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12-year-old dies from gunshot wound

Special to the Herald
 A 12-year-old boy died Wednesday as result of a gunshot wound, according to Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center regarding a gunshot victim around 7:50 p.m. Wednesday. "Upon arrival, Deputies identified the victim as Jose Hernandez," Parker stated in a news release. "Hernandez had been reported as a run-away through the Big Spring

Police Department." The shooting occurred at a residence in northern Howard County, Parker said, and Hernandez was transported



Parker

to the emergency room by private car. "Investigators have limited information on the details of the shooting at this time, but are currently working to develop information," he said. An autopsy has been ordered by Justice of the Peace

Bennie Green and it will be performed in Lubbock, the release said. Anyone who has information about the shooting is asked to contact the Howard County Sheriff's Office at 432-264-2231 or Crime Stoppers 432-263-8477 (TIPS).

Dashing off to state competition



Pictured, the Big Spring Steers boys track team accepts the regional track meet championship trophy. Both the boys and girls track teams head out to Austin today to compete at the state meet. A send off for the athletes was held at 12:30 p.m. this afternoon.

Texas Democratic Party Chairman, candidate for Lt. Governor to be at Big Spring Meet and Greet Friday

By ROBERT BARLOW
 Staff Writer
 Texas Democratic Party Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa will be at Ryan Hall to meet and discuss with residents issues being faced by citizens of Howard County and Texas alike. This Friday, residents will have the chance to meet with Hinojosa, the chairman of the Texas Democratic Party; as well as Mike Collier, who is a candidate for Lt. Governor, to get information and possibly discuss some problems that people are facing both on a state and local level. "What we are doing is, we're trying to get people more proactive with their voting rights and to get people more educated," said Josalyn Grier, public information officer for the Howard County Democrats. Recent turnout at elections has sparked some discussions on what might be the cause for the lack of voters. Grier says

HC, SWCID commencement ceremonies slated for Friday

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer
 A new set of hawks will take flight this week seeking future fortunes, as Howard College and the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) will be hosting a number of graduation or pinning ceremonies beginning today. This morning, students in the Licensed Vocational Nurse program at the Big Spring campus received their ceremonial pins. The ceremony was held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

On Friday, SWCID will host its spring commencement ceremony at 10 a.m. The event will be held at the Activities Building, 3200 Avenue C. At 1 p.m., the Howard College Dental Hygiene program will host a pinning ceremony at the Hall Center for the Arts located on the Big Spring campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane. A third pinning ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. This is for students who are graduating with Associates Degrees in Nursing. Later that night, Howard College will hold commencement ceremonies for its spring graduates at 7 p.m. on the floor of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Blood drive slated for Friday

By AMANDA ELSTON
 Managing Editor
 United Blood Services will be back in Howard County this Friday collecting blood to help local patients at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Friday, a UBS blood drive will be held in the Big Spring Council Chambers, 310 Nolan. According to Linda Grace, senior donor recruitment representative, the supply is running low on a few specific blood types. "While all blood types are welcome, we are chronically low on O Negative," said Grace. "O Positive is a little bit low, and that is the most prevalent blood type." With this blood drive being one of the last before summer vacation starts for students, Grace said it was important to make sure this drive was successful. "Coming into the summer, donations drop



off drastically," said Grace. "Schools are out and people are on vacation. This would be very important for donors to be apart of going into the summer. This will help boost the supply a little bit." Donors can also be assured that every drop of blood donated will not be sent far away; rather, will stay locally to help patients at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Lawmakers reach agreement on stalled VA accountability bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republicans and Democrats have reached agreement on a bill to make it easier for the Department of Veterans Affairs to fire its employees, part of an accountability effort touted by President Donald Trump. The deal announced early

Thursday could smooth the way for final passage on an issue that had been largely stalled since the 2014 wait-time scandal at the Phoenix VA medical center. As many as 40 veterans died while waiting months for appointments as VA employees created secret waiting lists and other falsehoods to cover up delays. The deal on Capitol Hill followed a fresh warning from the VA inspector general of continuing patient safety problems at another facility, the VA medical center



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Obituaries

Evangelina "Angie" Arenivaz



Evangelina "Angie" Arenivaz, 70, of Big Spring died Thursday May 4, 2017, at her home.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, May 12, 2017, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Evangelina was born July 27, 1946, in Lake Arthur, N.M. to Paula Cortez Esqueda and Pedro Esqueda. She grew up in California, but has been a resident of Big Spring for more than 49 years. She married Gregorio Arenivaz. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. She was a Continuing Children's Education Teacher. She had worked

at Gill's, Wall's Industries, Lakeview Headstart, and was a Notary Public as well.

Evangelina is survived by her husband, Gregorio Arenivaz of Big Spring; four sons, Jose Arenivaz and wife Yolanda, Miguel Arenivaz and wife Elidia, Gregorio Arenivaz Jr. and wife Sallie, and Toribio Arenivaz and wife Peggy, all of Big Spring; two daughters, Ramona Flores and husband Esquivel Jr. and Denice Diaz and husband Santa Jr., also of Big Spring; two brothers, Abel Esqueda of Big Spring and Pedro Esqueda Jr.; one sister, Leticia Esqueda; three stepbrothers, Ike Cortez, Adolfo Cortez, and Bobby Cortez, all of California; 31 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one grandson; and one sister, Ramona Esqueda.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

Frank G. "Chico" Paredez



Frank G. "Chico" Paredez, 75, of Greeley, Colo., died Monday, May 8, 2017, at Northern Colorado Long Term Acute Hospital in Johnstown, Colo.

He was born on June 29, 1941, in Big Spring to Martin V. and Angelina (Gonzalez) Paredez.

Frank grew up in the Big Spring area, where he attended school. He married Lorenza Hernandez Aug. 7, 1959, in Big Spring and the couple moved to Colorado. He worked at Denver University in custodial maintenance and also the Greeley Housing Authority in custodial maintenance.

Frank is survived by his wife, Lorenza "Lenchi"

of Greeley; four daughters, Irene "Nene" Paredez, Patricia "Patatas" Paredez, Yolanda "Jollie" Paredez and husband Jessie Ramos, and Norma "Wuera" Paredez, all of Greeley; two sisters, Rosario Diaz and Elisa Carrillo, both of Big Spring; brother, Raul Paredez of Arvada, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter, Victoria Paredez.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, May 15, 2017, followed by Recitation of the Rosary at 7 p.m. both at Stoddard Funeral Home in Greeley. Liturgical service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 16, 2017, also at Stoddard Funeral Home.

Visit www.stoddardsunset.com to sign an online guestbook.

Terri Adams Davis



Terri Adams Davis, 59, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 7, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m. Friday, May 12, 2017, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Myers and Smith Chapel.

Terri was born Aug. 24, 1957, in Seminole, Texas, to Mari Ellen Nordyke Adams and William Carlton Adams. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She had worked at the Big Spring State Hospital as well as MHMR.

Terri is survived by one daughter, Shanna Nogler and husband Dennis of Big Spring; three sisters, Debra Adams of Nacogdoches, Joey Jabor of Big Spring, and Toni Jo Mrotz of the Virgin Islands; one brother, Vance Adams and wife Denise of Longview; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mari and Carlton Adams; one daughter, LeAnn Campbell Pesek; one sister, Kim Adams Novack; and one brother, Kerry Olson.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

Janet Meyer Rouille

Janet Meyer Rouille, 71, of Big Spring died Saturday, May 6, 2017, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

• **JOE ALBERT CHAVERA**, 18, was booked by BSPD on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

• **ORLANDO RAY CHAVERA**, 18, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.) and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• **ROBERT JOHN RIOS JR.**, 20, was booked by BSPD on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon; and on a warrant for sex offender duty to register.

• **NATALIE RENEE TOWNSEND**, 40, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.) and prohibited weapon (brass knuckles); and on a probation violation.

• **RIGOBERTO URIAS-CARRILLO**, 30, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for prohibited substance or item in a correctional facility.

• **MARCUS TREY VIERA**, 18, was booked by BSPD on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **RIGOBERTO URIAS-CARRILLO**, 30, of 3711 Wright Ave. was arrested on a warrant for prohibited substance or item in a correctional facility.

• **ROBERT JOHN RIOS JR.**, 20, of 217 Sandlin Rd. was arrested on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon; and on an outstanding warrant.

