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## Ending on a good note

### BSHS band wraps up a successful school year

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School band program wrapped up an "exceptional year" in Austin this past Saturday at state UIL solo and ensemble contest, according to band director Rocky Harris.

"The year was absolutely way above average, very exceptional, all our competitions went real well," Harris said. "We had outstanding all-staters, solo and ensemble state qualifiers, state wind ensemble appearance again and another Sweepstakes award. It is as good as it gets."

In Austin, tuba player Alex Rivera, who placed first chair in All-State Band back in February, earned a Division I (a superior rating) for his solo contest performance, Harris said. Other BSBS band members competing at state were Abbey Bryan, Karleigh Moore, Makaila Phillips, Cassandra Sosn. Aaron Blacksear, Dylan Claude, William Davis, Kenrik Kennemur, Nathan Permenter, Donovan Salinas, Carlos Correa, Adam Gonzales, Marcos Haro, Brandon Hilario, Casey Shubert, Robert Sotelo, Hannah Valencia, Caitlin Aaron, Abbey Bryan, and Danielle Conner.

This past Saturday's competition caps off a stellar year

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Courtesy photos

Above, the Big Spring High School band practices prior to the start of the All-State Wind Ensemble competition in Austin. Below, these nine Big Spring High School band students earned gold medals for their performance at All-State Wind Ensemble competition. They are Joshua Baker, Haleyna Davidson, Jessica Reyes, Matilde Sotelo, Michael Reyes, Alexess Sosa, and flautist Caitlin Aaron, clarinetist Abbey Bryan, and oboist Danielle Conner.



## Expect a cooler summer

### Forecasters calling for milder temps in coming months

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

If weather forecasters are right, the next few months won't be the "Long, Hot Summer" West Texans have become used to in recent years.

Think of it, instead, as the "Long, Damp, and Slightly Cooler Summer."

Michael Carter, a meteorologist with The Weather Network, believes this area will be in for a bit of a break temperature-wise compared to recent years. It'll still get hot this summer, but 100 degree days are expected to be the rare exception rather than the rule.

"We're really not seeing the oppressive heat we've been seeing in past years," Carter said. "We expect a cooler pattern this summer, with high temperatures ranging from the high 80s to the low 90s."

And all this rain the area has been getting? Don't expect it to end anytime soon, he added.

"We're getting into the stormy season for this area," he said. "As those systems move through this area ... I think we'll continue to see storms through at least the early part of summer."

The reason for this expected respite from hot, dry conditions lies with the earlier-than-expected

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## Big Spring Rodeo returns June 16-18

Special to the Herald

The 83rd annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is set for June 16-18 in the Encana Big Spring Rodeo Bowl at the corner of FM 700 and Business 20 West. Gates open at 7 p.m. nightly and the Grand Entry starts at 8 p.m.

Returning to the Big Spring Rodeo is Mike Mathis, who will be announcing the action from horseback while in the arena. Award-winning rodeo clown Keith Isley will provide entertainment throughout the event.

As a special bonus for the 2016 rodeo, trick rider Madison McDonald will appear. This 23-year-old has performed throughout Canada and the United States. The Stephenville, Texas native has been selected five consecutive years as one of the Na-



tional Finals Rodeo contract acts. She is sponsored by Par-tee Drilling.

On Saturday, June 18, the Rodeo Parade will take place to usher in the last day of the Rodeo. The parade will be held in downtown Big Spring beginning at 8 a.m. in the morning. To enter a float, con-

tact Coley Dobbs by e-mail at [dobbssc@coahoma.esc18.net](mailto:dobbssc@coahoma.esc18.net).

Special rodeo events include:

- Mutton Busting. There is a \$40 entry fee for this event and an age and weight limit for the youngsters. Call 432-267-8041 to register.
- Shetland Bronc Riding.

The registration fee for this event is \$50. For more information call 432-254-7377

Carr Pro Rodeo provides the stock and produces the rodeo during the three night run.

• Rodeo dances take place in the Howard County Fair Barn beginning at 9:30 p.m.. The Friday, June 17 dance features Jake Hooker and the Outsiders. Alon and 7-11 are sponsors for the Saturday dance which features the Rocky King Band. Tickets are \$10 per person.

Sponsors for the Rodeo are Guardian Energy Services, The Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) and The Berry Ranch.

Box seats are available for the rodeo for \$300 each. The price includes six tickets per night.

For more information call Cash Berry at 432-264-5110.

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Obituaries

Maria Acosta



Maria Acosta, 75, died Monday, May, 30, 2016, at Stanton Nursing and Rehabilitation. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with burial at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Stanton.

She is survived by her husband, Frank Acosta, Sr. of Lenorah; four children, Frank Acosta Jr. of Big Spring, Josie Acosta of Fort Worth, Thomas

Acosta and his wife Norma of Round Rock, and Diana Acosta and her husband Guillermo Andres of Fort Worth; six grandchildren, Frank Anthony Acosta of Big Spring, Eric Arguijo of Big Spring, Abriella Arguijo of Fort Worth, Aaron Arguijo of Fort Worth, Isabella Acosta of Round Rock, and Diego Acosta of Round Rock; one brother, Fred Garza of Lenorah; and one sister: Eloise Aguirre of Lenorah.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Felix Garza and Florencio Garza, Jr., and one grandson, Adam Arguijo.

Pallbearers will be Fred Garza Jr., Jimmy Garza, Joe Acosta, Manuel Aguirre, Felix Garza Jr., and Florencio Garza III. Honorary Pallbearers will be Joel Garza, Timmy Garza, Willie Aguirre, and Lawrence Aguirre.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid obituary

Nancy Patricia "Pat" Nash

Nancy Patricia "Pat" Nash, 83, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 31, 2016. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

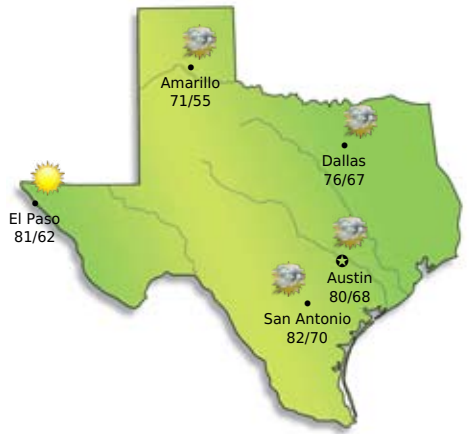
Mary Ellis

Mary Ellis, 94, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Table with 5 columns: Day (Thu 6/2 to Mon 6/6), High/Low temperatures, and weather conditions.

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

Table listing weather forecasts for area cities including Abilene, Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Corsicana, Dallas, Del Rio, El Paso, Fort Stockton, Gainesville, Greenville, Houston, Kingsville, Livingston, Longview, Lubbock, Lufkin, Midland, Raymondville, Rosenberg, San Antonio, San Marcos, Sulphur Springs, Sweetwater, Tyler, Weatherford, and Wichita Falls.

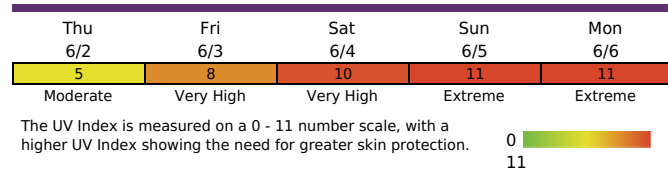
National Cities

Table listing weather forecasts for national cities including Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, New York, Phoenix, San Francisco, Seattle, and Saint Louis.

Moon Phases



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- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of Drake.
• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1300 block of S. Birdwell.
• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 200 block of Carey Street.
• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans.
• FALSE FIRE ALARM was reported in the 2000 block of Goliad.
• FALSE FIRE ALARM was reported in the 1600 block of S. Lancaster.
• FALSE FIRE ALARM was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

Blum's Jewelers advertisement featuring a couple and jewelry, with text: 'One beautiful place. Together. Inside Spring Town Plaza Monday-Sat. 10am-6pm'.

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Israel Miramontes



Israel Miramontes, 32, of Big Spring, died Monday, May 30, 2016. Vigil service will be held Thursday, June 2, 2016 at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Nov. 21, 1983 in Big Spring, Texas. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County and Big Spring. He worked at LaPosada and was presently working at Spanish

Inn.

He is survived by one daughter, Juliana Miramontes of Big Spring, one son, Israel Aiden Miramontes, also of Big Spring; his mother, Bonnie Cantu of Big Spring; his father, Arthur Miramontes of Big Spring; two sisters, Valerie Garcia and Cristal Lopez of Big Spring and a brother, Epifiano Guzman. He is also survived by his grandmothers, Yolanda Vela and Delfina Leos, both of Big Spring and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Police, Sheriff, Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- CLAUDIA YVETTE BARRAZA, 34, of 1501 Wood was arrested on a warrant for disregarding a stop sign and bail jumping/failure to appear/fine only.
• RILEY DON BROOKS, 26, of 700 E Borden Street was arrested on a warrant for theft of property, less than \$100, and failure to appear.
• DAVID EUGENE WILLIAMS, 49, of 1100 Wood Street was arrested on a warrant for expired registration, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, and two counts of expired drivers license.
• DARRICK KYLE SHIFFLETT, 28, of 6010 S Service Road was arrested on a warrant for interference with emergency request for assistance.
• NOAH SIDNEY BRAKE, 19, of 801 E 18th Street was arrested on a warrant for theft of property, greater than \$100 but less than \$750.
• TERRY JOE CONWAY, 54, of 2001 Morrison Drive was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
• ZACHARY SCOTT LYON, 40, of 604 Caylor Drive was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
• DEWAYNE NICHOLAS GLENN, 28, of 607 W 16th Street was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
• JOSHUA LEE MARSH, 22, of 1904 E 25th Street was arrested on a charge of failure to identify/giving false information and a warrant from another agency.
• CHRISTOPHER LENN ULIBARRI, 47, of 102 Garden Circle was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated-open container.
• DISTURBANCE was reported in the 600 block of S Bell Street.
• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 5000 block of Callahan Road.
• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1400 block of E 6th Street.
• THEFT was reported in the 2400 block of Morrison, the 600 block of Brian Road, the 3600 block of W Hwy 80, the 1600 block of S Gregg Street, and the 1800 block of S Gregg.
• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported on the corner of Birdwell and Stadium.
• BURGLARY OF HABITATION was reported in the 1400 block of N Hwy 87.
• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of E 4th Street.
• STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of S Goliad Street.

the HCSO on a warrant for burglary of vehicle.

