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# A Tribute to Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan



**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

A Howard County hero has ended his watch and moved on to his eternal reward.

Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Chief and 9-1-1 Director Tommy Sullivan, 58, died at about 10 a.m. on Monday morning. Sullivan was diagnosed earlier this year with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, but remained on the job guiding the county's fire protection services, including during major grass fires on South Mountain just two and a half weeks ago that threatened doz-

ens of homes, but destroyed only one.

Sullivan had served as a Howard County Volunteer Firefighter for 35 years, and as chief for 25. In 2000, Sullivan was also named Howard County's 9-1-1 Director.

Local leaders commented with sorrow on Sullivan's passing, and remembered his life with a mixture of fondness and awe.

Mitchell Hooper will serve as acting Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief for the remainder of Sullivan's current term, when a new chief will be elected by the firefighters. During a re-

cent interview, Sullivan related that a television appearance during a fire early in his career earned Hooper the nickname "Hollywood."

"So many things come to mind when asked what kind of man he was, but the greatest would be a leader, mentor, friend, and family man. He made the department into what it is today; from one of the worst to one of the best volunteer fire departments in Texas," "Hollywood" Hooper said. "If we were on a bad fire he would be right there



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## Library to host Campus Nights

**By AMBER MANSFIELD**  
 Staff Writer

The Howard County Library is inviting all Elementary Students from Howard County for Campus Nights during the month of May. Each campus will have their own night and are designed for each student and their families.

Campus Nights were created to give each student and their families an opportunity to sign up for a free library card (parents must accompany student and have a valid drivers license with a Howard County address), participate in a scavenger hunt, register for the summer reading program, and to take a tour and become familiar with the library. Students can also learn how to use the Card Catalog and website.

The dates for each campus are as follows:

- May 3 - Washington Elementary
- May 8 - Marcy Elementary
- May 10 - Moss Elementary
- May 15 - Goliad Elementary
- May 17 - Big Spring Intermediate
- May 1 - Coahoma Elementary
- May 22 - Forsan Elementary

All Campus Nights are from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call Manny Negron at the Howard County Library at 432-264-2260.

## BSAA Area Wide Art Show



This photograph shows artwork from local artist, Estelle Howard, at an art show in 2017 where she won Best In Show with the piece shown above.

**By AMBER MANSFIELD**  
 Staff Writer

"There are two distinct languages," said Yaacov Agam, Israeli sculptor and experimental artist best known for his contributions to optical and kinetic art. "There are the verbal, which separates people, and there are the visual, that is understood by everybody."

If you are an artist and want to share a piece of your work, then enter in the Big Spring Art Association Area Wide Art Show, which will be featured in the Big Spring Heritage Museum located at 510 Scurry St., and will take place May 3 through May 30.

Entries will be accepted on Tuesday, May 1st at 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entries are the responsibility of the BSAA. Museum staff cannot accept entries. BSAA also reserves the right to refuse any entries. Entry fees for BSAA members are \$10 per entry; non-members are \$15 per entry.

You may join BSAA today. BSAA annual dues are \$10 for adults and

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## Joyful Season Shopping Expo was a hit

**Courtesy Photos**

Shown on the right are some of the booths from the semi-annual shopping expo, the Joyful Season Shopping Extravaganza, that took place at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum April 28 and 29. Joyful Season features more than 70 vendors that range from clothing booths, food, home décor, and more, from not only local stores but surrounding cities as well. On the left is the booth of Big Spring's own The Crowned Bird, and on the right is the booth of Snyder's Haus of Treasures.



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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **CAROLYN BROOKE HOUSTON**, 33, of 139 Fore St. in Sulphur Springs, Texas, was arrested on a charge of excessive noise.
- **CHRISTOPHER PAUL WILLIAMS**, 26, of 1515 E. 17th St. was arrested on charges of criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750); interfering with emergency request for assistance; and resisting arrest, search or transport.

- **JULIE ANN SHARP**, 41, of 605 Elgin was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence (threat or offensive touch).
- **JOHN CARROLL RUTHERFORD**, 32, of 901 W. Third St. Apt. #10 was arrested on a warrant for terroristic threat (placing a person in fear of serious bodily injury).
- **MIGUEL ANTONIO PEREZ**, 34, of 13220 Fresnillo in El Paso was arrested on a warrant for deadly conduct.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1500 block of East 17th Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80, and in the 700 block of East 11th Place.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1400 block of Runnels Street and in the 500 block of Jeffery Road.
- **9-1-1 HANG UP** was reported in the 600 block of Elgin.

## 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.
- **RICARDO ORTIZ DELOSRIOS**, 57, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for violation of promise to appear.
- **ANNA HOFFPAUIR**, 36, was booked by BSPD on a charge of assault/family violence.
- **CAROLYN BROOKE HOUSTON**, 33, of 139 Fore St. in Sulphur Springs, Texas, was arrested on a charge of excessive noise.

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- **AGUSTIN ALMENDARIZ PATINO**, 50, was booked by HCSO on a motion to adjudicate for driving while intoxicated (third or more).
- **MIGUEL ANTONIO PEREZ**, 34, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for deadly conduct.
- **JOHN CARROLL RUTHERFORD**, 32, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for terroristic threat (placing a person in fear of serious bodily injury).
- **JULIE ANN SHARP**, 41, was

booked by BSPD on a charge of assault/family violence (threat or offensive touch).

- **THADDEUS ONTARIO STRAUGHTER**, 27, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for evading arrest or detention.
- **CHRISTOPHER PAUL WILLIAMS**, 26, was booked by BSPD on charges of criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750); interfering with emergency request for assistance; and resisting arrest, search or transport.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **PUBLIC SERVICE CALL** was reported in the 200 block of North Moss Lake Road. One person was treated at the scene.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of East 16th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Auburn. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Angerita.

One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of North First and Furrh streets in Coahoma. Three people were treated at the scene.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Wood Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2700 block of Coronado Ave. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Angerita.

ported in the 15000 block of North County Road 41. One person was treated at the scene.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the intersection of 18th and Donley streets. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Dallas Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2900 block of Hali Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Take Note

• A public forum about proposed renovations at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater will held at the amphitheater tonight, May 1, starting at 6 p.m. Members of the public with concerns or suggestions about the project, as well as representatives of companies or organizations interested in sponsoring the project, are welcome to attend. For more information contact Barney Dodd at 432-755-9529.

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

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

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

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

• Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, handles legal issues affecting Veterans, Retirees, and their family members. They will have clinics that provides volunteer attorneys that will provide free legal advice (up to 25 minutes depending on the issue). A pro bono attorney may be assigned to handle some cases that include: bankruptcy, consumer issues/contract, child support and custody, divorce, employment, foreclosure, housing, landlord/tenant, probate and guardianship, real estate, social security/SSI, Veterans benefits, wills and estate planning. The Clinic dates are on May 24, Aug. 23, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Northside Community Center on 110 N.E 8th St. Applicants must be financially eligible to obtain services. Please bring a copy of your DD215 and/or Veterans ID card. Appointments are required. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Pete Fierro at 432-332-1207, ext. 4511.

• The Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in the Howard College Library.

• The Howard County Fair Board thanks all those who are working on a square for the 2018 quilt. There are still a few squares left to be done; anyone able to help by stitching a square may pick one up at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. For questions or for more information, please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

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## Obituaries

### Karen Ruth Irlbeck Cox

Karen Ruth Irlbeck Cox, 64, of Lubbock died Friday, April 27, 2018 in a Lubbock nursing home. Services are pending under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

### Perry Kirklen Ewing

Perry Kirklen Ewing, 57, of Big Spring, died Sunday, April 29, 2018 at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Billy Joe Mitchell

Billy Joe Mitchell, 80, of Big Spring, died Monday, April 30, 2018 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Tommy D. Sullivan

Tommy D. Sullivan, 58, of Big Spring, died Monday, April 30, 2018 at his residence. Services are pending under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

### Raymond Swafford

Raymond Swafford, 64, of Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, April 30, 2018 at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Support Groups

### TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

### THURSDAY

• GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Weekly Feb. 8 through May 10, 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

• 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.

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# US delays decision on tariffs for EU, prolonging uncertainty

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**  
and **KEN THOMAS**

AP Writers  
WASHINGTON — The U.S. government will take another 30 days to decide whether to impose tariffs on imports of steel and aluminum from the European Union, Canada and Mexico, extending a period of uncertainty for businesses in those regions.

The delay helps the U.S. avoid a potential trade war with allies as it prepares for tense trade talks in China this week. But the EU slammed the decision as bad for business that "prolongs market uncertainty, which is already affecting business decisions." "As a longstanding partner and friend of the U.S., we will not negotiate under threat," the EU said in a statement Tuesday.

The Trump administration said Monday it had reached an agreement with South Korea on steel imports following discussions on a revised trade agreement. And the administration said it had also reached agreements in principle with Argentina, Australia and Brazil on steel and aluminum that will be finalized shortly.

"In all of these negotiations, the administration is focused on quotas that will restrain imports, prevent transshipment and protect the national security," the White House said.

Facing a self-imposed deadline, President Donald Trump was considering whether to permanently exempt the EU and Mexico, Canada, Australia, Argentina and Brazil from tariffs of 25 percent on imported steel and 10 percent on imported aluminum that his administration imposed

in March. The White House had given itself until the end of Monday to decide whether to extend the exemptions.

The EU has taken a tough stance, raising the prospect of a trade war if the U.S. does not back down. It has a list of retaliatory tariffs worth about \$3.5 billion on imports from the U.S. that it will activate if the EU loses its exemption.

Germany said it continues to expect a permanent exemption. The EU's largest steel exporter to the U.S., it accounted for about 5 percent of U.S. steel imports last year.