• **ORLANDO CHAVERA**, 18, of 1009 S. Scurry St. was arrested

on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.) and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• **MARCUS TREY VIERA**, 18, of 4009 Piper Rd. was arrested on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• **JOE ALBERT CHAVERA**, 18, of 1005 S. Scurry St. was arrested on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

• **NATALIE RENEE TOWNSEND**, 40, of 2808 Sherman Rd. was arrested on warrants for possession of marijuana

(less than 2 oz.) and prohibited weapon (brass knuckles); and on another outstanding warrant.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 700 block of East Interstate 20, and at the intersection of Gregg and Third streets.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1000 block of North Main Street.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore Street.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain

Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was report-

ed in the 900 block of Owens. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Stanford. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **BRUSH FIRE** was reported in the 1900 block of Alabama.

• **BUILDING FIRE** was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln.

Take Note

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be hosting the 2nd annual Asthma Camp, for kids between 9 and 12 years of age. The three-day camp is free, but an application must be picked up from your PCP and returned. The camp will teach students to manage their asthma and recognize triggers.

Spots are still available, but applications must be turned in no later than Friday. For more information, call your PCP or Amanda at 268-4699.

• Region 9 Prevention Resource Center will hold an event entitled "Alcohol: Rethink Your Drink" May 22 at the Region 18 Service Center, 2811 La-Force Boulevard in Midland from 1 to 5 p.m. Registration is free and open to the public. To register, visit <https://rethinkyourdrink.eventbrite.com>. For more information, contact Kevin Thompson at 432-333-4100, or by email at kthompson@pbrcada.org.

• Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 3200 Parkway, will hold a celebration from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, May 19, in observance of National Nursing Home Week. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be served. Dimples the Clown, face painting, a DJ, train rides, game booths, and a bouncy water slide will be available to entertain youngsters, while adults can meet the staff, visit with Parkview residents, and see recent changes to the home. Parkview has recently undergone remodeling and renovation. For more information, contact

Parkview at 432-263-4041.

• Big Spring State Park will hold its annual Stargazing Party Saturday, June 3, at sunset. According to Park Manager Ron Alton, attendees should arrive by 8 p.m. in order to get a good parking spot. About 10 to 12 telescopes will be set up at the State Park pavilion by the West Texas Amateur Astronomy Club from Midland.

Those present will be able to observe the moon, Jupiter, Globular Star Cluster M13 in Hercules, and Galaxies M81, M82, and possibly M104 "The Sombrero Galaxy." There should also be a pass-by of the Hubble Space Telescope for those present to observe; and, for those staying until 10 p.m. or later, Saturn will be rising in the east around that time. For more information contact the Big Spring State Park at 432-263-4931.



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

• Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

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this is the Howard County Democrats way of helping inform the public on the issues and who exactly they have a chance to vote for.

"We are encouraging people to go vote not only on federal and state levels, but also on the local levels," Grier said.

Meeting with the candidates and having the opportunity to ask questions could encourage residents to take part in the voting process, Grier said.

"There is a lot of apathy when it comes to voting, people are feeling like their voices are not being heard," stated Grier "If we offer opportunities to educate the community on who they're voting for

What: Meet & Greet, Gilberto Hinojosa, Texas Democratic Party Chairman & Mike Collier, candidate for Lt. Governor.

When: 4 p.m. Friday

Where: Ryan Hall at 605 N. Main St.

they will be more apt to come out and vote."

Hinojosa and Collier were in Midland and planned on traveling to San Angelo for another event when the Howard County Democrats group asked if they could make some time to speak here in Big Spring.

The group will also be hosting another potential candidate at their general body meeting scheduled for May 23. Daniel Epstein, who is running for United States Congress 19th District, will be a guest at the meeting, to be held in the Howard College Library.

If anyone is interested in participating in the discussion they will have the opportunity to submit their questions during the meeting. It will be located at Ryan Hall, 605 N. Main St., and will take place at 4 p.m. Friday. Refreshments will be provided and the event is open to the public.

Contact Staff Writer Robert Barlow at (432) 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

BLOOD

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"We are the sole provider for Scenic Mountain," said Grace. "So that it stays local is another great thing."

Those interested in donating blood are encouraged to make appointments rather than walk-in, but both are accepted.

"We honor appointments over walk-ins," said Grace. "If your time is valuable, and most people's is, it is best to make an appointment."

Another option for those wanting to save as much time as possible is filling out the Fast Track health form the day of the appointment. It is the same form

that donors will fill out at the appointment, but if filled out ahead of time will save some time.

"We encourage people to do the Fast Track," said Grace. "It is on our website unitedbloodservices.org. Click on the arrow that says Fast Track, read the info, and answer the questions. You can print out it out when you're done or screen shot the code."

Donors ages 16 and up are welcome at the blood drive. Additionally, donors must weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health to donate. Donors between 16 and 22 must meet additional height and weight requirements. Sixteen-year-old donors must present a Minor Donor Permit Form, which can be found online

at www.unitedbloodservices.org, signed by a parent or guardian.

"There is no age cap," said Grace. "If they pass the health questionnaire and the physical, they can donate."

A sandwich tray and juice will be provided for donors. For donating blood, donors will receive one movie pass, a free car wash from Mighty Wash, 700 Hero points, and a free cholesterol check.

For more information, call Stacie King at 432-264-2347 or 877-UBS-HERO.

"Generally we have a lot of support for our blood drives," said Grace. "The people of Big Spring are very giving."

GOP concerns on Trump and Comey pose threat to their agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — Several Republican senators are questioning the timing of President Donald Trump's firing of FBI Director James Comey. But even as the issue emerges as a potential distraction from the GOP's legislative agenda, most are dismissing Democratic calls for a special counsel, and their hand-wringing looks unlikely to lead to any concrete action.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., moved swiftly to reject Democrats' demands for a special prosecutor to investigate Russian meddling in the 2016 election and ties with the Trump campaign. Such an appointment "could only serve to impede the current work being done" by the Senate intelligence committee and the FBI itself, McConnell said.

Democrats argued that an independent, outside inquiry led by a special prosecutor was a necessary next step, given Trump's decision to oust Comey in the midst of the FBI's Russian investigation. The firing came not long af-

ter Comey had requested additional resources for the investigation, according to U.S. officials, although the Justice Department disputed that.

"All we are seeking is some assurance that the subject of this investigation is not able to influence it or, God forbid, quash it," said Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

But Senate intelligence committee Chairman Richard Burr, R-N.C., insisted that his panel has "got the jurisdictional responsibility to investigate this. We are going to do that."

VA

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in Washington D.C. After uncovering serious problems there last month, the IG's "rapid response" team visited the facility again on Wednesday and found at least two new instances in which patients were "placed at unnecessary risk."

In one case, they found a patient prepped for vascular surgery in an operating room, under anesthesia, whose surgery was postponed because "the surgeon did not have a particular sterile instrument necessary to perform the surgery." The team also found "surgical instruments that had color stains of unknown origin in sterile packs," according to the IG's letter sent to the VA. The inspector general again urged the department to take immediate action to correct problems.

The new accountability measure, led by Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., softens portions of a bill that had passed the House in March, which Democrats criticized as unfairly harsh on workers. Sens. Jon Tester of Montana and Johnny Isakson of Georgia, the top Democrat and the Republican chair on the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, worked to make modifications that in part would give VA employees added time to appeal disciplinary actions.

House Veterans Affairs' Committee Chairman Phil Roe, sponsor of the House measure, said he would support the revisions.

"To fully reform the VA and provide our nation's veterans with the quality care they were promised and deserve, we must ensure the department can efficiently dismiss employees who are not able or willing to do their jobs," Rubio told The Associated Press.

It comes after Trump last month signed an executive order to create a VA Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection, with an aim of identifying "barriers" that make it difficult for the VA to fire or reassign bad managers or employees. VA Secretary David Shulkin had urged the Senate to act quickly to pass legislation.

The GOP-controlled House previously approved an accountability bill mostly along party lines. Rep. Tim Walz, D-Minn., argued the House should embrace language instead from a bipartisan bill by Isakson from last year with added due process protections for workers.

The Senate bill to be introduced Thursday adopts several portions of that previous Isakson bill, including a longer appeal process than provided in the House bill — 180 days vs. 45 days, though workers would not be paid during that appeal. VA execu-

tives would be held to a tougher standard than rank-and-file employees for discipline. The Senate bill also codifies into law the VA accountability office created under Trump's order, but with changes to give the head of the office more independent authority and require the office to submit regular updates to Congress.

Conservative groups praised the bill.

"These new measures will disincentivize bad behavior within the VA and further protect those who bravely expose wrongdoing," said Dan Caldwell, policy director of Concerned Veterans for America, pointing to a "toxic culture" at VA.

The agreement comes in a week in which Senate Democrats are standing apart from Trump on a separate issue affecting veterans, the GOP bill passed by the House to repeal and replace the nation's health care law. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., warned the House measure would strip away explicit protections to ensure that as many as 8 million veterans who are eligible for VA care but opt to use private insurance would still receive tax credits.

