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## Twister strikes

*No injuries reported after tornado touches down near Luther*

BY **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

When Edward Kennemer saw a tornado touch down in a field nearby his house on Tuesday, he thought two things – take a photo of the first tornado he has ever seen, and then head in the opposite direction.

“I was trying to figure out which way to go because I was about to leave my house,” said Kennemer, who lives about 3 miles east the Luther community. “They say don’t get in your vehicle, but I was ready to head the other way, fast.”

A storm front blew in Tuesday afternoon, dumping heavy rain and causing severe flooding, much of it north of Howard County, and spinning off a tornado which, thanks to a storm chaser crew from the Weather Channel, was broadcast live on national television.

Unofficially, two weather spotters reported the tornado touch down about 3:30 p.m. The tornado was on the ground for



Courtesy photo/Laurence Valles

**Onlookers watch as a tornado snakes through the Luther area in northeastern Howard County Tuesday afternoon. No injuries were reported, but hail and heavy rain pelted the area in the twister’s wake.**

approximately 28 minutes, according to an official with the National Weather Service in Midland. Crews were out assessing damage, if any, found in the tornado’s path, the official said.

“I’ve never seen anything like that,” said Laurence Valles of Midland, who was at a job site in the

area when workers noticed a funnel forming in the clouds. Valles and his friends followed the tornado for about an half hour before he snapped some photos of his own.

“The longest it touched down was about 10 seconds,” he said. “It was heading east pretty fast.”

Heavy rainfall seemed to have

caused more problems Tuesday.

According to Tommy Sullivan, Howard County volunteer fire chief, firefighters were called out at 6:40 a.m. to rescue a man stranded on top of an 18-wheeler stuck in swift-moving flood water about 10 miles south

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## Rain threat forcing Relay for Life indoors Friday



By **JULIE BASS**  
 Staff Writer

Rain won’t stop Relay for Life, but it will at least move it indoors.

The threat of stormy weather has forced officials to relocated Relay for Life, which takes place this Friday evening from 6 p.m. until midnight, from Blankenship Field to Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus.

Although the locale has changed, the schedule of events for this year’s Relay is unchanged, officials said.

This event began in 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt of Tacoma, Wash. walked and ran for 24 hours around a track and raised \$27,000. The next year, 340 supporters joined the overnight event. Since then the event has become nationwide

and has raised over \$5 billion to fight cancer.

After the welcome and opening ceremonies, there will be a survivor’s lap to recognize those who have conquered or are still surviving and fighting their cancer. During this, caregivers may be recognized as well.

“One of the biggest things we need to do is reach out to anyone out there that is

a cancer survivor and has not come forward and been recognized yet. We really want to get these people identified and know that they have the support they need and invite them to participate in the Relay for Life” said Beverly Grant, event chair for the Howard/Glasscock County Relay for Life.

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## New Dollar General store set for grand opening Saturday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

The above average rainfalls must be working mightily in the Crossroads area.

New stores seem to be popping up everywhere.

On Saturday, Dollar General will host a grand opening of its newest location in Big Spring at 2305 Wasson Road. The event will begin at 8 a.m. and store employees will offer free prizes and special deals, according to a news release from the store’s corporate office in Goodlettsville, Tenn.

Additionally, the first 50 adult shoppers at the store



will receive a \$10 Dollar General gift card and the first 200 shoppers will receive a Dollar General tote bag, among other giveaways, the release states.

“Dollar General is committed to delivering a pleasant

shopping experience that includes a convenient location, a wide assortment of merchandise and great prices on quality products,” said Dan Nieser, Dollar General’s

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## Day of Prayer Thursday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Members of the community will gather at noon in the Howard County Commissioner’s Courtroom Thursday for the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual National Day of Prayer.

This year’s theme is “Lord, Hear Our Cry,” to emphasize the need for individuals, corporately and individually, to place their faith in the unfailing character of their creator, who is sover-

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## Obituaries

### Mildred 'Nell' Fulcher

Mildred "Nell" Fulcher, 75, of Elk City, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, April 30, 2015 in Elk City, Okla. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with her son, Kelleigh Phillips, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Dec. 11, 1939 in Loraine, Texas, to Geraldine (Herm) and Virgil Parnell. She lived most of her life in Big Spring before moving to Elk City in 2011. She and her late husband Albert worked for Bankers Life & Casualty Insurance Company. She worked there for most of her life.

Her primary focus in life was her family and she loved sewing. She made baby blankets for all her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was Baptist.

She is survived by her children, Dennis and Becky Fulcher of Elk City, Okla., Nancy and Carl

Levy of Tampa, Fla., Cindy Pittman and Troy Koenig of Granbury, Judy Dierlam of Bowie, Kelleigh and Debbie Phillips of San Angelo and Debbie and Chad Ruth of Lakeville, Minn.; 12 grandchildren, Carl and LaTasha Levy of Tampa, Fla., Brandi and Shane Mitchell of Sherman, Chris and Rachel Burch of Elk City, OK, Brooke Pittman of Midland, Alyssa and Jon Staker of San Angelo, Cari and Jason Hughes, of Elk City, Okla., Aymee and Michael Petrella of San Angelo, Brock and Stacy Pittman of Midland, Spencer and Casey Hall of Lakeville, Minn., Hunter Ruth of Milwaukee, Wis. and Chase Fulcher of Elk City, Okla.; 21 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Clyde Parnell of Grand Prairie and Gary Parnell of Anacortes, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Chris Burch, Brock Pittman, Hunter Ruth, Chase Fulcher, Shane Mitchell and Jason Hughes.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Albert, on Feb. 28, 2013.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

*Paid obituary*

### Deana 'Dee Dee' Gaston

Deana "Dee Dee" Gaston, 50, of Lake Thomas, died Saturday, May 2, 2015 at her residence. She will lie in state from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Derrick Looney, pastor of Spring Creek Fellowship, officiating.

She was born March 8, 1965, in Lamesa, Texas. She married Vance Gaston on April 25, 1997 in Forsan. She had spent most of her life in Howard and Borden counties. She grew up in Tahoka. She was a homemaker and a Christian.

She is survived by her husband, Vance Gaston of Lake Thomas; three sons, Danny Moore and wife, Robin, Jackie Moore and wife, Destinee, and Curtis Gaston and wife, Kayla, all of Big Spring; one daughter, Vanna Moore and husband, Brandon, of Big Spring; her mother, Phyliss Taylor and her father Dan Taylor, both of Tahoka; 13 grandchildren; five brothers, Robbie Webster and wife, Marissa, of Seminole, Michael Webster and wife, Lauren, of Lubbock, Randy Taylor and wife, Bridgette, of Tahoka, John Webster of Seminole and Jerry Webster of Tahoka; and a large extended family.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Stephanie Painter; and a grandson, Branson Moore.

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### Victoria 'Vickie' Cevallos

Victoria "Vickie" Cevallos, 46, of Big Spring, died Sunday, May 3, 2015, at her residence. Memorial service will be Friday, May 8, 2015, at 1 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Chapel.

She was born July 14, 1968, in Big Spring, Texas to Dominga (Jimenez) and Narciso Cevallos. She graduated from Coahoma High School and obtained her bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University. She was a court reporter for the

District Court as well as private. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County and a Christian.

She is survived by her mother, Dominga "Minga" Cevallos of Big Spring; one brother, Cecil Cevallos and wife, Susan, of Big Spring; five sisters, Angela Castaneda and husband, Poly, of Big Spring, Irma Cevallos of Big Spring, Dora Cevallos of Conroe, Sandra Cevallos of Big Spring and Andrea Elliott and husband, Cory, of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Narciso, in 2001.

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### Bertha Shires

Bertha Shires, 100, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 06, 2015, at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Gerald McCasland

Gerald McCasland, 81, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, May 06, 2015, at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- ELIZABETH CRUZ RIOS, 38, of 1905 Wasson Road 68, was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid with previous conviction; possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram; failed to appear (two counts); failed to control speed; driving while license invalid.

- MARCUS MENDEZ III, 22, of 1511 S. Johnson St., was arrested on charges of theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500-shoplifting; and possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram.

- KENNETH MIKEL MCPERSON, 24, of 623 Caylor Drive was arrested on charges of theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500-shoplifting; and on a warrant from another agency.

- JOSE ANTONIO MORAN, 21, of 2200 S. Runnels was arrested on warrant from other agencies.

- GARY DON GOODMAN, 20, of 1604 S. Benton was arrested on warrants for possession/delivery of drug paraphernalia; fail to appear (three counts) and from another agency.

- ASHLEY ANNA BURT, 27, of 1604 Benton was arrested on a warrant from another

agency.

- JIM PARADEZ, 28, of 500 S. Bell St. was arrested on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.

