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Boys and Girls Club/Extension Office collaboration on commissioners' agenda Wednesday

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer
 A possible collaboration between the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office is on the agenda for the Howard County Commissioners Court meeting scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Wednesday. The commis-

sioners will meet in the second-floor conference room of the Howard County Courthouse, 300 S. Main St. The item will be presented to the court by Howard County Extension Agent Sandy Taylor. In other business, the commissioners will:

- Discuss possible approval of a zoning change on a coun-

ty-owned parcel of land within city limits.

- Discuss possible action to renew the Breath Alcohol Testing Program cooperative agreement between Howard County and Midland College.
- Consider appointment of a new 9-1-1 Communications District board member.
- Consider fuel bids.
- Discuss and possibly re-

new the County Choice Silver Retirees program rates.

- Consider action on a request from Delek US refinery (formerly Alon) for a pipeline right-of-way on the old Howard County Airport property.
- Consider action to allow a multi-use permit rebate for an oil company to place a base on a county road.

If you would like to address

the commissioners, plan to arrive early to fill out a brief form alerting them to your intent to speak. Contact County Judge Kathryn Wiseman at 432-264-2202 for more information.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235 for more information.

High waters in Big Spring



In the top photo, City of Big Spring "High Water" barricades block off a section of South Birdwell Lane, North of the intersection with East Third Street on Monday around noon. Heavy rains Sunday night caused Beals Creek, which runs between South First Street and Northeast First Street, to flood. Continued rain Monday night kept the high waters in place this morning. The old brick bridge on Benton Street in Big Spring, which crosses over Beals Creek, was also flooded as shown in the bottom photo taken around lunchtime Monday. The foot of the bridge also remained flooded by the swollen creek this morning.



HERALD photos/Amber Mansfield

Howard County Library extending sale



Photographed above are Sherri Anthony (left) and Tammy DePauw (right) of the Friends of the Library organization sorting books at the annual Friends of the Library Book Sale at the Howard County Library Saturday, Oct. 13. The Friends of the Library group raised over \$1,500 on the very first day and plan on selling books until the end of October. Anyone who missed out on the sale can still go down to the library basement and see what is still available. Proceeds from this sale will go towards the Howard County Library.

HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield

Spreading thankfulness

By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer
 It's turkey time at the Big Spring Center for Skilled Care (BSCSC), as their staff prepares to open its arms, and its kitchen, to the community for their annual Thanksgiving Feast, scheduled for Thursday, November 14.



Christy Brownfield

"It really is just an immense amount of work, and it has to be done in a fairly short period of time," Christy Brownfield of BSCSC said. "We are looking now for sponsors to help us with our Thanksgiving Feast." The Thanksgiving Feast is a free meal for the elderly, veterans, and also for those who are in need.

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Jump With Jill rocks the halls of Marcy and Moss Elementary schools



Big Spring ISD's Moss Elementary and Marcy Elementary had a very special visit by DJ Slick Nick and Jill Jayne from the Emmy-nominated program "Jump With Jill" on Monday. The students got to enjoy a nutrition show in the form of a rock and roll concert that taught them all about healthy ways to take care of their bodies through exercise and eating and drinking less sugary foods and beverages. The photo above shows Jump With Jill putting on a show for the students of Marcy Elementary.

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Obituaries

Lupe Zarraga



Lupe Zarraga, 69, of Big Spring died Friday Oct. 12, 2018. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday October 16, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Lupe was born Sept. 2, 1949, in Midland and had lived in Big Spring for over 40 years. She married Delfino Ruiz Zarraga Sr. on September 17, 1979 in Big Spring. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. She was a graduate of Howard College School of Nursing in 1987, and was an LVN at Big Spring State Hospital, VAMC and worked at the nursing homes. Lupe loved to play bingo and the lottery.

Lupe is survived by one daughter, Debbie Ramirez of Big Spring; three sons, Kevin Ramirez and his wife Frances, Rocky Zarraga and his wife Cynthia and Delfino Zarraga Jr., all of Big Spring;

two sisters, Elodia Heredia and Irma Dominguez and husband Joe, both of Midland; two brothers: Mario Heredia and wife Olga of Lubbock and Michael Gonzales and wife Lorena of Midland; 15 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents: Robert and Elyssa Gonzales and Merejildo and Felipa Heredia; one sister, Ernestina Garcia; one grandson, Robert "Big Rob" Ramirez and one nephew: Robert Paul Garcia.