Many veterans use a private insurer if they feel a VA facility is too far away, or if they don't qualify for fuller VA coverage because they have higher incomes or ailments unrelated to

their time in service, said Duckworth, a combat veteran who lost her legs and partial use of her right arm during the Iraq war. A group of GOP senators is working to craft their own health bill.

"Trumpcare threatens to rip health care out of their hands," Duckworth said at a news briefing this week. "The question left is what will Senate Republicans do?"

Congress has had difficulty coming to agreement on an accountability bill after the Phoenix VA scandal. A 2014 law gave the VA greater power to discipline executives, but the department stopped using that authority after the Obama Justice Department deemed it likely unconstitutional.

Critics have since complained that few employees were fired for various VA malfeasance, including rising cases of opioid drug theft, first reported by the AP.

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UT stabbing suspect says he carried knife for protection

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The man suspected of stabbing four students at the University of Texas says he carried a knife on campus for protection and that on the day of the attack he had walked the campus in a dream-like state.

Twenty-one-year-old Kendrex J. White said in a jailhouse interview with KPRC-TV in Houston that he decided to carry a knife because his friends were carrying guns, which is permissible under a new state law allowing concealed handguns on college campuses.

One student was killed and three others injured in the May 1 stabbings.

Authorities say White suffers from mental health troubles. He's being held on a murder charge.

Sentence reduced for prisoner on Texas death row 25 years

HOUSTON (AP) — A man on Texas death row for nearly 25 years for the abduction, rape and slaying of a 20-year-old Houston bank teller is getting his sentence reduced to life in prison after state attorneys have agreed with the inmate's lawyers that he's mentally impaired and ineligible for execution under U.S. Supreme Court rulings.

The Texas Attorney General's office and attorneys for 44-year-old condemned prisoner Robert James Campbell told a federal judge Wednesday evidence supports a finding that Campbell is intellectually disabled.

Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg says because a life sentence without parole was not an option when Campbell was charged in 1991 with the slaying of Alejandra Rendon, his new sentence includes parole eligibility.

Texas per-pupil funding falls farther below national average

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas' per-pupil spending continues to fall farther below the national average, despite the state Supreme Court declaring the public school finance system barely constitutional last year.

The Texas arm of the National Education Association, the country's largest teachers union, announced Wednesday data showing state spending per K-12 student declined by an average of \$143 to \$10,017 from the 2015-2016 school year to the current 2016-2017 one.

Texas ranks 36th nationwide in classroom spending, \$2,555 less per student than the national average which rose to \$12,572. Texas' booming population also saw statewide classroom enrollment rise about 80,000 children over the same period.

Texas man says woman's stabbing death part of suicide pact

McKINNEY, Texas (AP) — A North Texas man accused by authorities of killing his girlfriend and then posting a photo of her body on social media claims the two had formed a suicide pact and began stabbing one another after a day of drinking.

Forty-six-year-old Kenneth Amyx made the assertion during a recorded police interview that was played Tuesday in a Collin County courtroom on the first day of his murder trial.

He's accused of killing 43-year-old Jennifer Streit-Spears at her Plano apartment last May.

Authorities say he posted a photo of a bloodied Streit-Spears on her Facebook page and also texted an image to her mother.

Amyx at the time was wanted on a charge of sexually abusing a child.

Texas Senate approves anti-hazing bill

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Senate has approved a bill expanding the definition of hazing in civil and criminal cases.

Laredo Democratic Sen. Judith Zaffirini's measure is designed to curb hazing at universities. It spells out as hazing those cases involving coerced consumption of alcohol and drugs — which can be common during fraternity pledges and other campus situations.

Zaffirini said current state statute on hazing is often too vague. Her bill further bars those who carry out hazing incidents from seeking immunity from prosecution when reporting their own hazing.

It was approved by a vote of 24-7 on Tuesday and now heads to the state House. A similar bill passed the Senate unanimously in 2015 but stalled in the House without reaching a floor vote.

Texas votes to give immigration lockups child care licenses



In this July 31, 2014, file photo shows a sand-covered play area sits in the middle of the Karnes County Residential Center in Karnes City, Texas. The state Senate voted 20-11 on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, to approve a bill that would allow Texas to license two family lockups, despite a past state court ruling that such facilities do not meet minimum requirements to care for kids. The private prison company GEO Group, which operates an 830-bed family facility south of San Antonio, lobbied Texas politicians to introduce the licensing bill, which could help its Karnes Residential Center remain open.

By **MEREDITH HOFFMAN**
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas lawmakers are advancing a proposal to license family immigrant detention centers as child care providers.

The state Senate voted 20-11 Tuesday to give preliminary approval to a bill that would allow Texas to license two family lockups, despite a past state court ruling that such facilities do not meet minimum requirements to care for kids. The measure would enable detention facilities to hold families for prolonged stays, which advocates say could physically and psychologically harm children.

The bill needs a final Senate vote that could come as early as Wednesday before heading to the state House. Texas' legislative session ends May 29, so time is running short.

The private prison company GEO Group, which operates an

830-bed family facility south of San Antonio, lobbied Texas politicians to introduce the licensing bill, which could help its Karnes Residential Center remain open. That lockup, which mainly holds women and children seeking asylum from Central America, earns GEO \$55 million annually.

A lobbyist from GEO was "where the legislation came from," State Rep. John Raney, a Republican from Bryan, previously told the Associated Press. A GEO Group spokesman said the company "supports any effort to provide appropriate levels of government oversight" and that Karnes "provides high-quality care in a safe, humane, family-friendly environment."

Senators opposed to the proposal Tuesday called it a "vendor bill" that could seriously harm children seeking asylum.

"We're doing something in favor of one company instead of in the interests of the children,"

said Sen. Sylvia Garcia, a Democrat from Houston. "They're not coming here for fun...They're coming because they've been abused, neglected, and now to add insult to injury we're putting them in baby jails."

Democratic Sen. Jose Menendez noted on the Senate floor that a slew of children's and immigrant's rights groups testified in opposition to the bill and that the only supporter was the private prison operator that stands to benefit. Sen. Jose Rodriguez, an El Paso Democrat, cited concerns about sexual assaults, lengthy wait times for medical care and children being held "in prison-like" conditions.

But sponsor Bryan Hughes said the measure "is about keeping these folks safe and in place until their hearing."

Hughes, a Mineola Republican, said that the alternative is

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Texas House OKs letting adoption groups deny non-Christians

By **MEREDITH HOFFMAN**
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Many state-funded Texas adoption and foster care agencies routinely deny non-Christian, gay, and unmarried applicants on religious grounds — and legislation that got initial approval in the state House on Tuesday is designed to protect them from potential lawsuits from doing so.

The private organizations, which are paid by the state to place foster children with adoptive families, want to continue the practice and are seeking legal pro-

tections through Texas' "Freedom to Serve Children Act," which the GOP-controlled chamber approved 94-51 late Tuesday night.

A final vote will be needed Wednesday to send the measure to the state Senate, which is even more conservative.

The bill would be the nation's second allowing state-funded adoption agencies to reject families on religious grounds. South Dakota passed similar legislation in March but it's too soon to measure its practical effects. While the Texas proposal may

not pass constitutional muster, that hasn't stopped the state's lawmakers before, who have in recent years approved a voter ID law and abortion restrictions that were overturned in court.

Randy Daniels, vice-president of Child and Family Services for the Dallas-based Christian child welfare organization Buckner International, said religious agencies are terrified of lawsuits for turning away parents.

"We want to make sure we can practice within the framework of our sincerely held religious

beliefs," said Daniels.

Buckner only accepts Christian heterosexual couples who have been married for at least four years, in addition to some single individuals — which is more liberal than many other faith-based groups, which refuse single parents, said Daniels.

"These are our requirements, and we're clear, this is just who we are," said Daniels. "We want to make sure that groups like Buckner continue to have a place at the table because we bring solutions."

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Foul play not suspected in 2 deaths in Central Park waters



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Medical examiner investigators remove a body found in a pond in Central Park, Wednesday May 10, 2017, in New York.

NEW YORK (AP) — The bodies of two men have been discovered over two days in Central Park, each floating in a lake, but investigators don't believe either was the victim of a crime, police said Wednesday.

The first body, of a man thought to be in his 20s or 30s, was found Tuesday in the park's Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Reservoir, near Central Park West and 90th Street. It apparently had been there at least a month, said police Chief of Detectives Robert Boyce.

On Wednesday

morning, a body of a man in his 30s, wearing pants and shoes but no shirt, and carrying identification, was found about 1½ miles south of the reservoir in Swan Lake, a pond frequented by tourists near The Plaza hotel.

It had been there about one to two weeks, Boyce said. Investigators were working to confirm the ID.

