton have led to one disaster after another, whether in the Middle East, in Ukraine, or in North Korea. Where are her successes?

The Republicans began this primary election campaign with a number of candidates who did have track records as governors that could have been examined, debated and critiqued.

But Donald Trump's rhetoric and antics got the lion's share of the attention. Governors Scott Walker and Bobby Jindal were

gone before most people knew much of anything about their track records.

Partly this was due to the media's obsession with Donald Trump.

But the public shares responsibility for the triumph of glitter over substance, because polls repeatedly showed that the public was far more attracted to the glitter.

The current angry outcries because there was no primary vote in Colorado to choose delegates, supposedly because “the system” was “rigged” against Donald Trump, is only the latest sign of a widespread lack of interest in facts.

The Colorado rules were there before the time for delegates to be chosen. If Donald Trump did not bother to learn those rules, or to hire people to keep on top of such things, that was his fault. But it is all too typical of Trump to cover up his own lack of knowledge or understanding by making wild accusations against others and inciting the gullible.

The convention rules that require a candidate to get a majority of the delegates, in order to become the party's nominee for President, are also nothing new. But, here again, Trump and his followers are raising an outcry by saying that it would not be “fair” or “democratic” to “steal” the nomination from Trump and give it to some other candidate.

First of all, it is not Trump's nomination until after he has earned it, under the rules that apply to all candidates. Nobody can “steal” what was not his in the first place.

The rules are the rules. As an old New York Yankees fan, I

still have a painful memory of the 1960 World Series, where the Yankees scored 53 runs and the Pittsburgh Pirates scored 27. But the Pirates won the World Series, because the rules go by how many games were won, not how many runs were scored.

As for “undemocratic,” institutions do not exist to exalt some principle, but to carry out whatever the missions of those institutions are. In even the most democratic countries, undemocratic institutions abound.

Families are one of those institutions. In a family with 3 children and 2 adults, the children do not run the family. In a military unit, democratic decision-making on a battlefield can cost a lot more lives.

Political parties are private institutions. They exist to choose candidates they think can win elections. How they do it is their business. Nobody has a Constitutional “right” to vote to choose a party's nominees.

A party may decide to have voters in the primaries elect delegates. But, if that method fails to turn up anyone capable of winning a majority of the delegates' votes on the first ballot, the party can then turn to Plan B, as has happened before, long before Donald Trump came along.

The time to change rules is before the game starts.

If the current rules need changing, there will be four long years before the 2020 elections in which to try to create better rules. The 1960 Yankees never whined that the World Series had been “stolen” from them. They were adults who knew the rules in advance.



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DAILY PRAYER

May we communicate with You, Lord, in the morning and watch for wonderful things to happen. Amen.

‘Confirmation’- HBO’s high-tech lynching

The left is masterful at rewriting history. Witness HBO's TV movie “Confirmation,” which aired Saturday, about Anita Hill's accusations of sexual harassment 25 years ago, which almost derailed Clarence Thomas from becoming a Supreme Court justice. The drama's makers claim that they didn't take sides in depicting Thomas' Senate confirmation hearings, even as a trailer punctuates close-ups of actress Kerry Washington, who played Hill, with stentorian capital letters: “It only takes one voice ... to change history.” Another trailer proclaims, “One woman made a choice ... to take a stand.”

Apparently, because HBO didn't expressly label Thomas as guilty, producers feel they can get away with saying they were evenhanded. One man (Thomas) made a choice and took a stand; where are his plaudits?

“The movie only has credibility if it's not espousing one point of view or presenting only one side,” “Confirmation” screenwriter Susannah Grant said in The Washington Post. OK, then it has no credibility. “Confirmation” airbrushed out events that do not confirm the left's

revisionist view on the Thomas hearings.

A number of former female staffers who worked for Thomas at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission — J.C. Alvarez, Phyllis Berry, Nancy Fitch and Diane Holt — testified that they did not believe Hill's charge that Thomas sexually harassed her and discussed pornographic films at work.

Their spirited defense of Thomas was the stuff of drama. But rather than build momentum to a peak of their riveting testimony, “Confirmation” showed a quickie montage of former colleagues defending Thomas. That choice undercut the forcefulness of the women's spirited defense of Thomas.

Stuart Taylor Jr., who covered the 1991 hearings, wrote in The Wall Street Journal that “Confirmation” also left out Hill's hard-to-believe story that she followed Thomas from the Department of Education to the EEOC because she feared losing her job. (As an attorney, she had to know she had civil service protection.) The movie also focused on an accuser who chose not to testify.

Then there's Ted Kennedy, the embodiment of the left's double standards. A member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, the late senator had a reputation for hitting on women in the workplace liberally. In “Confirmation,” Kennedy aide Ricki Seidman acknowledges her boss

might have a problem leading the fight on “sexual impropriety.”

There was no scene in which Seidman pressed Kennedy about his opportunistic treatment of women. Likewise, there was no recognition that when Bill Clinton entered the Oval Office a year later, sexual harassment lost its potency as a political weapon. Female aides' willingness to prop up errant male Democrats — that phenomenon did not interest the “Confirmation” team, which stuck to a script that confirmed liberalism's need to be heroic, especially when liberals are anything but.

Real life didn't work that way. After the hearings and what Thomas described as a “high-tech lynching,” a New York Times/CBS poll found that Americans who lived through the controversy believed Thomas over Hill by a 2-1 margin. So HBO did a rewrite — and produced a movie that left the women who stood up for Thomas on the cutting room floor.

In Hollywood, that's a happy ending.

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Check this out: What's at the library

I don't know about you, but I'm hoping for some April showers so we can get a few May flowers! This week, I only have a few non-fiction books and mystery books to tell you about.

"Indentured" by Joe Nocera and Ben Strauss (796.043 NOC J) tells the dramatic story of a loose-knit group of rebels who decided to fight the hypocrisy of the NCAA, which blathers endlessly about the purity of its "student-athletes" while exploiting many of them: The ones who get injured and drop out because their scholarships have been revoked. The ones who will neither graduate nor go pro. The ones who live in terror of accidentally violating some obscure rule in the four-hundred-page NCAA rulebook. Nocera and Strauss take us into the inner circle of the NCAA's fiercest enemies: Sonny Vaccaro, the sports marketer who convinced Nike to sign Michael Jordan, used his intimate knowledge of its secrets to blow the whistle in a major legal case. Ed O'Bannon, the former UCLA basketball star, who realized that the NCAA was profiting from a video game using his image. His lawsuit led to an unprecedented antitrust ruling. Ramogi Huma, the founder of the National College Players Association, who dared to think that college players should have the same collective bargaining rights as other Americans. Andy Schwarz, the controversial economist, who looked behind the facade of the NCAA and saw it for what it is: a cartel that violates our core values of free enterprise. "Indentured" reveals how these and other renegades are fighting for justice in the bare-knuckles world of college sports.

"Freddie Steinmark: Faith, Family, Football" by Bower Youssef & Thomas J. Cryan (796.332 YOU B) is the exploration of a brief but full life, one that began humbly but ended on a grand stage. It is a fitting tribute to a legendary Longhorn whose photograph, emblazoned with the word "Heart," flashes on the Freddie Steinmark Scoreboard's Jumbotron prior to each home football game in UT'S Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium at Joe Jamail Field. Freddie Steinmark was starting safety for the undefeated University of Texas Longhorns in 1969. In the thrilling "Game of the Century" against Arkansas, Steinmark played with a pain in his left leg. Two days later, x-rays revealed a bone tumor so large that it seemed a miracle he could walk, let alone play football. Within a week of the Arkansas game, Freddie's leg was amputated. What he endured during the Longhorns' memorable 1969 season, and what he encountered afterward, captivated not only Texans but the country at large. Americans watched closely as Steinmark confronted life's ultimate challenge, and his openness during his battle against savage odds helped reframe the national conversation surrounding cancer and the ongoing race for a cure.