- CLAUDIA YVETTE BARRAZA, 34, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for running a stop sign and failure to appear.
• NOAH SIDNEY BRAKE, 18, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of property, greater than \$100 but less than \$750.
• RILEY DON BROOKS, 26, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for theft of property, \$100, and failure to appear.
• RILEY DON BROOKS, 26, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for expired registration, no driver's license when unlicensed, and violation of promise to appear.
• TERRY JOE CONWAY, 54, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for contempt of court-failure to appear.
• ADRIAN RICARDO DEHOYOS, 24, was booked by the HCSO on theft of property, greater than \$750 but less than \$2,500.
• DEWAYNE NICHOLAS GLENN, 28, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for driving with invalid license with previous conviction/suspension.
• RICKY RICARDO LOPEZ, 26, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for evading arrest detention with vehicle.
• ZACHARY SCOTT LYON, 40, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for accident involving damage to vehicle.
• JOSHUA MARSH, 22, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for theft of property, greater than \$50 but less than \$500 and a charge of failure to identify.
• ROBERT RIVERA, 45, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for burglary of habitation.
• DARRICK KYLE SHIFFLETT, 28, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for interfering with an emergency call.
• CLETE MATTHEW STONE, 32, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for forgery of a financial instrument.
• CHRISTOPHER LENN ULIBARRI, 47, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated/open alcohol.
• FINNIE VAUGHN WAGGNOR, 23, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.
• DAVID EUGENE WILLIAMS, 49, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for displaying expired registration, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, and two counts of expired drivers license.

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3700 block of Wright.

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# Take note

• Scholarship auditions for the Howard College "High Kicking Hawks" dance team will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday in Studio No. 140 in the Hall Center for the Arts on the HC campus. For more information, contact Trish Matchen at [tmatchen@howardcollege.edu](mailto:tmatchen@howardcollege.edu) or call 432-264-5161.

• Vacation Bible School at College Baptist Church will be June 5 through 9 from 6 to 9 p.m. The theme this year is "Submerged: Dive Deep at VBS". and the program is accepting children who have just completed Kindergarten through those who have just completed sixth grade. College Baptist Church is located at 1105 Birdwell Lane. For more information or to schedule bus pickup, call the church at 267-7429.

• The Big Spring High School Art Club will host an Art Camp Monday through Friday, June 20-24, at the high school art room in the vocational building. The camp is for seven to 12 year olds and the cost \$100 per child. The class has a limit of 20 students per session. Two sessions are available, 10 to 12 years old, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and seven to nine year olds, noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Andrea Phinney at [anphinney@bsisd.esc18.net](mailto:anphinney@bsisd.esc18.net) or call 432-264-3641 and leave a message.

• 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](mailto: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.

• Bailey Pittman is raising money to go on an 11 month mission trip to 11 countries. It's called the The World Race with the non-denominational ministry, Adventures in Missions. She and her team-

mates will be living in tents most of that 11 months while serving the needy and spreading the Gospel. Despite the primitive conditions she needs to raise at least \$17,000 to join her mission team. Would you consider helping Bailey? If you want to donate directly to Bailey or follow her journey, see her blog at [www.baileypittman.theworldrace.org](http://www.baileypittman.theworldrace.org). Also, Dr. David Ward is collecting for Bailey. Checks should be made to "Adventures in Missions" and also put "Bailey Pittman" on the note section of your check. You can mail or drop it by Dr. Ward's office at 1500 Scurry St.

• 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,

• 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 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](mailto:danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us)

• 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.

• 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.

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Maria Acosta, 75, died Monday. Vigil services will be at 7:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM Thursday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with burial at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Stanton.

Ofilia Flores, 92, died Sunday. Vigil services will be at 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Nancy Patricia "Pat" Nash, 83, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

Israel Miramontes, 32, died Monday. Vigil services will be at 7:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mary Ellis, 94, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

## SUMMER

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weakening of El Niño, the term used for the band of warm ocean water across the tropical Pacific that heavily influences weather patterns in this area, and the emer-

gence of La Niña, a band or cooler water in that region.

"Weather trends in this area have been driven by that pattern since late fall, and we think (El Niño) is breaking down a little bit," Carter said. "The big question is how the new pattern will effect weather into late summer."

Although Carter and his

colleagues can predict certain long-range weather patterns with a certain degree of confidence, there's no way to anticipate how severe that weather will be, which means it is unknown at this point if this area will suffer through another round of tornados or hail.

"Storms of that nature de-

velop in the very short term, so there's no way we can anticipate something like tornados much more than 24 hours in advance," he said.

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## BAND

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of accolades for the "Pride Drive."

In early May, the band returned again to the All-State Wind Ensemble competition held in Austin at the University of Texas Bates Recital Hall, touting a very special piece of music in its contest program.

"We commissioned a work we premiered here at St. Mary's Episcopal Church last year for band and organ," Harris said. "We got per-

mission to play it down there with a professional organists and, on top of that, we had nine kids earn gold medals for outstanding performers. We were the second most decorated band of the day."

Those gold medalists were the entire saxophone section — Joshua Baker, Haleyna Davidson, Jessica Reyes, Matilde Sotelo, Michael Reyes and Alexess Sosa — and flautist Caitlin Aaron, clarinetist Abbey Bryan, and oboist Danielle Conner.

The composer of the piece, "In Dulci Jubilo,"

is Dr. Donald Grantham, composition profession at UT, and he was in the audience during the performance, Harris mentioned. Also there was Linda Hill, music director for St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Harris said the piece was commissioned in dedication to Hill and St. Mary's. For the past 17 years, BSHS has held a mid-afternoon Christmas concert at St. Mary's. Hill has been integral in making those concerts a reality.

"There were a lot of college band directors there so I anticipate lots

of college bands will be playing this piece," Harris said. "What is great about this music is it is kind of a Christmas song and its written at a certain level of difficulty."

In order to play "In Dulci Jubilo," the band switched out one of its pieces in the band's award-winning UIL district concert and sight-reading contest program. Held earlier this year, the band not only received a Division I rating at District UIL but also earned another Sweepstakes award. Sweepstakes are given to bands that earn a Division I in district Marching contest and



Concert and Sight Reading competition within the academic year.

"We do go into each year thinking we have to make things better," said Harris. "But when we do so well and its even better than what you expected, it gratifying and it makes me proud for my students."

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# Check this out: What's at the library

This week, I have quite a few books that I want to tell you about:

- "Echoes of Titanic" by Mindy Starns Clark and John Campbell Clark (F CLA M) tells the story of Kelsey Tate and her great-grandmother Adele, who endured the sinking of the Titanic and made it safely to America.



MONICA MAETINEZ

Kelsey is a rising star at Brennan & Tate, the firm Adele helped to establish 100 years ago. Now facing a hostile takeover, the firm's origins are challenged when new facts emerge about Adele's actions on Titanic's tragic last night. Kelsey tries to defend the company and the great-grandmother she has long admired, but the stakes are raised when someone close to her is found dead. Forced to seek help from Cole Thornton, a man Kelsey once loved and lost, she pursues mysteries both past and present. Aided by Cole and strengthened by the faith she had all but forgotten in her climb up the corporate ladder, Kelsey races the clock to defend her family legacy, her livelihood, and ultimately her life.

- "Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes (F MOY J) is about Louisa Clark, an ordinary girl living an ordinary life. She takes a badly needed job working for ex-Master of the Universe Will Traynor, who is wheelchair-bound after an accident. Will has always lived a huge life and is not interested in exploring a new one. Will is moody and bossy, but Lou refuses to treat him with kid gloves. Soon, his happiness means more to her than she expected. When she learns that Will has shocking plans of his own, Lou sets out to show him that life is

still worth living.

- In "Perfect Alibi" by Melody Carlson (LP F CAR M), Mallory Myers' friend is murdered and the killer is coming for her next. The problem is, no one believes her and she is considered a suspect. Her ex-boyfriend has everyone fooled, but Mallory knows what he is capable of doing. She flees to her hometown and finds refuge in fire chief, Logan McDaniel. As the murderer toys with her, Logan vows to protect her and find a way to break the killer's airtight alibi if it's the last thing he does.

- "What We Find" by Robyn Carr (LP F CAR R) finds Maggie Sullivan in the middle of a lawsuit when a high-risk neurosurgery procedure results in the death of a teenager. She knows she needs to slow down and the best place she can think of is Sullivan's Crossing, the land that now belongs to her eccentric father. Shortly after arriving, Maggie's world is rocked once again, and she must take on more responsibility than she had planned. When a quiet and serious-looking hiker offers to lend a hand, Maggie is suspicious of his eagerness to help until she finds out the true reason for his deliberate isolation.