Pallbearers will be Matthew Mier, Aaron Juarez, Brandon Zarraga, Marcus Zarraga, Hiram Garcia, Gerald Garcia, Adrian Juarez and Cesar Alvarado.

Honorary Pallbearers are all working and retired LVN's, RN's, Med techs and CNA's.

"May God wrap His arms around you, give you knowledge and guide you in taking care of all your patients." Lupe

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

Paid Obituary

Richard Nix



Richard Nix, 73, of Big Spring, died Saturday Oct. 13, 2018. Visitation will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 16, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018, Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

Richard was born March, 9, 1945, in Big Spring to Lela Irene Caldwell Nix and Collon Clifton "Dub" Nix, where he continued to live all his life, and married Lorene Freeze on April 27, 1970. He was a Baptist. Richard was an Army veteran and a volunteer driver for VAMC. He worked for Cosden and later Fina for 28 years. He did home improvements, bailing hay and had a pecan orchard. He loved woodworking, fishing and water skiing.

Richard is survived by Lorene Nix of Big Spring; one son, Richard Lee Nix II and wife Terri of San Angelo; one daughter, Christy Nix of Big Spring; three sisters, Faye Thorpe and husband Wayne of Odessa, Bonnie Allred and husband Ro and Linda Dewaters and husband Nick, all of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Ashlie Hope Nix, Garet Nix, Kalyn Womack and Breeana Womack and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to parents, he was preceded by one sister Nancy Bedwell; three brothers, W.R. Nix, L.G. Nix and Roger Nix.

Pallbearers will be Bill Carey, Gary Osburn, Rusty Newcomb, Ray Nix, Terry Don Thorpe, Freddy Nix and Michael Carroll.

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

Paid Obituary

Michael Proctor

Michael Proctor, 68, of Big Spring died Friday Oct. 12, 2018, at his residence. Graveside services will be at noon, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018, at Mt Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends and family at 10 a.m. until noon at the funeral home, prior to the service.

He was born Sept. 8, 1950, in Big Spring to T.J. and Duell White Proctor.

Michael taught school for over 35 years at Nimetz Junior High and Permian High School in Odessa, retiring in 2015.

He is survived by two brothers, Terry Proctor and his wife, Irma of Del Rio and Chris Proctor and his wife, Dawn of Nellysford, Virginia.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com

Police, Sheriff Report

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **CEASAR FLORES**, of 1312 Red Cove, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **VICTOR LOBATON**, of 1401 N Hwy 87, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **TRENT AARON NEWTON**, of 2401 E FM 700, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **NATHAN CARL DEAN GARRARD**, of 1310 E Hey 67, was arrested on warrants of bail jumping, driving while intoxicated, and on three counts of expired registration, and expired driver's license, fail to maintain financial responsibility, and disregard to stop sign.
- **FREDRICK RUBIO JR.**, of 1503 Johnson, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of ran stop sign.
- **STEVEN ALLEN SAVELL**, of 1304 S Main St., was arrested on a charge of evading arrest detention.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported int eh 3800 block of Connally St.
- **FOLLOW UP REPORT** was reported in the 1600 block of MLK.
- **ROBBERY** was reported in the 900 block of N Lamesa Hwy.
- **BURLGARY OF BABITATION** was reported int eh 800 block of W 14th St.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

- **MARQUIN EARL HARRIS**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on theft of property in between \$100 and \$750.
- **CANDY ROSALYN LOPEZ**, 18, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of assault causes bodily injury.
- **GEORGINA LOPEZ**, 36, was arrested by HCSO on warrant of assault causes bodily injury.
- **VIRGINIA CASTILLO BERNAL**, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of hinder secured creditors \$550.
- **CHRISTOPHER NICHOLAS CAMPOS**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RONALD BRENT DALTON**, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of driving while intoxicated.
- **MARTY LEE DISSINGER**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CEASAR FLORES**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **LOGAN TAYLOR FRANKLIN**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of racing on highway.
- **NATHAN CARL DEAN GARRARD**, was arrested by HCSO on warrants of bail jumping, driving while intoxicated, and on three counts of expired registration, and expired driver's license, fail

to maintain financial responsibility, and disregard to stop sign.