"Neither the EU nor the U.S. can have an interest in an escalation of their trade tensions," a spokeswoman for Chancellor Angela Merkel said Tuesday in a statement.

European financial officials have cited the trade tensions created by the U.S. tariffs proposal as a risk to the economy. Some surveys suggest a downturn in business and consumer confidence, though it's unclear how big an impact the trade tensions are having.

While experts say the immediate potential damage from the aluminum and steel tariffs is limited, the danger is of a tit-for-tat escalation in which both sides slap more duties on each other's goods.

"The imposition of tariffs might signal that the two regions are heading towards a more serious trade conflict," said Stephen Brown, European economist at Capital Economics.

Trump says he wants to protect American metal producers from unfair competition and bolster national security. But the tariffs' announcement in March, which followed an intense internal White House debate, triggered harsh criticism from Democrats and some Republicans and roiled financial markets.

At the time, Trump excluded several vital trading partners — the EU, Mexico, Canada, Australia, Argentina and Brazil — from the tariffs.

That meant the steel tariff covered just 30 percent of all imports, according to Oxford Economics. If all the exemptions were ended, it would have deepened the impact of the tariffs on American companies that use steel and potentially affect financial markets. Stock prices fell nearly 2 percent when the tariffs were announced.

Two people familiar with the process said the Trump administration had been considering whether to provide a short-term extension of the exemptions to allow for more time to review the countries' efforts to secure permanent exemptions. The officials spoke only on condition of anonymity to describe internal deliberations.

The EU and others had been asked to spell out what limits they could accept on the amount of steel they export to the United States, how they would address the issue of excess production of steel and aluminum, and how they would support the U.S. before international bodies like the World Trade Organization. Security relationships with the U.S. have also been part of the criteria.

South Korea made up the largest share of U.S. steel imports last year, shipping about 13 percent of U.S. imports, according to an American Iron and Steel Institute analysis of government data. It has agreed to limit its exports to the United States and was granted a permanent exemption.

China, Japan and Russia haven't received exemptions, which will likely reduce steel shipments from those countries over time. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said Friday that quotas on imports from Europe and other countries are necessary so imports from those countries don't simply replace Chinese imports. The goal

of the tariffs is to reduce total steel imports and boost U.S. production, Ross said.

"If you let everybody back out of the tariff, and you let them out of any kind of quota, how would you ever reduce the imports here?" Ross asked at a conference of journalists.

European leaders have resisted the idea of a quota. Merkel said Sunday that she discussed the issue with French President Emmanuel Macron and British Prime Minister Theresa May after returning from a White House visit Friday.

In her meeting with Trump, Merkel said, she saw little progress in obtaining permanent exemptions. "The decision lies with the president," she said Friday.

A British spokesperson called Monday's postponement "positive" and said the country will continue to work with EU partners and the U.S. to achieve a permanent exemption.

In a separate trade battle with China, the United States has threatened to impose tariffs on \$150 billion of Chinese goods in retaliation for what it argues are Beijing's unfair trade practices and its requirement that U.S. companies turn over technology in exchange for access to its market. The White House also wants China to agree to reduce its \$375 billion goods trade surplus with the U.S.

China has said it would subject \$50 billion of U.S. goods to tariffs if the U.S. taxes its products. Trump has said that a delegation led by Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and trade adviser Peter Navarro will visit Beijing for negotiations Thursday and Friday.

"We're going to have very frank discussions," Mnuchin in an interview broadcast Monday on Fox Business.

Most analysts think the talks will lead to longer-term negotiations.

## ART SHOW

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\$15 for students. Categories for the Area Wide Art Show are oil/acrylics, pastels/colored pencil/charcoal pencil, photography, mixed media, watercolor, 3D/sculpture/pottery/jewelry/stained glass, and digital art. All entries must be original work.

Judging will be by Leda Wood on May 3, and the reception will follow that evening at 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Awards for the Area Wide Art Show include: Best of show with a cash prize of \$150, first place for each category will receive \$50, \$35 for second place, and third place in each category will receive a ribbon. (If there are fewer than ten entries per category, BSAA reserves the right to combine with another category. Divisions may be combined and/or put in a separate category of "Other.")

Eligibility specifications for original art work: no workshop, classroom work, reproductions, or copies or published photographs; and not previously shown in any BSAA show. There is a limit of five entries per artist. Entries must be no larger than 40" on either side of frame. All work must be dry and wired for hanging with a sturdy frame, and works on paper must be covered with glass or plexiglass. No wet paint or sawtooth hangers.

Entry fees are non-refundable and all works must be for sale, (30% commission on all artwork sold). Artwork must be picked up between May 30 and June 2.

For questions or more information contact Michelle Worthan at mrs.worthan1111@gmail.com, 325-227-3911, Kay Smith at 197ks@att.net, 432-213-1153, Belle Scholler at, schoolerartworks@suddenlink.net, 432-466-3315.

## SULLIVAN

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with his hand on your back leading you in or standing side by side, 'dancing with the dragon,' as he would say; or even being even being called 'crazy' for making a stand at a home with just a pumper and two brush trucks with a fire storm coming at us. He is gone but will never be forgotten. His legacy will live on through everyone on the department standing hand in hand side by side dancing with the dragon with our guardian angel's hand on our back."

Sullivan's brother, Pepper Sullivan, will serve as interim 9-1-1 director until the process to hire a new permanent director can be fulfilled. Pepper said he plans to apply for that position as well.

"He was first and foremost my brother. Above that, he was my chief with the fire department since the 1990s," Pepper Sullivan said. "He was loved by everyone. Would do anything for anyone. Total strangers, family. All his fire-

fighters are like his kids. A lot of them have been here to the end because that's our extended family. He did things his way and he went away on his own terms. He passed away in his sleep peacefully."

Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan said that Sullivan was always willing to help, no matter what the problem.

"Tommy was a great guy. He worked hard for the city and the county, and he took care of us," the mayor said. "I think he was a hands-on guy. He was out there with what was going on. When they were fighting fires, he was out there. He was not the guy who was behind the desk, he was the one using the shovel and whatever. A great trooper for the county and the city. When we needed him in the city, he would come in, even though we have the city fire department, but he would always be willing to help us take care of situations. He was just an all-around great guy, easy-going, but again, just very much hands-on and very willing to do any-

thing."

Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman said Sullivan will be missed by the county.

"Tommy Sullivan served as the Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief for 25 years. During his time, he has been instrumental in saving hundreds of houses and probably hundreds of lives from being destroyed by fire," said Judge Wiseman. "He developed some very innovative ways to fight fire during his tenure here. He used back burning, he used a way to station his trucks to force fires to go around buildings. He has done an excellent job for us in all these years. I can't tell you how much we will miss Tommy Sullivan. Our prayers go out to his family. We will all miss him. He was a friend to Howard County."

A memorial service for Sullivan is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday at Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

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# SNAPSHOTS

By: Dan Holt's Daughter

## "LITTLE BROTHER"

The bi-monthly trips to Big Spring to buy groceries were always greeted with a duet of 'yeas' from her and Little Brother. The first stop would typically be the A&W Root Beer drive in where Root Beer was served in ice

frosted glass mugs, perfect for quenching a West Texas thirst after the long 30 mile journey from the Camp.

To reward good behavior, the next stop would be the 'Dime' store located down town where a quarter went a long way. So many treasures: Decisions, Decisions, Decisions. Where to start? Headbands in an array of colors? Handkerchiefs with the pretty floral designs were always a good choice. Then there were the dangly bracelets and necklaces to try on. That dark blue bottle of Evening in Paris cologne caught her eye. (She made that purchase only once. That stuff smelled nasty.) By far the best purchase she ever made there was the yellow Hula Hoop.

On warm sunny days those trips included an hour or two at the park. She did not realize that this was just a ploy to allow these two very active kids time to burn off some of their dynamic energy before grocery shopping. It seemed the course of wisdom to allow them to run and play at the park rather than up and down the aisles of Safeway. With the groceries purchased and loaded into the trunk of the car, the final stop was the fried chicken place with those delicious fried biscuits and honey which were packaged 'to go' to be eaten during the drive home.

## The Little Soldier

The best part of any trip to town for Little Brother was a stop at the Army Surplus store. There he found everything he needed to be the best equipped soldier in the Camp. He was quite impressive all suited up in authentic Army issue gear: field jacket, helmet, mess kit with canteen and an assortment of tools attached to his utility belt: a collapsible shovel and a knife. His most prized piece of gear was his binoculars. He was well prepared to accept any assignment from the Captain of the Fort, a young future 'leader of men' the boy who lived next door. (The young soldier spent much time in front of a mirror practicing standing at attention and saluting.) His 'can do' attitude made him the perfect choice for guard duty. With binoculars in hand he made a reliable scout. He never backed down from a fight when provoked. One question? What about ammo?

Rocks were the obvious choice. He as the best little rock chunker in the Camp. Ernest T. Bass had nothing on him. He had a dead-eye aim and a strong arm. His target? Unsuspecting passersby.

Comes a knock at the door:

"Dan, he's doing it again."

"Oh no. I'm sorry. I'll, I'll deal with him."

Daddy hated these confrontations with the neighbors. It was having to deal with the 'little man' that he dreaded the most. Shaking his hung down head back and forth he would say: "He's beggin' for it. He's just beggin' for it."

Summoning the perpetrator: "Young man! What did I tell you about chunking rocks? We're goin' to tha garage!"

Daddy would start pulling off his belt. The knee high boy would pull off his belt, lock his arm around Daddy's leg. Round and round they would go, trading swats until one of them gave up.

One guess who that was

## "Big Sister"

It was not easy being 'Little Brother.' Big Sister seemed to always have the upper hand. Two years was a big difference at their young ages. Admittedly, she was more experienced in life. That being the case, her superior and condescending attitudes towards him prevailed. When things got a bit boring, goading him was simply cheap entertainment.