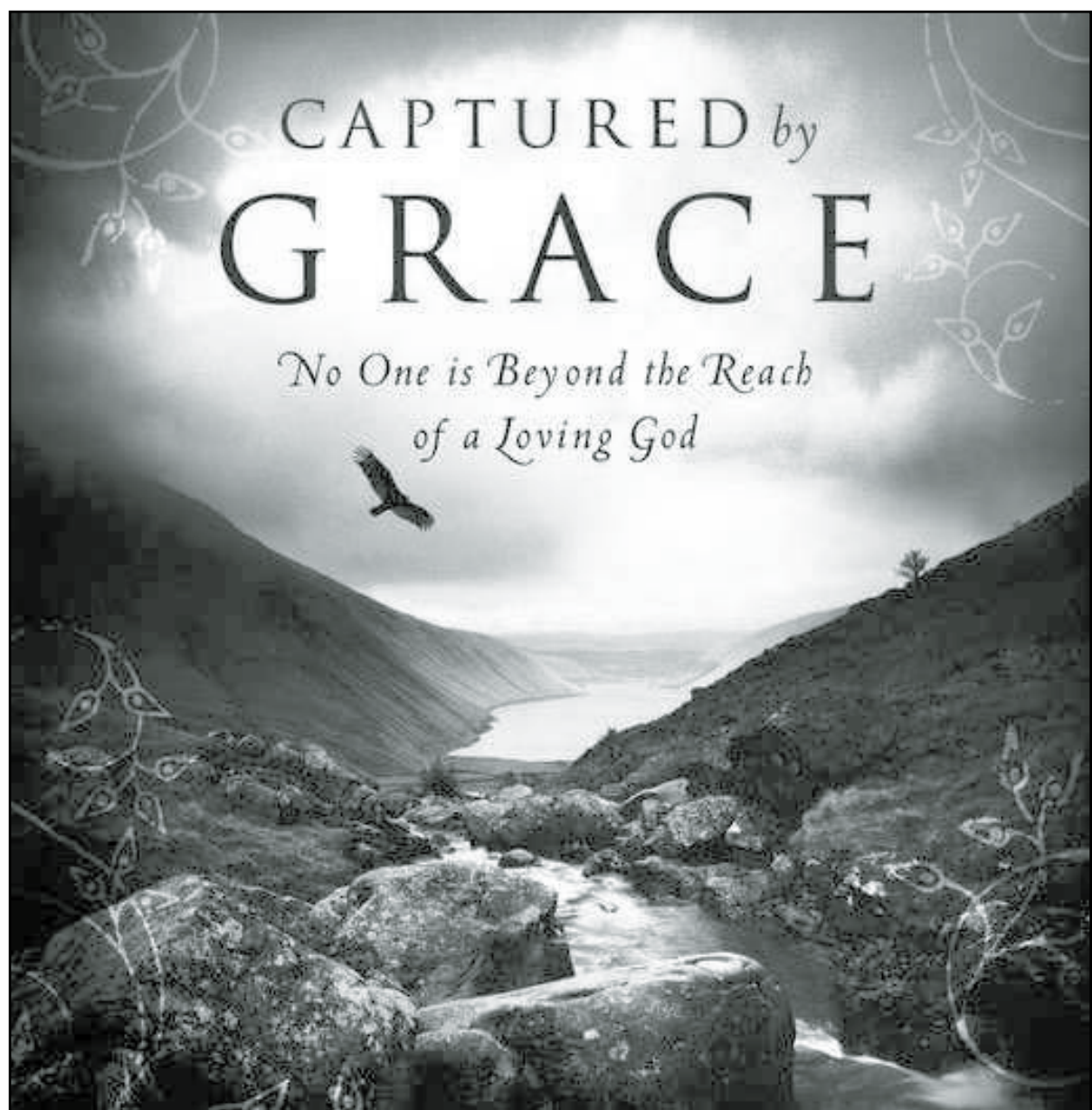
- "Ever After" by Jude Deveraux (LP F DEV J) is a Nantucket Brides novel. Hallie Hartley is a physical therapist who has given up nearly everything for her selfish-stepsister, Shelly. Hallie makes two startling discoveries that will turn her life upside down: She's been left a house on Nantucket, and Shelly has been trying to steal it. Settled into Hallie's new guest room is her newest client, James Taggart, who has injured his leg. Hallie is surprised by Jamie, and his attentions draw her out of her shell. His is tormented by nightmares that only her presence can keep at bay.

- Stephen King's "Finders Keepers" (LP F KIN S) is book two of

the Bill Hodges Trilogy. John Rothstein is an iconic author who created Jimmy Gold, but he hasn't published a new novel in years. Morris Bellamy is livid because Rothstein has stopped providing books and the nonconformist Gold has sold out for a career in advertising. Morris kills Rothstein and empties his safe of cash and finds notebooks containing at least one more Gold novel. Morris hides the money and notebooks before he is locked away for another crime. Decades later, Pete Sauer finds the treasure, and now it is Pete and his family that must be rescued from the vengeful Morris when he is released from prison after 35 years.

- Carrie Fisher's "Shockaholic" (B FIS C) is a laugh-out-loud funny, acerbic, and witty book that reveals a new side of Carrie Fisher that may even bring a pleasant shock your way: It is contemplative, vulnerable, and ultimately quite tender. Carrie became an icon when she starred as Princess Leia in the original Star Wars trilogy.

- "Above the Line" by Shirley MacLaine (B MAC S) is the book borne out of recovered memories from Shirley's past life on Atlantis and through a series



of meditations that reveal the necessity of unfettered imagination when looking for bold new truths. This evocative memoir is essential reading for anyone seeking a broader understanding of what it means to be human — both where we came from and where we are going.

- In "Captured by Grace" (234 JER D), David Jeremiah shows you how the transforming mercy that captured songwriter John Newton and the apostle Paul can awaken within you a fresh experience of the God who loves you fearlessly and pursues you with abandon.

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steers you through the "whys," the "hows," and all the glorious joys of prayer. You will never be the same.

Many different topics to choose from this week so come in and check out a book that tickles your fancy. I leave you with a quote from Carlos Zafon: "Books are mirrors. You only see in them what you already have inside of you."

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## News in brief

### UN warns 20,000 children are trapped in Iraq's Fallujah

BAGHDAD (AP) — The U.N. children's fund on Wednesday issued a stark warning to Iraqi troops and Islamic State militants in the battle for Fallujah to spare the children, the most vulnerable among the tens of thousands of civilians who remain trapped by the fighting for control of this city west of Baghdad.

Backed by aerial support from the U.S.-led coalition and paramilitary forces mainly made up of Shiite militias, Iraqi government troops more than a week ago launched a military operation to recapture Fallujah which has been under control of the extremist group for more than two years.

As the battle unfolded — with Iraqi forces this week pushing into the city's southern sections after securing surrounding towns and villages — more than 50,000 people are believed to be trapped inside the Sunni majority city, about 65 kilometers (40 miles) west of Baghdad.

The UNICEF estimated the number of the children trapped with their families inside the city at about 20,000, warning that they face a dire humanitarian situation, in addition to the risk of forced recruitment into the fighting by the IS militants.

"Children who are forcibly recruited into the fighting see their lives and futures jeopardized as they are forced to carry and use arms, fighting an adults' war," the organization said in a statement. It called on "all parties to protect children inside Fallujah" and "provide safe passage to those wishing to leave the city."

### Poll: People unsure about ability to pay for long-term care

CHICAGO (AP) — Demand for long-term care is expected to increase as the nation ages, but the majority of Americans 40 and older lack confidence in their ability to pay for it.

The annual cost of long-term care expenses range from \$17,680 for adult day care to more than \$92,000 for a private room in a nursing home, according to Genworth Financial.

Yet an Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research survey finds that a third of Americans 40 and older have done no planning for their own long term care needs, such as setting aside money to pay for a home aide or to help with daily activities or a room in a nursing home.

Why? The poll says about 4 in 10 don't think they will ever need long-term care.

### Testy Trump takes his war with the press to a new level

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump's heated war with the media reached new heights as he turned the brag-worthy feat of raising \$5.6 million for veterans' charities into a sparring match with reporters pressing him on the issue.

"The press should be ashamed of themselves," a defensive Trump railed during a Tuesday news conference at Trump Tower, called to announce a

list of 41 charities that received a cut of the money he raised during a highly publicized January fundraiser.

The presumptive Republican presidential nominee had previously declined to disclose which charities had received the \$6 million he'd claimed to have raised, and his campaign had gone back and forth about how much pledged money had come through.

The Washington Post had pressed for an accounting of the donations, and several charities said they received checks just last week.

Throughout Tuesday's 40-minute question-and-answer session, Trump accused the media of being "unbelievably dishonest" in their treatment of him.

"I sent people checks of a lot of money. ... And instead of being like, 'Thank you very much, Mr. Trump,' or 'Trump did a good job,' everyone's saying: 'Who got (the money)? Who got it? Who got it?' And you make me look very bad," he complained. "I have never received such bad publicity for doing such a good job."

### North Korea's media praise Trump talk about US troops

TOKYO (AP) — Donald Trump appears to be finding some friends in North Korea.

The presumptive U.S. Republican presidential nominee has been getting good press this week in the North's carefully controlled media, first in an opinion piece that praised him as "wise" and full of foresight and then Wednesday in the official mouthpiece of the ruling Worker's Party itself.