"Devotion" by Adam Makos (951.904 MAK A) tells the inspirational story of the U.S. Navy's most famous avia-

tor duo, Lieutenant Tom Hudner and Ensign Jesse Brown, and the Marines they fought to defend. A white New Englander from the country-club scene, Tom passed up Harvard to fly fighters for his country. An African American sharecropper's son from Mississippi, Jesse became the Navy's first black carrier pilot, defending a nation that wouldn't even serve him in a bar. While much of America remained divided by segregation, Jesse and Tom joined forces as wingmen in the Fighter Squadron 32. When one of the duo is shot down behind enemy lines and pinned in his burning plane, the other faces an unthinkable choice: watch his friend die or attempt history's most audacious one-man rescue mission.

back to bury them forever.

In "Dance of the Bones" (M JAN J), J. A. Jance combines two of her most acclaimed series characters for the first time in one of the most suspenseful works of her career. Prospector Amos Warren and Big Bad John Lassiter were as close as father and son until a violent argument tore them apart. Amos disappeared the next day never to be seen again. Years later, his bones were found in the desert, and all signs pointed to John Lassiter so Detective Brandon Walker made the arrest. More than four decades later, the retired Walker is called in when TLC, a group of retired cops, criminalist, medical examiners, and district attorneys who devote their time and experience to solving stone-cold homicide cases, looks into the killing. Lassiter

retired and has plenty of free time to help. J. P. Beaumont and Brandon Walker's meeting proves all too crucial. These seasoned detectives must pool their personal and professional expertise when someone close to Brandon falls into the hands of a cold-blooded killer involved in a recent multiple homicide who may also hold the key to the cold case.

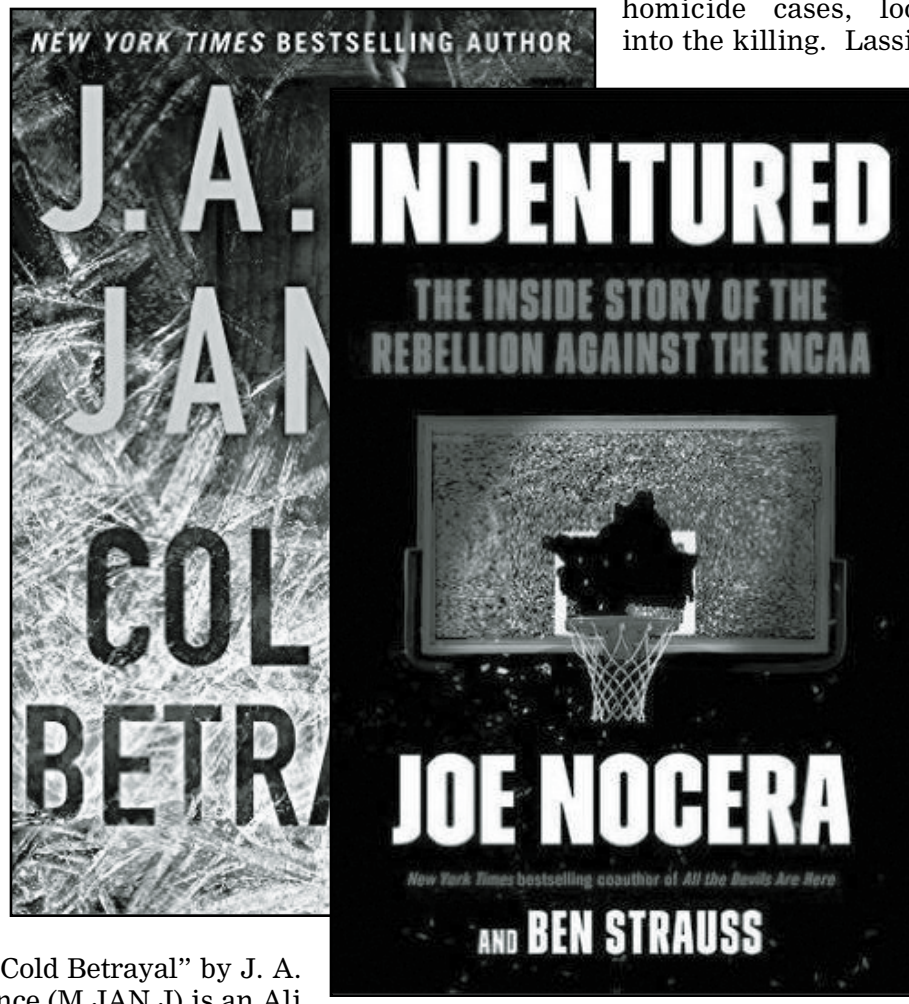
"The Fall" by John Lescroart (M LES J) is a riveting new novel that puts Dismas Hardy and his daughter, Rebecca, in the middle of a murder case where nothing is certain and winning the trial might mean losing everything. A teenage foster child name Anya Paulson plummets to her death from the overpass above San Francisco's Stockton tunnel, but no one knows if she fell or was pushed. Homicide inspectors focus their attention on Greg Treadway because he shared a meal with Anya earlier that night. Rebecca finds herself drawn into the young man's defense when elements of that story seem to fall apart. As the case rushes forward to trial, Dismas and Rebecca find themselves battling an aggressive prosecutor, a disinterested police department, and their own client who isn't faring well in jail and insists on going to trial immediately. Rebecca fears that her first outing as lead counsel in a homicide case will end in disaster. When a dying woman's last words cast a surprising new light on the evidence and problems develop with a key witness, Rebecca and Dismas begin to glimpse the intricate web that connects a dead African-American girl to the complex political and judicial machine that runs San Francisco.

If any of these books have you on the edge of your seat, come check them out. I leave you with a quote from Joseph Addison: "Books are the legacies that a great genius leaves to mankind, which are delivered down from generation to generation, as presents to the posterity of those who are yet unborn."

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MONICA MARTINEZ



"Cold Betrayal" by J. A. Jance (M JAN J) is an Ali Reynolds novel. Ali Reynolds's longtime friend and taser-carrying nun Sister Anselm rushes to the bedside of a young pregnant woman hospitalized for severe injuries after she was hit by a car on a deserted highway. The girl had been running away from The Family, a polygamous cult with no patience for those who try to leave its ranks. Ali's new daughter-in-law approaches her for help when her grandmother is in danger. Betsy, the grandmother, has been receiving anonymous threats, and someone even broke into her house and turned on the gas burners in the middle of the night to make it seem like the she's just not as sharp as she used to be. Ali struggles to find a way to protect Betsy and help Sister Anselm as well. The two race the clock to uncover the secrets that The Family has hidden for so long before someone comes

can get out of jail now for time served if he'll plead guilty to a lesser charge, but he refuses to cop to a crime he didn't commit. Lassiter's daughter wants Brandon and TLC to find Amos's "real" killer and clear her father's name. Brandon Walker's search to find the truth about Amos's killer eventually leads sixteen hundred miles north to Seattle to an unsolved murder that could be connected to the case. Brandon gets in touch with crack investigator J. P. Beaumont who is



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Trump, Clinton win big in New York