- MICHAEL LEE LOPEZ, 27, of 411 N Scurry St. was arrested on warrants for driving while license invalid; and bail jumping/failure to appear fine only MC (three counts).

- ZACHARY RAY WILLIAMS, 33, of 4211 Muir St. was arrested on warrants for theft, less than \$50; possession of a controlled substance, more than 4 grams but less than 200 grams; and a from another agency.

- ESTEBAN JUAREZ III, 35, of 306 Denton St. was arrested on a warrant for assault family violence threat or offensive touch and possession of dangerous drug.

- SHERIE ANN THOMPSON, 30, of 5209 North Service Road was arrested on a charge of tampering/fabricating physical evidence and evading arrest/detention.

- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1000 block S. Gregg St.

- THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Lamar Avenue and in the 1300 block of Lincoln Avenue.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the Lancaster and Ryon and in the 1000 block of

Scurry St.

- ASSAULT was 5900 block of N. Service Road and in the 4000 block of W. Highway 80.

- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 400 block of North Scurry St.

- UNWANTED SUBJECT was reported in the 4200 block of Highway 80.

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

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

- PATRICK TERRALL KESLER, 36, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.

- JOHN RANDALL LEWIS, 56, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for motion to revoke probation - driving while intoxicated 2<sup>nd</sup> offense.

- RICHARD DUSTIN LOFTIN, 38, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for forgery with a financial instrument and credit card or debit card abuse.

- TONY ALAN PIKE, 50, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

- RENE ANGEL VALDEZ JR., 53, was booked by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication.

- ASHLEY BURT, 27, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant of forgery of a financial instrument.

- GARY DON GOODMAN, 20, of 1604 S. Benton was booked by the BSPD on warrants forgery of a financial instrument, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear (three charges).

- ESTEBAN JUAREZ III, 35, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for assault-family violence and possession of a dangerous drug.

- MICHAEL LEE LOPEZ, 27, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for driving while license invalid and failure to appear (three counts).

- KENNETH MCPHERSON, 24, was booked by the BSPD on charges of theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500; and theft, less than \$50.

- MARCOS MENDEZ III, 22, was booked by the BSPD on charges of theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500; and possession of a controlled substance.

- JOSE ANTONIO MORAN JR., 21, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for MTRP/possession of a controlled substance.

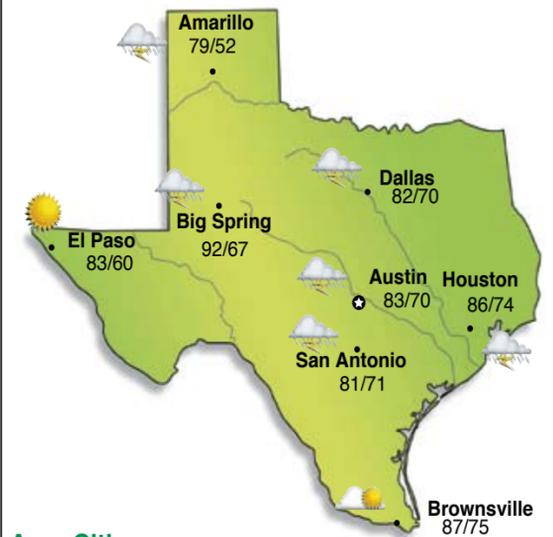
## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 5/7	Fri 5/8	Sat 5/9	Sun 5/10	Mon 5/11
 <b>92/67</b> Scattered thunderstorms in the morning. Partly cloudy skies late.	 <b>91/67</b> Thunderstorms early. Potential for severe thunderstorms.	 <b>88/57</b> Morning thunderstorms. High in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	 <b>86/56</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	 <b>82/55</b> Sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:54 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:31 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:53 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:32 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:53 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:32 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:52 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:33 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:51 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:34 PM



## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	80	68	t-storm	Kingsville	85	74	cloudy
Amarillo	79	52	t-storm	Livingston	86	71	t-storm
Austin	83	70	t-storm	Longview	85	68	t-storm
Beaumont	85	71	pt sunny	Lubbock	83	56	t-storm
Brownsville	87	75	pt sunny	Lufkin	88	72	t-storm
Brownwood	78	67	t-storm	Midland	90	66	t-storm
Corpus Christi	82	75	pt sunny	Raymondville	88	75	cloudy
Corsicana	84	69	t-storm	Rosenberg	85	73	pt sunny
Dallas	82	70	t-storm	San Antonio	81	71	t-storm
Del Rio	87	72	pt sunny	San Marcos	83	71	t-storm
El Paso	83	60	sunny	Sulphur Springs	81	69	t-storm
Fort Stockton	89	63	sunny	Sweetwater	83	67	t-storm
Gainesville	78	68	t-storm	Tyler	84	70	t-storm
Greenville	80	69	t-storm	Weatherford	80	69	t-storm
Houston	86	74	t-storm	Wichita Falls	77	67	t-storm

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	85	59	sunny	Minneapolis	76	53	t-storm
Boston	82	57	sunny	New York	75	58	mst sunny
Chicago	84	65	windy	Phoenix	84	57	mst sunny
Dallas	82	70	t-storm	San Francisco	65	50	sunny
Denver	63	45	t-storm	Seattle	62	44	pt sunny
Houston	86	74	t-storm	St. Louis	86	68	pt sunny
Los Angeles	66	54	mst sunny	Washington, DC	84	63	pt sunny
Miami	84	72	mst sunny				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Thu 5/7	Fri 5/8	Sat 5/9	Sun 5/10	Mon 5/11
<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
Very High				

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 being the lowest and 11 being the highest. A higher UV Index shows the need for greater skin protection.

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# Take note

• A silent auction and dinner to benefit cancer patient Josh Preston will be held from 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, 1009 Hearn St. Taco plates will be available for \$10; pre-orders will be accepted. For more information, contact Anna at 575-973-7864.

• The Howard County Republican Club will meet at noon Monday, May 11, in the Cactus Room at the Howard County Student Union Building. The club will present its annual \$500 scholarship to a deserving Big Spring High School student at that time. Call 432-528-4869

for more information.

• The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the West Texas Livestock and Range Conference from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 21 at the Broughton Agriculture Complex on the Howard College campus in Big Spring, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units — one laws and regulations and two general — will be offered. Individual preregistration is \$20 if received at the AgriLife Extension office in Glasscock County by May 15 and \$25 thereafter. The fee includes the

noon meal. For more information, contact Rebel Royall, AgriLife Extension agent in Glasscock County, at 432-354-2381.

• Western Bank's Big Spring branch will be hosting a pick up litter event at Comanche Trail Park Saturday. Participants are asked to meet by the Second Pavilion in the Comanche Trail Park at 10 a.m. to receive trash bags. The event runs until noon when the bank will provide lunch. For more information about how to participate, contact Western Bank at 432-466-0000.

• The Coahoma High School classes of 1952-1956 will have a get together from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. July 24 at the Hampton Inn of Big Spring's Cowboy Meeting Room. For more information, call 432-213-3259.

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

each Forsan ISD campus.

• SOS — Save Our Symphony. The Big Spring Symphony Association needs funds to help pay off debts occurred in this past symphony season. Contributions can be made to the Big Spring Symphony, P.O. Box 682, Big Spring, Texas 79721 or can be directly deposited to the symphony's account at Western Bank, 607 S. Scurry St. For more information, contact Symphony President Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

• For information on Garrett Parrish's condi-

tion, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GP-STRONG). Parrish was seriously injured in a recent accident.

## DAY

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eign over all governments, authorities, and human beings, according to organizers of the event.

"To further highlight the theme, we've chosen I Kings 8:28 as our Scripture for this year: 'Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day,'" Bill Ivins, pastor of First Methodist Church, in a news release.

According to the National Day of Prayer web-site, the event was established in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress. President Harry S. Truman signed the bill into law.

## STORE

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senior vice president of real estate and store development. "We hope our Big Spring customers will enjoy shopping at Dollar General's new location."

This particular location will serve several housing areas on the southwest area of Big Spring and offers a selection

of food, housewares, seasonal items, cleaning supplies, basic apparel and health/beauty products.

According to the release, the store's layout has seasonal products are displayed in the center of the store, departments are recognizable with visible signage and coolers are located at the front of the store.

Traditional Dollar General stores employ approximately six to 10 people, depending on

the need, the release said.

According to the release, Dollar General is a supporter of literacy and education. At the cash register of every Dollar General store, customers interested in learning how to read, speak English or get their General Education Diploma (GED) can pick up a brochure with a postage-paid reply card that can be mailed in for a referral to a local organization that offers free literacy services.

Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$97 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 5.8 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education, the release stated.

For more information about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and its grant programs, visit [www.dgliteracy.com](http://www.dgliteracy.com).

## TWISTER

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of Gail on Highway 669. The rescue was successful with no injuries reported, he said.