"Call me a fairy. Call me a fairy." She would taunt.

"OK. OK. You're a fairy."

Waving her invisible magic wand ceremoniously: "Zap! You're a pile of yellow and purple polka dotted bird poop!"

Running into the house crying: "She did it again. She did it again. I don't mind being a pile of bird poop. I just don't like being yellow and purple polka dotted bird poop."

She really did love that cute little blond headed hazel eyed boy with the big imagination. She was quick to run to his aid when trouble erupted. She was actually quite proud of him. She really did not mean to crack his head open, requiring stitched, when she (totally without malice) whacked him with her cheer-leading megaphone. She was really very, very sorry about that.

"Here and there, everywhere  
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Memories of you."

Benny Goodman

# Trump, Pence set to speak at NRA convention Friday in Dallas

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence will both speak at the National Rifle Association convention in Dallas on Friday.

A White House official said Monday that Trump will attend the group's annual meeting. Trump has been a strong supporter of the NRA and enjoyed their backing in his 2016 campaign. Pence had already been scheduled to address the group.

After a deadly shooting in February at a high school in Parkland, Florida, Trump suggested he was open to new gun control measures. He held a meeting with senators, declaring that he would stand up to the gun lobby and calling for a "comprehensive" bill.

But Trump later backpedaled from those sweeping statements, offering a more limited plan. After he advocated increasing the minimum age to purchase an assault weapon to 21, Trump tweeted there was "not much political support" for the idea.



AP photo

In this March 23, 2018 file photo, President Donald Trump responds to reporters' questions in the Diplomatic Room of the White House in Washington after he spoke about the \$1.3 trillion spending bill he signed earlier in the day.

# George H.W. Bush to remain in hospital

HOUSTON (AP) — A family spokesman says former President George H.W. Bush will remain hospitalized "to continue regaining strength" as he recovers from an infection requiring his hospitalization a day after his wife's funeral.

Bush was admitted April 22 to Houston Methodist Hospital. He's being treated for an infection that spread to his blood.

Family spokesman Jim McGrath said Monday the 93-year-old Bush "is in great spirits and is looking forward to going home soon." McGrath has previously said Bush hopes to travel next month to his family's home in Maine, where he spends the summers.

Bush has a form of Parkinson's disease and a

history of pneumonia and other infections.

He was hospitalized after attending the funeral and burial of his 92-year-old wife, Barbara, who died April 17 at their Houston home.

# Texas attorney general seeks to join Austin sick pay lawsuit

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — State Attorney General Ken Paxton is seeking to join a lawsuit against Austin's sick leave ordinance — another example of top Texas Republicans hitting back at local policies enacted by liberal cities.

In papers filed Monday in Texas District Court, Paxton argued that Austin's ordinance, which takes effect Oct. 1, undermines state law setting minimum wage.

In a statement, Paxton complained about

Austin's "disdain and blatant disregard for the rule of law."

The first of its kind in Texas, the ordinance requires most private businesses in Austin to provide paid sick leave for employees. Business and conservative groups have sued, though, seeking to block it.

The state Legislature already nullified Austin's rules on ride-hailing services, and Gov. Greg Abbott has long decried local restrictions on tree cutting and plastic bags.

# Prosecutor seeks Waco biker case dismissal, citing no cause

WACO, Texas (AP) — A special prosecutor is asking a Texas judge to dismiss one of the higher-profile cases stemming from the fatal 2015 shootout involving bikers and police outside a Waco restaurant.

Special prosecutor Brian Roberts said Monday that no evidence supports charging Matthew Clendennen.

Clendennen was among more than 150 bikers indicted for allegedly engaging in organized criminal activity. Investigators say the shooting that left nine bikers dead and 20 injured was sparked by motorcycle club rivalries.

Clendennen's case drew particular interest because a judge imposed a gag order barring attorneys and investigators from publicly discussing it. Clendennen's lawyers successfully fought it, arguing it was overly broad, in an appeal supported by media outlets, including The Associated Press.

Roberts took over four biker cases after McLennan County's district attorney recused himself without explanation. About 120 cases are pending.



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# Central American asylum seekers denied US entry for 2nd day

By ELLIOT SPAGAT  
Associated Press

TIJUANA, Mexico — About 200 people in a caravan of Central American asylum seekers waited on the Mexican border with San Diego for a second straight day on Monday to turn themselves in to U.S. border inspectors, who said the nation's busiest crossing facility did not have enough space to accommodate them.

After a monthlong journey across Mexico under the Trump administration's watchful eye, the asylum seekers faced an unexpected twist Sunday when U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Kevin McAleenan said San Diego's San Ysidro border crossing facility had "reached

capacity." The agency said in a statement on Monday that it had no estimate when the location would accept new asylum application cases.

About 50 people, many of them women and children, camped overnight on blankets and backpacks in Tijuana outside the Mexican entrance to the border crossing. The crowd grew Monday, assembled behind metal gates that Mexican authorities erected to avoid impeding the flow of others going to the United States for work, school and recreation.

Another 50 asylum seekers were allowed past a gate controlled by Mexican officials Sunday to cross a long bridge but

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AP photo

Migrants wait for access to request asylum in the US, at the El Chaparral port of Entry in Tijuana, Mexico, Monday, April 30, 2018. About 200 people in a caravan of Central American asylum seekers waited on the Mexican border with San Diego for a second straight day on Monday to turn themselves in to U.S. border inspectors, who said the nation's busiest crossing facility did not have enough space to accommodate them.

## Govt argues that AT&T-Time Warner deal would hurt consumers



AP photo

In this March 22, 2018, file photo, AT&T CEO Randall Stephenson leaves the federal courthouse, in Washington. The U.S. government pleaded its case Monday, April 30, for blocking AT&T from absorbing Time Warner, saying it would hurt consumers as a big antitrust trial crept toward its end and a decision by a federal judge.

By MARCY GORDON  
AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government pleaded its case Monday for blocking AT&T from absorbing Time Warner, saying it would hurt consumers as a big antitrust trial crept toward its end and a decision by a federal judge.

The \$85 billion proposed merger is a "big deal," Craig Conrath, the lead Justice Department attorney, said on the last day of the trial in federal court. "It would have a massive effect on the structure of the pay TV industry."

The Trump Justice Department sued in November to block the deal, saying it would force consumers to pay hundreds of millions of dollars more to watch their favorite shows, whether on a TV screen, smartphone or tablet. Conrath told U.S. District Judge Richard Leon that if he doesn't block the merger outright, he should consider ordering other remedies such as "partial divestitures." That could mean, for example,

that AT&T wouldn't be able to acquire key parts of Time Warner like Turner Broadcasting that include CNN, Conrath suggested.

AT&T has previously rejected any option that would cause it to lose control of CNN.

Conrath said evidence presented by the government during the six-week trial showed that by hurting competition in that industry, the deal "would impose substantial harm on consumers" and raise prices.

The merger would combine the phone giant with the owner of CNN, HBO, the "Harry Potter" franchise and pro basketball. It would be one of the biggest media mergers ever. The outcome of the case could shape how consumers get — and how much they pay for — streaming TV and movies.

It wasn't clear whether Conrath's suggestion of alternatives to blocking the merger indicated the

government may be anticipating that it could lose the antitrust suit. Separately, there was a sign that AT&T may be under increased pressure to achieve the deal: The announcement Sunday of a merger agreement linking T-Mobile and Sprint, the third- and fourth-largest U.S. wireless companies, giving them bulk to more tightly compete against industry leaders AT&T and Verizon.

AT&T and Time Warner

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## 2020 trial for Backpage.com founders in case over sex ads



AP photo

Backpage.com founders James Larkin, left, and Michael Lacey, right, leave U.S. District Court in downtown Phoenix on Monday, April 30, 2018. A judge set a January 2020 trial date for Larkin and Lacey on charges that they knowingly ran prostitution ads and laundered money earned from the classified advertising site. The founders and five site employees have pleaded not guilty to charges.

PHOENIX (AP) — Leaving a Phoenix courthouse Monday, Backpage.com co-founder Michael Lacey offered his first public comments about allegations of running prostitution ads and money laundering.

"Nonsense!" Lacey said before his attorney added that his client had no further comment.

Lacey, and co-founder James Larkin are scheduled to stand trial Jan. 15, 2020, on federal

charges in Arizona that they knowingly ran prostitution ads and laundered money earned from the classified advertising site. Five site employees will also stand trial. Attorneys were given enough time to review an estimated 7 million to 9 million pages of documents about the case.

An indictment alleges Backpage.com ignored warnings to

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were stopped at the entrance to the U.S. inspection facility at the other end. They waited outside the building, technically on Mexican soil, without word of when U.S. officials would let them try to claim asylum.

Irineo Mujica, a caravan organizer, said asylum-seekers who crossed the bridge remained in a waiting area on Mexican soil Monday. He alleged that U.S. authorities were refusing entry in an effort to dissuade people from trying.

"When they say they reached capacity, it's just nonsense from (U.S. authorities) so they can abandon, not attend to, and evade their responsibilities in asylum cases," said Mujica, of the advocacy group Pueblos Sin Fronteras.

Customs and Border Protection said Sunday that it will resume asylum processing at the San Diego crossing when it has more space and resources.

The San Ysidro border inspection facility that divides San Diego from Tijuana can hold about 300 people, meaning the bottleneck may be short-lived. The agency processed about 8,000 asylum cases from October through February at the crossing, or about 50 a day.

Thousands of Haitians seeking to turn themselves in at the San Diego crossing overwhelmed U.S. border inspectors at the San Diego crossing in 2016, leading to the creation of a ticketing system for them. At one point, Haitians had to wait in Tijuana for more than five weeks for their turn.