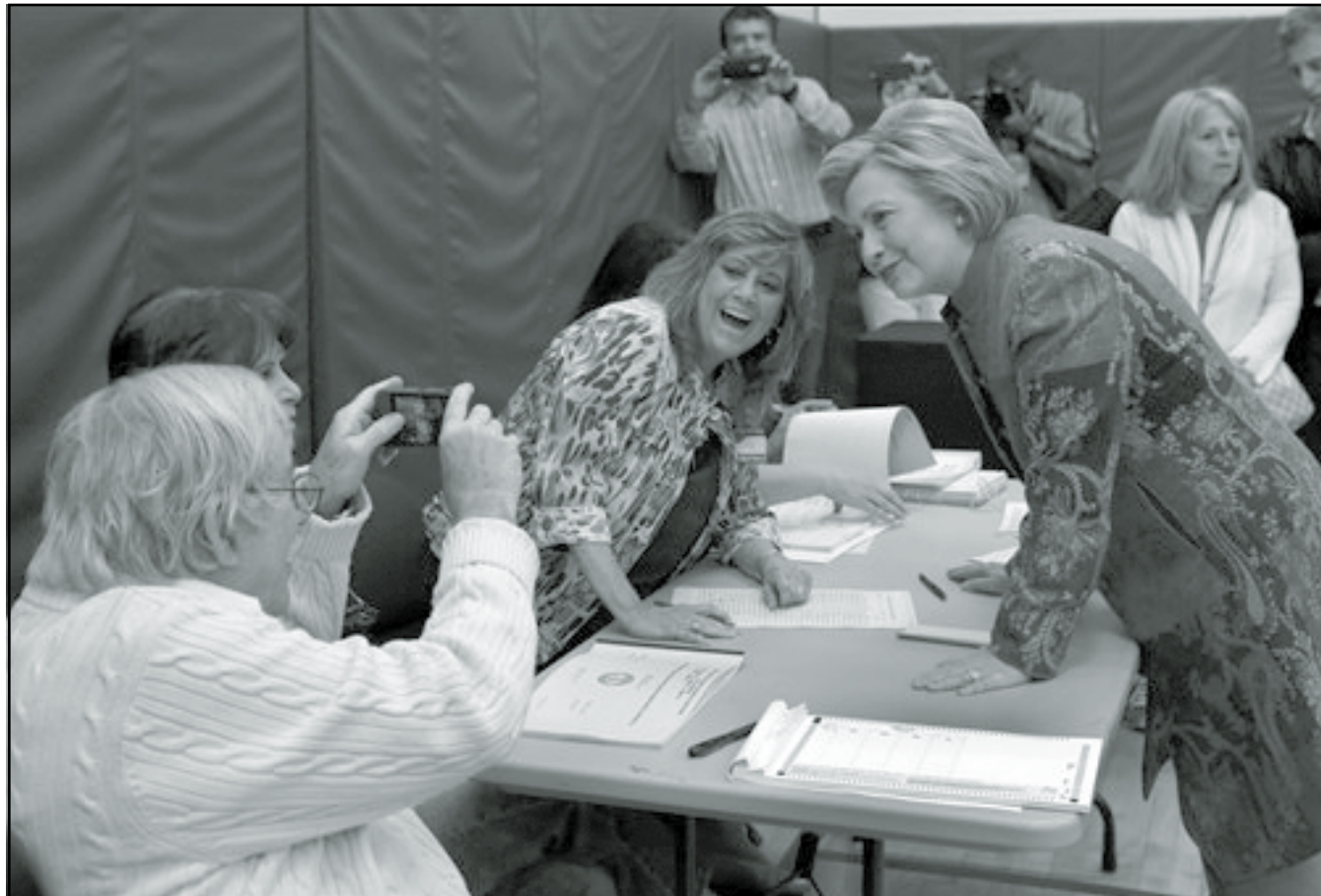
NEW YORK (AP) — Front-runners Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton swept to resounding victories in Tuesday's New York primary, with Trump bouncing back convincingly from a difficult stretch in his Republican campaign and Clinton pushing tantalizingly close to locking up the Democratic nomination.

"The race for the nomination is in the home stretch, and victory is in sight," Clinton declared to cheering supporters.

Trump captured more than 50 percent of the vote in New York and was headed toward a big delegate haul in his home state, a commanding showing that keeps him on a path to the GOP nomination if he continues to win. He claimed at least 89 of the 95 delegates at stake Tuesday, with Ohio Gov. John Kasich winning at least three and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz in danger of getting shut out.

A confident Trump insisted it was impossible for his rivals to catch him. Indeed, Cruz's poor showing in New York left him without any mathematical chance of clinching the nomination before the Republican convention in July, though Trump could still end up short of the needed 1,237 needed to seal victory before the gathering.

"We don't have much of a race anymore," Trump said during a victory rally in the lobby of the Manhattan tower bearing his name. He peppered his brash remarks with more references to the economy



AP photo
Hillary Clinton poses for photos with poll works at the Grafflin Elementary School in Chappaqua, N.Y., Tuesday,

and other policy proposals than normal, reflecting the influence of a new team of advisers seeking to professionalize his campaign.

Clinton's triumph padded her delegate lead over rival Bernie Sanders and put her 80 percent of the way to clinching the Democratic nomination that eluded her eight years ago. In a shift toward the general election, she made a direct appeal to Sanders' loyal supporters, telling them she believes "there is more that unites us than divides us."

Exit polls suggested Democrats were ready to rally around whoever the party nominates.

Nearly 7 in 10 Sanders supporters in New York said that they would definitely or probably vote for Clinton if she is the party's pick.

Sanders energized young people and liberals in New York, as he has across the country, but it wasn't enough to pull off the upset victory he desperately needed to change the trajectory of the Democratic race. Still, the Vermont senator vowed to keep competing.

"We've got a shot to victory," Sanders said in an interview with The Associated Press. However, his senior adviser Tad Devine said later that the campaign planned to "sit back and

assess where we are" after a string of contests next week.

Of the 247 Democratic delegates at stake in New York, Clinton picked up at least 135 while Sanders gained at least 104.

The fight for New York's delegate haul consumed the presidential contenders for two weeks, an eternity in the fast-moving White House race. Candidates blanketed every corner of New York, bidding for votes from Manhattan and the surrounding boroughs to the working class cities and rural enclaves that dot the rest

of the state.

The nominating contests will stay centered in the Northeast in the coming days, with Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania all holding contests next week. Sanders spent Tuesday in Pennsylvania, as did Republican Sen. Ted Cruz, Trump's closest rival.

Cruz panned Trump's win in New York as little more than "a politician winning his home state," then implored Republicans to unite around his candidacy.

"We must unite the Republican Party because doing so is the

first step in uniting all Americans," Cruz said in formal remarks.

Trump needed a strong showing in New York to keep alive his chances of sewing up the GOP nomination before the party's July convention — and to quiet critics who say the long primary season has exposed big deficiencies in his campaign effort.

Having spent months relying on a slim staff, Trump has started hiring more seasoned campaign veterans. He's acknowledged that bringing new people into his orbit may cause some strife, but says the moves were necessary at this stage of the race.

Cruz is trying to stay close enough in the delegate count to push the GOP race to a contested convention. His campaign feels confident that it's mastered the complicated process of lining up individual delegates who could shift their support to the Texas senator after a first round of convention balloting.

Trump's political strength, though he boasts of drawing new members to the party, has left some Republicans concerned that his nomination could splinter the GOP. Among Republican voters in New York, nearly 6 in 10 said the nominating contest is dividing the party.

Still, about 7 in 10 New York Republicans said the candidate with the most votes in primary contests should be the presidential nominee

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Steers, Lady Steers fall to Snyder

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers (16-5-1, 7-2) played better than most teams against the Snyder Lady Tigers (20-10, 9-0), but in the end it wasn't enough as Snyder took Tuesday's important game, 8-5.

After two well-pitched innings from both teams to start the game, the Lady Steers had two base runners with two outs in the top of the third. Snyder's Claudia Gutierrez laced a ball down the right field line that just got passed a diving MaKenzie Roberts, and Gutierrez would come all the way around to score for the three-RBI inside-the-park home run, giving her team a 3-0 lead.

The Lady Steers would come back strong in the bottom half, however. Cierra Martinez led things off with a walk and freshman Logan Terrazas stepped to the plate as a pinch-hitter for Roberts. She came through with a double to center field that scored Martinez from first. After a Mary Gomez strikeout, Mariah Sarmiento squared to bunt with one out and beat the throw to first base for an infield single. The throw sailed past the first baseman, and Terrazas scored on the error, cutting Big Spring's deficit to 3-2.

In the bottom of the fifth with Big Spring still down one, catcher Mia Oliva came to the plate with one out. She turned around a fastball and sent it deep over the left field wall, and even over the trees past the wall for a no-doubter that tied the game at three.

"That ball was crushed, it was out of here in a hurry," Big Spring head coach Howell Martin said. "I've seen her hit three or four into the top of the trees in the last couple of years, but I've never seen her clear the trees. That ball was hit as far as anybody will see in any kind of softball, I don't care what level. You can go to



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Mia Oliva crushes a home run over the trees past the left field fence to tie the game.

the World Series in Oklahoma City and you won't see a ball hit harder than that."