Both articles noted how his suggestions he would be willing to meet leader Kim Jong Un and wants to rethink and possibly withdraw U.S. troops from South Korea have created a "Trump Shock" in Seoul.

The state-run DPRK Today in Pyongyang started off the Trump praise on Tuesday by juxtaposing the "wise" Trump with what it called "dull Hillary" — describing leading Democratic Party candidate Hillary Clinton by only her first name.

"The presidential candidate who U.S. citizens should vote for is not dull Hillary, who says she would pursue an 'Iran-type model' to solve the Korean Peninsula's nuclear problems, but Trump, who said he would solve problems by directly talking with North Korea," said the column attributed to a "China-based scholar."

### In Chile, Wal-Mart adapts to local tastes to reach the top

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — As Wal-Mart tries to build an international juggernaut, it has had no greater success than in Chile, where even its failures show a commitment to adapting quickly to local shopping habits.

Take, for example, the company's bread snafu.

Bread is a big deal in Chile. The average household downs nearly 200 pounds of soft marraqueta rolls, hallulla biscuits and other breads a year, making Chile one of the world's top three bread-consuming countries along with Germany and Switzerland.

Shoppers visit Wal-Mart's Lider stores two to three times a week for the staple.

But after company officials decided to economize by shifting bread-making to a centralized, company-owned bakery and away from individual stores, some customers complained the bread wasn't crunchy enough.

"There is no color. It's pretty much pale. It doesn't have that crunchy aspect," said Francisco Eguiguren, manager of one of Wal-Mart's Lider stores in Santiago.

### Cincinnati's pioneering gorilla exhibit now common in zoos

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Cincinnati Zoo, where a gorilla was shot and killed over the weekend after a 3-year-old boy climbed over a fence and fell into its enclosure, has an open viewing area that was among the first of its kind and is now common in many zoos around the country.

The exhibit was at the forefront of zoos moving away from cages in favor of more realistic living environments and adopting a range of exhibits, from natural habitats behind glass walls to jungle-like settings separated from the public by hedges and bamboo fences.

While police are investigating what happened in Cincinnati and federal inspectors are planning their own review, the zoo says it too will look at whether it needs to reinforce the barriers even though it considers the enclosure more secure than what's required.

"The exhibit is safe, the barrier is safe," said zoo director Thane Maynard, who noted the exhibit is routinely checked by federal inspectors and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, which also plans to investigate what happened.

The breach, the zoo director said, was the first time a visitor had entered the zoo's Gorilla World, which opened in 1978 and was billed as the first "bar-less" outdoor gorilla habitat in the nation.

### From a young activist, a show of anger at Egypt's courts

CAIRO (AP) — Egyptian activist Sanaa Seif decided she had had enough of Egypt's justice system.

When the 22-year-old was summoned for questioning on accusations of inciting protests, she refused to answer the investigating judge's questions. She told him she would not participate in the "charade" and said the courts and prosecutors all follow the will of the government.

Stunned and offended, the investigator didn't charge her with incitement; he charged her instead with insulting a government employee while performing his duties. Within days, Seif was tried, convicted and sentenced to six months in prison. She refused to attend the trial and then refused to appeal the verdict.

On May 14, she gave herself up to authorities and is now serving her sentence in a prison outside Cairo.

"It's not an act of bravado. Being jailed is not easy and I know it," Seif wrote on her Facebook page before turning herself in.

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The above-referenced proceeding is the first in which Sharyland's rates will be set on a system-wide basis. The Application is based on a twelve-month test year ending December 31, 2015, and supports an increase over adjusted test-year retail base rate revenues of approximately \$107 thousand or 0.11 percent, exclusive of riders. Sharyland's system-wide cost-based retail base rate revenue requirement is \$100.7 million, plus an additional \$1.95 million that Sharyland is seeking to recover on an annual basis through certain riders. This includes a proposal to recover \$30 million for deferred costs associated with construction of the electric system in the McAllen division during its initial years of operation. In addition, Sharyland is proposing a \$3 million rate credit to all of its residential customers, which would result in an overall revenue decrease as compared to adjusted test year base rate revenues for residential customers. As proposed, monthly delivery rates for an average residential customer consuming 1,333 kWh in the Stanton, Brady, and Celeste divisions will remain unchanged, but in McAllen and Mission will increase by approximately \$55. The Application also supports a total wholesale transmission cost of service of \$145 million, plus an additional \$3.4 million that Sharyland is seeking to recover on an annual basis through certain riders.

The Application potentially affects all customers and classes of customers in Sharyland's Stanton, Brady, Celeste, and McAllen divisions. The Application also affects all customers taking service under Sharyland's Tariff for Wholesale Transmission Service. In addition, the result could be a change in Sharyland's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Sharyland has proposed that the requested rates be made effective June 18, 2016.

A complete copy of Sharyland's Application is available for inspection at the following locations:

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# Poll: Americans want nomination process changed

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Superdelegates. Closed-off primaries. Complicated caucuses.

Many Americans are not happy with the way presidential candidates are chosen and have little faith in the fairness of either the Democratic or Republican system, according to a new poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

According to the survey, the public prefers open primaries to those that are closed to all but party members. They like primaries instead of caucuses, and they oppose the party insiders known as superdelegates, who have a substantial say in the Democratic race.

"It's kind of like a rigged election," said Nayef Jaber, a 66-year-old Sanders supporter

from San Rafael, California. "It's supposed to be one man, one vote."

Changing the primary process has become a rallying cry for Democrat Bernie Sanders. Presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump has also criticized the system.

According to the poll, 38 percent of Americans say they have hardly any confidence that the Democratic Party's process for selecting a presidential nominee is fair; 44 percent say the same of the Republican Party's process.

Just 17 percent of Republicans and 31 percent of Democrats have a great deal of confidence in their own party's system being fair.

"The common man needs to be included more," said Gwendolyn Posey, 44, a registered independent from

Sparks, Oklahoma, who said she could not cast a ballot for Texas Republican Ted Cruz because she had not changed her registration to Republican in time.

Sanders has little if any chance of catching up to rival Hillary Clinton in votes or delegates, but still hopes to influence the party platform, as well as spark debate about the rules. Trump has also called the Republican process "rigged."

Both parties have complex mechanisms for choosing presidential nominees, with each state holding caucuses or primaries under different rules. Candidates earn delegates to back them at the summer nominating conventions, with a certain number required to clinch the nomination.

Democrats embraced superdelegates in 1982 to make sure party leaders have a say in who is nominated. By giving key insiders more voice, leaders hoped to avoid what some saw as a mistake in 1972, when George McGovern won the nomination but was a weak general election candidate.

About 15 percent of the total delegates this year are superdelegates, and critics say this group has given Clinton an advantage. She holds a commanding lead over Sanders, however, even without counting the superdelegates.

Supporters of Sanders are especially incensed about the use of superdelegates, who can back any candidate at the convention regardless of how people voted in primaries and caucuses. Republicans have

no equivalent to superdelegates.

Fifty-three percent of Americans say the Democrats' use of superdelegates is a bad idea, according to the polls, while just 17 percent say it's a good idea. Among Democrats, 46 percent say it's a bad idea and only 25 percent say it's a good idea.

Sanders has also called for more open primaries, slamming states that won't allow independent voters to participate, as well as ones where people must register with a party in advance. Americans generally also say that open primaries are more fair than closed primaries, 69 percent to 29 percent. Democrats are more likely than Republicans to say open primaries are the most fair, 73 percent to 62 percent.

## California governor backs Clinton

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hillary Clinton landed a coveted endorsement from California Gov. Jerry Brown Tuesday, patching up a strained relationship between the two Democrats as she seeks to deliver a final blow to Bernie Sanders' campaign.

Clinton heads into California and the other end-of-the-line primaries June 7 with the Democratic nomination virtually locked up — she needs just 71 delegates to reach the required threshold at the party's summer convention in Philadelphia. But Sanders is staging boisterous rallies across the state and running TV ads in hopes of delivering an upset that he says would strengthen his claim to the nomination, despite the numbers.

While Clinton's campaign has been looking to California as the triumphant conclusion to her primary run, her lead appears to have vanished in recent days. Polling last week showed a race that's nearly tied.

Clinton is still expected to lock up the nomination before the polls close in the Golden State, but a loss in California would amount to a deeply symbolic wound in a state she carried in the 2008 presidential primary against then-Sen. Barack Obama. It would also encourage Sanders to make good on his promise to re-

main in the race until the party convention in July, hampering Clinton's ability to unify her party and sending her limping into the general election.

While the state has a pronounced Democratic tilt, a Clinton defeat could also embolden Republicans who would love to see her have to defend ground in a state that hasn't sided with a Republican presidential candidate since 1988.

At this point, Clinton is eager to devote her time and money to the campaign against presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump. But the unexpectedly tough race in California, and her determination to win it, is highlighted in her upcoming schedule — starting Thursday, she's planning events for five consecutive days. She's also running a series of ads targeting black, Latino and Asian-Americans in the state, spending cash she'd hoped to conserve for spots going after Trump.

"I'm feeling very positive about my campaign in California," Clinton said in an interview with MSNBC on Tuesday. "We are working really hard. I want to cover as much of the state as I possibly can."

With Brown's blessing, Clinton has the support of virtually every major Democrat in California.



In a written statement, the governor stopped just short of saying Sanders should step aside. Instead, he called Clinton's lead "insurmountable," pointed out she had amassed about 3 million more votes than Sanders and argued it was urgent for Democrats to begin focusing solely on Trump.

He said Clinton "has convincingly made the case that she knows how to get things done and has the tenacity and skill to advance the Democratic agenda."