Unofficial accounts of up to 10 inches to a foot of rain in Borden County were reported to the National Weather Service. However, officially on Monday, 1.84 inches fell in Fluvanna;

3.16 inches in Gail, located in Borden County; 3.01 inches in Lamesa; 5.75 inches in Tahoka; and 4.93 inches in Seagraves.

With the ground near saturation level, water is rushing into Lake Thomas, National Weather Service officials said. In the past two days, the lake as gained 2,650 acre feet with more run-off expected to come in the next few weeks.

As of this morning, Lake Thomas was 54.2 percent full, a stark contrast to this time last year when the lake was at .8 percent capacity. In the past year, the lake level has risen 38 1/2 acre feet.

And it looks as if more rainfall is forecasted for the week.

As of today, NWS is reporting a chance of thunderstorms along and east of a dry-line over

the western low Rolling Plains, the Permian Basin, Stockton Plateau and lower Trans Pecos this afternoon and evening. This could produce some storms with a chance of large hail, damaging winds and locally heavy rainfall. "An isolated tornado or two cannot be ruled out, especially over the western low Rolling Plains. Any additional heavy rainfall over the north-

ern Permian Basin and western low Rolling Plains will likely lead to flash flooding," the web site said.

A chance of thunderstorms will continue through the rest of the week but mainly is forecasted for afternoon and evening.

Contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com).

## RELAY

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As of Tuesday, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event page shows that there are 21 teams signed up and a total of 305 participants. The goal this year is \$163,500 and so far the teams have managed to raise \$53,663.70, 32 percent of the intended target.

The top fundraising participants at this time are Douglas Lykken with \$1,165; Maggie Gonzales with \$596 and Jennifer Sayles with \$500. The top fundraising teams at this time are Young & Breastless with \$3,342.43; Marcie's Care Bears with \$2,080; and TexaStone Racers with \$1,961.20.

With just a few days left, there is much activity and buzzing going on to get ready.

"If people do not want to participate they can still make a donation at the Relay for Life website and donate to this event. They can also purchase Luminarias in honor of someone still fighting cancer or

in memory of someone who lost their fight at the website" said Judge Pumroy, Captain of the Young & Breastless relay team.

For more information on how to get involved or about the relay, please contact Beverly Grant at 432-935-4290 or email [Beverly\\_Grant@chs.net](mailto:Beverly_Grant@chs.net).

Thursday's edition of the Herald will feature a special section on this year's Relay.

Contact Julie Bass at 263-7331, ext 232, or email [life@bigspringherald.com](mailto:life@bigspringherald.com).



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# Opinion

## The fallacies of gun control

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The National Safety Council estimated that during 2013, 35,200 people died in U.S. traffic accidents, plus there were about 3.8 million crash injuries requiring medical attention. The auto-related fatalities, injuries and property damage that occurred in 2013 came with a high price tag. When you add up all the medical expenses, employer costs, lost wages, property damage, and related expenses, the total clocks in at \$267.5 billion.

Where is the outrage? Since the automobile is such a formidable weapon, why isn't there a movement to get rid of these killing machines, or at least impose some preposterous regulations to own one? The answer is a simple one. An agency official blamed most of the accidents on human error.

Let me get this straight. Am I expected to believe it's not the sedan's fault if the driver is drunk, distracted, sleepy or just careless? I must be marching to a different drummer than the people who are screaming for gun control based on the fact that people keep getting shot.

But have we ever heard the words "human error" in the discussion? People shoot people and that's the way it has always been, yet the long-enduring debate rages on.

I know the comparison to "automobile control" and guns is nonsensical. Cars are necessary to our lifestyle and I can't imagine not having one. And I also know there are safety regulations and supposed requirements for driving one. But my point is the foolishness of saying that gun control, as some politicians and activist groups are advocating, will end the killing. Reform is good; control not so much.

I cannot imagine anyone not wanting to live in a safer, less violent world.

All decent, sane people want that. Nobody should ever be happy when another human being is injured or killed, especially when it is the result of an intentional act of violence, premeditated or impulsive.

Gun homicides, especially mass shootings, tend to spark

demands for change. Although suicides account for almost twice as many gun deaths as homicides nationwide, they tend to be quiet tragedies, unnoticed outside the hushed confines of family and friends.

Opponents of gun control counter that some countries with high gun ownership rates, such as Israel, have few suicides and that countries such as Russia, where guns are scarce, have high rates of suicide. The reasoning is that determined people can find a way to kill themselves and others, although suicide experts say the prevalence of guns allows for impulsive suicides that otherwise might not occur.

Is there any sensibility behind gun control activist's viewpoints? Of course there is. If guns aren't available then people can't get shot. While that initially sounds like a reasonable standpoint, anyone who believes all guns can be accounted for and controlled legally is living on Mars. Criminals always have and always will get guns and use them however they choose. The idea that the government through laws and regulations can do a better job than we citizens of protecting ourselves and keeping guns out of the hands of violent criminals is absurd.

While very tragic, shootings that are highly publicized become sensational news items that open the door for radicals to exploit the situation. Unfortunately, there is always somebody ready and willing to callously and selfishly use someone else's heartbreak to further their viewpoint or agenda. Unquestionably, that has happened many times in recent years after a tragedy, especially if it involves guns.

Statistics reveal that gun deaths are shaped by race in America. Whites are far more likely to shoot themselves, and African Americans are far more likely to be shot by someone else. The statistical difference is dramatic, according to a Washington Post analysis of data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A white person is five times as likely to commit suicide with a gun as to be shot with a gun; for each African American who uses a gun to commit suicide, five are killed by other people with guns.

Citizens aren't the only ones being killed. The number of law enforcement officers killed by

firearms in the U.S. jumped by 56 percent in 2014 and included 15 ambush assaults. The annual report by the nonprofit National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund found that 50 officers were killed by guns last year, compared to 32 in 2013.

In all, the report found that 126 federal, local, tribal and territorial officers were killed in the line of duty in 2014. That's a 24 percent jump from the previous year's 102 on-duty deaths. Shootings were the leading cause of officer deaths in 2014 followed by traffic-related fatalities, at 49.

Being a police officer shouldn't be so life-threatening and being a young black man in America should not be a negative thing. Myrtle Beach Sun News columnist Issac Bailey provides some interesting perspective on the situation.

"Today's young African Americans display the lowest rates of crime and serious risk of any generation that can be reliably assessed," according to a 2013 Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice report. "In the last 20 years in particular, the FBI reports, rates of crime among African American youth have plummeted."

He continues, "The real tragedy in all this is that only about 2 percent of black men are likely to commit a violent crime in any given year. Statistically, a black teen in 2012 was as likely to commit a crime as a white teen from 1959. On the other side, most cops never fire their gun during their entire careers - let alone use them to shoot black men, or anybody else."

I am passionately opposed to any and all forms of prejudice and racism and it angers me that they still exist. It is indeed a tragedy when anyone is stereotyped by the color of their skin, the car they drive, what neighborhood they live in, their clothes or any other visible identification. But gun owners shouldn't be stereotyped or treated unfairly either. I sure would love to see a higher degree of common sense and concern for fellow man on display in our crazy world.

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

*Eddy Prince is senior pastor at Grace Fellowship Church of God in Big Spring. He can be reached by email at pastorprince@msn.com.*

## Brutality in the bosom of social justice

"Peaceful protest turns violent," read the San Francisco Chronicle

headline about the May 1 protest in Oakland that ended badly. Police arrested about a dozen people after activists trashed new cars and smashed bank windows. I love that headline. It makes it seem as if it's an anomaly when an Oakland protest ends with errant sparks and glass shards — even though a social-justice demonstration in Oakland has a better chance of ending with vandalism than a Hollywood marriage has in ending in divorce.

Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf had warned that violence would not be tolerated, but to no effect. On Saturday morning, she and police Chief Sean Whent had to admit that they had failed to anticipate — and thus prevent — the violence.

"A very small group of people with rocks in their pockets and malice in their hearts disturbed what was otherwise a positive day in Oakland," said Mayor Schaaf.

If Schaaf wants a different outcome, she should tell the protest community this: When the sun goes down, go home. Make it easier for police to curb what I

would call "protest brutality."

Otherwise positive? "They keep saying that. They say that every time," responded former Oakland City Attorney John Russo — even though the outcome of these rampages is "disorder, disinvestment and rampant disrespect for Oakland."

Friday's events began at the MacArthur rapid transit station, where protesters, some carrying signs with such positive messages as "Die Techie Scum," tried to sabotage the commute of people whose offense must be that they have jobs.

The effort fizzled. A May Day march from the Port of Oakland to City Hall was both pro-labor and anti-police brutality.

As the Chronicle reported, Yoel Haile of the Afrikan Black Coalition summed up the spirit of the event when he said, "Until we get a livable wage and they stop shooting us down in the streets, we need to rethink our strategy on how we're going to get free."