The medical examiner will determine the causes of death; neither body had obvious signs of trauma.

"We don't believe

there's criminality in either of these cases right now," he said.

The rare occurrences — a body was last found in Central Park waters in 2015 — brought negative attention to a normally tranquil oasis in the heart of the city.

Swan Lake, at the southeast corner of the park, is surrounded by pink and white azaleas, Japanese maples and other lush vegetation and is populated with all manner of birds. After Boyce's press conference, a white egret was seen perching on a log at the edge of the

lake.

A day earlier, the police activity centered on a similarly picturesque area near Central Park West and 90th Street.

The reservoir is about a half-mile long and up to 40 feet deep. It's surrounded by a 4-foot-high ornamental fence and a popular track — the Parks Department says Onassis, former President Bill Clinton and the singer Madonna had all run there.

According to the park's website, the reservoir was decommissioned in 1993. The city named the reservoir for the former first lady in 1994 after her death.

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of Texas' bill say it is designed to retain providers by shielding them from possible court fights.

"We want to make reasonable accommodations so everyone can participate in the system," said state Rep. James Frank of Wichita Falls. "Everyone is welcome. But you don't have to think alike to participate."

Megan Lestino, vice-president of public policy for the National Adoption Council, said she knows of faith-based adoption agencies denying LGBT and other prospective parents around the country — which upsets families but does not violate the law unless the state fails to present other options.

"Equal protection requires that there's another option for every family," said Lestino. "And there typically is some option for every family."

Four states have passed legislation protecting private adoption agencies only, which Cooper said was seen by some to "codify" existing practices and fall within legal limits. South Dakota, and now Texas, seek to go further.

Frank said his bill directs state child services to ensure that other outside adoption providers without religious objections are made available to help would-be adoptive parents who get turned away by any who do raise objections.

But Rebecca Robertson, the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas' legislative and policy director, said the state — whose only faith providers are Christian — is lacking in such options.

"If organizations are turning people away and those people are unable to be

served that's a violation," she said. "I know this bill would make that happen at multiple levels in this state welfare system."

Robertson also said the proposal violates the Constitution since it involves taxpayer dollars.

"When Texans come to the table, the government has to treat all Texans the same," she said. "This is state-sponsored discrimination."

During lengthy debate, opponents said the measure fails to prioritize the needs of adoptive and foster children.

"I truly want to see something that doesn't create so much concern and fear," said Rep. Donna Howard, an Austin Democrat. "That we recognize there are a wide variety of beliefs and non-beliefs and all should be guaranteed services and should not be denied services on the basis of their beliefs or of their gender identity."

The chamber's Republican majority defeated Democratic modifications to the bill that would have required adoption agencies to document their rejection of families.

"It's one thing to protect providers' rights to refuse to provide a service they do not agree with, but I also want to make sure the kids are protected," said Rep. Eddie Rodriguez, also a Democrat from Austin, who proposed one such unsuccessful amendment.

Frank said his bill was designed to draw as many participants as possible into adoption and foster care and said those who say the bill is discriminatory misunderstand it.

"I hope the message that gets tweeted out at the end of this is that Texas is open for anybody and everybody," said Frank.

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they can be released and end up "maybe in some other state" or "the feds can choose to separate parents from their children."

The Trump administration pledged in April not to separate immigrant families arriving at the border, after Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly suggested he was considering doing so.

But Karnes and Texas' other family detention center — the 2,400-bed South Texas Residential Facility operated by the U.S.'s largest private prison company CoreCivic — are both operating far below capacity.

That's because the flow of women and children fleeing gangs and violence in Central America to seek asylum in the U.S. has slowed dramatically.

Immigrant advocates attribute the drop to more frequent turn-

arounds at the border by customs agents and immigrants' fears of enforcement under the Trump administration.

Karnes opened as a family detention center in 2014 and used to hold detainees for months, until a federal judge ruled that children held longer than 20 days must be housed in "non-secure" facilities with child care licenses. After the Texas Depart-

ment of Family Protective Services granted Karnes a license, advocates sued.

A state judge ruled last year that family detention centers did not qualify for licenses — prompting the Texas bill.



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Answers: 1) Irving Berlin, 2) Johannes Brahms, 3) Sigmund Freud, 4) John F. Kennedy, 5) Walt Whitman, 6) Harry S. Truman, 7) Florence Nightingale

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Fact or Fiction? May Challenge

May is the fifth month of the year. Here are some questions about the month. How many can you answer correctly?



- 1) May was named after the Greek goddess Maia. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 2) May has 31 days like November. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 3) May is the start of the summer vacation season for many Americans. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 4) Emerald is the birthstone for May. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 5) Most emeralds are black. **Fact or Fiction?**

6) Many holidays take place in May, including Mother's Day, which falls on a Wednesday. **Fact or Fiction?**

7) Cinco de Mayo falls on May 5. **Fact or Fiction?**

8) The Kentucky Derby takes place on the first Saturday in May. **Fact or Fiction?**

9) The Kentucky Derby is a dog race. **Fact or Fiction?**

10) Memorial Day falls on the last Monday in May in the United States. **Fact or Fiction?**

Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fiction, May has 31 days while November has 30, 3) Fact, 4) Fact, 5) Fiction, most emeralds are green, 6) Fiction, Mother's Day falls on a Sunday, 7) Fact, 8) Fact, 9) Fiction, it is a horse race, 10) Fact

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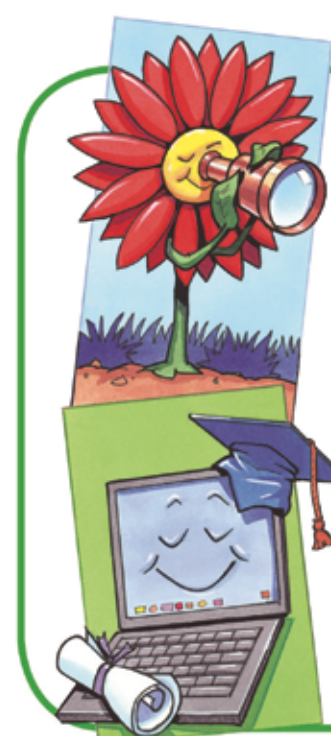


List 10 words that rhyme with "Ma."

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Some answers: ah, awe, blah, claw, flow, gnaw, ha, la, pa, spa

Jokes



Q: If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

A: Pilgrims!

Q: Why is a computer so smart?

A: It listens to its motherboard.

Rangers score trio of runs without hits, beat Padres 4-3

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Delino DeShields took two hard steps toward home plate. He then got to jog in from third base with the tying run for the Texas Rangers after a balk.

Two innings later, DeShields scored on a wild pitch in the seventh that gave Texas a 4-3 victory over the San Diego Padres on Wednesday night.

In a game that the Rangers were 1 of 13 with runners in scoring position, they also scored on a wild pitch.

"It wasn't necessarily pretty offensively, but however you get an opportunity to capitalize on some situations, balls put in play," manager Jeff Banister said.

DeShields drew a one-out walk from reliever Brad Hand (0-2) in the seventh after Shin-Soo Choo also walked. Elvis Andrus then hit a potential double-play grounder, but second baseman Yangervis Solarte's wide throw to first went into the camera well.

"For me, it's a physical error. Physical error's happen," said Padres manager Andy Green, who lost a replay challenge that Choo obstructed on the play by not sliding while going into second base.

After Choo's RBI single in the fifth, Texas got even at 3 when DeShields scored on the balk by Padres starter Luis Perdomo, who shuffled his feet off the rubber when DeShields bluffed toward the plate.

"When he was in his windup, (third base coach Tony) Beasley basically told me that when he yelled 'Go!' I was to give him two hard steps," DeShields said. "I guess he balked the same way in his last outing. ... We got the run



Texas Rangers starting pitcher Yu Darvish (11) delivers a pitch against the San Diego Padres during the first inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, May 10, 2017, in Arlington, Texas. *AP Photo*

and it was huge."

Jeremy Jeffress (1-2) allowed singles to the Nos. 8 and 9 hitters to start the top of the seventh after replacing Yu Darvish, but got out of the inning without allowing a run. Matt Bush worked the ninth for his second save.

Choo got Texas started with a lead-off single in the first, moved to third

when Andrus executed a hit-and-run and scored on a wild pitch to make it 1-1.

All of San Diego's runs came off Darvish in the first two innings, when Wil Myers and Erick Aybar hit long homers before Matt Szczur's RBI double into the right-center gap for a 3-1 lead. Darvish struck out six with

no walks in six innings.

"I feel like we kind of let him off the hook tonight, myself included, chasing some pitches," Myers said. "Especially with a guy like that, if you don't zone him up, he's going to take advantage of your aggressiveness."