Brown and Clinton's husband, former President Bill Clinton, were bitter rivals in the 1992 presidential contest. During the campaign, Brown at one point said Bill Clinton was becoming "the prince of sleaze."

## Cleveland says it's ready for convention

CLEVELAND (AP) — City officials on Tuesday insisted that they're prepared to provide the security and medical care needed to keep people safe during the Republican National Convention in July.

Last week, police in Greensboro, North Carolina, rescinded an offer to send 50 police officers to Cleveland during the convention because of concerns about the city's preparedness to host an event that is expected to draw as many as 50,000 people.

Officials in Cleveland spent about 90 minutes Tuesday briefing reporters about the city's

security preparations. Police Chief Calvin Williams said the number of police officers working outside the "hard" security zone surrounding the convention venue, Quicken Loans Arena, would be "in the thousands."

Greensboro police, in deciding not to send officers, also cited concerns that its officers wouldn't be covered by worker's compensation insurance.

Assistant Cleveland law director Richard Horvath told reporters that Ohio doesn't allow for that kind of coverage for out-of-state workers.

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# Lady Steers dominate awards

## Each Big Spring starter honored with All-District voting

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

The All-District honors for 2-4A softball have been announced, and as expected, they are loaded with Big Spring Lady Steers and district champion Snyder Lady Tigers.

"Snyder had most of the honors. They had the Most Valuable Player and Most Valuable Pitcher and several of the honor positions. But most of all, the two teams were dominant as far as the selection process was concerned. And it pretty much reflected the balance of power and the strength of the teams in the district," Big Spring head coach Howell Martin said. "Snyder was up at the top, and we had a couple of folks that were equal to theirs, but when you win the district you get those little bonuses."

Big Spring catcher and power hitter Mia Oliva was named the Offensive Most Valuable Player and was the only Lady Steers to win an MVP award. The All-District first team roster, however, was covered with Lady Steers.

Pitchers Mariah Sarmiento and Yzzy Soliz, infielders Mary Gomez, Kamri Kemper, and Cierra Martinez, and outfielders Ashley Gonzalez and Jaci Aguilar all made the list. Logan Terrazas also made the team as the designated player. In fact, the only Big Spring starter to not make the first team was Makenzie Roberts, who made the second team in large part because of her defense. An offensive slump during the season likely kept Roberts off the first team, but the senior proved in the playoffs that her slump was an aberration and not a trend.

Sarmiento and Soliz were recognized all season long for their dominance on the mound. Roberts, Oliva, and Gomez have been recognized for their performance and leadership as seniors in the same way Terrazas and



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

**Big Spring's Mia Oliva homers in a game against Snyder on April 19. Oliva was named the District 2-4A Offensive Most Valuable Player earlier this week.**

Kemper were lauded for their contributions as freshmen. But Martinez, Gonzalez, and Aguilar flew somewhat under the radar while they put together solid seasons that the voters and fans unquestionably knew deserved recognition.

"All three of them just had phenomenal years and they were just rock steady. Cierra wound up hitting right around .500 for the year and was our leading average hitter," Martin said. "Ashley went through a little slump in the middle of the year, but when she got out of it she really caught on

and started hitting the ball well. And Jaci is another one that was rock solid. She never had a slump. She never had a bad game. She just was consistent all year long."

The honors show the disparity in the conference with Big Spring and Snyder being the top teams, and make looking forward to next season interesting when both teams will join Sweetwater in a move to district 6-4A with Brownwood and Wylie. Big Spring lost in the playoffs to Brownwood two weekends ago, and Snyder followed by losing to them last week-

end to send Brownwood to the State Championship representing 4A Region 1.

"Who knocked us out the playoffs? And where's Brownwood this week?" Martin said. "We were right there competing just tooth and nail, and of course we'll be in the same district with them next year with them and Wylie and Snyder. So it's going to be a battle every game, every week. And the team that comes out of that district will definitely be well-tested and ready for the playoffs."

## Lewis throws six shutout innings in 7-3 Texas win

CLEVELAND (AP) — Colby Lewis keeps winning and so do the Texas Rangers.

Lewis allowed two hits over six shutout innings, leading Texas over the Cleveland Indians 7-3 on Tuesday night and improving to 5-0 for the first time in his major league career.

Bryan Holaday and Jurickson Profar homered off Corey Kluber (4-6), and the AL West-leading Rangers won for the ninth time in their last 11 games.

"He knows how to pitch," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said of Lewis. "He presents a challenge to hitters because they can't sit on one single pitch."

Lewis has won his last three starts and has pitched at least six innings in 10 of 11 outings this season. The 36-year-old right-hander gave up singles to Lonnie Chisenhall and Rajai Davis in the third. He is 3-0 and has



AP Photo/Tony Dejak

**Texas Rangers' Bryan Holaday watches his two-run home run off Cleveland Indians starting pitcher Corey Kluber during the third inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, May 31, 2016, in Cleveland.**

allowed five earned runs over 26 innings in five road starts.

"For us to put the runs up that we did, and to pitch against a guy like Kluber, you know you've got to keep it close," Lewis said.

Sam Dyson got two outs for his sixth save in seven chances.

Holaday, whose two-run hom-

er put Texas ahead in the third, hit Kluber's first pitch following Jared Hoyer's single.

"I didn't want to mess around and see what else he could throw me, because he's pretty good out there," Holaday said.

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## Affidavit: Ex-Texas Tech player stole guns in burglary

By JUAN A. LOZANO

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A Texas Tech football player who was kicked off the team earlier this month stole at least seven guns after burglarizing a Lubbock home in December, according to an arrest affidavit.

Robert James Castaneda told investigators he took a gun safe with at least seven weapons — including shotguns and rifles — as well as a television and a camera during a Dec. 20 burglary, according to the affidavit, which was made public on Tuesday.

The 20-year-old sophomore ex-backup offensive lineman is free on \$5,000 bond after being arrested Friday and charged with burglary of a habitation. If convicted, Castaneda faces up to 20 years in prison.

Phone numbers listed for Castaneda were disconnected, and court records don't list an attorney for him.

Texas Tech declined to comment on Castaneda's arrest, referring reporters to a previous statement that indicated the football player had been removed from the team for "failure to uphold student-athlete expectations."

Lubbock Police spokesman Lt. Ray Mendoza said the department is investigating the possible involvement of two other individuals in the burglary and is waiting to present their findings to a grand jury.

Investigators say they were eventually led to Castaneda after one of the stolen shotguns was found in a pawnshop in March by its owner while he was shopping for a replacement.

The pawn shop discovery led investigators in April to a man who told police he had paid \$1,400 for several weapons from Castaneda. Police later determined those weapons had been stolen during the December burglary.

When investigators interviewed Castaneda on May 3, the former football player told them he and the other two individuals broke into the home trying to steal money from a drug dealer who lived there, but instead took the gun safe with the weapons inside, the affidavit said.

"Castaneda advised the money he received from the guns he gave to his father because he was 'broke,'" according to the affidavit.

Police are investigating similar burglaries in Lubbock in which gun safes were stolen and later dumped. According to the affidavit, police have found six such gun safes in a local lake.



AP Photo/Matt York

**Houston Astros' George Springer (4) celebrates his three run home run with Jake Marisnick (6) and Jose Altuve (27) during the second inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, May 31, 2016.**

## Springer sparks Astros to 8-5 win over D-backs

PHOENIX (AP) — George Springer has taken to the leadoff role these past eight games, lashing singles, homers, finding ways to get on base.

Houston manager A.J. Hinch isn't sure if it's in his head or his mechanics and he doesn't care. He just wants Springer to keep doing what he's doing for the surging Astros.

Springer finished a triple shy of the cycle and had four RBIs to spark Houston from the leadoff spot, lifting the Astros to an 8-5 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Tuesday.