With two outs, Martinez continued the inning with a single up the middle. Terrazas came through again with another double deep off the right-center wall, and Martinez came around to score the go-ahead run.

"She's a phenomenal athlete. She's a four sport letterman as a freshman and you've got to find a place for her in the lineup when she does the things that she does. And I knew she was ready to break out with something like that, I just had to find the right place for her," Martin said of Terrazas.

In the top of the sixth with the Lady Steers up 4-3, Snyder's Nicole Clark reached on an infield single to shortstop to lead off the inning. Cailey Coy then singled through the hole and

into left field, and with two on, Alyssa Benetiez sacrificed both runners into scoring position. Bailey Garcia delivered a two-RBI single to center field that score both runners and gave Snyder a 5-4 lead. A Megan Leatherwood double followed by a Gutierrez would give the Lady Steers a 7-4 lead by the time the inning was over.

A 1-2-3 bottom of the sixth and another run added on in the seventh from Snyder gave the Lady Steers the tall task of needing four runs in the bottom of the seventh. Ashley Gonzales singled and made it all the way to third on an error to start the inning. She was driven home on a sacrifice fly by Jaci Aguilar, but Oliva struck out and Kamri Kemper grounded out to shortstop to end the game with the Lady Steers on the wrong side of an 8-5 final score.

"We did battle back the whole game.

I was proud of the girls for their effort, their determination, their fortitude, and coming back on many occasions. We gave ourselves chances, and that's what you've got to do," Martin said. "They had a couple of base hits at critical times, and that was the difference in the ball game."

After the game, Martin was impressed with his pitcher, Mariah Sarmiento, who held Snyder's potent offense to just five earned runs. The Lady Steers had scored 52 runs in their past three district games. "She's just absolutely incredible. She gives you everything, and will not back down from anybody," he said.

The Lady Steers will play Sweetwater at home Friday, where they'll try to get back on the winning track before the playoffs start.

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Spurs cruise to 94-68 win

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The more things change the more the San Antonio Spurs remain constant.

Twelve years to the day after holding Memphis to franchise lows in total points and points in a quarter, San Antonio put another stranglehold on the Grizzlies.

Patty Mills had 16 points, Kawhi Leonard added 13 and San Antonio never trailed in beating Memphis 94-68 on Tuesday night to sweep the first two games of the first-round series in imposing fashion.

The Grizzlies' lowest postseason production came two days after they suffered their largest postseason defeat.

"We're coming to a gunfight with some spoons," Memphis forward Matt Barnes said. "We've got to do something to try to switch this up at home next game."

If history and the Grizzlies' current state are any indication, Mem-

phis' prospects don't look good heading into a home game Friday night.

The Spurs first established those dubious records against the Grizzlies on April 19, 2004, on their way to a sweep of their first-round series.

Don't expect San Antonio to relax following 30- and 26-point victories. Not with Spurs coach Gregg Popovich telling his team to play with some pride during a timeout of a game they led by 29 points.

"You've got to fight," Leonard said. "We've got to still execute. (We) turned over the ball a lot today. They were physical. They've got hands, but there's still opportunity for us to improve. They're still an NBA team."

LaMarcus Aldridge had 10 points and eight rebounds in 26 minutes. Aldridge sat out the entire fourth quarter along with Leonard and Tony Parker while Tim Duncan and

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AP Photo/Eric Gay

San Antonio Spurs forward David West (30) scores over Memphis Grizzlies guard Jordan Farmar (4) during the second half in Game 2 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series, Tuesday, April 19, 2016, in San Antonio.

Sports Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Softball — Howard College's doubleheader with Frank Phillips has been cancelled due to rain.

THURSDAY

Track and Field — Big Spring at Lowery Field in Lubbock (Area track meet), 10 a.m.

FRIDAY

Baseball — Frank Phillips at Howard College, 12 p.m.

Softball — Western Texas at Howard College, 1 p.m.

Softball — Sweetwater at Big Spring, 5 p.m.

Baseball — Sonora at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.

Softball — Ira at Forsan, 7 p.m.

Baseball — Sweetwater at Big Spring, 7 p.m.

Baseball — Forsan at Hermleigh, 7 p.m.

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Rangers strike first in Lone Star series, 7-5 over Astros

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Ian Desmond has already shown he can make the adjustment to being an everyday outfielder. Now he wants to start hitting for the Texas Rangers.

A rested Desmond had his first two-hit game with the Rangers, while Prince Fielder and Mitch Moreland homered in a 7-5 victory over the Houston Astros on Tuesday night in the first meeting of 2016 between the AL West playoff teams from last season.

Desmond had three consecutive days off after not playing Saturday before the Rangers were rained out Sunday and had a scheduled day off Monday. It was a good break for the former All-Star shortstop in Washington who hit .109 with one RBI in his first 12 games for Texas.

"I was able to get my legs under me. I was able to look

at some video without having to make an adjustment in the game," Desmond said. "Obviously in the most humble way I can say it, I've got no doubt I'm going to hit. ... I feel like I've been, maybe in self-evaluation and being too hard on myself, I feel like I've kind of been a little bit of an anchor."

Fielder had already put Texas ahead to stay with a towering two-run homer before Desmond's RBI made later in the first inning made it 3-0 off Scott Feldman (0-2). Then in the third, Desmond doubled off the wall in center field — about a foot from being a homer — and scored on Rowned Odor's single.

"It was nice to go out there and be able to contribute," Desmond said.

"The rhythm and timing was

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Houston Astros' Scott Feldman (46) walks to the back of the mound as Texas Rangers' Prince Fielder rounds the bases following his two-run home run off of Feldman in the first inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, April 19, 2016, in Arlington, Texas. The shot scored Nomar Mazara. (AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

Plenty of QB competition in SEC's Western Division

By DAVID BRANDT

AP Sports Writer

More than a month of spring football practice has helped a few teams in the Southeastern Conference's Western Division find a new starting quarterback.

For others, the competition continues.

Alabama, Auburn and Mississippi State are among the schools still trying to decide on a No. 1 option under center.

Alabama — the defending national champion — is choosing between holdovers Cooper Bateman, Blake Barnett and David Cornwell and freshman mid-year enrollee Jalen Hurts. Bateman has the edge in experience, but it was the younger quarterbacks like Barnett and Hurts who looked the best during Saturday's spring game.

Coach Nick Saban said the Tide looked "a little quicker, a little faster, in terms of how we're moving on offense when those two were in there, especially in the first half."

Auburn's trying to decide between Jeremy Johnson, Sean White and junior college transfer John Franklin III. Johnson and White have SEC experience, but Franklin is the most athletic and arguably

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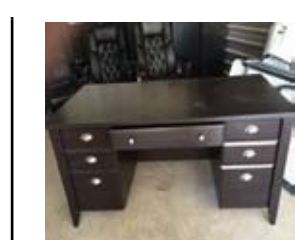
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Partnership Moon

The Taurus sun is already turning up our senses and appealing to the part of the sky that governs the material things we value. The moon's position in Libra, the sign of partnership, suggests that many will be making agreements and alliances to satisfy mutual aims. What doesn't work out now could be fruitful under tomorrow's full moon. **ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You've been trying to nestle yourself into a niche, but maybe it's not as complicated as you're making it. You know what you'd like to see and what you want to happen. Therein lies your niche. You don't have to invent anything. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). The simple courtesies you extend are what make people feel warm and comfortable in an environment.