I have no doubt that most protesters were peaceful. Some seemed intent on minimizing the damage.

As vandals started smashing windows, other protesters called out: "Don't harm small businesses."

They mean well, I suppose, but they serve as unwitting cover for the masked anarchists in their midst.

They say they want justice, but

after dark, they become enablers for violence.

Everyone knows that the protests will turn ugly — and costly for Oakland taxpayers. So why do people, in a city as blue as Oaktown, feel the need to participate in protests that end up hurting their city and their neighbors?

Joe Abraham came to the United States from Lebanon in 1978.

He told me he opened American Auto Upholstery & Glass on Broadway 24 years ago. On Friday night, vandals smashed his shop's windows for the third time.

"If they are mad at the police, let them go to the police station," Abraham told me. And: "What are they gaining besides breaking my window?"

How many times do activists expect small businesses to absorb the costs of brute vandalism before they pack up and leave? Russo asked: "Smashing up the business of the guy who does upholstery and windows for cars" for a living — just what cause does that advance?

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# Check this out: What's at the Howard County Library

Howard County Library will have Linda Wallace, an author from Westbrook, signing her first book, "Vanessa's Adventure," from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday.



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Writing under the pen name Stormie Lane, her first venture into writing is the story of Vanessa Blake. Vanessa was driving from Fort Davis on her way to Cloudcroft to visit her friend, Kay, when she was nearly carjacked by a man who was running from a drug-gang in Mexico. The highway patrol had been keeping the road clear, and she had just happened to get in the middle of it.

There is some more trouble on her way but finally she makes it to Cloudcroft. I will let you read the rest of it, but "trouble" seems to follow her around. Overall, the book is entertaining, but I think it needs some fill-in background on Vanessa; some of who she is doesn't quite fit. She drives a Honda Civic, but then she has gorgeous gowns, emerald and diamond jewelry and has friends who own ranches and seem to be wealthy, plus she can travel as she pleases.

Quite a few audio books on CD came in the last part of April and I am just now writing about them.

The first two are by Steve Berry, both are political thrillers. "The Emperor's Tomb" (AUCD F BER S) stars Cotton Malone, a former Justice Department operative. He is

thrust into a situation when he logs into an anonymous website and sees Cassiopeia Viit (a woman who has saved his life several times) being tortured. Her life will be spared if Malone will give the man the artifact that Vitt has given him. The kicker is, Malone knows nothing about it and doesn't have it. Obviously, he is on the hunt for it.

In "The Columbus Affair" (AUCD F BER S), well-known journalist Tom Sagan's career has been sabotaged and he is reduced to hack work. Before he can put a trigger to his head, he is accosted by a stranger who thinks that Sagan has a key to a 500-year old secret and is not above using Tom's estranged daughter as a hostage to ensure his cooperation. Both books sound pretty gripping.

Harlan Coben writes the Myron Bolitar mys-

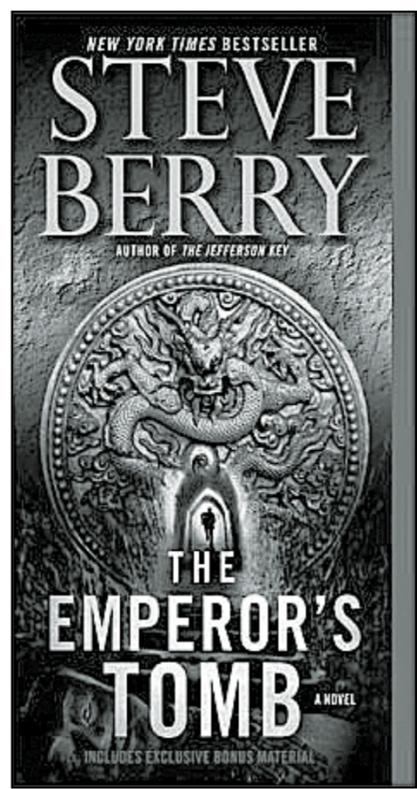
tery/thrillers and both "Live Wire" (AUCD F COB H) and "Longlost" (AUCD F COB H) deal with high-stakes pregnancy. In "Live Wire," it is the pregnancy of a former tennis star Suzze T and her rock star husband; while in "Longlost," it is the pregnancy of a long ago lover, who thought she had it all, when it all went disastrously wrong. Both sound like they would be a good listen.

Lee Child fans, here are a couple of Jack Reacher books to listen to: in "Die Trying" (AUCD F CHI L), Jack and an unknown woman are kidnapped and forced into a car (in broad daylight!), while in "A Wanted Man," there are four people in a car, hoping to make Chicago by morning. One is driving, one is telling stories, another is a nervous woman and then there is Jack Reacher. Who do you think will make it out alive — especially with

the FBI on their trail?

I have to do a "fan crush" here; while in Austin last month at the Texas Library Association meeting, David Baldacci spoke and, boy howdy, is he an attractive man in person! His photos do not do him justice. I also met Tony Hillerman's daughter, Anne Hillerman, who has begun writing mysteries with Bernie Manuelito as her character — I think she married Jim Chee — in the later part of the Joe Leaphorn mysteries.

Anyway, back to Da-



vid Baldacci, we have "The Forgotten" (AUCD F BAL D) with his character John Puller, down in the Florida Everglades, investigating the supposed "death" of

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# Report: IRS issues \$5.6 billion in bogus education credits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The IRS issued \$5.6 billion in potentially bogus education tax credits in a single year — more than a quarter of all education credits claimed by taxpayers, a government watchdog said Tuesday.

A new report by the agency's inspector general says the credits were issued to more than 3.6 million taxpayers in 2012.

Most of the credits

went to students even though the IRS never received a tuition statement from the school.

Some students attended schools that weren't eligible for federal funding while others didn't take enough classes to qualify for the tax break.

"The IRS still does not have effective processes to identify erroneous claims for education credits," said J. Russell George, Treasury in-

spector general for tax administration.

George said the IRS has taken some steps to better police the credits, but has not addressed all the deficiencies that George's office identified in a 2011 report.

In that report, the inspector general said the IRS issued \$3.2 billion in potentially bogus education tax credits in 2010.

"As a result, taxpayers continue to receive billions of dollars in po-

tentially erroneous education credits," George said.

The IRS said stepped up enforcement was largely responsible for a steep drop in credits issued in 2012. The amount of education credits issued dropped from \$23.6 billion in 2011 to \$19.1 billion in 2012.

The IRS said Congress

could help by simplifying the education tax credits and by giving the IRS more tools to validate student eligibility. Congress could also help by restoring budget cuts, the agency said.

"Since 2010, the IRS budget has been reduced by nearly \$1.2 billion and we expect to have 16,000 fewer employees

by the end of this fiscal year," said the IRS statement. "We simply do not have enough resources to audit every questionable credit."

"It's also important to note the IRS believes the dollar estimates in this report are overstated, and the methodology could be more accurate," the statement said.

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his aunt in Paradise.

For a gentler read, here is Jan Karon's "Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good" (AUCD F JAR J), with Father Tom Kavanagh with his wife Cynthia, back in Mitford after a trip to Ireland. While he is glad to be home, he does miss his pulpit: but when offered, he turns it down. Maybe he has lost his passion, but then several in Mitford have lost their passion.

M.C. Beaton's "Death of a Kingfisher" (AUCD F BEA M) has appeared in audio form.

The downturn in the economy has forced the village of Braikie to turn to tourism, dubbing the local woods "The Fairy Glen" with a kingfisher rising from the pond on the

cover of a brochure. When the kingfisher is found hanging from a noose and vandalism begins, Hamish is called in to solve the crimes. A murder follows and the investigation intensifies.

The rest of the AUCD's are mainly thrillers and such-like: We have Michael Connelly's "The Black Echo" AUCD F CON M), which stars Harry Bosch and a body in a drainpipe at Mulholland Dam; "Nano" (AUCD F COO R) by Robin Cook, a book about using nano-technology in the medical field; Jeffrey Archer's "Best Kept Secret" (AUCD F ARC J), which is the third volume in the Clifton/Barrington Family series; and "Starfire" (AUCD F BRO D) by Dale Brown. Bradley McLanahan and his team are on the cusp of building Starfire, the first orbiting solar power plant. How-

ever, U.S. President Kenneth Phoenix's plan to militarize and industrialize the plant sparks an arms race in space. Bradley and his team are caught at the center of a battle that threatens to become an all-out global war for control of space.

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### Gunman's final tweet, hashtag hinted at Texas assault on cartoon contest

PHOENIX (AP) — About 20 minutes before the shooting at a Texas cartoon contest that featured images of the Prophet Muhammad, a final tweet posted on an account linked to one of the gunmen said: "May Allah accept us as mujahideen," or holy warriors.

Among the hashtags used by the account was "(hash)texasattack."