President Donald Trump has repeatedly criticized the caravan since it started in Mexico on March 25 near the Guatemala border and headed north to Tijuana, telling campaign supporters in an email last week that it had to be stopped. His broadsides came as his administration vowed to end what officials call "legal loopholes" and "catch-and-release" policies that allow people requesting asylum to be released from custody into the U.S. while their claims make their way through the courts, which can take years.

"Catch and release is ridiculous," Trump said Monday at a news conference with Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari at the White House. "If they touch our property, if they touch our country, essentially you catch them and you release them into our country. That's not acceptable to anybody."

Attorney General Jeff Sessions has called the caravan "a deliberate attempt to undermine our laws and overwhelm our system." Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said asylum claims will be resolved "efficiently and expeditiously" and warned that anyone making false claims could be prosecuted and said asylum seekers should seek protection in the first safe country they reach, including Mexico.

Asylum seekers did not appear to be thrown off by the delay.

Elin Orellana, a 23-year-old pregnant woman from El Salvador, said she is fleeing the MS-13 street gang, a favorite target of both Sessions and Trump because of their brutal killings committed in the United States.

She said her older sister had been killed by the gang in El Salvador, so she is attempting to join other family members in the Kansas City area.

"Fighting on is worth it," she said Sunday as she camped outside the Mexican entry to the border crossing.

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have insisted throughout the trial that their deal wouldn't hurt competition in the booming pay TV business. An economist who was one of the companies' lead witnesses said that in fact, consumers could end up paying less after a merger.

The companies' lead attorney in defending the deal, Daniel Petrocelli, has said the rapid transformation of the media and entertainment landscape is what makes the merger "imperative."

AT&T, a wireless, broadband and satellite behemoth, became the country's biggest TV provider with its purchase of DirecTV. The largest pay TV company, it accounts for a substantial portion of AT&T's earnings. DirecTV claims about 25 million of the 90 million or so households in the U.S. that are pay TV customers.

To lure wireless customers, AT&T offers discounts on DirecTV and could soon do so with HBO.

It was the first time in decades the government had sued to stop a merger of two companies that don't directly compete. The landmark trial could imprint future antitrust policy. After the weeks of argument and testimony from experts as well as customers and competitors of the two companies, it now falls to Leon to decide.

The government argues that AT&T would gain outside market power, jacking up prices it charges cable providers to carry networks in the Time Warner stable. Rival providers to AT&T like Charter Communications or Cox, which now are customers of Time Warner for its content, would also become its competitors. Its star witness was Carl Shapiro, an economist at the University of California, who used an economic model to predict that some \$500 million more annually could show up on consumers' cable bills by 2021.

In his closing argument, Conrath tried to turn AT&T CEO Randall Stephenson's words in August 2016 against the company's position. Conrath cited a statement Stephenson made at the time to Time Warner CEO Jeffrey Bewkes, referring to Time Warner's purchase of a 10 percent stake in the Hulu network. "It's hard to imagine how it won't impact all of our relationships," he quoted Stephenson as saying.

The rival economist put on by the companies, Dennis Carlton from the University of Chicago, refuted Shapiro's model as overly complicated and rejected his conclusions.

If Leon decides to block the deal, a chill over media deal-making is likely. Big internet players like Amazon or Google could decide to keep building up their own content offerings rather than growing them by acquisitions. If the companies prevailed, on the other hand, that could spur a wave of similar deals as other distributors — like major cable, satellite and phone companies — bulk up with entertainment purchases to compete against internet-born rivals.

## Marathon bids big for Andeavor and a far-reaching fuel realm

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — With drivers beginning to take note of rising prices at the pump, Marathon Petroleum is buying the refiner and pipeline owner Andeavor for more than \$23 billion, creating a refiner with an extensive reach across the U.S.

Crude oil prices are hovering at the levels not seen in three years and are expected to climb further still, pushing up gasoline prices along the way. Gasoline prices are up 15 percent compared with last year at this time and the daily U.S. average price for a gallon is now \$2.81, but it's higher in many places.

Marathon is the nation's second-largest refiner, with a crude oil refining capacity of approximately 1.9 million barrels per calendar day. Marathon brand gasoline is sold through approximately 5,600 independently owned retail outlets across 20 states and the District of Columbia.

Marathon, based in Findlay, Ohio, has operations concentrated in the East while Andeavor, formerly known as Tesoro, has operations in the West. That could give the companies some leeway when the deal goes before regulators that will review how the combined company will hurt or help consumers.

Crude is the feedstock for refiners and the companies will point out what is happening to prices globally. That



AP photo

**In this Sept. 6, 2017, file photo, a flag hangs on the side of the Andeavor Mandan Refinery in Mandan, N.D. Marathon Petroleum is buying Texas refiner and pipeline company Andeavor in a transaction worth more than \$23 billion. The deal is expected to close in the second half of the year.**

is already spreading pain around for anyone who drives. Nationwide 13 percent of all gas stations are charging \$3 per gallon or more for a gallon of gas, AAA said last week.

But refiners right now are riding an updraft in what is a notoriously volatile business. Marathon's sales jumped every quarter last year and it's the same story for Andeavor.

Shares of Marathon are up 60 percent over the past year and Andeavor is not far behind. Both hit all-time highs last week. Andeavor spiked even higher before the opening bell Monday, up another 16 percent.

Shareholders of Andeavor, based in San Antonio, can choose to receive 1.87 shares of Marathon stock, or \$152.27 in cash.

Shareholders of Marathon Petroleum Corp. will own about 66 percent of the combined company, with Andeavor shareholders owning the rest. Headquarters will be in Findlay, Ohio, but the combined company will maintain a presence in San Antonio.

The deal is targeted to close in the second half of the year. Once it closes, Andeavor Chairman and CEO Greg Goff will become an executive vice chairman at Marathon. He'll also join Marathon's board, along with three other Andeavor directors.

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stop running advertisements promoting prostitution, sometimes involving children, because the site has brought in \$500 million on prostitution-related revenues since its inception in 2004.

Authorities say Backpage.com portrays itself as trying to prevent such ads, but investigators have determined

the site's operators have declined to confront the problem. Employees are accused of helping customers edit their ads to say within legal limits while still encouraging commercial sex.

The indictment alleges Backpage.com started to launder money earned from ad sales a few years ago after banks raised concerns that they were being used for illegal purposes.

The site founders and five employees charged in the federal case in Ar-

izona have pleaded not guilty to charges.

Another employee of the site, CEO Carl Ferrer, has pleaded guilty to a separate federal conspiracy case in Arizona and state money laundering charges in California.

In addition, the company pleaded guilty to human trafficking in Texas and in a federal money laundering conspiracy case in Arizona. Ferrer has agreed to testify against others.

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# Forsan Buffs fall to New Home

By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

The Buffs lost the lead late in an 8-7 defeat to New Home on Monday. The game was tied at five with New Home batting in the bottom of the fifth when Keagen Grantham's sacrifice fly scored one run for New Home.

Despite the loss, Forsan did collect five hits in the high-scoring affair. Unfortunately, New Home had six hits to earn the "W".

In the first inning, New Home got

their offense started when Grantham doubled on the first pitch of the at bat and drove in a run.

The Buffs put up three runs in the fourth inning. Forsan's big inning was spurred by a Garret Evans triple and a sacrifice groundout by Jonathan Gabehart.

Reed Bundy led the New Home to victory on the pitcher's mound. He lasted two innings, allowed zero hits and two runs and struck out four. Kaleb LeClair and Bode Stewart entered the game out of the bullpen and

helped to close out the game in relief. Stewart recorded the last three outs to earn the save for New Home.

Kolby Watson took the loss for Forsan. He went two innings, allowed four runs on one hit and struck out two.

Kobe Richardson started the game for the Buffs. He lasted three innings, allowed five hits and four runs and struck out three. Grantham started the game for New Home. He allowed two hits and zero runs over two innings, struck out two and walked one.

Evans went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Forsan's offense. The Buffs tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. Bryce Hergert led the way with four. Forsan didn't commit a single error in the field. Evans had the most chances in the field with seven.

The Buffs look to get back on the winning side of things this Friday when they face off against Van Horn in Monahans.

# Morton, Astros end Yanks' 9-game win streak



Associated Press

HOUSTON — Charlie Morton pitched two-hit ball into the eighth inning and struck out 10 as the Houston Astros snapped the New York Yankees' nine-game winning streak with a 2-1 victory Monday night.

Carlos Correa had two hits and an RBI for Houston in the first meeting between the teams since Game 7 of last year's AL Championship Series, when Morton allowed two hits over five innings for the win in a 4-0 victory that sent the Astros to the World Series.

Houston has won seven straight at home against the Yankees including the postseason, holding them to no more than one run in their past six games here.

Morton (4-0) had allowed just one hit when Gleyber Torres chased him with a two-out double in the eighth. Brad Peacock walked pinch-hitter Aaron Judge, who didn't start for the first time this season, and Torres stole third base.

Chris Devenski was greeted with an RBI single by Brett Gardner that cut the lead to 2-1. Devenski then fanned AL player of the week Didi Gregorius on three pitches to end the inning.

Ken Giles struck out the side in the ninth for his third save.

Sonny Gray (1-2) allowed four hits and two runs while walking three in six innings to snap a streak of three straight starts in which he didn't get out of the fifth inning.

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AP photo

**Houston Astros' second baseman Jose Altuve (27) misses the throw for the double play at second base as New York Yankees' second baseman Gleyber Torres (25) is safe on a double during the eighth inning of a baseball game Monday, April 30, 2018, in Houston.**

# Indians rally for 7-5 win over Rangers

By STEVE HERRICK

Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jeff Beliveau's first major league save came four years ago while pitching for the Tampa Bay Rays.

It was a long road to No. 2.

Beliveau struck out Joey Gallo with two runners on in the ninth for his second career save and the Cleveland Indians held on for a 7-5 win over the Texas Rangers on Monday night.