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Correa leads Astros over Braves 4-2



AP Photo

Houston Astros' Carlos Correa (1) hits a two-run double as Atlanta Braves catcher Kurt Suzuki works behind the plate during the fifth inning of a baseball game Wednesday, May 10, 2017, in Houston.

HOUSTON (AP) — Carlos Correa has developed a knack this season for coming up with big hits with two outs.

He did it again on Wednesday when he had two doubles and two RBIs to help the Houston Astros to a 4-2 win over the Atlanta Braves that gave them the best 34-game start in franchise history.

The Astros had two outs and two on in the fifth when Correa's double off Jaime Garcia (1-2) landed in the left-field corner to score two runners for a 3-2 lead.

"I was just trying to get a good pitch to hit. He hung a slider over the middle of the plate and I was able to drive it for us to take the lead," Correa said.

Garcia walked Evan Gattis, and Yuli Gurriel's single scored Correa.

Eight of Correa's 17 RBIs with two outs. After hitting just .233 with two homers and eight RBIs in April he's heated up this month to bat .344 with two homers

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Spurs look to close out Rockets with Leonard ailing



AP Photo

San Antonio Spurs' Danny Green (14) drives to the basket as Houston Rockets' James Harden (13) defends during overtime of Game 5 in a second-round NBA basketball playoff series, Tuesday, May 9, 2017, in San Antonio. San Antonio won 110-107.

HOUSTON (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs are a victory away from eliminating the Houston Rockets and advancing to the Western Conference Finals for the first time since winning the NBA title in 2014.

But entering Thursday night's Game 6 in Houston there are questions about whether Kawhi Leonard will

be at full strength after rolling his ankle in an overtime win on Tuesday night. The Spurs' MVP candidate was hurt when he stepped on James Harden's foot about midway through the third quarter. He played limited minutes for the rest of regulation and did not play in overtime.

San Antonio's All-Star

said after the game that it was "a little sore" and he was limping. But he insisted that he's fine and will be ready to go on Thursday.

If Leonard is still hobbled for Game 6 it will be another blow to a team already without Tony Parker, after the veteran suffered a

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MLS: Toronto on top, undefeated Dallas and Brek's back



AP Photo

Toronto FC midfielder Michael Bradley runs off the field following an MLS soccer match against Seattle Sounders on May 6, 2017.

Following Toronto FC's win last weekend, captain Michael Bradley made a rather bold statement.

"We feel like we have the best team in the league," he said, adding that he didn't mean just the starting 11, but all the way down Toronto's deep roster.

So let's look at the facts: The busy Reds are riding a five-match winning streak after Wednesday night's 2-1 victory over Columbus. It is the longest winning streak in club history.

They had previously downed the Seattle Sounders, the team that bested them in the MLS Cup final last season on penalties after a scoreless draw. Jozy Altidore, who leads the Reds with six goals this season, scored on a penalty kick in the 23rd minute for the 1-0

win Saturday at CenturyLink Field.

It followed a 2-1 victory over Orlando City last week. Sebastian Giovinco had both goals in that win then sat out of the road trip against the Sounders. Attacking midfielder Victor Vazquez, who leads the team with six assists, and defenders Steven Beitashour and Eriq Zavaleta also stayed home from Seattle.

It was thought that the hectic schedule could catch up with TFC against the Crew, but Tosaint Ricketts scored a pair of late goals for the three points on the road.

The Reds went 1-4-1 through their first six games before the winning streak. The Reds' lone loss came against Columbus, an emotional game because Toronto coach Greg

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#9388 May 11, 2017

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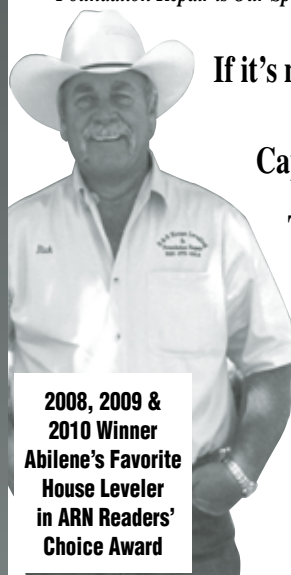
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You keep stepping forward, sometimes slowly, sometimes quickly, but ever forward. As long as you don't stop, you'll eventually get there. Persistence will win out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If home is where the heart is,

yours isn't so much an actual place these days. Rather, it's a circle of people you give your love to. Your affection is abundant, your efforts selfless, your attention addictive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What you need to learn now can't be studied; it must be observed. As you watch those who have the quality you want to attain (quietly, without judgment) you'll pick it up, as if by osmosis.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've loved and lost, but worse than that, you've loved and not had that love returned. These are the rites of passage that all great lovers experience. Be proud of the scars on your heart. They've made you extraordinary.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When a baby cries in public, any mother within earshot is activated to care and act. This is how a soul's cry is to you, except the soul's cry can't be heard with your ears. You hear it with your heart, and your heart reaches to respond.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Success is pretty simple. Not easy, but simple. Essentially, break the big goals down to small chunks and get to work. Also, a mentor will significantly help your chances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're a true friend and a stellar partner, which you'll prove in today's interactions. If you feel pressured to prove this too often, consider that the relationship may be unbalanced, and think about how you might restore equipoise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your charms are working today, perhaps even better than the other kinds of intelligence you were born with. If you're not giving the perfectly correct answers, you're giving entertaining ones.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). With creativity you will solve the problems that can't be solved with money or might. The trick to getting into a creative mindset is in freeing your mind from the perception of boundaries.

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(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The outcome you desire will be achieved through persuasion -- but if your subject feels manipulated, the effect will be lost. Effective persuasion hinges on attraction, which you should build first and foremost.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll plan your day well, although it may seem that there's a distraction monkey on your shoulder ready to bail on any task that doesn't promise instant gratification. If you're to achieve your goal, he must be ignored.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). One small gesture will be the start of something consequential. The initiation move will have the kind of domino effect that people make videos about, the collapsing pieces spiraling in an intricate design.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 11). This year is marked by a sense of stability. In relationships and in your projects, stability is the guiding tenet. Turmoil gets settled; injustice is made right. July through Sep-

tember represents a thriving time for your family. August is for adventuring. Be a little selfish, because your happiness will benefit all. The Gemini and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 19, 1, 44 and 11.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I had a friend who did a tarot card reading for me five years ago. Her reading perfectly matched everything that was happening to me at that time. I became convinced there is correlation between the physical and astral worlds. This reading stirred my interest in astral projection, numerology, tantra, chakras and, of course, horoscopes. Sometimes it's difficult for me to make decisions in life. The negativity that pools around my soul drains energy from me. Holiday, is there a force field to protect me from darkness and help me walk in a better light?"

Yes. All you have to do is ask to be protected. Here's a simple mental exercise in buffering yourself. Imagine you are breathing in pale blue

light and breathing out dark smoke. Let the white light build into a bubble around you. Go about your day being aware of your bubble. That's it. Do not get involved in anything that makes you feel weird. Stay in control. Never give your power over to anyone. You are the primary force in your life. Accept only studies that enrich you, make you feel lighter and brighter and add beauty to your experience in this lifetime.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: The dating life of Sabrina Carpenter is a hot topic these days, but the Disney artist is too busy with a hit song on the radio and a sold-out tour to be distracted by much. The triple-threat star of "Girl Meets World" and "Just Dance Kids 2" has her sun, Mercury and Saturn all in Taurus, the sign of the voice. Mercury is in artistic Pisces, and lucky Jupiter is in high-energy Aries.

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Seeking Relationship Closure

Dear Annie: I feel like a cliché. About a year and a half ago, after six years of dating, "Jon" and I broke up -- or more accurately, Jon broke up with me.

It blindsided me, especially because I had just relocated with him to another state about a month earlier. He said he was having personal issues and just wanted to be alone. He was drink-

ing a lot and seemed really depressed at the time. I tried encouraging him to seek professional help, but he refused. I continued calling him periodically at first to check in and see whether he was doing OK. But I wanted to respect his wishes, and he didn't seem interested in getting back together, so I slowly began the process of healing and moving on.

About six months later, I started hearing from him again. He sent me gifts in

the mail, references to inside jokes we'd shared over the years. He began calling a lot. I kept meaning to call him back, but for some reason, I didn't. Things were just different. I had started developing feelings for someone else. Eventually, Jon seemed to get this and began moving on, too. But I never could have guessed how quickly he'd move on.