Experience has taught you which ones: Trust yourself. Bonus: Your social graces are contagious. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're drawn to and inspired by talented people. Their skill brings them so wholly into the present moment that you become immersed in it, too, just by being audience to them. **CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You feel like you're being pulled in five directions at once. Unplug for a while. When you turn off all the glowing screens in your life and opt for just breathing, nothing else, it's remarkable how much this helps. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). There's a bit of show business to pull off today. The hype and excitement are half of the fun. Without them, this is just "business," and that wouldn't be nearly as lucky or profitable for you. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's no reason to try and push the action along -- and it wouldn't work any-

way. Sit back, relax and watch. Things will happen naturally and in their own time. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Education is your engine. As long as you're learning, you're moving forward. When the learning stops, ask a different question. One good question is all it takes to change everything. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). All gifts come with responsibilities. Sometimes the responsibility is as small as a gracious reception or a tacit agreement to keep the item. Even that is sometimes more trouble than it's worth. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The sun shines down on everyone around you in equal measure. Some bask in the warmth, and others flee from the radiation. Your life experiences have taught you how to protect yourself. You have metaphorical sunscreen. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Ask for what you need, even if the right people aren't around -- even if no one

is around! Ask anyway. Asking helps you articulate more exactly what it is you want to happen next. Also, invisible forces are listening. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It will be slow going at first, but once you commit, you'll soon find yourself in the zone. In fact, you'll kill it! You'll be particularly good at tasks that require verbal, social and athletic skill. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). There's no such thing as being permanently excited or permanently bored. You'll pass through many states of mind today -- twice as many as usual. Whatever state you're in, acknowledge its temporal nature. **TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 20). Your mastery of a skill will bring a rainbow of opportunity. Over the next three weeks, much good comes out of your affection for family. A business deal will get you into the lifestyle changes you've been wanting. Late summer brings greater intensity to your love life. A long

struggle ends favorably for you in September. Libra and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 47, 9, 14, 28 and 32. **ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm a Pisces. My birthday is March 9. I have a best friend who is a girl, and in all our 15 years of knowing each other, I never had a glimmer of feeling anything more than friendship. But lately, I can't seem to stop wondering if there could be more. Is it the comfort level or something else drawing me toward her? Sadly, I've never seen the movie 'When Harry Met Sally,' but I know it discusses how two people of the opposite sex cannot just be friends. If so, I've proved that theory wrong for at least 15 years, so I'm wondering: What now? I really do not want to jeopardize a perfect, best-friend relationship. I hope you understand my dilemma and can offer some insight. She is a Scorpio." See "When Harry Met Sally" with your

Scorpio girl. Pisces and Scorpio are fantastically compatible -- two soulful water signs, both with terrific timing. So whatever the reason you never got together before, it was perfect. And you definitely should seize the current mode of attraction and see where that goes, too. If it's not right, you'll both know. I think the strength of your connection will carry through either way. **CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Carmen Electra will star in the new comedy "Party Pieces," which tells the tale of an extraordinary weekend for seven university friends. With her sensual energy, Electra exemplifies the charms of Venus-ruled Taurus. Her moon in Leo promises that she loves the spotlight and has a natural instinct for how to command attention and entertain an audience.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I'm 55 and have been married to the same man for 27 years. Before we met, my husband had been living with "Miranda" for six years. Although Miranda has had many relationships since, she never married. All these years, my mother-in-law and two sisters-in-law have maintained a relationship with this woman, often meeting for lunch. They support and attend all her charity events. What really is galling is that they do all these things behind my back. No one even had the respect to tell me that Miranda was invited to my sister-in-law's wedding. I was a bridesmaid and was shocked to see her name on a place card for the reception. I have always been close to my husband's family. We all live in the same town, while my family is out of state. I

am constantly hosting holiday and birthday dinners for them, and helping their families with whatever arises. I have tried being the dutiful daughter and sister-in-law, but my patience is wearing thin. My husband doesn't attend these events, but he does email Miranda occasionally. I found out that my in-laws drove hours to get to her brother's funeral when my husband mentioned in passing that his sister's car broke down on the way. I am so hurt that this is going on after all these years. One day, my sisters-in-law treat me like their BFF, and the next day, they spend time with Miranda. Not only have I become distrusting of them, I have taken a major step back from our previously close relationship. Am I too sensitive and insecure, or is the situation just weird?

--Stressed
Dear Stressed: Actually, had your in-laws stopped contact with Miranda and then picked it up again after 27 years, we'd find that weird. But since they have been in touch the entire time, we'd say you shouldn't try to dictate their friendships -- even with ex-girlfriends. You believe that your in-laws are untrustworthy because they haven't told you, but we think they are sparing your feelings. They obviously tell your husband, who chooses not to transmit the information to you, likely for the same reason. Your in-laws have been friends with Miranda longer than they have known you. We suggest you tell them how hurt you are that they feel they must hide their contact with Miranda and, although you don't need to know the details, you'd prefer not to be kept in the

dark. As long as they aren't trying to undermine your marriage, you have no cause for concern, and it would be a shame to let this wreck the good relationship you've built over the years. **Dear Annie:** You printed a suggestion from "Indiana," saying that it might be easier for "Confused and Torn" to bear the loss of her beloved Pomeranian if she has the dog cremated and states in her will that she wants the ashes put in her coffin. While this is a lovely idea, it will not help to put it in her will. Wills are read after the funeral. She needs to make arrangements in advance with her family and friends, letting everyone know her wishes. -- Florida

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- Uncooked
 - Not he
 - Historic period
 - ___ back the money you owe!
 - Even though
 - If you love your mother, give ___ a kiss
 - A matter of ___
 - ___ or lose
 - Homophone of "too"
 - This chicken part is also called a drumstick
 - Homophone of "sow"

- Down**
- Homophone of "read"
 - Who ___ you?
 - Put your dirty clothes in the ___ machine
 - Ghosts
 - Headwear
 - What you see with
 - Quill ___
 - Bird that says "who"
 - A piece of ___
 - You ___ me some money!
 - Not later



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sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
You Don't Need to Be a CPA

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K 10 3 2
♥ Q 8 2
♦ A Q 3
♣ Q 10 5
WEST
♠ 6
♥ J 10 9 7 3
♦ 10 6 4
♣ K 8 4 2
EAST
♠ Q 9 8 7 4
♥ 6 5
♦ J 9 5 2
♣ 7 3
SOUTH
♠ A J 5
♥ A K 4
♦ K 8 7
♣ A J 9 6

The bidding:
East 2 NT South Pass West Pass North 6 NT
Opening lead — jack of hearts.

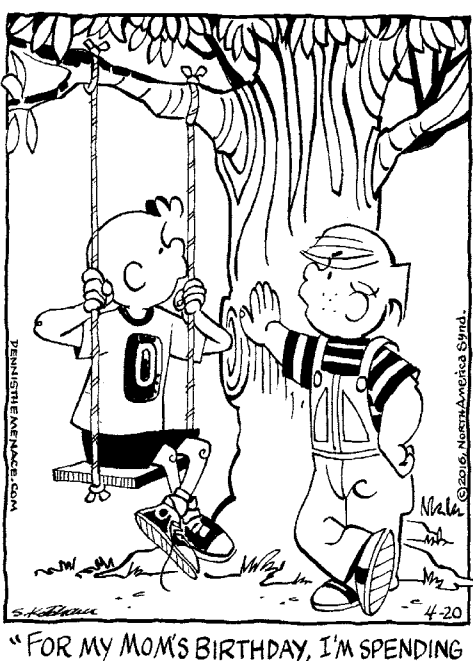
Let's say you're declarer at six notrump on a given hand, and that after the opening lead you see that you have 12 ice-cold tricks regardless of how the opponents' cards are divided. This is a happy state of affairs, you could say to yourself, but, sadly, situations like this don't occur all that often. Most of the time you'll have a choice of different ways to play the hand, and your ability to choose the best approach from two or more alternatives is what deter-

mines how good a player you are. Consider the present case where West leads the heart jack against six notrump. You win with dummy's queen, lead the queen of clubs and finesse. If East was dealt the king, the slam would be a certainty, but, unluckily, West produces the king and returns the ten of hearts. You win with the king, and since you now have 11 sure tricks, your only remaining task is to guess which way to take the two-way spade finesse. This is a matter involving skill, not luck, so you put your thinking cap on and try to solve the problem. The task proves to be an easy one, because when you cash the ace of hearts, East shows out, revealing that West started with five cards in the suit. When you next continue with three rounds of clubs, you learn that West also started with exactly four clubs. You then play the A-K-Q of diamonds, learning that West started with at least three diamonds. With 12 of West's original 13 cards accounted for, you now know he cannot hold more than one spade. You therefore cash the king of spades and return a spade to your jack, knowing the jack will win. Thanks to your careful "spadework," this finesse, unlike most others, is 100 percent certain to succeed.