Federal authorities were tracking the Twitter account linked to 31-year-old Elton Simpson of Phoenix before he and another gunman opened fire Sunday in the Dallas suburb of Garland, said Rep. Michael McCaul, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, who was briefed on the investigation by federal law enforcement officials.

The Department of Homeland Security and the FBI on April 20 also had issued a joint intelligence bulletin to local law enforcement warning that the Garland event was a possible target for a terrorist attack, according to a DHS official who was not authorized to be quoted discussing the document.

Social media accounts linked to "violent extremists" had been focusing on the contest, the bulletin said. According to mainstream Islamic tradition, any physical depiction of the Prophet Muhammad — even a respectful one — is considered blasphemous.

### Analysis: Saudi-led airstrikes in Yemen hit Shiite rebels hard but still don't bring them down

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — More than a month of relentless airstrikes by a coalition led by Saudi Arabia has inflicted painful damage on Shiite rebels in Yemen, but they show little sign of collapse.

The rebels, known as the Houthis, continue to have a strong grip on the capital, Sanaa, and much of the north. They and their allies — powerful military units loyal to the former president, Ali Abdullah Saleh — are still able to fight doggedly on multiple fronts, particularly in the south.

In weeks of grueling urban warfare, Houthi and pro-Saleh forces are slowly taking neighborhood after neighborhood of the southern port city of Aden, the main stronghold of their opponent, current President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, who fled the country to Saudi Arabia. Fighting the Houthis are a loose mix of militias, some supporting Hadi, others fighting for their own local interests.

That leaves Saudi Arabia and its allies with only a few options. One is to launch a troop intervention on the ground to bolster the anti-Houthi forces. The other is to keep up the punishment from the air in hopes that eventually the rebels and Saleh's forces are worn down enough to make concessions and enter negotiations — or enough that the population

of Sanaa and other areas rise up against them.

The Saudi goal in the campaign is ultimately to restore Hadi but it appears that it's not counting on outright military victory to do so. Instead, it wants to push the Houthis and Saleh loyalists to pull back from several cities they took over in recent months and come chastened to the negotiating table.

### Kerry trip to Djibouti highlights importance of small nation now increasingly key to US policy

DJIBOUTI (AP) — A sleepy coastal nation in the Horn of Africa, Djibouti was the last French colony to achieve independence. Today, nearly four decades later, the mainly Sunni nation has become a critical part of U.S. foreign policy.

With U.S. ground forces out of Yemen amid a civil war, Djibouti is a launching pad for drone attacks on al-Qaida and other extremist groups as well as a key transit point for Americans trying to get home.

Djibouti also is bracing for the potential arrival of thousands of refugees from across the Gulf of Aden. People of different nationalities are fleeing the fighting between Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels and Saudi-supported government forces.

In part to thank the Djiboutian government for its support and to get a closer look at U.S. operations, Secretary of State John Kerry traveled there

Wednesday.

A day after becoming the first top American diplomat to visit Somalia, he's likewise the first to make an appearance in tiny Djibouti, which encompasses an area the size of New Jersey and has less than 1 million people.

### Nepal's earthquake highlights exodus of young people from poor villages

KHADKA TOLE, Nepal (AP) — Gone, the girl says as she squints into the sun, the air around her shimmering with wind-blown wheat chaff. She points to one house after another nestled in the green hills, most shattered from the massive earthquake that hit Nepal last month.

"Over there, one has gone. The same over there. Most of the young people here are gone. At least one for every house," Smriti Bastola, 16, says of this poor farming village of about 400 people just 25 kilometers (15 miles) east of the capital, Kathmandu. Most left for work in the Persian Gulf or in Kathmandu.

This youth exodus, a painful choice between staying with family in impoverished hometowns or venturing into an often-harsh world to make much-needed money, began well before the 7.8 magnitude earthquake on April 25 knocked flat whole villages.

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# Bowlsby backs off Big 12 title game talk

PHOENIX (AP) — The Big 12 has tapped the brakes on the conference championship game talk.

Last week, Commissioner Bob Bowlsby strongly suggested toward bringing back its football championship to improve its chances of putting a team in the College Football Playoff.

After meeting with coaches and athletic directors Tuesday, Bowlsby said he does not sense the conference is headed toward a title game.

"I think we all believe that one year is not a long enough trial to draw any conclusions,"

Bowlsby said.

The Big 12 is the only Big Five conference without a title game.

TCU was ahead of Ohio State in the next-to-last rankings by the playoff selection committee, with Baylor just behind the Buckeyes. But the two Big 12 teams were finishing their regular seasons while Ohio State routed Wisconsin in the Big Ten championship game. The Buckeyes moved into No. 4 in the final committee rankings, grabbing the final spot in the four-team field and keeping the Big 12 co-champions out of college football's first

playoff.

Bowlsby met with selection committee chairman Jeff Long in North Texas last week and said he came away believing the Big 12 was at a disadvantage having 12 data points instead of 13, like the other power conferences.

On Tuesday he said: "We may find ourselves in better shape than some other conferences as a result of our model rather than in spite of our model."

Baylor's Art Briles, speaking just before coaches met with the commissioner, said he was "very curious to sit back

and listen and see what everybody had to say but that while he would "listen" he liked the league setup as it is.

"We're judging everything on what we all just went through kind of wide-eyed and wondering what was going to happen," he said. "Now we've got a pretty good idea. But I still think it was a little different last year, that no upsets happened the last week of the season. That's pretty uncommon."

If there was a title game, it would always be a rematch because the teams all face each other in the regular season.

Much talk has centered on the league's No. 1 team playing the No. 2 in the title game.

"You could have a 9-0 team playing a 6-3 team. That could happen" Briles said. "It's not always going to be 8-1 versus 8-1."

Sometimes, not having a title game could be an advantage, he said.

"I think somebody runs the table in our league, they're in," Briles said. "I don't think there's any question because you're going to beat a couple of top 10 teams, probably three or four in the top 20. That's a pretty good resume."

# Steers to face Pampa in Hobbs

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The area softball teams won't be the only ones swinging into playoff action this weekend, the boys will be on the field, too.

The Big Spring Steers will begin their best-of-three bi-district playoff series with the Pampa Harvesters on Friday evening at 8 p.m. (9 p.m. in Big Spring) at Hobbs High School in Hobbs, N.M.

The game had originally been scheduled to be played at Lubbock Christian but heavy rains forced the teams to scramble for a new site.

Big Spring, the District 2-4A champion, will be the home team for Game 1.

The second game of the series will be played at 1 p.m. (2 p.m. in Big Spring) on Saturday, with Pampa being the home team. A third game, if needed will be played following the completion of Game 2.

The No. 9-ranked Forsan Buffaloes will face Muenster on Friday, in Stamford, in a pair practice games. The games will start at 4 p.m.

Coahoma will face Pampa in Game 1 on Friday at 1 p.m. in Forsan.



Tony Claxton photo (claxtonphotography.com)

Howard College's Kylee Keller prepared to catch a ball while covering first during the Lady Hawks' victory over Midland College in the championship game of the Region V West Softball Tournament. The Lady Hawks will be one of 16 teams competing in the NJCAA National Softball Championships in St. George, Utah, on May 13-16.

# Special send-off set for Lady Hawks

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Howard College Lady Hawks are headed back to softball's version of 'The Promised Land.' Well, they will be on Thursday.

But, before they head off to the NJCAA National Softball Tournament in St. George, Utah, they will receive a Texas-sized send off from college officials and local residents.

A special send-off ceremony will be held tomorrow at the Fireplace Room in the Howard College Student Union Building.

"We welcome all of the Hawk fans out there to join us for a special send-off," said HC Director of Effectiveness & Information Cindy Smith. "It is a great way to show your support for this very talented team of young ladies and send them

off in style."

Howard College qualified for the national tournament for the third time in the past five years by defeating Midland College on Sunday in the championship game of the Region V West tournament in Lubbock.

HC enters the tournament, which will be held May 13-16, sporting an impressive 45-12 record.

# Bufs turn in strong outing at I-2A meet

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Forsan High School boys' track and field team turned in a solid effort at the Region I-2A Track and Field Championships this past weekend in Odessa.

Bryce Hergert and Oscar Barraza highlighted the Bufs' outing by placing posting a pair of sixth-place finishes. Hergert was sixth in the 800-meter run, while Barraza sprinted his way to sixth in the 200-meter dash.

The Buffaloes' 4x200-meter relay team also did well. The squad finished seventh in their event. The FHS 4x200-

meter team was composed of Walker Park, Ian Park, Jesse Cervantes and Barraza.

Also competing at the regional meet were Garrett Kligora in the boys' high jump. He finished eighth in the overall standings.

Forsan's 4x100-meter relay team of Walker, Park, Barraza, Cervantes and Colby Hair) also did well.