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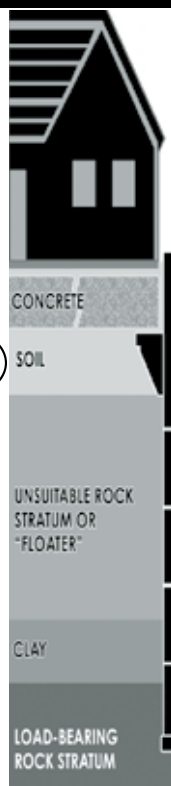
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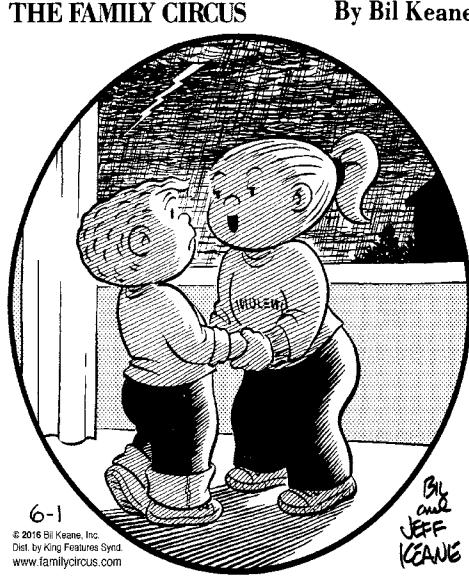
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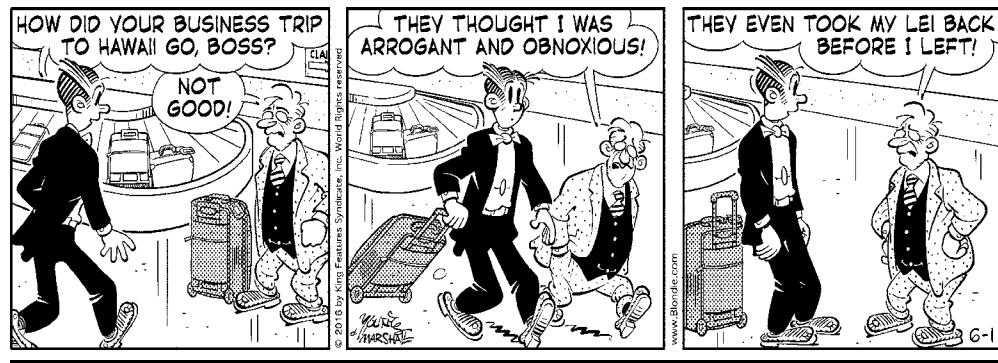
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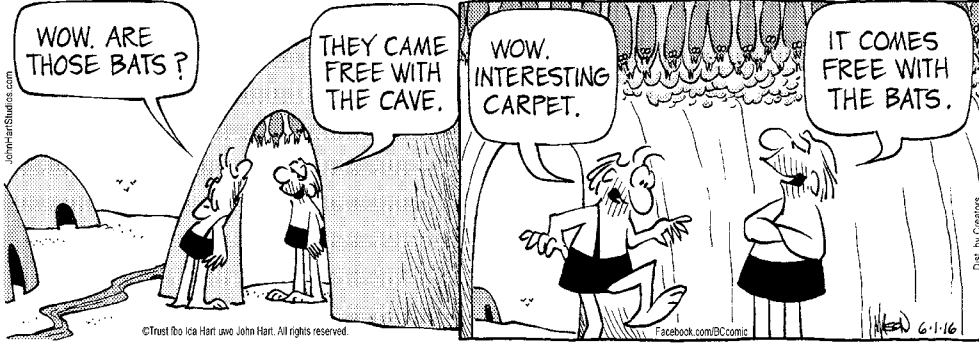
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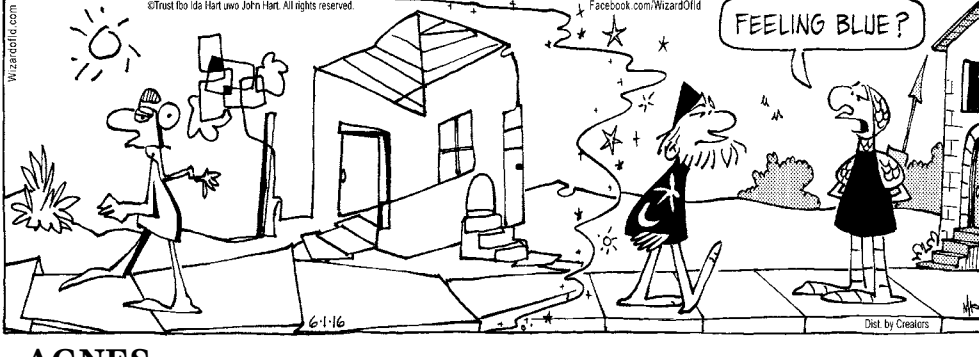
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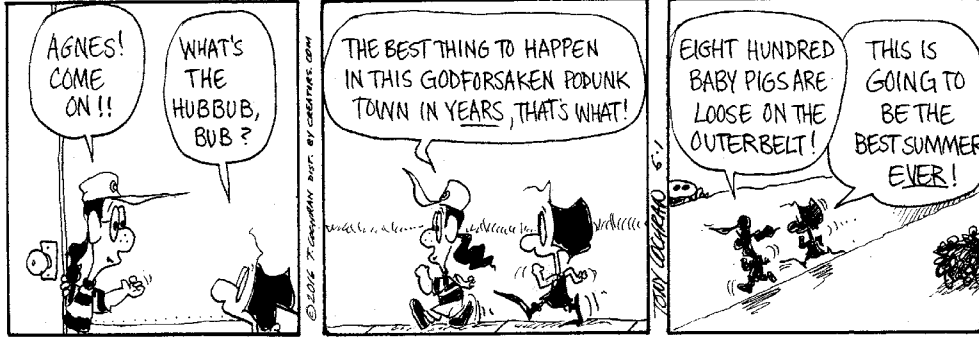
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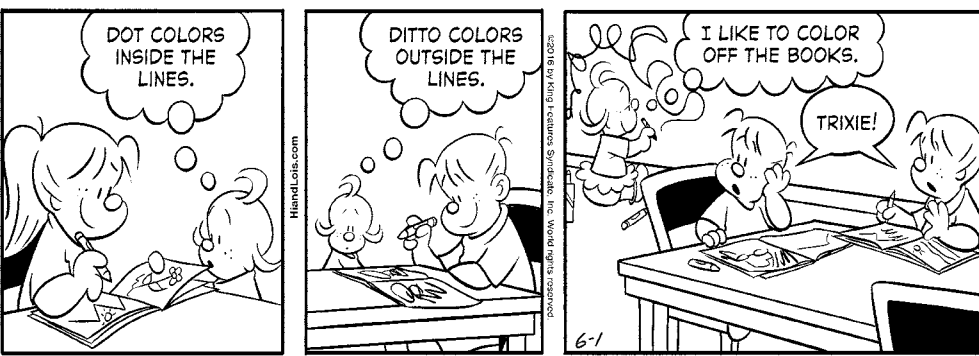
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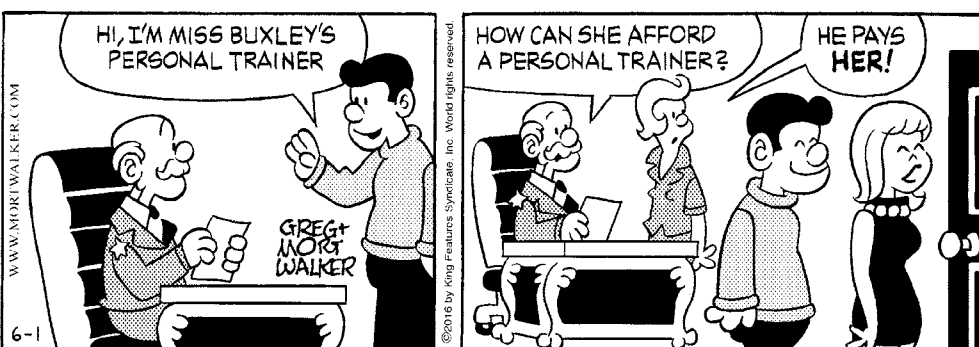
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On this date: In 1792, Kentucky became the 15th state of the union. In 1796, Tennessee became the 16th state.

In 1813, the mortally wounded commander of the USS Chesapeake, Capt. James Lawrence, gave the order, 'Don't give up the ship'...

In 1868, James Buchanan, the 15th president of the United States, died near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at age 77.

In 1915, the T.S. Eliot poem 'The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock' was first published in 'Poetry: A Magazine of Verse' in Chicago.

In 1926, actress Marilyn Monroe was born Norma Jeane Mortenson in Los Angeles.

In 1943, a civilian flight from Portugal to England was shot down by Germany during World War II...

In 1955, the romantic comedy 'The Seven Year Itch,' starring Marilyn Monroe and Tom Ewell, had its world premiere in New York.

In 1968, author-lecturer Helen Keller, who'd earned a college degree despite being blind and deaf almost all of her life, died in Westport, Connecticut, at age 87.

In 1977, the Soviet Union formally charged Jewish human rights activist Anatoly Shcharansky with treason. (Shcharansky was imprisoned, then released in 1986; he's now known by the name Natan Sharansky.)

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed the foundation of a landmark treaty for the first-ever cuts in strategic nuclear missiles and a pact to slash chemical weapons stockpiles.

In 2009, Air France Flight 447, an Airbus A330 carrying 228 people from Rio de Janeiro to Paris, crashed into the Atlantic Ocean with the loss of everyone on board.

Ten years ago: Six world powers, including the U.S., agreed on a package of incentives to persuade Iran to halt its uranium enrichment program.

Seven family members were shot to death in an Indianapolis house. (Two suspects were later convicted of murder; Desmond Turner was sentenced to life in prison without parole while co-defendant James Stewart received 425 years in prison.)

Five years ago: In a face-to-face meeting, GOP leaders complained to President Barack Obama that he had not produced a detailed plan of spending cuts and accused him of playing politics over Medicare...

One year ago: The Supreme Court threw out the conviction of a Pennsylvania man prosecuted for making threats on Facebook.

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Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like MENSA, ALMA, CATS, BRAIN, REEL, ARIA, AISLE, SALT, RENT, CATCH, OF THE DAY, DIN, OAS, LAPTOP, ROUT, ERA, ALLOT, DING, EXES, PLAYER, OF THE WEEK, SONS, OSLO, VERSE, EYE, FLEE, TESTED, ALL, AIR, SONG, OF THE YEAR, PERK, VARY, ORBIT, HEAL, ERIE, NIECE, IDLE, REPS, ENDED

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# SEC coaches Saban, Bielema want to change NFL draft rules

By **MARK LONG**

AP Sports Writer

DESTIN, Fla. — Alabama's Nick Saban and Arkansas' Bret Bielema would like to see a major change to rules regarding NFL draft entry.

This one is far from a slam dunk. The high-profile coaches said Tuesday at the Southeastern Conference's annual meetings they would like to see underclassmen who leave school early have the option of returning after testing their prospects for the NFL draft — similar to what happens in college basketball.