He started seeing a woman he'd met on a dating site, and within three months, they were engaged. Their wedding is next month. And as much as I'm happy -- I'm in a new relationship myself -- I still sometimes dwell on how things ended with my ex. And I don't get how he never proposed to me after six years but

it took him only three months to pop the question to a woman who was practically a stranger. I know it's silly, but I even have thoughts like, "Was I so horrible that anyone who came after me seemed like immediate marriage material?" And I feel this sense of unfinished business because I never did tell him how much he hurt me. I don't think he knows, because he invited me to the wedding. (I respectfully declined.) Do you think that calling him or writing him a letter just to have one final conversation would give me some sense of closure? -- Conflicted

Dear Conflicted: Perhaps the cheapest form of therapy is putting thoughts down on paper. So write Jon

a letter, but don't send it. Instead, use it as a space to work out your feelings and figure out what's really stopping you from moving on. Closure is a gift we can only give to ourselves.

Dear Annie: As a retired pastor with over 40 years of ministry, may I suggest another response to "Trying to Save Our Church," who wrote in about two people causing problems in her church? If her church is part of a larger denomination, she could suggest help from a denominational leader, such as a bishop or superintendent. Having dealt with troublemakers such as the ones she described, I have found that such people or couples can and do cause significant

damage to the harmony of a congregation. -- Reverend Barron

Dear Reverend: I was surprised by how many readers wrote in and mentioned that they'd dealt with similar problems at their churches. I'm printing your helpful, practical tip here because apparently, there are a lot of troublemakers out there! Thank you, Reverend.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Believe it or not!

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 10 7 6 5 2
♥ 8 7
♦ —
♣ K Q J 7 4

WEST
♠ A 8 4
♥ A J 10 9 6 2
♦ A K J 4
♣ —

EAST
♠ K J 9 3
♥ K Q 4 3
♦ 10 8 3 2
♣ 6

SOUTH
♠ —
♥ 5
♦ Q 9 7 6 5
♠ A 10 9 8 5 3 2

The bidding:
1♥ North 2♥ East 3♣ South
6♥ 7♣ Dble

Opening lead — ace of diamonds.

down one.

But it seemed to West that the ace of diamonds was much more likely to survive as the opening salvo than the ace of hearts. This was certainly a reasonable assumption, but declarer ruffed the first diamond in dummy and easily made the grand slam. He trumped four diamonds in dummy and four spades in his hand, establishing dummy's spades as well as his last diamond. After drawing East's lone trump, South discarded his heart loser on a spade and took the rest of the tricks.

At the second table, after a different sequence of bids, West wound up in seven hearts. A spade lead by North would have stopped this grand slam, but instead North made the uninspired lead of the king of clubs. Declarer ruffed, drew two rounds of trumps, took the obvious finesses in spades and diamonds, and so made all the tricks.

As a result, the successful team scored 2,330 points at the first table for making seven clubs doubled, and another 2,210 points at the second table for making seven hearts undoubled, and thus gained 4,540 points on one deal!

What all this teaches us is difficult to say, but the fact is that at both tables a different opening lead would have set both slams!

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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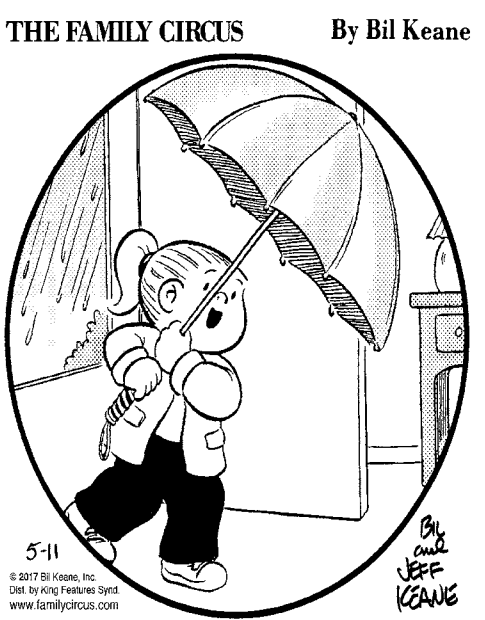
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