Ian Park, Walker Park and Hair also did well individually. Ian finished 10th in the 110-meter hurdles, while Walker raced his way to ninth in the 100-meter dash. Hair finished 12th in the 100.

Only the top two finishers in each event advanced to state.



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## Up next ...

**Makayla Overton prepares to swing at a pitch during the Coahoma Bulldogettes' win over Ballinger on Saturday. The CHS girls will face off with Comanche in the area round of the Class 3A playoffs beginning on Friday in Hawley.**

# Rodriguez helps Texas to 7-1 win over Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — In 7 ½ seasons with the Astros, Wandy Rodriguez pitched much better in Houston than he did on the road.

Now with the Texas Rangers, Rodriguez found success at Minute Maid Park once again.

Kyle Blanks had three hits, including a homer, and Carlos Peguero added a two-run shot to back up a solid start by Rodriguez as the Rangers beat the Astros 7-1 on Tuesday to win consecutive games for the first time this season.

"I feel very, very comfortable on this mound," Rodriguez said. "For 7 ½ years, it was great."

The Rangers also won their first series of the year after a victory Mon-

day that snapped Houston's 10-game winning streak. They entered as the only team in the majors not to have won a series or two games in a row.

"We knew that we weren't going to go all year without putting back-to-back wins together," manager Jeff Banister said. "You'd like to have it happen earlier, but we'll take it anytime we can get it."

In his third start, Rodriguez (1-1) allowed three hits and one run in a season-high eight innings to get his first win since May 26, 2013, with the Pirates. The former Astros hurler was signed to a minor league deal with Texas in April after he was released by the Braves.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Triangle Pose of Sun and Pluto

In yoga, the triangle pose, or Trikonasana, is unlike most other yoga poses in that it requires keeping the eyes open to maintain balance. The cosmic triangle formed by the Taurus sun and Pluto in Capricorn offers a similar challenge. Find a point of focus in your sky-high dreams while grounding yourself. Reach up and down at the same time.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You'll find a problem, and you'll upgrade it. That's not the same as solving it, but it's fine for now. This is just a temporary fix to make your time with this problem more comfortable.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Great people are courteous, generous and selfless. Those posing as

great people may be full of ego and pride and in need of attention. Differentiate and associate accordingly.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You don't need advice and reassurance to make decisions, because you have the confidence to assume responsibility for the major areas of your life.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Try not to judge other people's relationships. And if they are so happy it makes you sick, don't be cynical. But don't be an idealist, either. Happily-ever-afters are seldom that. Sometimes they smack of poisoned apples.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). When the plan changes, you change, too. Going with the flow is usually the right way. Your flexibility will be appreciated -- although, don't worry, they sense that you're also pretty tough if the situation calls for it.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your smile casts a spell. You usually use

that power for good, but sometimes it helps you do something against the rules, which also can be good. Some rules are made to be broken.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your loved ones will rise to the occasion, as long as they know what's expected of them. You'll have to lay it out clearly, and once you do, you may be surprised at what you're really needing from them.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You want to meet up with old and new friends, and the secret to doing so is simple: Ask them. Stick out your hand and your heart. Invite them over and into your world.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Most people don't lie without a reason. The key to honest relationships is to make it OK for the other person to tell the truth. Your loved ones will go to great lengths not to invoke your anger or sadness.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People have different tastes and

tolerances. One person's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel is another person's one-star review. Steer clear of topics that are likely to highlight the differences between you and your cohorts.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Gently holding people accountable for their actions is a sign of love. When someone doesn't do what he or she intends to do, and you're showing that you're paying attention.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Perspective shifts can be gradual, but the one you experience today will be abrupt. You won't have time to get used to your new view of things, but you can accept it fully just the same if you drop your defenses.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (May 6). As you grow, your world changes. That's why this year requires constant, ongoing reassessment. You'll add new supporters to your team in June. The kind of effort you put into a relationship this summer is new for you

and will open you to more joy. September and November bring the best financial opportunities. Capricorn and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 45, 2, 14, 39 and 50.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "My ex-husband, an Aquarius, was good as gold with his child support in the first six months of our divorce. We have two boys, 10 and 4. Well, as soon as he caught wind that I was dating, he changed. The checks stopped coming. I'm a Capricorn. I don't want to interfere with his visitation, but it's just not fair. He has the same job and is making the same money as before, so I know he can pay -- he just doesn't want to. How can I make him pay his child support? I'm working part time now, and it's not enough to cover all of my expenses."

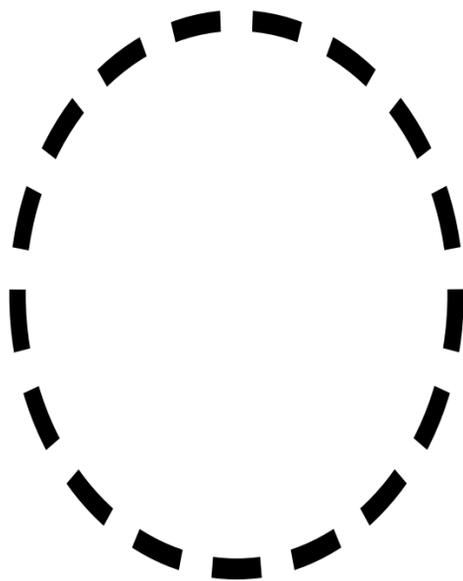
On a practical level, take legal action. Affirm all the way that you're doing this out of love for both of your children and for your ex-husband. It is, after all, the right thing

for everyone. At the same time, do your own work on the spiritual level, which includes doing what you can to be financially independent of him. Your focus on being happy and prosperous (instead of on getting him to pay) will lift the negative energy.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** This Oscar winner's name has become synonymous with sexy sophistication. George Clooney is a Taurus who was born when Mars and Uranus were in Leo, the sign of entertainment. His Venus in high-energy Aries suggests an enthusiasm for change. His moon in altruistic Aquarius brings a desire to help others and to better society. Look for Clooney in the upcoming sci-fi adventure "Tomorrowland."

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North dealer.  
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**NORTH**  
♠ 8 2  
♥ K 10 7 2  
♦ Q J 10  
♣ A 10 9 7

**WEST**  
♠ K Q 10  
♥ 5 3  
♦ 8 7 5  
♣ K 8 6 4 2

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♠ A 7 6 4 3  
♥ A 6  
♦ 9 6 4 3 2  
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♠ J 9 5  
♥ Q J 9 8 4  
♦ A K  
♣ Q J 3

The bidding:  
North East South West  
Pass Pass 1♥ Pass  
3♥ Pass 4♥

Opening lead — king of spades.  
Most errors in the play of the cards can be attributed to laziness rather than ignorance or limited ability. This observation applies equally to the offense and the defense.

Today's deal illustrates the type of error that can easily be avoided with the proper mental approach. West led the king of spades and continued with the queen after East signaled with the seven. West then shifted to a diamond. Declarer won with the ace and conceded a trump to East's ace. South later took a successful club

finesse, and the contract was home. Nothing startling occurred during the play, and it might appear that the par result was achieved by both sides. But closer examination reveals that the contract should have been defeated.

The culprit was East, who missed a golden opportunity at trick one when he should have overtaken West's king of spades with the ace and shifted to his singleton club.

From then on, declarer would have been fighting a losing battle. Whenever he led a trump, East would grab the ace, lead a spade to West and obtain a club ruff to defeat the contract.

It would not have been difficult for West to read the situation if East had done his part at tricks one and two. The combination of the overtake and the club return would have made the defense crystal clear.

For East's part, finding the winning defense should be easy if he considers the hand as a whole and does not play mechanically to the first trick. He knows from the opening lead that his partner has the K-Q of spades, so unless South has a singleton spade, East can count three defensive tricks. The search for a fourth is ended as soon as it occurs to him that a club ruff can upset declarer's apple cart.

Tomorrow: A tale of two tricks.  
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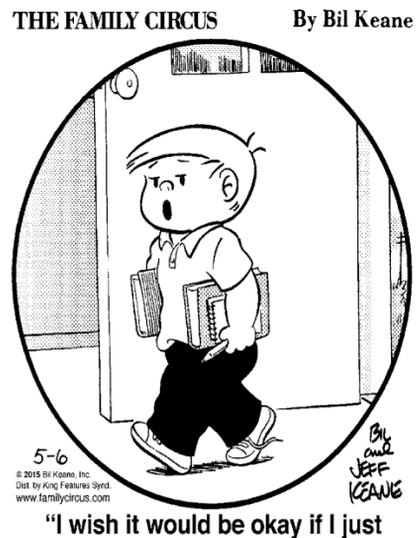
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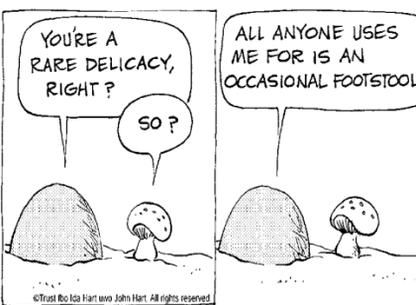
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**THIS DATE IN HISTORY**

Today is Wednesday, May 6, the 126th day of 2015. There are 239 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On May 6, 1965, after a Rolling Stones concert in Clearwater, Florida, was cut short by rowdy fans, Keith Richards composed the opening guitar riff of "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction," which he co-wrote with Mick Jagger. (The song was recorded less than a week later, and the single was released in the United States on June 6.)