Being in the closer's role in a major league game wasn't something Beliveau was expecting when he was called up from Triple-A Columbus last week after ace reliever Andrew Miller went on the 10-day disabled list with a strained left hamstring.

"It's stuff you dream about," he said after his first save since Sept. 14, 2014, against Toronto. "My heart was pumping a little more than usual."

Jose Ramirez's RBI double broke an eighth-inning tie in a four-run rally, but the Indians still needed three outs.

Cody Allen (2-0) got the final two outs in the eighth after Texas scored twice off Tyler Olson. Cleveland's closer put two runners on with one out in the ninth. Jurickson Profar grounded to, but Nomar Mazara's infield hit cut the lead to 7-5.

Allen was pulled by manager Terry Francona after throwing 41 pitches. Beliveau fell behind Gallo 3-0, but came back to strike him out and secure Allen's win.

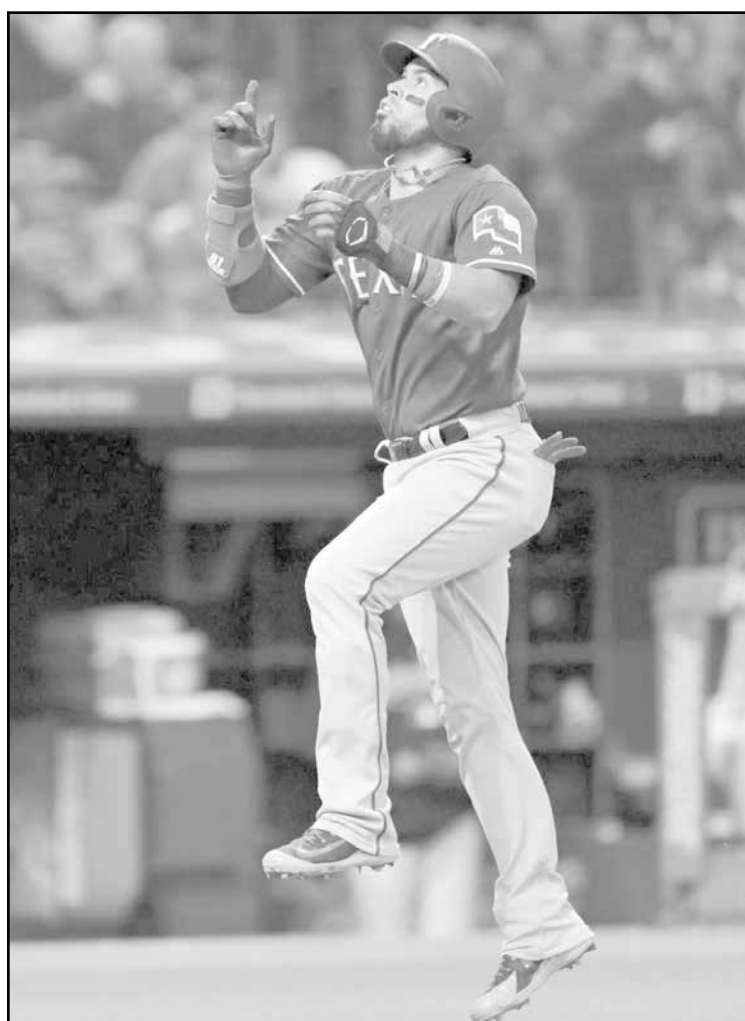
"Cody did great," Beliveau said. "He threw a lot of pitches. Those are tough batters right there in a big situation. I guess he got the ball to me, never thought I'd be saying that."

Francona knew the late innings wouldn't be easy without Miller, one of the most dominant relief pitchers in baseball.

"We have some guys pitching maybe in situations they haven't pitched before," Francona said. "We may have to win a few games like this. Sometimes that's the way it is."

Texas scored twice in the top of the eighth to go ahead 4-3, but the Indians quickly regained the lead by scoring four times against Chris Martin (0-1).

Rajai Davis led off with a single and took second on Bradley Zimmer's one-out single. Davis stole third and scored when Francisco Lindor hit a chop-



AP photo

**Texas Rangers' Robinson Chirinos celebrates as he runs the bases after hitting a solo home run off Cleveland Indians starting pitcher Trevor Bauer in the seventh inning of a baseball game, Monday, April 30, 2018, in Cleveland.**

per over Martin's head. Martin recovered after getting a glove on the ball, but his flip to first base was late.

Jason Kipnis flied out. Ramirez, who had an RBI single in the seventh, doubled to right. Martin left with a forearm cramp and Yonder Alonzo had a two-run single off Jesse Chavez.

"That was tough," Texas manager Jeff Banister said. "It felt like once we got the lead, we would be

in good shape, but it just got away from us."

Trevor Bauer struck out 11 in 6 2/3 innings, but gave up Robinson Chirinos' home run on his 122nd and final pitch of the game.

Bauer had the 10th double-figure strikeouts game of his career, holding Texas to four hits.

Kipnis' double off Cole Hamels gave Cleveland the lead in the fifth. The hit scored Zimmer on a call that stood after a Texas challenge.

Hamels allowed two runs — one earned — in five innings. He was pulled after the first two hits in the sixth reached base.

"There was no room for error because Bauer is going to do what he's been doing and keep the game close," Hamels said.

ROTATION PLAN I

The Indians plan to use right-handers Carlos Carrasco and Adam Plutko in a doubleheader against Toronto on Thursday. Francona thinks Carrasco, who strained his back while tripping on the dugout steps Saturday, will be able to make the start. Plutko had a perfect game for 7 2/3 innings for Columbus on Saturday and was removed after 95 pitches.

ROTATION PLAN II

The Rangers placed left-hander Martin Perez on the 10-day disabled list because of right elbow discomfort. He had arthroscopic surgery on his non-throwing elbow in December. Perez broke a bone in a fall after being spooked by a bull on his ranch in Venezuela. The Rangers haven't named a starter for Friday against Boston.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: 2B Rougned Odor (strained left hamstring), who has been on the disabled list since April 10, will be sidelined for at least another week. General manager Jon Daniels said Odor has jogged on the field for the past few days at extended spring training and has not suffered a setback.

Indians: Miller has been playing catch and will throw off the mound before he's activated from the 10-day disabled list. Miller was injured April 24.

UP NEXT

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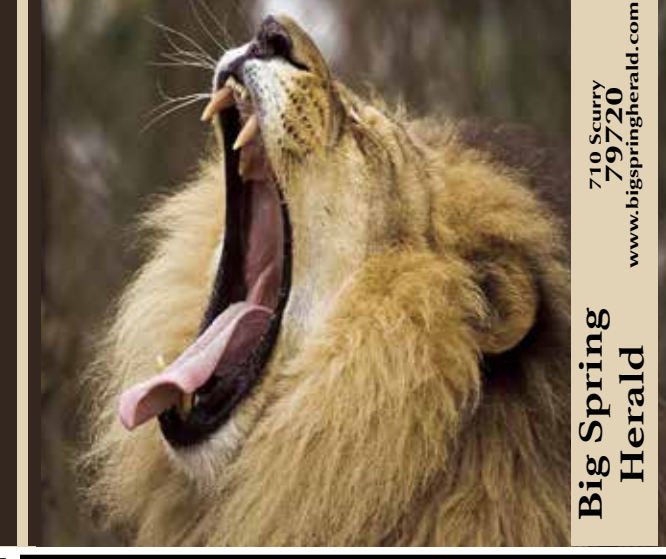
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Pulling the L-word Trigger

**Dear Annie:** A friend recently set me up with an amazing man. We have been dating for roughly three months. Every time we go out, we have so much fun. I'm pretty sure that he is the one. Last Saturday night was especially lovely. He told me to dress nicely and took me to a very fancy restaurant. We ate delicious food and laughed the whole evening. We then went back to my house to watch a movie. As we were sitting on the couch, I told him that I think I'm falling in love with him. At that point, he sort

of nervously smiled and said he's having a really nice time getting to know me. Needless to say, I was very taken aback. I tried to just laugh it off. He still called me the next day, and we are resuming as though I never said the L-word. Should I bring it up again? Should I assume that he doesn't love me? Annie, help me. -- Beat Him to the Punch Too Soon

**Dear Beat Him to the Punch:** Before you call your relationship a knockout, take a step back. It sounds as if you two have a wonderful connection that will continue to grow. Keep in mind that if telling someone that you love him too

soon scares him off, then he was not the one. Better to learn that after three months than after three years.

Some people are slower to express their emotions, and the fact that he is behaving as before is a very good sign. Give him time. Perhaps he'll surprise you and tell you soon that he loves you, too. Good relationships, like so much else in life, depend on a series of small successes achieved one day at a time.