Under current NCAA rules, once underclassmen declare for the NFL draft, they lose their remaining eligibility.

"The NFL doesn't want players too early that aren't ready. And the NCAA, us guys, don't want (them) to leave too early," Bielema said. "It makes too much sense to not have it happen. How are we going to get there? People got to communicate. It's probably way above my ... but I'll speak out on it anytime."

The NCAA changed its rules regarding basketball players last year, giving prospects who declare for the NBA draft more time to evaluate their draft stock before deciding whether to return to school. More than 120 players declared for the NBA draft after this past season. Fifty-seven ended up returning to school.

In football, 30 of 96 early-entry prospects were not selected in the 2016 NFL draft, including former Arkansas offensive lineman Denver Kirkland. Those 30 didn't have the option of going back to school once they declared for the draft in mid-January.

Bielema believes Kirkland and former Arkansas running back Alex Collins, who was selected in the fifth round by Seattle, would not have left school early had they known they would slide so far in the draft.

"If (an underclassman) could sit down with NFL people or personnel people that are making the decisions firsthand, I think

it could be a great resource," Bielema said. "And you know what? It works out better for everybody. Graduation rates to go up. Success rates go up. Failure rates go down. Kids are in school longer. Kids are in preparation to be in the NFL to play longer."

Saban said a committee of college coaches and NFL personnel has been examining the issue.

Saban and Bielema believe a combine for underclassmen could help solve the problem.

"If you ask the NFL, how can we maintain trust with our players when you're giving us inaccurate information? Their response is 'We don't know enough about the guys to really give you the information because all we can really go on is film evaluation,'" Saban said. "That's why we have a combine and all these other things. We want accurate information when that's all said and done in December."

The timing could be the tough part, with national signing day for colleges in early February being a potential hurdle.

"Well, we're in our first year of the new basketball reality. I've talked to a few of our coaches who have had the experience. I think the feedback's been positive," SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey said. "The young people have real-time, very valid information on their draft status. And they know up front not to compromise their eligibility from an NCAA standpoint. ... There is conversation about how might you accomplish this same outcome in football."

"That is a little bit different. The timing of the end of the semester, when the draft occurs, preparation for the draft, what type of feedback might be there. The NCAA could change with no alteration of the NBA's draft timeline, practically speaking. I'm not sure that happens from an NFL standpoint. It's a good idea. There's likely some thought and work that needs to be contributed to see if that good idea can become a reality."



Nick Wass/Associated Press

## Oregon, Texas advance to NCAA championship final

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Beau Hossler overcame an injury to his left shoulder while getting up-and-down from a bunker with his putter to close out his match Tuesday and send top-seeded Texas into the NCAA championship match against Oregon.

Hossler, the best player on a Longhorns team ranked No. 1 in the country, first felt pain after a 4-iron on the 15th hole. The pain was so severe that he grimaced and couldn't finish his swing from the rough on the 17th hole when he was 2 up against Andrew Levitt of Southern California.

Hossler putted out of the front bunker to about 25 feet on the fringe and holed the putt for par.

Hossler's gutsy play gave Texas the three points it needed. Scottie Scheffler was 1 up playing the 18th, and the Longhorns advanced with a 4-1 victory.

Oregon, No. 26 in the NCAA ranking going into the tournament, knocked off Illinois behind Sulman Raza's 1-up victory against Charlie Danielson, whose birdie putt to extend the match swirled around the cup.

The Ducks have a home crowd behind them at Eugene Country Club.

Texas will be going for its fourth NCAA golf title, and second in five years. It also won in 2012 at Riviera with a team that featured freshman Jordan Spieth.

The Ducks have never won a golf title. Aaron Wise, a sophomore who is turning pro after the NAAs, already won the individual title for Oregon in stroke play. The last team that won the NCAA and had a player win the individual title was Kevin Chappell at UCLA in 2008, the year before the format switched to match play.

## ASTROS

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"His job is to be a good hitter first and what comes with that is a better hitter than when he tries to do too much, when he tries to get too big," Hinch said.

Springer has excelled since moving into the leadoff spot, going 17 for 35 with three home runs. He doubled on the first pitch of Tuesday's game, hit a three-run homer off Patrick Corbin (2-5) in the second inning and added a run-scoring single off the left-hander in the fourth.

Springer scored twice and Luis Valbuena homered for the Astros, who had 12 hits to win for the seventh time in eight games.

Lance McCullers (2-1) had control issues at times, but

limited the damage in five innings.

Jean Segura hit a two-run double off Scott Feldman in the ninth inning, but Luke Gregerson struck out the side for his 13th save.

The Astros still may be near the bottom of the AL West, but they're making up ground quickly after finishing May 17-12.

"We're playing with more confidence, it's simple as that," McCullers said. "We have guys taking confident ABs, guys pitching with confidence and we're starting to hit on all points of the game when we need to, which is nice to see."

The Diamondbacks are not.

Arizona had an opportunity to put McCullers on the ropes in the first inning, but left the bases loaded. The Diamondbacks let another opportunity slip away in the fifth inning,

managing just one run after loading the bases with one out.

"When we have runners in scoring position, there are times when our at-bats aren't as good as other times," Diamondbacks manager Chip Hale said. "It's stuff we're working on."

Corbin labored out of the gate, starting with Springer's double. Arizona's left-hander needed 24 pitches to get through the first inning, but managed to keep the Astros from scoring.

McCullers had even more trouble in the bottom half, leading to a 33-minute opening frame. Arizona had three hits in the inning and scored two runs, on Jake Lamb's single and Chris Herrmann's fielder's choice.

McCullers steadied himself. Corbin did not.

McCullers had his first big

league hit — a sharp single to left — off Corbin in the second inning and Springer followed with a three-run homer just over the wall in right for a 3-2 lead.

Jake Marisnick added a run-scoring single off Corbin in the fourth inning and Springer chased him with another to left.

Corbin allowed seven runs and nine hits in 3 2/3 innings, his shortest outing of the season.

"Everything wasn't in synch," Corbin said after throwing so many pitches in the first inning. "Maybe you try to use your body more and your arm is behind. It's just something I had to work out."

McCullers started having control issues in the fifth inning, walking two and allowing a run to score on a wild pitch before striking out Her-

rmann with runners on second and third.

He allowed three runs and six hits, with seven strikeouts and four walks.

"Every single first inning I've been in this year has been a chore," McCullers said. "I get frustrated because I know I have good stuff. You saw it in the second, third, fourth. It kind of left me in the fifth, but I regained it."

Valbuena put Houston up 8-2 by hitting Randall Delgado's first pitch of the fifth inning over the wall in right.

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Arizona 1B Paul Goldschmidt had his first three-hit game since last Aug. 22, against Cincinnati. ... Marisnick has seven hits his last four games after having six his first 28. ... Altuve is 11 for 25 during a six-game hitting streak.

## RANGERS

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Profar's two-out homer in the fifth landed in the right-field seats. The 23-year-old switch-hitter hit a home run on the first pitch of his major league debut, at Progressive Field on Sept. 2, 2012.

"There's a lot of feel-good for him here," Banister said. "He's played well. He has great joy playing the game. You can see it in his face."

Kluber was removed after the first three hitters in the eighth reached base. He allowed six runs and eight hits in seven innings.

Cleveland has lost three straight after briefly moving into the AL Central lead on Sat-

urday. Chisenhall had three RBIs, including a two-run homer in the seventh.

Texas has won the first two games of the series, outscoring Cleveland 16-5.

"They're a team that's shown they can go the distance, get to the playoffs," Indians manager Terry Francona said. "They're good enough to do that. They're a fun team to play because they're good."

Ian Desmond's two-run double in the eighth extended his hitting streak to nine games. Elvis Andrus was 1 for 4 and has hit safely in 29 of 30 career games at Progressive Field.

Hoying, a native of northwest Ohio, got his major league RBI with a ninth-inning single and had two hits.

Holaday made his third straight start and has four hits and four RBIs.

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# Anthropologist follows trail of hobo grafitti

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Anthropologist Susan Phillips had spent a career examining the graffiti that covers urban walls, bridges and freeway overpasses.

But when she came across an unrecognizable collection made not of spray paint but substances like grease pencil and apparently left there for a century, she was stunned.

Phillips had uncovered a peculiar, almost extinct form of American hieroglyphics known as hobo graffiti, the treasure trove discovered under a non-descript, 103-year-old bridge spanning the Los Angeles River. At the time, she was researching her book, "Wall-bangin': Graffiti and Gangs in LA."

"It was like opening a tomb that's been closed for 80 years," the Pitzer College professor of environmental analysis said of finding the writings and occasionally the drawings of people who once signed their

names as Oakland Red, the Tucson Kid and A-No. 1.

"There's an A-No. 1, dated 8/13/14," she said, pointing to a scribbling during a recent visit to the bridge just around the bend from a modern-day homeless encampment.

Although all but forgotten now, A-No. 1 was the moniker used by a man once arguably America's most famous hobo, one of the many itinerant wanderers who traveled from town to town in the 19th and 20th centuries, often by freight train, in search of brief work and lasting adventure.