**On this date:**

In 1840, Britain's first adhesive postage stamp, the Penny Black, officially went into circulation five days after its introduction.

In 1889, the Paris Exposition formally opened, featuring the just-completed Eiffel Tower.

In 1910, Britain's Edwardian era ended with the death of King Edward VII; he was succeeded by George V.

In 1915, Babe Ruth hit his first major-league home run as a player for the Boston Red Sox.

Actor-writer-director Orson Welles was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Political writer and historian Theodore H. White was born in Boston.

In 1935, the Works Progress Administration began operating under an executive order signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1937, the hydrogen-filled German airship Hindenburg burned and crashed in Lakehurst, New Jersey, killing 35 of the 97 people on board and a Navy crewman on the ground.

In 1942, during World War II some 15,000 Americans and Filipinos on Corregidor surrendered to Japanese forces.

In 1954, medical student Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile during a track meet in Oxford, England, in 3:59.4.

In 1960, Britain's Princess Margaret married Antony Armstrong-Jones, a commoner, at Westminster Abbey. (They divorced in 1978.)

In 1981, Yale architecture student Maya Ying Lin was named winner of a competition to design the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

In 1994, former Arkansas state worker Paula Jones filed

**Answer to previous puzzle**

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**Newsday Crossword**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Takes a break
  - 6 Utter confusion
  - 11 EMT specialty
  - 14 Japanese verse
  - 15 Actress Berry
  - 16 Roth plan, for one
  - 17 Cinema legend born 100 years ago today
  - 19 Little kid
  - 20 Cooing birds
  - 21 Happen
  - 23 Glittering, as some skies
  - 26 Bowled over
  - 27 Made up for
  - 28 Claim in court
  - 30 Boors
  - 31 Habeas corpus, for one
  - 32 Stuck-up person
  - 35 Amp input label
  - 36 Watched secretly
  - 39 Korean auto
  - 40 Sore spot
  - 42 "That's a shame"
  - 43 Whitish gems
  - 45 Satellite paths
  - 47 Muffin alternatives
  - 48 Catered party
  - 50 Composer Gustav
  - 51 Hotel patron
  - 52 Ben Stiller's mom
  - 54 Accelerate, with "up"
  - 55 1949 film noir starring
  - 17 Across
  - 61 Quarterback Manning
  - 62 Overdo it on stage
- DOWN**
- 1 Letter after pi
  - 2 Musical aptitude
  - 3 Sibling, for short
  - 4 Bout stopper, for short
  - 5 Summer attire
  - 6 GM make
  - 7 \_\_\_ and hearty (healthy)
  - 8 Shakespearean title starter
  - 9 Bullfight cry
  - 10 Burger bun seed source
  - 11 17 Across' masterwork
  - 12 Everyday speech
  - 13 Appraised
  - 18 Scrabble play
  - 22 Dustcloths
  - 23 Showing no emotion
  - 24 1958 film starring, written and directed by 17 Across
  - 25 Colonizing bug
  - 26 Glee club voice
  - 27 \_\_\_ mater
  - 28 Zones
  - 29 Hats, so to speak
  - 31 Droop in the sun
  - 33 Maritime tanker
  - 34 Glee club voice
  - 37 Twosome
  - 38 "It's on the house"
  - 41 Chapters of history
  - 44 Officeholder, for short
  - 46 Holding a grudge
  - 47 Delhi dress
  - 48 See eye to eye
  - 49 Power sources
  - 50 *Real Time* host on HBO
  - 52 Cat Chow request, perhaps
  - 53 Diminutive suffix
  - 56 Medical ins. plan
  - 57 Borzoi or boxer
  - 58 Could possibly
  - 59 Tablet download
  - 60 Paycheck amount

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# Abreu headlines NASCAR's list of 'Next' stars

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Rico Abreu, the reigning USAC national champion and winner of this year's Chili Bowl, was among the 12 drivers named to NASCAR's latest "Next" class on Tuesday.

The Next program, which is designed to spotlight NASCAR's emerging stars, has included in its previous four classes 2014 Sprint Cup rookie of the year Kyle Larson and reigning Xfinity Series champion Chase Elliott. The class also includes for a second year Cole Custer, who became NASCAR's youngest national winner last season at age 16 with his Truck Series victory at New Hampshire.

Of the 28 drivers who have previously been part of the Next program, 21 have competed in one of NASCAR's three national series and 11 are currently full-time NASCAR drivers. The class is selected through an evaluation process that includes input from industry executives and veteran racers.

Drivers must be between the ages of 15 and 25 and have demonstrated potential and desire to reach the Sprint Cup Series. They must also be actively competing in a NASCAR touring or weekly series.

Joining Abreu in the class this year: — Nicole Behar, a

17-year-old from Washington who tied the series record for highest finish by a female driver in the K&N West Series with a second-place mark at Irwindale Event Center.

— Kyle Benjamin, a 17-year-old from South Carolina who is a development driver for Roush Fenway Racing. He won his first K&N Pro Series race at Bristol and is the youngest race winner in ARCA history.

— James Bickford, a 17-year-old from California who was the K&N West rookie of the year last season.

— William Byron, a 17-year-old from Charlotte who leads the K&N Pro East season championship standings.

— Custer, a 17-year-old from California who holds the records for youngest pole award and race winner in both the Truck Series and NASCAR's touring series.

— Ruben Garcia Jr., a 19-year-old from Mexico City who was the runner-up in last season's NASCAR Mexico Series.

— Austin Hill, a 21-year-old from Georgia who won three consecutive K&N East races and led every lap in the opener this year at New Smyrna Speedway.

— Jesse Little, an 18-year-old from North Carolina who won the pole at Bristol in his 2015 K&N East debut.

# New bowls push FBS postseason to 42 games

The NCAA certified three new bowls to push the total number of postseason games in major college football to new high of 42.

Debuting this season will be the Cure Bowl in Orlando, Florida, and as yet unnamed games in Tucson, Arizona, and Austin, Texas.

A game in Little Rock, Arkansas, was also up for certification, but Wright Waters, executive director of the Football Bowl Association, said organiz-

ers recently asked to be considered for the 2016-17 season.

ESPN first reported the new bowls had been certified.

The Austin and Orlando games will match teams from the American Athletic Conference and Sun Belt Conference. The Tucson game will feature the Mountain West and Conference USA.

The new bowls mean 82 of 128 FBS teams will play in the postseason next season.

# Scoreboard

BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	—
New York	17	10	.630	—
Tampa Bay	14	13	.519	3
Baltimore	12	12	.500	3½
Boston	13	14	.481	4
Toronto	13	15	.464	4½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	—
Kansas City	17	9	.654	—
Detroit	17	10	.630	½
Minnesota	14	13	.519	3½
Chicago	9	14	.391	6½
Cleveland	9	16	.360	7½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	—
Houston	18	9	.667	—
Los Angeles	12	15	.444	6
Oakland	12	16	.429	6½
Seattle	11	16	.407	7
Texas	10	16	.385	7½

Tuesday's Games				
N.Y. Yankees	6	Toronto	3	
N.Y. Mets	3	Baltimore	2	
Boston	2	Tampa Bay	0	
Kansas City	5	Cleveland	3	
Chicago White Sox	5	Detroit	2	
Oakland	2	Minnesota	1	
Texas	7	Houston	1	
L.A. Angels	5	Seattle	4	

Wednesday's Games				
N.Y. Yankees	(Sabathia 0-4)	at Toronto	(Buehrle 3-2), 7:07 p.m.	
Baltimore	(UJimenez 2-1)	at N.Y. Mets	(deGrom 2-3), 7:10 p.m.	
Tampa Bay	(Colome 1-0)	at Boston	(Masterson 2-0), 7:10 p.m.	
Cleveland	(Carrasco 3-2)	at Kansas City	(D.Duffy 2-0), 8:10 p.m.	
Detroit	(Simon 4-1)	at Chicago	White Sox (Sale 2-1), 8:10 p.m.	
Oakland	(Kazmir 2-0)	at Minnesota	(Gibson 2-2), 8:10 p.m.	
Texas	(Lewis 1-2)	at Houston	(Deduno 0-0), 8:10 p.m.	
Seattle	(Elias 0-1)	at L.A. Angels	(C.Wilson 1-2), 10:05 p.m.	