**Dear Annie:** My husband persistently comments when he feels a person or a situation is gay. (I'm not sure how a situation can be gay, but whatever.) He is not

homophobic and is all for equality for the LGBTQ community. But he keeps talking about how his "gay-dar" tells him when someone is gay. Since the birth of our daughter, it's been getting more and more on my nerves. I don't care what anyone's sexuality is, and I don't want to listen to my husband's interpretation of it. He doesn't mention how straight other people are. When I tell him this commentary is unwanted (by me and our friends), he blows me off. What can I tell him to get him to understand that not everyone wants his take on sexuality? -- Annoyed and Trying to Help

Dear Annoyed and Trying to Help:

Tell him that these comments are not funny or insightful. They're also not a good example to set for your daughter. (She might be pre-verbal now, but she won't be for long.) If that's not reason enough for him, you might mention that constantly talking about other people's sexuality makes him seem uncomfortable with his own. Perhaps he should take some time to reflect on why he's so preoccupied with the topic.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Beltane Bonanza

Happy Beltane -- celebrate the height of spring and the flowering of life. The passionate Sagittarius moon will be the master of ceremonies this year. Traditions around this ancient Celtic festival include a feast, a dance around a maypole, decorated with flowers and ribbons, and delighting in the abundance of nature.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Undoubtedly, your reaction can give power to an action; in fact, it is sometimes the one and only power source of the thing to which you are reacting. Therefore, if you want a situation to discontinue, consider trying a non-reaction as your next reaction.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Unpleasant circumstances are the ones that teach the most valuable lessons. For instance, had you never been neglected or abandoned, you wouldn't be so

self-sufficient. You'll be celebrated for your strength.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You'll have to pivot from the usual in order to embrace new possibilities. Actually, you'll have to make the pivot to even see the new possibilities at all. This next turn will have to be made in faith.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The demands of the day won't be burdensome. If the day's tasks are trying, either you misunderstood what was required or someone is asking way too much of you. Mountains invite you to climb them, not carry them.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The minute you feel yourself competing, pull back and ask whether the situation is really a good match for you. Those who appreciate what you bring to the table won't ask you to compete for your spot.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Not all inaction is alike. There's doing nothing out of fear, laziness or confusion; then there's doing nothing out of principle -- having the discipline to be still when inaction is the best choice for the moment.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** To contrive

for self-advantage is the folly of children and those who behave like them -- an individual is usually best served within a thriving group. You'll work toward making the group great and be lifted along with it.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Today it may seem that your loved ones think of you as a genie in service to them. They make their requests and expect you to magically fulfill immediately. But what about the other plans you had made? Drop them at your own risk.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Since comparison and judgment have no place in today's proceedings and can only lead to anger, you'll be looking for ways to appreciate the contributions of others without putting yourself in a position to rate them.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You know what it's like to stand amongst a group that you don't truly belong to. Because you've tasted that unique kind of loneliness, you can really appreciate the abundant warmth in

the bonds you have now.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You've done the work; now enjoy watching your plan play out. It will be satisfying to see things go off without a hitch because you implemented the lessons of the past.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** The way you talk to yourself in your own head will be extremely important. The level of kindness of your inside voice will dictate the level of kindness in your outside voice.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MAY 1).** The very thought of your happiness inspires happiness in many others. Therefore, making your own happiness a priority will be a kind of public service. You'll have a breakthrough over the next 10 weeks, but don't rush ahead because of it -- slow and steady business will continue to benefit you for years to come. Libra and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 2, 28, 13 and 40.

**HAPPY MAY DAY:** The approximate midpoint between the

spring equinox and the summer solstice tends to be a time when natural beauty is so obvious that hearts swell with joy, eager to share life's abundance. If your community lets the first of May go by without mention, you are not alone, as this holiday was a much a bigger deal in ancient times, and is today only celebrated in certain regions. Old Pagan activities include the community symbol of a maypole decorated with ribbons, fruits and flowers and erected in the center of the festival around which to dance, drink and revel. Another tradition is to leave anonymous bouquets at the doors of a beloved neighbor or stranger.

Beltane is the Gaelic form of the holiday, celebrated in rituals of fire. The old writings suggest that every household in the community would extinguish the fire in their hearth and cer-

emoniously reignite it with a flame from the community fire. The fire sign Sagittarius moon that rules today favors any intention to create the kind of warm bonds that fortify and unify a community in a sense of mutually belonging.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Country music's royal couple -- Tim McGraw and Faith Hill -- is scheduled to begin their 29-city Soul2Soul tour later this month, which will include duets that celebrate their 21-year marriage. McGraw is a Taurus with a natal chart that includes many diverse influences and balances. Mercury and Saturn are in the warrior sign of Aries, and an Aquarius moon points to philanthropy generosity.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

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East-West vulnerable.

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**TUESDAY** **MAY 1**

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9:30 AM	The 700 Club		CityLine	Kelly and Ryan	De'siones	Megyn Kelly Today	Creation	Ready Jet	Matlock	Steve Wilkos Show	Seinfeld	Supernatural	First Take	Get Up	Bundesliga Soccer	NCIS (DVS)	What Would	Almost, Away
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### ANDY CAPP

Panel 1: Andy Capp at a desk, talking to a man. "MISTER CAPP, YOU'VE PUT DOWN TRANSPORT AS A REASON FOR YOUR LOAN APPLICATION."

Panel 2: Andy Capp looking at a document. "ARE YOU INTENDING TO SPEND IT ON A CAR OR BIKE?"

Panel 3: Andy Capp talking to a man. "...I'M NOT SURPRISED HE SAID NO. IT'S A BIT OF A STRETCH CALLING HORSE RACING 'TRANSPORT'."

### AGNES

Panel 1: Agnes talking to a man. "I'M GOING TO START A 'GIRLS ONLY' CLUB, AND IT WILL BE BETTER THAN ANY STUPID 'BOYS ONLY' CLUB!"

Panel 2: Agnes talking to a man. "WE WILL BE OPEN-MINDED! WE WILL LET BOYS JOIN!"

Panel 3: Agnes talking to a man. "THEN IT WON'T BE A 'GIRLS ONLY' CLUB."

Panel 4: Agnes talking to a man. "TRUST ME... THE MORAL VICTORY WILL BE WORTH THE LOWERED STANDARDS."

### ARCHIE

Panel 1: Archie talking to a man. "HERE ARE THE CHORES I EXPECT YOU TO GET DONE THIS WEEKEND!"

Panel 2: Archie talking to a man. "AW, MOM!"

Panel 3: Archie talking to a man. "WHAT'S GETTING YOU DOWN, JUG?"

Panel 4: Archie talking to a man. "YEAH, YOU LOOK LISTLESS!"

Panel 5: Archie talking to a man. "I WISH I WERE LISTLESS!"

### ONE BIG HAPPY

Panel 1: One Big Happy talking to a man. "WHAT, BUGGY? NO, I WILL NOT BE YOUR GIRLFRIEND!"

Panel 2: One Big Happy talking to a man. "I KNOW WE GOT MARRIED IN KINDERGARTEN, BUT THAT WAS NOT A REAL WEDDING!"

Panel 3: One Big Happy talking to a man. "HOW DO I KNOW THAT?"

Panel 4: One Big Happy talking to a man. "BECAUSE THERE WAS NO CAKE!"

### NEST HEAD

Panel 1: Nest Head talking to a man. "AW, MAN! ANOTHER COFFEE MAKER SHOT? DIDN'T WE JUST GET THIS ONE?!"

Panel 2: Nest Head talking to a man. "WHY DON'T THINGS LAST ANYMORE? WE CAN PUT A MAN ON THE MOON, BUT..."

Panel 3: Nest Head talking to a man. "COME TO THINK OF IT, I'M NOT SURE WE STILL CAN PUT A MAN ON THE MOON."

Panel 4: Nest Head talking to a man. "THAT'S PROBABLY WHY THE COFFEE MAKER BROKE."

### MOMMA

Panel 1: Momma talking to a man. "GOOD MORNING, MRS. GONIFF... I SEE YOU'VE DONE SOME SHOPPING!"

Panel 2: Momma talking to a man. "NO, I JUST BORROWED A SHOPPING CART."

Panel 3: Momma talking to a man. "BUT ALL THAT FOOD...?"

Panel 4: Momma talking to a man. "YES..."

Panel 5: Momma talking to a man. "- ONCE IN A WHILE I GET LUCKY."

## This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, May 1, the 121st day of 2018. There are 244 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On May 1, 1898, Commodore George Dewey gave the command, "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley," as an American naval force destroyed a Spanish squadron in Manila Bay during the Spanish-American War.

**On this date:**

In 1707, the Kingdom of Great Britain was created as a treaty merging England and Scotland took effect.

In 1786, Mozart's opera "The Marriage of Figaro" premiered in Vienna.

In 1893, the World's Columbian Exposition, celebrating the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' voyage to the Western Hemisphere, opened to the public in Chicago, beginning a six-month run.

In 1918, TV personality Jack Paar, the second host of NBC's "Tonight Show," was born in Canton, Ohio.

In 1931, New York's 102-story Empire State Building was dedicated. Singer Kate Smith made her debut on CBS Radio on her 24th birthday.

In 1941, the Orson Welles motion picture "Citizen Kane" premiered in New York.

In 1960, the Soviet Union shot down an American U-2 reconnaissance plane over Sverdlovsk and captured its pilot, Francis Gary Powers.

In 1967, Elvis Presley married Priscilla Beaulieu at the Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas. (They divorced in 1973.) Anastasio Somoza Debayle became president of Nicaragua.

In 1978, Ernest Morial was inaugurated as the first black mayor of New Orleans.

In 1982, the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee, was opened by President Ronald Reagan.

In 1998, Eldridge Cleaver, the fiery Black Panther leader who later renounced his past and became a Republican, died in Pomona, California, at age 62. Former

Rwandan Prime Minister Jean Kambanda pleaded guilty to charges stemming from the 1994 genocide of more than half a million Tutsis. (Kambanda was later sentenced to life in prison.)

In 2011, President Barack Obama announced the death of Osama bin Laden during a U.S. commando operation (because of the time difference, it was early May 2 in Pakistan, where the al-Qaida leader met his end).

Ten years ago: Three dozen people were killed in a double suicide bombing during a wedding procession in Balad Ruz, Iraq. A military jury at Fort Hood, Texas, acquitted Army Sgt. Leonard Trevino of premeditated murder in the death of an unarmed Iraqi insurgent. Deborah Jeane Palfrey, 52, the so-called "D.C. Madam" convicted of running a prostitution ring, hanged herself in Tarpon Springs, Florida. Philipp Freiherr von Boeselager, a member of the inner circle of plotters who attempted to kill Adolf Hitler, died in Altenahr, Germany, at age 90.