Tomorrow: Trump manipulation.
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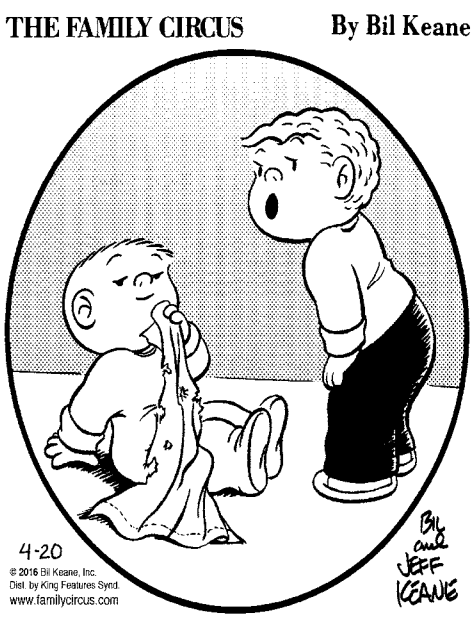
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"FOR MY MOM'S BIRTHDAY, I'M SPENDING THE DAY AT THE WILSONS."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"I used to be as cute as P.J. Right, Mommy?"

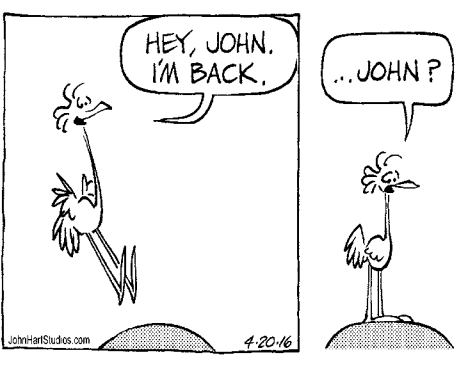
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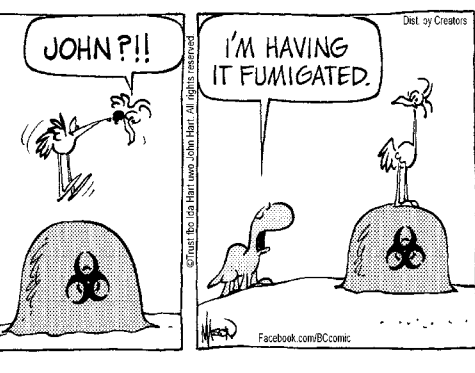
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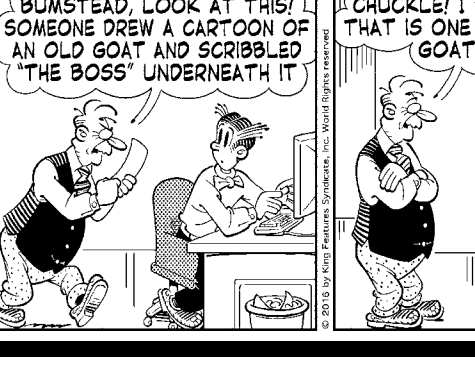
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, April 20, the 111th day of 2016. There are 255 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 20, 1916, the Chicago Cubs played their first game at Wrigley Field (then known as Weeghman Park); the Cubs defeated the Cincinnati Reds 7-6.

On this date:

In 1792, France declared war on Austria, marking the start of the French Revolutionary Wars.

In 1861, Col. Robert E. Lee resigned his commission in the United States Army. (Lee went on to command the Army of Northern Virginia, and eventually became general-in-chief of the Confederate forces.)

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed a proclamation admitting West Virginia to the Union, effective in 60 days (on June 20, 1863).

In 1889, Adolf Hitler was born in Braunau am Inn, Austria.

In 1912, Boston's Fenway Park hosted its first professional baseball game while Navin Field (Tiger Stadium) opened in Detroit. (The Red Sox defeated the New York Highlanders 7-6 in 11 innings; the Tigers

beat the Cleveland Naps 6-5 in 11 innings.)

In 1914, the Ludlow Massacre took place when the Colorado National Guard opened fire on a tent colony of striking miners; about 20 (accounts vary) strikers, women and children died.

In 1945, during World War II, allied forces took control of the German cities of Nuremberg and Stuttgart.

In 1968, Pierre Elliott Trudeau was sworn in as prime minister of Canada.

In 1972, Apollo 16's lunar module, carrying astronauts John W. Young and Charles M. Duke Jr., landed on the moon.

In 1986, following an absence of six decades, Russian-born pianist Vladimir Horowitz performed in the Soviet Union to a packed audience at the Grand Hall of the Tchaikovsky Conservatory in Moscow.

In 1999, the Columbine High School massacre took place in Colorado as two students, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, shot and killed 12 classmates and one teacher before taking their own lives.

In 2010, an explosion on the Deepwater Horizon oil platform, leased by BP, killed 11 workers and caused a blow-out that began spewing an estimated 200 million gallons of crude into the Gulf of Mexico. (The well was finally capped nearly three months later, on July

15.)

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush welcomed Chinese President Hu Jintao (hoo jin-tow) to the White House; the ceremony was interrupted by a protester who shouted to Bush to stop the Chinese leader from "persecuting the Falun Gong." Bowing to intense pressure, Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari (EE'-brah-heem ahl JAH'-fah-ree) agreed to abandon his claim to another term.

Five years ago: Two Western photojournalists, including Oscar-nominated film director Tim Hetherington, were killed in the besieged Libyan city of Misrata while covering battles between rebels and government forces. The U.S. government announced new protections for air travelers when airlines lose their bags.

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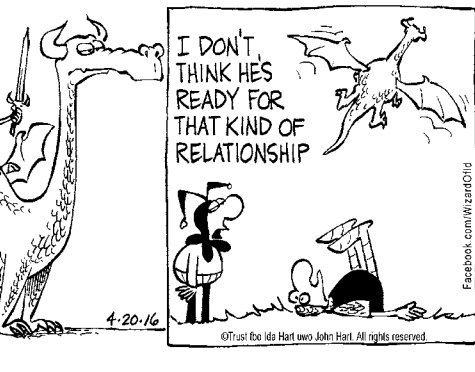
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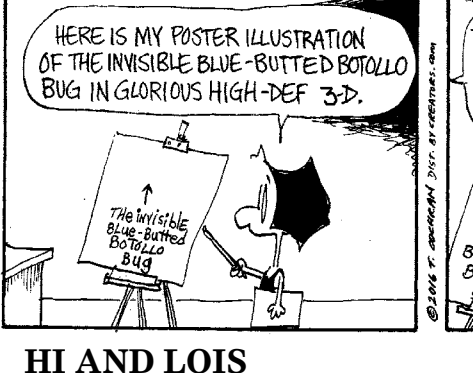
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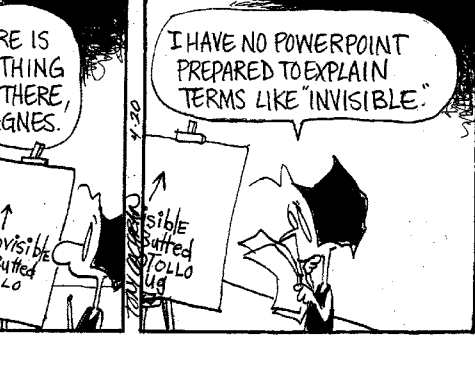
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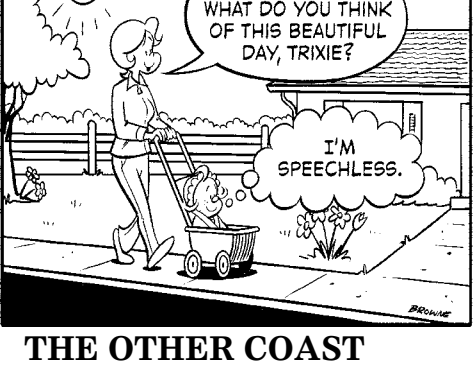
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Fill completely
 - 5 Be a big boy, slangily
 - 10 Tiff
 - 14 Roundish shape
 - 15 By oneself
 - 16 Prepare for takeoff
 - 17 Vacationers' burdens
 - 20 Cinematic success
 - 21 Gas in store signs
 - 22 Two-year-olds
 - 23 David's weapon
 - 25 Director Brooks
 - 26 Pod veggie
 - 29 Use steel wool on
 - 31 Baking (pantry staple)
 - 32 Emergency signals
 - 35 Jacket sleeves
 - 36 Pompous people
 - 40 Penn of films
 - 41 Proverb
 - 42 Close friend
 - 43 Small songbird
 - 45 Goopy campfire snack
 - 48 Nothing but
 - 49 Shack
 - 50 A wee hr.
 - 52 Headed for overtime
 - 54 Matterhorn's range
 - 57 X-ray alternative
 - 58 Interviewer's traps
 - 62 Just sitting around
 - 63 Money in Madrid
- DOWN**
- 1 Class of 2018, today
 - 2 Is of use to
 - 3 Military maneuver
 - 4 Caribou kin
 - 5 Constructed
 - 6 "Not to mention . . ."
 - 7 Part of speech
 - 8 Prefix meaning "singular"
 - 9 Stroked, as a dog
 - 10 Doc's "Right now!"
 - 11 Customs document
 - 12 Logger's implement
 - 13 "My country ___ of thee"
 - 18 Inundate
 - 19 Carbonated drink
 - 24 A real drag
 - 25 Unlike rolling stones
 - 27 Shade trees
 - 28 Billboard displays
 - 30 UK fliers
 - 31 Family auto
 - 34 Bowling button
 - 35 Most common inert gas
 - 36 Formal mark of approval
 - 37 Unlikely story
 - 38 That guy's
 - 39 Nearest the center
 - 40 Mani-pedi locale
 - 43 "This is fun!"
 - 44 Ship's steering blade
 - 46 Video console gadget
 - 47 Merited
 - 51 Fine rains
 - 53 Midmonth day
 - 54 Charismatic glow
 - 55 People born before Virgos
 - 56 "I've got a secret!"
 - 58 Ignited
 - 59 Keats creation
 - 61 Art movement suffix