AL TOP TEN				
G	AB	R	H	Pct.
AJones Bal	24	91	17	36.396
Ellsbury NYY	25	106	21	38.358
Vogt Oak	26	81	16	29.358
Jlglesias Det	25	79	7	28.354
Brantley Cle	19	74	11	26.351
McCabrera Det	27	97	13	34.351
Fielder Tex	26	103	10	36.350
Altuve Hou	27	115	16	40.348
Cain KC	23	90	18	30.333
NCruz Sea	27	107	18	35.327

Home Runs					
NCruz, Seattle	14	HRamirez, Boston	10	Teixeira, New York	10
Travis, Toronto	7	Valbuena, Houston	7	Vogt, Oakland	7

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	—
New York	17	10	.630	—
Atlanta	13	14	.481	4
Miami	13	14	.481	4
Washington	13	15	.464	4½
Philadelphia	10	18	.357	7½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	—
St. Louis	20	6	.769	—
Chicago	13	12	.520	6½
Cincinnati	13	13	.500	7
Pittsburgh	12	14	.462	8
Milwaukee	8	19	.296	12½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	—
Los Angeles	17	9	.654	—
San Francisco	14	13	.519	3½
San Diego	14	14	.500	4
Colorado	11	13	.458	5
Arizona	10	14	.417	6

Tuesday's Games				
Cincinnati	7	Pittsburgh	1	
Miami	2	Washington	1	
N.Y. Mets	3	Baltimore	2	
Atlanta	9	Philadelphia	0	
L.A. Dodgers	8	Milwaukee	2	
St. Louis	7	Chicago Cubs	4	
Arizona	at Colorado	ppd., rain		
San Francisco	6	San Diego	0	

Wednesday's Games				
Miami	(Koeher 2-2)	at Washington	(Scherzer 1-3), 1:05 p.m.	
Arizona	(Collmenter 2-3)	at Colorado	(Matzek 2-0), 3:10 p.m., 1st game	
San Diego	(Kennedy 1-1)	at San Francisco	(Heston 2-2), 3:45 p.m.	
Arizona	(Ray 0-0)	at Colorado	(Lyles 2-2), 6:40 p.m., 2nd game	
Cincinnati	(Leake 1-1)	at Pittsburgh	(G.Cole 4-0), 7:05 p.m.	
Baltimore	(UJimenez 2-1)	at N.Y. Mets	(deGrom 2-3), 7:10 p.m.	
Philadelphia	(Williams 2-1)	at Atlanta	(Foltynewicz 1-0), 7:10 p.m.	
L.A. Dodgers	(Frias 2-0)	at Milwaukee	(W.Peralta 0-4), 8:10 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs	(Lester 1-2)	at St. Louis	(Lynn 1-2), 8:15 p.m.	

NL TOP TEN				
G	AB	R	H	Pct.
DGordon Mia	26	109	16	46.422
LeMahieu Col	23	79	5	31.392
AGonzalez LAD	26	97	23	35.361
Goldschmidt Ari	24	90	19	32.356
Pagan SF	26	103	8	36.350
MCarpenter STL	26	104	23	36.346
Holliday STL	25	87	14	30.345
Galvis Phi	26	90	9	30.333
Rizzo ChC	25	87	21	29.333
Alonso SD	24	81	9	27.333

Home Runs					
Frazier, Cincinnati	9	AGonzalez, Los Angeles	9	Marte, Pittsburgh	7
Pederson, Los Angeles	7	Upton, San Diego	7	Votto, Cincinnati	7
Arenado, Colorado	6	Goldschmidt, Arizona	6	KJohnson, Atlanta	6
Stanton, Miami	6				

TEXAS LEAGUE North Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	—
Arkansas (Angels)	16	9	.640	—
NW Arkansas (Royals)	16	9	.640	—
Tulsa (Dodgers)	13	12	.520	3
Springfield (Cardinals)	6	19	.240	10
South Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	—
Corpus Christi (Astros)	15	10	.600	—
Midland (Athletics)	12	13	.480	3
Frisco (Rangers)	11	13	.458	3½
San Antonio (Padres)	10	14	.417	4½

Tuesday's Games				
NW Arkansas	5	Springfield	3	
Tulsa	2	Arkansas	1	
Corpus Christi	6	Midland	1	
Frisco	7	San Antonio	7	
tie, 8 innings, susp., rain				

Wednesday's Games				
Arkansas	at Tulsa	12:05 p.m.		
Northwest Arkansas	at Springfield	12:10 p.m.		
Frisco	7	San Antonio	7	
tie, 8 innings, comp. of susp. game				
Midland	at Corpus Christi	8:05 p.m.		
San Antonio	at Frisco	8:05 p.m.		

BASKETBALL NBA Playoffs CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)				
<b>Sunday, May 3</b>				
Washington	104	Atlanta	98	
Golden State	101	Memphis	86	
<b>Monday, May 4</b>				
Chicago	99	Cleveland	92	
Chicago leads series 1-0				
L.A. Clippers	117	Houston	101	
L.A. Clippers leads series 1-0				
<b>Tuesday, May 5</b>				
Atlanta	106	Washington	90	
Atlanta leads series 2-1				
Memphis	97	Golden State	90	
Memphis leads series 1-1				

Wednesday, May 6				
Chicago	at Cleveland	7 p.m.		
L.A. Clippers	at Houston	9:30 p.m.		
<b>Friday, May 8</b>				
Cleveland	at Chicago	8 p.m.		

Houston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 9**  
Atlanta at Washington, 5 p.m.  
Golden State at Memphis, 8 p.m.

**Sunday, May 10**  
Cleveland at Chicago, 3:30 p.m.  
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 8:30 p.m.

**TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL American League**  
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Activated OF Nick Swisher from the 15-day DL. Optioned OF Tyler Holt to Columbus (IL).

NEW YORK YANKEES — Recalled INF Jose Pirela from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Announced OF Cody Ross cleared waivers and was released.

TEXAS RANGERS — Claimed LHP Mike Kickham off waivers from Seattle and optioned him to Round Rock (PCL). Transferred OF Ryan Rua from the 15- to the 60-day DL.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Recalled INF/OF Chris Colabello from Buffalo (IL). Optioned INF Jonathan Diaz. Designated LHP Jayson Aquino for assignment.

**National League**  
ATLANTA BRAVES — Designated LHP Donnie Veal for assignment. Recalled RHP Brandon Cunniff from Gwinnett (IL).

CHICAGO CUBS — Placed OF Chris Denorfia on the 15-day DL. Selected RHP James Russell from Iowa (PCL). Recalled RHP Anthony Varvaro from Iowa.

MIAMI MARLINS — Released C Jarrod Saltalamacchia.

NEW YORK METS — Selected the contract of C Johnny Monell from Las Vegas (PCL). Sent INF Eric Campbell to Las Vegas. Transferred OF Cesar Puello to the 60-day DL.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Recalled LHP Tyler Lyons from Memphis (PCL). Optioned RHP Sam Tuivailala to Memphis.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Recalled

LHP Frank Garces from El Paso (PCL). Placed RHP Brandon Morrow on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 3.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Acquired OF Darin Mastroianni from Philadelphia for cash considerations.

**BASKETBALL Women's National Basketball Association**  
NEW YORK LIBERTY — Named Isiah Thomas president.

**FOOTBALL National Football League**  
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Announced the retirement of TE John Carlson. Agreed to terms with CB Cariel Brooks, OT Rob Crisp, LB Alan Fua, WR Trevor Harman, LB Edwin Jackson, LB Andrae Kirk, RB Paul Lasike, LB Gabe Martin, WR Diamond Powell, CB C.J. Roberts, WR Jaxon Shipley, TE Gannon Sinclair, LB Zack Wagenmann and NT Xavier Williams. Released RB Zach Bauman and CB Roc Carmichael.

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Announced special teams coordinator Bruce DeHaven took a leave of absence to deal with health concerns.

CHICAGO BEARS — Agreed to terms with S Adrian Amos and RB Jeremy Langford to four-year contracts.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Waived JoJo Dickson, LS Jorgen Hus, WR Corbin Louks and QB Terrell Pryor.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed CB Justin Coleman, WR DaVaris Daniels, C Tom Farniok, S Anthony Harris, QB Taylor Heinicke, WR Jordan Leslie, WR Gavin Lutman, FB Blake Renaud, G Jesse Somsel and G Bobby Vardaro.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released CB Alfonzo Dennard, LS Tyler Ott and LB Deontae Skinner.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Claimed TE Kyle Miller off waivers from Atlanta. Waived DT Damik Scafe.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed WRs Dres Anderson, Issac Blakney, DiAndre Campbell, DeAndrew White and Darius Davis; OL Patrick Miller; DL Marcus Rush, QB Dylan Thompson and S Jermaine Whitehead.

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