Five years ago: Workers around the world united in anger during May Day rallies — from fury in Europe over austerity measures that cut wages, reduced benefits and eliminated many jobs altogether, to rage in Asia over relentlessly low pay, the rising cost of living and hideous working conditions. Portland Trail Blazers point guard Damian Lillard was a unanimous choice as the NBA's Rookie of the Year. Chris Kelly, 34, half of the 1990s kid rap duo Kris Kross, died in Atlanta.

One year ago: Erasing the threat of a disruptive government shutdown, the White House and top lawmakers endorsed a \$1.1 trillion spending bill to carry the nation through

September 2017. An attacker with a machete-like knife fatally stabbed one person and wounded at least three others on the University of Texas campus; a suspect was taken into custody. Ryan Seacrest made his debut as the new co-host of the morning chat show "Live" with Kelly Ripa.

Today's Birthdays: Singer

Judy Collins is 79. Actor Stephen Macht is 76. Singer Rita Coolidge is 73. Pop singer Nick Fortuna (The Buckinghams) is 72. Actor-director Douglas Barr is 69. Actor Dann Florek is 67. Singer-songwriter Ray Parker Jr. is 64. Actor Byron Stewart is 62. Hall of Fame jockey Steve Cauthen is 58. Actress Maia Morgenstern

is 56. Actor Scott Coffey is 54. Country singer Wayne Hancock is 53. Actor Charlie Schlatter is 52. Country singer Tim McGraw is 51. Rock musician Johnny Colt is 50. Rock musician D'Arcy is 50. Movie director Wes Anderson is 49. Actress Julie Benz is 46. Actor Bailey Chase is 46. Country singer Cory Morrow is 46.

Gospel/rhythm-and-blues singer Tina Campbell (Mary Mary) is 44. Actor Darius McCrary is 42. Actor Jamie Dornan is 36. Actress Kerry Bishe is 34.

Thought for Today: "By indignities men come to dignities." — Francis Bacon, English philosopher (1561-1626).

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## Newsday Crossword

**MAYDAY QUARTET** by Sally R. Stein  
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| 1 Kindergarten basics                  | 1 Land measure                    | 61 Footnote abbr.   | 9 Hebrew greeting                     |
| 5 Green gemstone                       | 2 Shouts of disapproval           | 62 In addition      | 10 Coins in Havana                    |
| 9 Futuristic story category, for short | 3 Place to pitch a tent           | 63 Serious criminal | 11 Mirror's reflection                |
| 14 Layer of paint                      | 4 Film headliner                  | 64 Carryall bag     | 12 Destinies                          |
| 15 Give off                            | 5 Football shirts                 | 65 Angelic circle   | 13 Not moving                         |
| 16 __ being (person)                   | 6 Not quite right                 | 66 Secret meeting   | 21 Right-angle shape                  |
| 17 Italy's capital, to Italians        | 7 T-Rexes, familiarly             | 67 Small bills      | 24 __ Highness (title for a princess) |
| 18 Lemon's skin                        | 8 When planes should leave: Abbr. | 68 Informed about   | 25 Informal conversation              |
| 19 Ease off                            |                                   |                     | 26 Rabbit relative                    |
| 20 Strong coffees                      |                                   |                     | 27 "That's clear to me"               |
| 22 Light-colored beer                  |                                   |                     | 28 Long-haired dogs from Tibet        |
| 23 Not as much                         |                                   |                     | 29 Car for hire                       |
| 24 Truthful                            |                                   |                     | 32 Saucers in 9 Across novels         |
| 25 Somewhat cold outside               |                                   |                     | 33 Variety of rummy                   |
| 29 Fill-in worker, for short           |                                   |                     | 35 Hard work                          |
| 30 Corned beef concoction              |                                   |                     | 36 Fork prong                         |
| 31 Tea sweetener                       |                                   |                     |                                       |
| 34 Suffix for luncheon                 |                                   |                     |                                       |
| 38 Neck of the woods                   |                                   |                     |                                       |
| 39 Make repairs to                     |                                   |                     |                                       |
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| 41 Golf pegs                           |                                   |                     |                                       |
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5/1/18

# Cubs beat Rockies 3-2 for 5th straight win



**Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Jon Lester delivers during the first inning of a baseball game against the Colorado Rockies Monday, April 30, 2018, in Chicago.**

By **JAY COHEN**

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Javier Baez committed a costly error, and Kris Bryant booted a ball in the sixth inning. The Chicago Cubs bounced into a pair of double plays and managed just six hits.

It was still good enough. The pitching made it work — again.

Jon Lester grinded his way into the sixth inning, continuing an impressive stretch for Chicago's rotation and helping the Cubs beat the Colorado Rockies 3-2 on Monday night for their season-high fifth straight victory.

"I've just always felt like if we keep our team in it long enough, our guys are going to strike," Lester said, "and they did that tonight."

Lester allowed two runs and five hits, struck out five and walked three. Luke Farrell (1-0) worked 1 1/3 innings of perfect relief for his first career win, and Steve Cishek got two outs for his first save of the season.

The Rockies put runners on first and second with two outs in the ninth before Cishek struck out Nolan Arenado.

"We had the right guy up there at the end to win the game and their guy threw a nice breaking ball to end it," Colorado manager Bud Black said.

Chicago became the first major league team to win five straight games with three runs or fewer in each one since Milwaukee in August 2011. It's the first such streak in franchise history.

The reason is simple: pitching, and lots of it. Lester made it 33 2/3 straight innings for Chicago's starters without giving up an earned run, the longest streak for the team since at least 1974. It's the longest stretch in the majors since Washington's rotation had a streak of 47 1/3 innings without allowing an earned run in June 2015.

The Cubs have permitted just four runs and 21 hits during their last five games.

## ASTROS

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RED SOX 10, ROYALS 6

BOSTON (AP) — Xander Bogaerts hit a grand slam over the Green Monster and Boston finished April with its most wins ever by beating Kansas City.

Mitch Moreland hit a solo homer and had three hits along with Bogaerts for the Red Sox, who posted their 19th victory in April. They had reached 18 three times, the last coming in their World Series-winning 2013 season.

Whit Merrifield had three hits and two RBIs for the Royals, who were coming off their first consecutive wins this season.

Hector Velazquez (4-0), the first of three relievers, worked two scoreless innings of relief for the victory.

Trailing 3-0, Boston scored a run in the second on Moreland's homer and five off Jason Hammel (0-3) in a third inning highlighted by Bogaerts' slam that completely left Fenway Park. Moreland drew a bases-loaded walk for the other run.

It was Boston's sixth slam of the season, tying the 1996 Montreal Expos for most ever in the majors by May 1.

DIAMONDBACKS 8, DODGERS 5

PHOENIX (AP) — A.J. Pollock hit three home runs and Arizona topped Los Angeles in the opener of a four-game series between NL West rivals.

Zack Greinke struck out a season-high 10 in six innings as Arizona won for the 12th time in the last 13 regular-season meetings — six of seven this year. In the 2017 playoffs, however, the Dodgers cruised to a three-game sweep of the Diamondbacks.

Nick Ahmed drove in two runs and fell a triple shy of the cycle for the first-place Diamondbacks.

The NL champion Dodgers, who found out earlier in the day that star shortstop Corey Seager is headed for season-ending Tommy John surgery, have lost three straight and six of seven to fall to 12-16, eight games behind Arizona. The Diamondbacks (20-8) have the best record in the National League and second-best in baseball behind Boston (21-7).

Greinke (3-2) gave up two runs on four hits and is 15-1 in his last 20 starts at Chase Field. He also singled in a run and doubled.

Brad Boxberger earned his ninth save in nine tries.

Ross Striping (0-1) went four innings in a spot start, allowing four runs and eight hits.

GIANTS 6, PADRES 5

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Pinch-hitter Nick Hundley lined a two-run single off San Diego closer Brad Hand with two outs in the ninth inning to give San Francisco a comeback victory.

The Giants scored in only two innings and trailed 5-3 in the ninth before rallying for their third straight win and seventh in nine games.

Evan Longoria hit an RBI single with two outs before Hand (1-3) walked Brandon Belt to load the bases, setting the stage for Hundley.

Pierce Johnson (1-1) retired three batters for the win, and the Giants improved to 6-2 on their 10-game homestand.

CUBS 3, ROCKIES 2

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Lester extended the streak for Chicago's starting pitchers to 33 2/3 innings without giving up an earned run. The Cubs have permitted just four runs and 21 hits during their last five games.

Colorado wasted a solid start by Kyle Freeland (1-4) in its third straight loss. The left-hander pitched seven innings of three-run ball, allowing six hits with five strikeouts and one walk.

BREWERS 6, REDS 5

CINCINNATI (AP) — Homers by Manny Pina and Lorenzo Cain ended Milwaukee's historically bad slump, and Domingo Santana doubled home the go-ahead runs in the seventh inning for a victory over Cincinnati.

The Brewers managed only two runs while getting swept four games at Wrigley Field, matching their low-

est total for a four-game series. They had 14 hits total, their worst for such a series, and were blanked on two hits in each of the past two games.

Wandy Peralta (1-2) gave up a hit and a pair of walks to fuel the rally. A throwing error by catcher Tucker Barnhart let in one run, and Santana doubled over Billy Hamilton's head in center field for a 6-5 lead.

Brandon Woodruff (1-0) retired the four batters he faced. Josh Hader got the last eight outs — all on strikeouts — for his fourth save in as many chances.

Cincinnati fell to 7-22, matching the worst 29-game start in franchise history. The Reds had the same record in 1931 and 1934.

INDIANS 7, RANGERS 5

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jose Ramirez's RBI double broke an eighth-inning tie and Cleveland rallied for a win over Texas.

Texas scored twice in the top of the eighth to go ahead 4-3, but the Indians quickly regained the lead by scoring four times against Chris Martin (0-1).