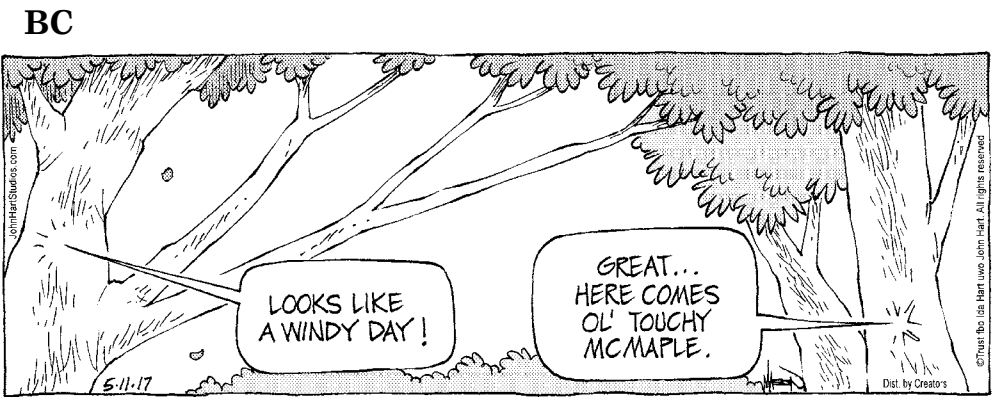


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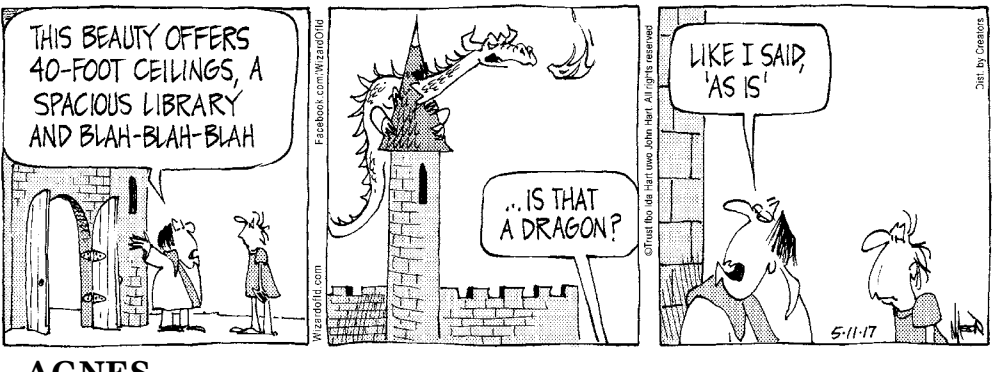
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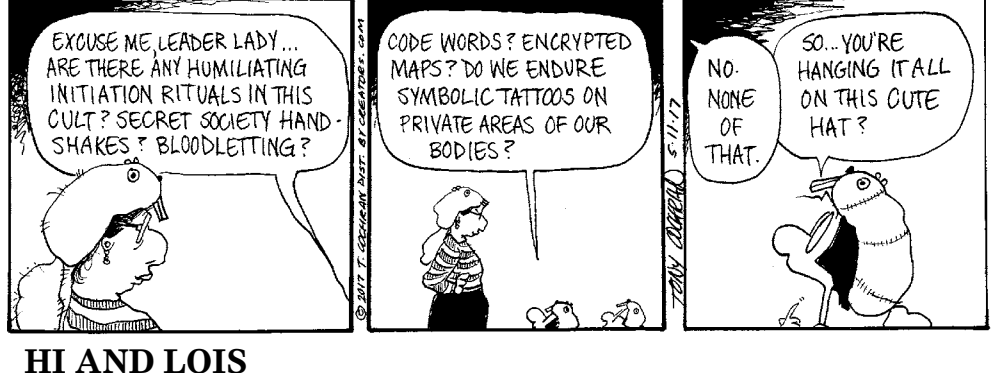
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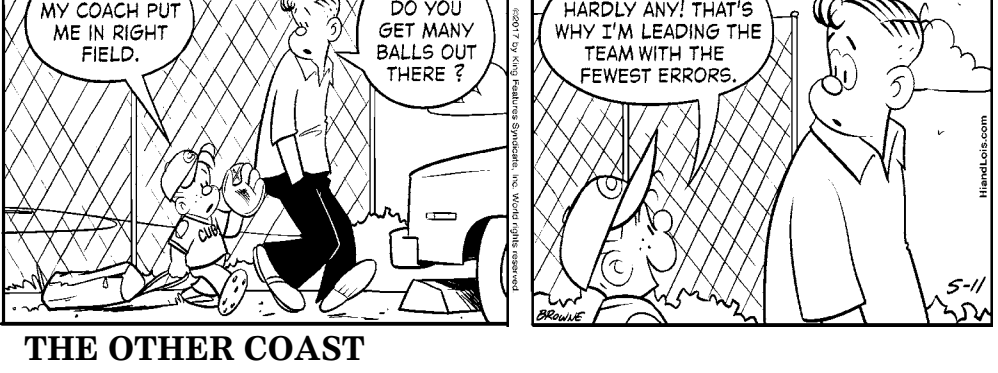
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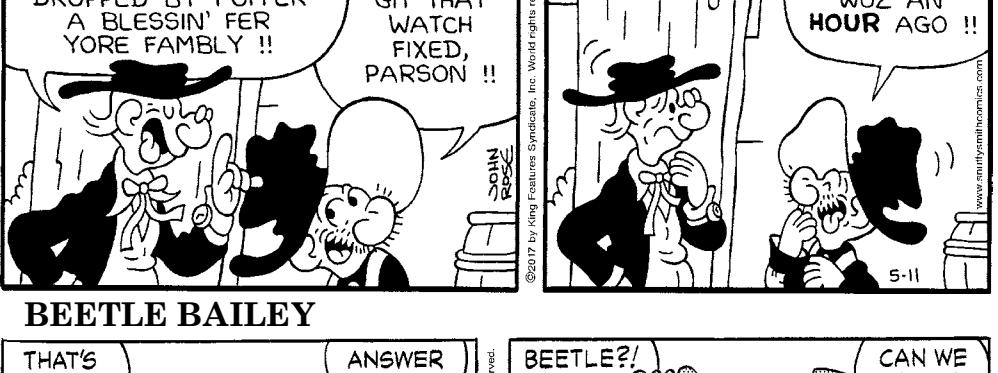
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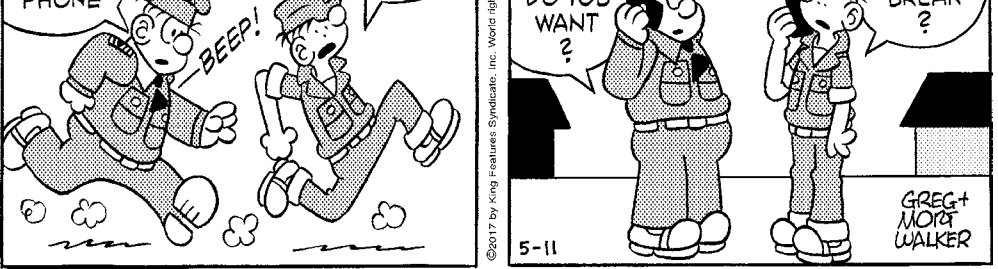
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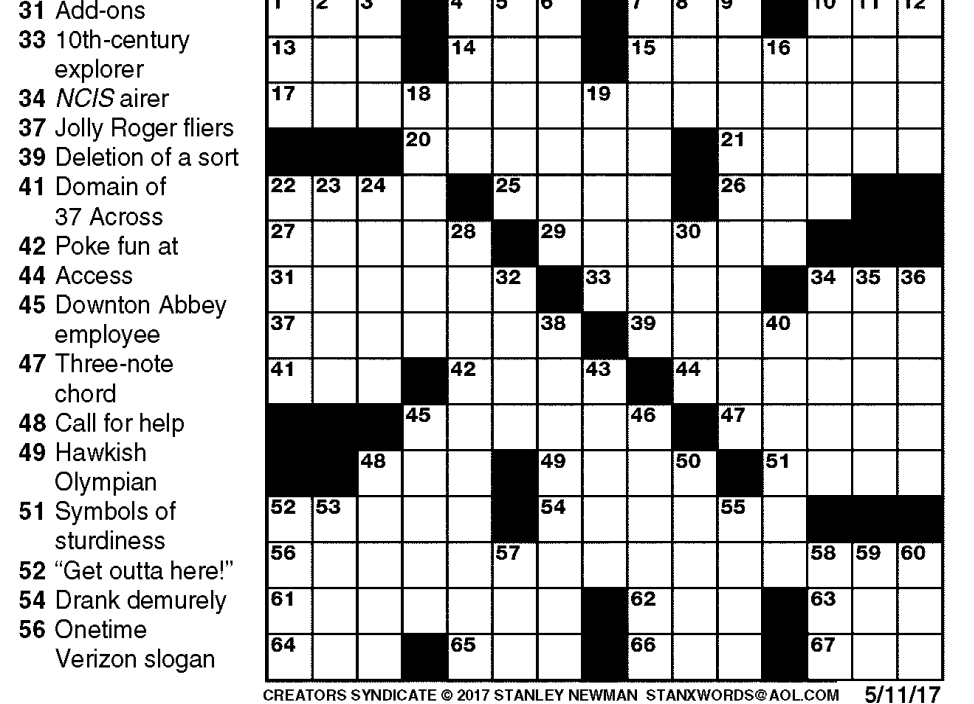


This Date In History

Today is Thursday, May 11, the 131st day of 2017. There are 234 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On May 11, 1927, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was founded during a banquet at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS: 1 Vacation destination, 4 Manitoba speed meas., 7 Poke fun at, 10 Yonder yawl, 13 Poke fun at, 14 Signify, 15 Ballot caster, 17 Onetime Coke slogan, 20 Except if, 21 Antidotes, 22 Emulated Rumpelstiltskin, 25 Building sites, 26 Baseball stats, 27 Something essential to São Paulo, 29 Of serfs and manors, 31 Add-ons, 33 10th-century explorer, 34 NCIS ailer, 37 Jolly Roger fliers, 39 Deletion of a sort, 41 Domain of, 42 Poke fun at, 44 Access, 45 Downton Abbey employee, 47 Three-note chord, 48 Call for help, 49 Hawkish Olympian, 51 Symbols of sturdiness, 52 "Get outta here!", 54 Drank demurely, 56 Onetime Verizon slogan, 61 Slow tempo, 62 Orange veggie, 63 Swelter, 64 Where a hole begins, 65 Some MIT grads, 66 Farm structure, 67 Creator of Radley and Finch, 9 With 28 Down, onetime Lay's slogan, 10 Agitates, 11 Improve, as an edge, 12 Energy measures, 16 Boor, 18 Arctic plain, 19 First name in fragrances, 22 Moves oneself, 23 Mischief-maker, 24 Opposite of infra-, 28 See 9 Down, 30 Calamitous, 32 Campaigner's goal, 34 Papal court, 35 Short recess, 36 Tennis toumey favorites, 38 Hits the water, 40 Walked confidently, 43 Uncanny, 45 Gung-ho exclamation, 46 Makes good on an IOU, 48 Weather balloon, 50 Jack of rhyme, 52 "Get outta here!", 53 Sugar source, 55 Oscar's cousin, 57 Salt Lake City collegian, 58 Whom 49ers play for, 59 Underground resource, 60 Road-fork shape



Answer to previous puzzle: SLIPS, DELI, ASPS, WINAT, IVAN, NCAIA, AMORE, SEND, GRIN, BATTLE, CREEK, AND, ILLS, ERUPTS, AERIAL, NUJISM, FLU, REDOS, SPECS, AMMO, NADER, STAT, ROBOT, TUROW, ALA, LOOF, FAH, WHOLLY, THEHUB, JOIN, RES, RIOT, OF, COLOR, ALEC, MARE, HAIKU, CLAP, AHOY, ITSON, TOTO, NUTS, SHAKE



AP Photo

Rangers' Delino DeShields jogs home past Padres catcher Luis Torrens to score during the seventh inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, May 10, 2017.

TEXAS

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Szczur's infield single in the fourth ended Darvish's team record of opposing hitters going 0 for 36 against him with runners in scoring position. That span dated to last September, and broke Charlie Hough's mark set in 1989 with his streak of opponents going 0 for 35 with runners in scoring position.

After Darvish went 125 and 113 pitches in his previous two pitches, he was pulled after 96 pitches this time. The Rangers had a full bullpen available after A.J. Griffin's four-hit shutout in San Diego on Tuesday. "We had this one tabbed as we're going to back off a little bit and not push him over that 100 mark," Banister said.

Choo has reached base seven consecutive plate appearances — and 10 of 11. "I know I've had a really slow start," Choo said. "The last couple of games I'm kind of feeling back to normal. Seeing a lot of pitches, swinging at strikes."

Padres: Reliever Jose

Torres left the game after a comebacker MLB stats showed at 105 mph hit just above the wrist on his non-throwing arm in the eighth. Torres recovered to pick up the ball to throw out Rougned Odor out at first base. Green said Torres should be OK.

Rangers: RHP Tyson Ross (thoracic outlet syndrome) is scheduled for a three-inning simulated game Saturday at extended spring training in Arizona. The former Padre is still several weeks from his Rangers debut.