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Texas A&M is hopeful that Trevor Knight can build on the quarterbacking experience he got at Oklahoma University.

SEC

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the best suited to run coach Gus Malzahn's zone read offense.

The next Mississippi State quarterback has the unenviable task of replacing Dak Prescott, who is widely regarded as the best player in program history after throwing for more than 9,000 yards and running for about 2,500 more in his career.

Nick Fitzgerald, Elijah Staley, Damian Williams and Nick Tiano are locked in a four-man race for the job. Fitzgerald was Prescott's primary backup last season, but the redshirt freshman Tiano has impressed the coaching staff.

Here's a breakdown of some of the major issues facing each of the SEC West teams as they exit spring practice.

ALABAMA: The Crimson Tide will try to replace Heisman Trophy-winning running back Derrick Henry, who ran for 2,219 yards and 28 touchdowns last season. The two main candidates are sophomores Damien Harris and Bo Scarbrough, who were both former five-star prospects. Harris ran for 114 yards in an impressive spring game, but that was mostly against the team's backup defense.

ARKANSAS: Austin Allen, who is the younger brother of last year's starting quarterback Brandon Allen, came into spring practice as the favorite to become the next Arkansas

quarterback and didn't disappoint. Coach Bret Bielema was confident enough in the younger Allen's performance that he named him the starter last week. The Razorbacks will play their spring game on Saturday. The Razorbacks do have some questions at running back following the early departures of Alex Collins and Jonathan Williams. Sophomore Rawleigh Williams was held out of spring drills because a neck injury and senior Kody Walker, who is back for a sixth season, broke his foot and is out until June. Incoming freshman Devwah Whaley will also be in the mix.

AUBURN: The Tigers might have uncertainty at quarterback, but no such concerns exist on the defensive line. Auburn should be very deep at that position with talented veterans like Carl Lawson and Montravius Adams being supplemented by young players like Byron Cowart and Marlon Davidson.

LSU: The Tigers have a sturdy, star running back in Leonard Fournette, who wasn't asked to do much this spring considering coach Les Miles is well aware of his talent. LSU does have 18 starters returning, including quarterback Brandon Harris. The Tigers hope Harris continues to improve — he threw for 2,165 yards and 13 touchdowns last season while completing 53.8 percent of his passes. LSU also must replace both of its offensive tackles from last season. Sophomore Maea Teuhema, who started 11 games at guard last season,

sophomore Toby Weathersby and junior K.J. Malone are among top candidates to fill those two spots in the fall.

OLE MISS: The Rebels should be fine under center with Chad Kelly returning for a second straight season as the starter. Now they'll try to replace three potential NFL first-round draft picks in receiver Laquon Treadwell, left tackle Laremy Tunsil and defensive lineman Robert Nkemdiche. Ole Miss hopes talented players like defensive lineman Breeland Speaks and receivers Damore'ea Stringfellow and Quincy Adebeyejo can step into larger roles. Ole Miss was the only school in the SEC that didn't have a spring game because Vaught-Hemingway Stadium is undergoing substantial renovations.

MISSISSIPPI STATE: The Bulldogs' defense has had an extensive makeover during the offseason after coordinator Manny Diaz left for Miami. Coach Dan Mullen hired former USC assistant Peter Sirmon as his replacement. The Bulldogs have several experienced players returning on defense, including defensive lineman A.J. Jefferson, linebacker Richie Brown and safety Brandon Bryant.

TEXAS A&M: The Aggies hope they've found their starting quarterback in Trevor Knight, a senior who transferred from Oklahoma. He started 15 games during his time with the Sooners. Knight was recently named the starter by coach Kevin Sumlin.

STEERS

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"We know that we need to go in and regain momentum and play well going into the playoffs. It's a building game for us, we need to go in there and have a good ball game," Martin said.

The first pitch is scheduled for 5 p.m.

The Steers (9-15, 3-5) also lost to Snyder (17-8, 7-1) Tuesday, 3-1. The Tigers won the previous meeting in 12 innings.

The Steers fell behind 1-0 early, and Snyder added a run in the fifth and the sixth inning to get to the top of the seventh up 3-0. Big Spring put a rally together with back-to-back walks after a leadoff fly out, and Matthew Tarrats would score from

second base on an error from Snyder trying to turn a double play. With two outs and Tristan Myrick on first, Anthony Godwin singled to give the Steers two on with two outs, but Riley Henson would end the game on a line out to third base.

Big Spring's Matthew Wood pitched a solid 5.1 innings, giving up only two earned runs on four hits. Myrick relieved him in the sixth without allowing a hit.

Godwin led the offense with a 3-for-4 performance. The rest of the team combined to go 3-for-20 in the loss.

The Steers will take on the Sweetwater Mustangs (13-8, 6-2) at home in an important matchup Friday at 7 p.m. Big Spring currently trails Estacado (10-17, 4-4) by one game for third place in the district.

TEXAS

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a lot better, a little more linear with the swing, something he was working on," manager Jeff Banister said. "He still was aggressive with the swing. ... He let the barrel get through the zone."

Jose Altuve and George Springer homered for the Astros, going back-to-back in the seventh to get within 6-4.

Moreland lined a homer just over the wall in right field in the seventh for Texas, which last year won 13 of the 19 games between the Lone Star State teams and claimed the division title by two games over Houston.

Derek Holland (2-0), the first left-handed starter Houston faced this season, allowed two runs while throwing 105 pitches in five innings.

Shawn Tolleson, the sixth Texas pitcher, worked the ninth inning for his fourth save in five chances. He gave up a leadoff walk to pinch-hitter Colby Rasmus, who scored on a groundout by Altuve.

Feldman, who had a career-high 17 wins pitching for Texas in 2009, was charged with four runs in five innings. He needed 41 pitches to get out of the first, but threw fewer than Holland overall.

"Well, (the first) put us in a hole, put him in a hole," manager A.J. Hinch said. "He just couldn't put away hitters. They had a lot of guys that put swings on the ball with two strikes and found a way to do something. ... Every time we did something, they seemed to answer back."