Cody Allen (2-0) pitched 1 1/3 innings. The right-hander put two runners on with one out in the ninth. Jurickson Profar grounded out, but Nomar Mazara's infield hit cut the deficit to 7-5.

Allen, the Indians' closer, was pulled after throwing 41 pitches. Jeff Beliveau fell behind Joey Gallo 3-0, but came back to strike him out for his first save of the season and second of his career.

NATIONALS 3, PIRATES 2

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tanner Roark pitched seven efficient innings and drove in his first run since 2016, and Washington beat Pittsburgh.

Roark (2-2) allowed two runs and six hits, struck out four and induced two double play grounders for his first win since April 2 as the Nationals ended a disappointing April with their second

straight victory.

Starting pitcher Jameson Taillon (2-3) drove in the first run for the Pirates with a two-out double to deep left-center in the fifth. He worked six innings, allowing three runs on seven hits, as NL Central-leading Pittsburgh lost for the first time since his previous start. The Pirates had won five straight.

Brandon Kintzler worked the ninth for his first save in place of regular closer Sean Doolittle, who had pitched in the previous three games.

BLUE JAYS 7, TWINS 5

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Justin Smoak and Russell Martin homered, Yangervis Solarte had three hits and Toronto edged Minnesota.

Smoak hit a towering, two-run shot to cap a three-run fourth inning to stake Toronto to a 5-0 lead. Martin added a solo homer to the second deck in left field an inning later as the Blue Jays won their second game in a row.

The Twins have lost 10 of their past 11 games.

Aaron Sanchez (2-2) was the beneficiary of the run support. He pitched six innings and allowed four runs and six hits and three walks. Roberto Osuna allowed two hits in the ninth, but stranded runners at second and third to earn his seventh save in eight chances.

Minnesota's Lance Lynn (0-3) struggled with his command again and couldn't get past the fifth inning for the fourth time in five starts this season. Lynn gave up six runs in five innings. He allowed seven hits and walked five batters. He has an 8.37 ERA for the season.

MARLINS 8, PHILLIES 4

MIAMI (AP) — Brian Anderson homered, drove in four runs and made a diving catch in right field with the bases loaded to preserve a lead, helping Miami beat Jake Arrieta and Philadelphia.

The Marlins have won

three games in a row for the first time this season, and five of six. The Phillies lost their third consecutive game.

Arrieta (3-1) lasted only 3 2/3 innings. He allowed six earned runs after giving up three or fewer in each of his past 18 starts.

Jorge Alfaro and Maikel Franco each hit a two-run homer off Dan Straily.

The Phillies' Odubel Herrera singled in the first inning to reach base safely in his 30th consecutive game, the longest active streak in the majors.

Merandy Gonzalez (2-0) pitched two scoreless innings.

RAYS 3, TIGERS 2

DETROIT (AP) — C.J. Cron and Brad Miller each homered in the ninth inning and Tampa Bay held on for a victory over Detroit.

With the game scoreless, Detroit closer Shane Greene (1-2) walked Denard Span to start the ninth. Cron followed by hitting a 2-0 fastball into the right-center field seats for his seventh homer of the season. After Matt Duffy popped out, Brad Miller homered into the left-field bullpens to make it 3-0 and end Greene's night.

But Detroit loaded the bases with one out in the bottom of the ninth on two hit batters and an infield single. Jose Alvarado replaced Chaz Roe and allowed a two-run single to Victor Martinez, then retired James McCann before walking John Hicks to load the bases again. Dixon Machado then grounded into a game-ending force at second to give Alvarado his first career save.

The Rays have won nine of their past 10 games after a 4-13 start.

Rays starter Jake Faria (2-1) had the longest outing of his career, holding the Tigers scoreless for eight innings. He gave up three hits and a walk with six strikeouts in his second win in 11 starts.

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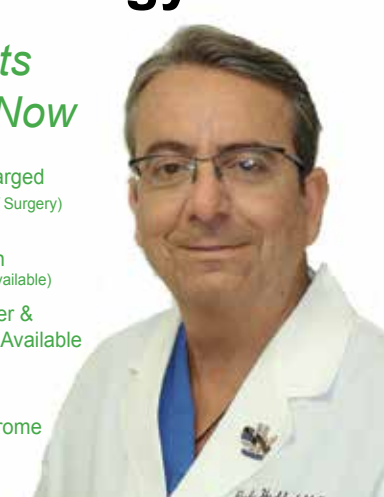
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# Will there be a Nobel in literature this year? Stay tuned

By JARI TANNER and JAN M. OLSEN

Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — For the first time since 1943, there's a notable risk that no Nobel Prize in literature will be awarded this year.

And that's not because the world's authors, poets, essayists and other writers have been found wanting.

The painful, though not unprecedented possibility arises from sex abuse and financial crimes scandals involving the Swedish Academy, the body that chooses the Nobel literature winner.

The august academy has admitted that "unacceptable behavior in the form of unwanted intimacy" took place within its ranks, but its handling of unseemly allegations has shredded the body's credibility, called into question its judgment and forced its first female leader to resign.

A debate over how to face up to its flaws also divided its 18 members — who are appointed for life — into hostile camps and prompted seven members to leave or disassociate themselves from the secretive group.

The latest defection, announced Saturday, has left the prestigious institution with only 11 people to consider who should win the 2018 Nobel Prize in literature.

At its upcoming weekly meeting in Stockholm on Thursday, the Swedish Academy could decide to postpone or cancel awarding the prize this year — because it's in no shape to pick a winner. Anders Olsson, the permanent secretary of the academy, hinted at that scenario in remarks to Swedish public broadcaster SR last week.

If the academy does go ahead and choose a winner for 2018, some experts say the laureate's accomplishments could be tainted or overshadowed by a mess they had no hand in creating.

"It really depends on who gets it. That person needs to know what the academy has gone through and maybe respond to the crisis," Mads Rosendahl Thomsen, a literature professor with Denmark's Aarhus University, said.

The world's most prestigious prizes in science, medicine, literature and peacemaking have been withheld 49 times in all since the honors based on the will of Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel began in 1901.

No Nobel prizes at all were awarded during the World War II years of 1940-42. The Nobel literature prize was not given out on seven occasions so far: 1914, 1918, 1935 and 1940-43.

In 1914, 1918 and 1943, neither the peace prize nor the literature prize was conferred, while the science and medicine prizes were presented. In 1935, no literature candidate was deemed worthy of a Nobel, but winners were chosen in the other fields.

Science and medicine Nobels have been awarded every year since 1942 but the Peace Prize was not given in 1972. The economics prize, which is not directly related to Nobel's will, began in 1968 and has never not been awarded annually.

The Swedish Academy's internal feud was triggered by a sex-abuse scandal linked to Jean-Claude Arnault, a major cultural figure in Sweden who is also the husband of poet Katarina Frostenson, an academy member.

Last fall, a leading Swedish newspaper published sexual misconduct claims from 18 women against Arnault, who runs a cultural center the academy used to help fund. The 71-year-old Arnault has denied the allegations, but

police say they are investigating some of them.

Swedish daily newspaper Svenska Dagbladet first reported the multiple allegations against Arnault last year. In April, the newspaper published a story alleging that Arnault pawed Sweden's Crown Princess Victoria 12 years ago, letting his hand slide from her neck to her rear. One of the princess' aides quickly removed the hand, the paper said, citing three unnamed sources.

Arnault also has been suspected of violating century-old Nobel rules by leaking names of winners of the prestigious award — allegedly seven times, starting in 1996. It was not clear to whom the names were allegedly disclosed.

Some male academy members tried to force Frostenson out for her husband's alleged misdeeds and announced they would not remain part of the group when the vote on their motion failed. For technical reasons, they can't actually resign. Frostenson herself then withdrew on the same day the academy's leader, professor and writer Sara Danius, was forced out.

An uproar ensued as observers noted that — despite the worldwide influence of the #MeToo movement — female members of the academy appeared to be paying the price for a man's alleged misdeeds. The academy has since banned Arnault from Nobel events.

Rosendahl Thomsen, the literature professor in Denmark, said "it could be sensible" for the academy to postpone the 2018 literature prize until the internal issues are resolved.

"Generally speaking, the academy is an institution that thrives on tradition and opacity," he said. "It must be modern, but keep some mystique around it at the same time."

The air of intrigue thickened Friday when the financial crimes unit of the Swedish police said it had launched a preliminary probe "connected with the Swedish Academy." Police did not elaborate.

Swedish media reported that spouses Frostenson and Arnault are at the heart of the allegations, which focus on grant payments to Arnault's cultural center. The Swedish Academy financed the operations of the Forum center from 2010 until late 2017, when the sex abuse allegations against Arnault surfaced.

The Nobel Foundation itself says the Nobel Prize in literature risks losing its dignity from the scandals.

Rebecca Lundberg, the culture news editor of Swedish broadcaster SVT, has likened the twists and turns to "a Greek drama." She has called for a complete overhaul of how the academy, which was established in 1786, is being regulated.

"We won't be able to appoint Nobel prize winners if there is no reinterpretation of the statutes," Lundberg told SVT.

The academy's patron, Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf, has said work to allow members to resign has started. As the body's rules now stand, members of the 18-seat board are not technically permitted to leave and it takes 12 people to vote in a new member.

"One can't help thinking about the tensions that must have been inside the academy just by picking a winner — and the spectrum has been large in recent years," Rosendahl Thomsen said, listing recipients such as Belarusian journalist Svetlana Alexievich in 2015 and singer-songwriter Bob Dylan in 2016. "One has to wonder what the atmosphere has been."



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In this file photo dated Friday, April 17, 2015, a national library employee shows the gold Nobel Prize medal awarded to the late novelist Gabriel Garcia Marquez, in Bogota, Colombia.



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