Padres: Wanting a lefty against Texas and a righty against the Chicago White Sox on Friday, the Padres flipped their starter. Lefty Clayton Richard goes in the series finale against the Rangers, whose .192 batting average against lefties is 30 points lower than their average against right-handers. Righty Jhoulys Chacin had initially been set to start Thursday.

Rangers: Martin Perez (1-5) will try to avoid become the first six-game loser in the majors this season.

MLS

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Vanney was grieving the death of his mother and defender Drew Moor was diagnosed with an irregular heartbeat during training.

"We knew we were inches away at the start of the season just missing opportunities to get results," Vanney said. "We came away with a lot of draws in that stretch, but we knew we were close."

Toronto hosts Minnesota this weekend to cap a rather busy spell. And there's some good news for the Reds: Moor has returned to training after undergoing a procedure in Boston.

"Two weeks ago, a lot of people were concerned because we weren't necessarily turning some of those games into wins. But we knew we were close and it was a matter of working through a few things in getting the season started," Vanney said. "How quickly the feeling can change when you have a couple weeks where you put together a set of wins."

GAME OF THE WEEK: While Toronto sits atop the East, FC Dallas is undefeated at 5-0-3 and sitting atop the Western Conference. There are no other undefeated teams left.

So can they keep the streak alive? Last season's Supporters'

Shield winners visit New York City FC for a nationally televised match Sunday. NYCFC is in third place in the East at 5-3-1 and paced by David Villa with six goals.

Maximiliano Urruti has six goals for Dallas.

BEST OF THE REST: The Red Bulls have a 19-game undefeated streak at home that dates back to April 2016. They've also allowed just one goal at home this season.

The LA Galaxy have a chance to end the lengthy streak Sunday. But the Galaxy are struggling with a four-game winless streak.

"We have to work hard, we have to start moving up the table and getting three points. What a way to hopefully start it against New York, right? It's going to be difficult, but we have to have this mentality, never give up and work hard for each other," forward Gyasi Zardes said.

The Galaxy were stung Monday when they learned they'd be without Jermaine Jones for three to four weeks with a sprained right knee.

HONORS: Philadelphia forward CJ Sapong was named Player of the Week after scoring all three goals in the Union's 3-0 victory over the Red Bulls last Saturday. It was his first career hat trick.

Sapong leads the league with seven goals this season. But for

him, the win was more important than the goals. It was the Union's first victory of the season.

ON THE MOVE: There will be 12 MLS-affiliated players on rosters at the Under-20 World Cup in South Korea later this month. U.S. coach Tab Ramos named nine current MLS players and one academy player to his roster. Two other MLS players will represent other countries.

THE LAST WORD: Brek Shea scored his first MLS goal with the Whitecaps since he was traded to the team in February, striking the game-winner in a 1-0 victory at Colorado last Friday. It was a stunner, too, going right between Rapids goalkeeper Tim Howard's legs on a breakaway in the 84th minute.

Shea, who has also played on the U.S. national team, missed the previous five games because of a knee sprain. He was injured early last month during a CONCACAF Champions League match.

Shea had entered the game against the Rapids in the 69th minute — showing how the 27-year-old can quickly change the dynamics of a match.

"I've got confidence in him, he's a super talent, still young and has a lot of football ahead of him," Whitecaps coach Carl Robinson said.

ASTROS

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and seven RBIs in just nine games.

"The proof is out there every day when he's starting to contribute every game," manager A.J. Hinch said. "I know he had a little bit of a rough start to the season but I think him being up in the middle of the order with the game on the line is exactly what he thrives in."

Houston (23-11) swept the two-game interleague matchup in its first series victory over the Braves since winning two of three from May 1-3, 1999.

Joe Musgrove (2-3) allowed two runs and four hits in six innings, and Ken Giles pitched a perfect ninth for his ninth save in 10 chances.

Garcia tied a season-high with four runs in six innings, giving up six hits.

Freddie Freeman and Adonis Garcia hit solo homers to give Atlanta a 2-1 lead in the fourth, but the Braves couldn't string many together hits after that and tied a season high with their sixth straight loss.

"It's a rough go right now on everything if you get right down to

it," manager Brian Snitker said. "We just got to keep grinding and working and eventually you handle something like this and good things will happen on the other end of it."

Dansby Swanson and Emilio Bonifacio hit back-to-back singles in the eighth, but Will Harris struck out three of the next four batters to escape the jam.

Musgrove, who had given up four runs in the first inning in two of his previous three starts, kept the Braves off the board until Freeman opened the fourth inning by hitting his 12th home run. Freeman is the fifth player in franchise history to hit 12 homers in the first 31 games and the first since Justin Upton did it in 2013.

Matt Kemp followed with a single to extend his hitting streak to 11 games, but he was erased when Nick Markakis grounded into a double play.

Jake Marisnick singled with two outs in the third inning and stole second base. The Astros took a 1-0 lead when he scored on a double by George Springer.

MAKEUP GAME SET

The Braves will make up a game their home game with the Mets that was postponed last Thursday because of rain on

June 10. The game will be part of a double-header with the first game starting at 1:05 p.m. and the second one, which was originally scheduled to start at 4:10 p.m., being pushed back to 6:05 p.m.

THEY SAID IT

Kemp on the Atlanta's struggles with runners in scoring position: "We've got to get those big hits. Maybe if we get something going like that it will get us back on track. But we're just not getting those timely hits and getting runners out. We're not doing anything right at the moment."

UP NEXT

Braves: Atlanta has an off day on Thursday before opening a three-game series at Miami on Friday. Mike Foltynewicz (0-4, 4.55) will try and bounce back and get his first win this season after allowing nine hits and seven runs — both season highs — in four innings of a 10-0 loss to St. Louis in his last outing.

Astros: Ace Dallas Keuchel will try and improve to 6-0 when he starts the opener of a four-game series against the Yankees on Thursday night. Keuchel has a 1.88 ERA and seems to have put a tough 2016 behind him when he went 9-12 with a 4.55 ERA in the follow-up to his 2015 AL Cy Young Award-winning season.

SPURS

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season-ending quadriceps injury in Game 2.

Leonard was pragmatic when asked if he thinks his team is in control of the series after escaping with a win on Tuesday night.

"No," he said. "Not in control until we win Game 6."

After getting blown out in their last trip the Houston, the Spurs know eliminating a team with its back against the wall will be a huge task.

"It's going to be tough," Spurs forward LaMarcus Aldridge said. "They're a great offensive team. A bunch of competitive guys, they play way more confident at home ... it's going to be about taking care of the ball, playing confident, just trying to minimize our mistakes out there."

The Rockets are left to ponder their missed opportunity after failing to take advantage of Leonard's absence in overtime of the 110-107 loss. Harden was brilliant through most of Tuesday's game, finishing with a triple-double — 33 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists. But he seemed to run out of gas in an overtime where he was held scoreless, and had a 3-pointer which could have tied the game blocked by 39-year-old Manu Ginobili just before the buzzer.

"We let one slip away," Harden said. "Execution and rebounding are probably the two primary things we let slip away in this game. We still have an opportunity in Game 6 to go home and protect home court and bring it back for Game 7."

Harden wasn't the only Rocket who seemed spent late on a night when Houston used just seven players. Coach Mike D'Antoni has used an eight-man rotation throughout the playoffs, but didn't add anyone to the mix on Tuesday in the first game since backup center Nene suffered a torn thigh muscle.

D'Antoni wasn't sure after the game if he'd tweak the rotation in the next game.

"I don't know," he said. "I didn't think about it too much on the way here, but I'll think about it and I'll let you know tomorrow or the next day or maybe not. I have no clue."

Spurs at Rockets, Spurs lead series 3-2. Game 6, 8 p.m., ESPN.

NEED TO KNOW: As has been the

case all series, the Spurs will try to limit Houston's 3-pointers. The Rockets, who set an NBA record by making 1,081 3s in the regular season, have averaged 20.5 3-pointers in their two wins and just 13 in the three losses.

KEEP AN EYE ON: Houston's rotation. Nene averaged 17.9 minutes a game in the team's first nine playoff games, and at 6-foot-11 and 250-pounds he was a strong

inside presence to help deal with Pau Gasol and Aldridge. It will be interesting to see if D'Antoni employs the seven-man rotation on Thursday or if he gives second-year players Sam Dekker or Montrezl Harrell a chance to contribute. At 6-8 Harrell is undersized to play center, but his athleticism helped him excel when he was getting consistent playing time midway through the regular season.

INJURY UPDATE: Leonard (ankle) is listed as questionable after he did not play in overtime in Game 5.

PRESSURE IS ON: Both teams. The Spurs will have to win in Houston for the second time this series to avoid a Game 7 in San Antonio. Houston has to have a victory in Game 6 to keep alive their hopes of reaching the conference finals for the second time in three years.

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