ALMOST GONE
Along with Desmond's near homer, Houston's Marwin Gonzalez had a ball that just missed

going over the 14-foot wall in left field, and Rangers shortstop Elvis Andrus had a double off the top of that taller wall.

Andrus trotted to first base, but took off sprinting when the ball ricocheted back onto the field. Third baseman Adrian Beltre gave him a stern look and when Andrus got in the dugout after scoring on a double by Brett Nicholas, Beltre stared him down.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: RHP Lance McCullers, who started the season on the DL with a sore shoulder, threw a bullpen Tuesday and will likely throw another one Friday when the team gets back to Houston. ... C Max Stassi is in a regular routine of batting practice and catching drills as part of his rehab after surgery to remove a bone from his left wrist. He is close to getting in some extended spring training games.

Rangers: Josh Hamilton will go back to the Rangers' spring training complex in Arizona when the team leaves for a weekend series in Chicago. Hamilton, recovering from offseason knee surgery, hopes to start a rehab assignment at Double-A Frisco by April 30.

UP NEXT
Astros: Doug Fister (1-1) starts for the fourth time at Texas, where he is 0-2 with an 11.85 ERA — starting in 2009 for Seattle, then 2012 and 2013 for Detroit. The right-hander has allowed 19 runs (18 earned) and five homers in 13 2/3 innings there.

Rangers: LHP Cole Hamels (2-0) pitches on extra rest. Hamels had been scheduled to pitch Tuesday night, but was pushed back a day when the Rangers kept Holland in line after they were rained out Sunday before a scheduled day off Monday.

SPURS

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Danny Green made brief appearances.

Tony Allen led Memphis with 12 points and Zach Randolph had 11 points and 12 rebounds.

After matching a franchise low with a 13-point first quarter in Game 1, the Grizzlies lowered that mark by tying a franchise low for any quarter with 11 points in Tuesday's opening period.

"I think bringing that energy and effort that's one thing that we try to do," Mills said.

The Grizzlies continued to struggle to find consistency on offense without injured starters Marc Gasol and Mike Conley.

Memphis took 20 more shots than San Antonio in falling behind 2-0.

"It doesn't matter where we play, we've just got to play better," Barnes said. "We can play here, we can play at the YMCA, we can play in Memphis; it doesn't matter where we play at if we play the way we've been playing the court doesn't matter. It's on the players we've got to do a better job executing."

Randolph's struggles continued after he was held to six points in the opener. He opened the game shooting 1 for 5 and Aldridge hit two mid-range jumpers against him.

"I just think LaMarcus played excellent defense tonight," Popovich said. "We didn't double-team (Randolph) or anything like that. If he got in the lane, we tried to make a play I guess, but mostly L.A. gets the credit for doing a fine job on a great player."

NOT HAPPY
Barnes wants to play more after being limited to nine points in 29:58.

"I don't want to play 20 minutes getting beat so bad," he said. "I want to play 40-45 minutes and swing every second we can. I don't want to save nothing, nothing should be in the tank. I'm not even tired right now, it's frustrating."

HISTORY REPEATING
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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks during a New York primary night campaign event Tuesday in New York.

Trump's NY win comes after serious campaign restructuring

NEW YORK (AP) — Even as he secured a commanding win in his home state of New York on Tuesday, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump is continuing to shake up his campaign with new staff, new strategy and an overhauled campaign structure strikingly late in the game.

After several difficult weeks marked by a series of losses, Trump sounded confident Tuesday night as he predicted victories in upcoming states that would help him clinch the nomination ahead of his party's convention. But the win comes amid a serious campaign restructuring that has led to confusion about chains of command and less influential roles for Trump's previously insular inner circle.

Newly-hired campaign veteran Paul Manafort's role as convention manager has been growing behind the scenes.

"We're in a different phase of the campaign. And being in a different phase of the campaign requires different skills," Manafort told reporters after Trump delivered his victory speech in Manhattan. "We're in a phase where the end game requires winning smart, meaning we have to focus on not just winning the states, but what congressional districts we

win and things like that. We're bringing that into the campaign."

Trump last month hired Manafort, a veteran of Republican conventions, to oversee his delegate strategy as he scrambles to lock down a majority of delegates by the end of June. The campaign also announced last week that Rick Wiley, who previously managed Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker's campaign, had been hired as national political director, overseeing the campaign's field operations. The campaign is expected to announce additional hires soon.

"Not just me — he wants to bring on other people as well," Manafort said. "We're expanding the campaign. We're building a campaign that's got depth now, not just across the board." But the shakeup hasn't been embraced by all. Trump's national field director, Stuart Jolly, tendered his resignation Monday — on the eve of New York's crucial presidential primary. The decision was met by disappointment among many of his campaign field staffers, who viewed the departure as a significant loss.

In a telephone interview with Fox News Tuesday morning, Trump insisted that everyone on his growing staff "seems to be getting

along pretty well." But he also acknowledged the potential for bruised egos when asked how his loyal inner circle has responded to what Trump described as the addition of "very high-level people" to his team.

"When you bring other people in, I could see some people, their feelings get a little bit hurt," he said. "But frankly, you know, we're in a position where we'd like to see if we can close it out."

According to people familiar with the changes, Manafort has increasingly taken on a pivotal role and has been tasked with bringing on new people with more presidential campaign experience.

The changes have prompted questions about the role of Trump's longtime cam-

paign manager Corey Lewandowski, who was front-and-center Tuesday night, chatting with reporters and embracing supporters after Trump's win was announced.

"We're growing, baby, we're growing!" he said when asked about his role.

Manafort also brushed aside suggestions that he had become the campaign's de-facto new manager. "We've divided the roles, we're working together, Donald Trump is our boss and we're very happy," he said.

But the tensions are clear. While Manafort stressed a new focus on policy, with new advisers on the way, Lewandowski downplayed Trump's plans to deliver a series of policy speeches.

Superdelegates put Clinton on path to clinch before California

WASHINGTON (AP) — With her New York win, Hillary Clinton's support among superdelegates puts her on a solid track to clinch the Democratic nomination outright before the national convention — even before results are known from the California primary, which Bernie Sanders was counting on winning to stand a chance.

Clinton added 33 new endorsements from superdelegates over the past month, according to a new Associated Press survey, expanding her already overwhelming support among the party officials who can back any candidate they choose, despite Sanders' recent string of victories in Wisconsin and the West. Sanders picked up just seven endorsements. Based on primaries and caucuses alone, the latest AP delegate count, including New York, shows that Clinton leads, 1,428 to 1,151. Including superdelegates, the race stands at 1,930 to 1,189, for Clinton. Looking at just superdelegates, Clinton has 502, while Sanders has 38. Sanders must now win 73 percent of the remaining delegates and uncommitted superdelegates to get the nomination. It takes 2,383 to win.

Key to Sanders' comeback plan was winning over superdelegates by demonstrating strength in delegate-rich New York and California. Their strategy: find a way to overtake Clinton in the number of delegates won from primaries and caucuses, and then make the

case to superdelegates at the convention in July to follow the will of voters. Never before have superdelegates lifted a candidate who trailed in the number of delegates from primaries and caucuses to the Democratic nomination.

But after Sanders' loss in New York, if Clinton does as well as expected in next week's primaries in the Northeast, she's certain to clinch the nomination with superdelegate help with the New Jersey primary on June 7, whose polls close three hours ahead of California that same day. Clinton will need to split contests fairly evenly with Sanders in May, which include Indiana and Oregon. Stronger wins in upcoming states — or a wave of new superdelegate support for Clinton — will move that date up sooner.

Responding to the disparity in superdelegate support, the Sanders campaign acknowledged Wednesday it hadn't been able to fully make the case to the party establishment that Sanders would be a stronger candidate in a general election, leaving the door open for reassessment of his candidacy in the coming weeks.

"The contribution that Bernie is making in bringing independents and young people into the process is invaluable, so there's no reason to shortchange the party by not letting him go all the way to California," said Sanders senior strategist Tad Devine.

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