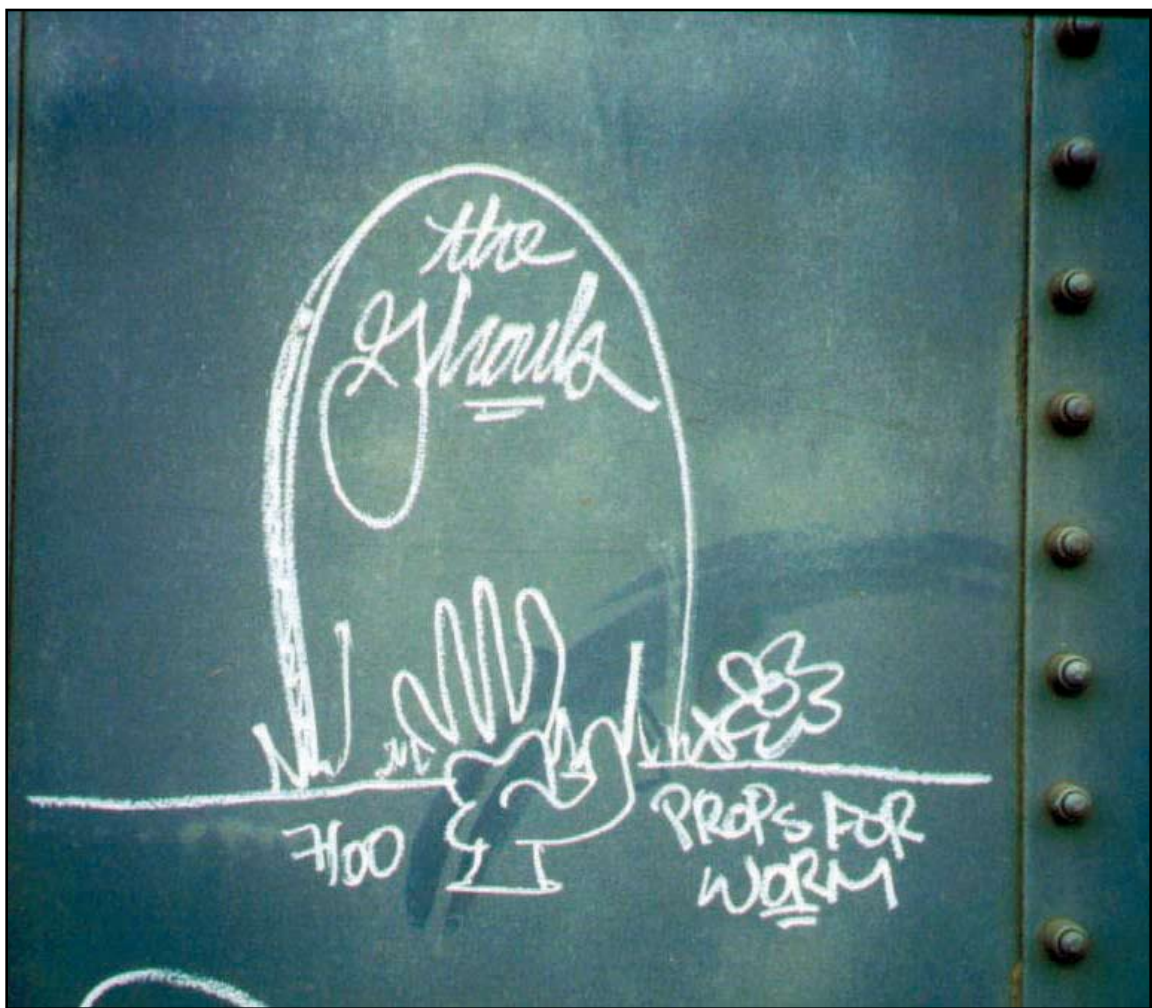
"Those little heart things are actually stylized arrows that are pointing up the river," Phillips said, pointing to markings next to the name. "Putting those arrows that way means 'I'm going upriver. I was here on this date and I'm going upriver.'"

Upriver would have been in the direction of the city's sprawling,

wooded Griffith Park, in those days a popular jumping-off point for hobos looking for a safe, common gathering spot.

Nearby is a faded drawing of a man riding a bucking bronco that is signed and dated by the Tucson Kid, July 1, 1921.

"This is a very beautiful piece by Oakland Red here," she points out, craning her head back to point out another work, done in grease pencil and featuring the creative use of white space and shading to give it almost a two-dimensional effect.



"That's actually a style that graffiti writers and graphic artists use today," adds Phillips, who is working on another book, this one

examining a century of Los Angeles graffiti.

Hobograffiti, once found all over the country, have largely vanished in recent years, she and other experts say. Absent a few exceptions, they have been covered over by more recent, more colorful spray-painted images or eliminated entirely by

time, weather or cleanup campaigns.

"A lot of the stuff I've documented through time has been destroyed, either by the city or by other graffiti writers, and that is just the way of graffiti," said Phillips, whose research is being funded by a Getty Center grant.

She also is looking into ways to preserve — perhaps digitally — what's left of the fragile markings, including some etched into concrete by spikes taken from the nearby railroad.

That the markings have survived this long has much to do with circumstances unique to Los Angeles, most notably its 51-mile, concrete-bottomed river that was lowered 25 feet after the hobo graffiti bridge was built.

The river was dug deeper and paved over to prevent another disastrous flood like the one that roared through Los Angeles during the El Nino-fueled rainy season of 1938, toppling buildings and killing scores of people.

Restructuring the river not only prevented future flooding but also put this particular bridge's markings the river, where they were shielded from future rain, wind and sun and kept out of reach of others by a man-made,

90-degree-angled concrete riverbank that was impossible to climb.

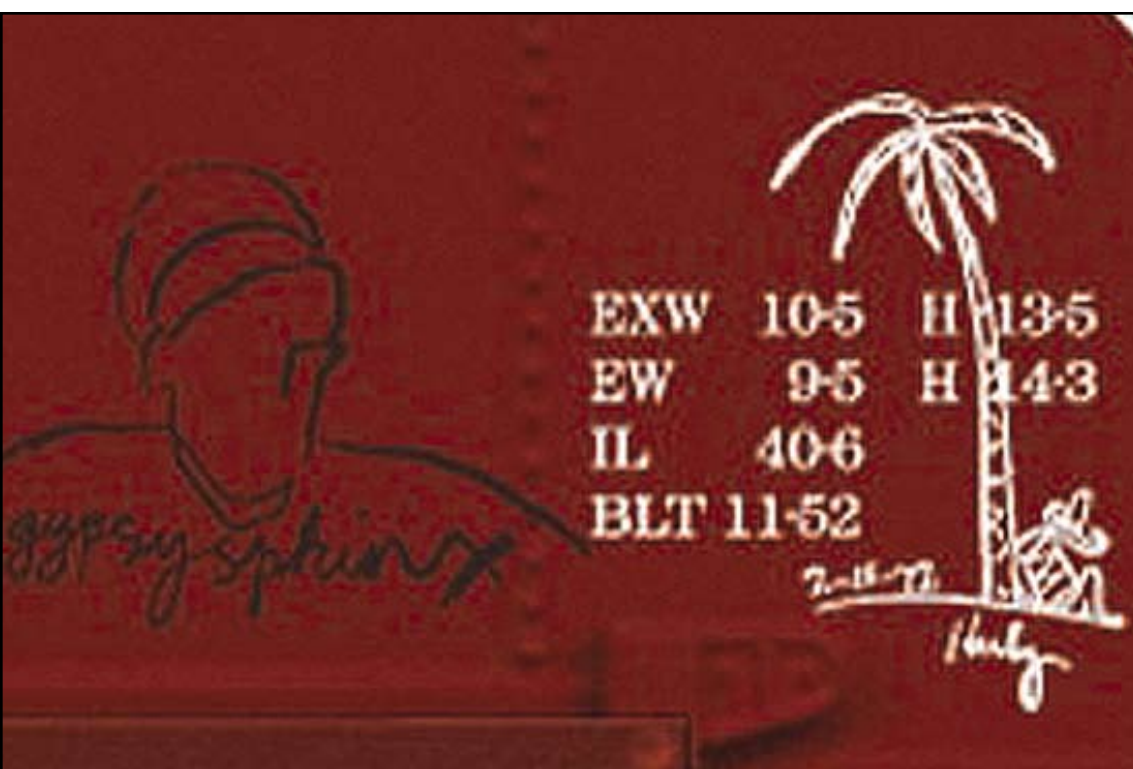
"It's just like a fluke down there in LA that that survived," said Bill Daniel, whose own studies of hobo graffiti have taken him across the country, following the path of taggers whose work he's chronicled in the publication "Mostly True: The West's Most Popular Hobo Graffiti Magazine" and the documentary film "Who Is Bozo Texino?"

"It's hard to find the old stuff because most older infrastructure has been torn down," he added, noting A-No. 1's signature was an impressive discovery.

A-No. 1, whose name was Leon Ray Livingston and who died in 1944, was not only a hobo but author of several books, Phillips said.

Phillips notes she can't say definitively the tags attributed to him from 1914 are his, but she adds that they bear the same style as those found in the books he was writing and illustrating at the time. Still, some hobo graffiti taggers were known to appropriate each other's monikers.

Meanwhile, she keeps researching the tags, matching up real names with the hobos' monikers and tracking down survivors where possible.



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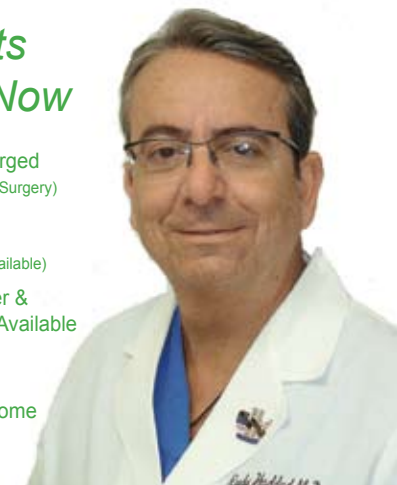
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