- **MICHAEL ANGELO GARZA**, was arrested by BSPD on charges of evading arrest, and driving with license invalid.
- **CHANCE HAMILTON**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of interfere with public duties.
- **MARQUIN EARL HARRIS**, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of theft of property in between \$100 to \$750, and on parole violation.
- **VICTOR LOBATON**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JERRY MARTINEZ**, was arrested by BSPD on charges of public intoxication, and resist arrest search.
- **MONICA JANELLE MCGRUDER**, was arrested by HCSO on warrants of forgery financial instruments, and bail jumping and fail to appear.
- **WILLIAM EDWARD MOREN**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of walk on highway with traffic.
- **TRENT AARON NEWTON**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **PATRICIA ROGIGUEZ**, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of criminal mischief in between \$100 to \$750, and theft of property in between \$100 to \$750.
- **FREDRICK RUBIO JR.**, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of ran stop sign.
- **JOHNNY RUEDA JR.**, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of contempt of child support, and on a charge of driving with license invalid.
- **STEVEN ALLEN SAVELL**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of evading arrest detention.
- **MARK ANTHONY TORRES**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

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Nasty Montemayor

Nasty Montemayor, 54, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Donnie Andrews

Donnie Andrews, 63, of Big Spring, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2018, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Quincey Kincaid Matthew Wills



Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018, at First Baptist Church for Quincey Kincaid Matthew Wills of Artesia, New Mexico.

Mr. Wills, 24, died Oct. 12, 2018, at his home in Artesia, New Mexico.

Pastor Ty Bean will officiate at the services with burial to follow at Twin Oaks Memorial Park. Pallbearers will be Roper Brewer, Joe

Bogle, Jake Matthews, Dillon Fuqua, Edgar Tarrango, Jody Jackson, Zachary Garcia, and Blaise Milligan.

Visitation will be at Terpening & Son Mortuary Wednesday from noon - 8 p.m.

Quincey was born Oct. 28, 1993 in Brenham Texas, to Clint Wills and Leslie (Smith) Wills. Quincey was a horseman, cowboy, Team Roper and Bull Fighter. He was a hard worker and started building barns and dairies with his grandad at the age of 13. By the age of 17 he began working full-time as a welder. He enjoyed hanging out with his friends, hunting, fishing, roping and helping run the family cattle company.

Survivors include his mother Leslie Wills and Kelvin Mendenhall, of Lovington; father Clint Wills and Laura Wills, of Artesia; grandfather Harvey Smith, of Artesia; grandmother Jackie Morgan, of Artesia; great grandmother Pat Porter, of Artesia; sister Mackayla Mcrae and Edgar Tarrango, of Lovington; brother Tanner Mcrae, of Artesia; great grandmother Reta Wills of Hico Texas, step - grandparents Stanley and Chris Stevens of Deming, step - brother Zachary Garcia and step - sister Karsten Garcia of Las Cruces along with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was proceeded in death by his grandmother Meann Smith, grandmother Therese Bates Sternadel, grandfather Ed Sternadel, great grandfather Bill Porter, grandfather George Wills and great grandfather Gauvayne Wills, great grandmother Lee Creager, great grandparents Ed Sternadel Sr and Teletha Sternadel.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Terpening & Son Mortuary. Please remember Mr. Wills at www.artesiafunerals.com.

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4100 block of Dixon. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of Tingle. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Drexel. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the I-20 E MM 165. No one was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Scott Dr. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Culp. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2200 block of S Main. No one was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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10 Things to Know for Today

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. TURKISH POLICE FIND EVIDENCE OF KHASHOGGI'S SLAYING

A Turkish official tells AP that police found evidence in the Saudi Consulate that Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi was killed there, as America's top diplomat meets with Saudi Arabia's King Salman and his son Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

2. WHY WASHINGTON HAS STOOD BY RIYADH THROUGH MULTIPLE CRISES

America has long been a major importer of Saudi oil and the Saudis are keen buyers of American weapons.

3. PAUL ALLEN A TRUE RENAISSANCE MAN

From personal computers, conservation, pro football, rock n' roll and rocket ships, the late Microsoft co-founder used his vast wealth to pursue his passion and ambition.

4. IN FLORIDA, FAMILIES SEEK THE HURRICANE MISSING

As the category 4 storm closed in, authorities say many residents of Mexico Beach didn't evacuate and that 46 people are unaccounted for.

5. CHINA DEFENDS MASS INTERNMENT OF MUSLIMS

Officials say a system of training centers save ethnic minority Muslims from religious extremism by teaching them to speak Mandarin and accept modern science.

6. EMAILS: CALIFORNIA AGENCY HAS COZY TIES TO GAS TAX BACKERS

Emails obtained by the AP show the state's transportation agency coordinated frequently with the public affairs firm working to block the repeal of the state gas tax hike.

7. ELIZABETH WARREN CALLS TRUMP COMMENTS 'CREEPY'

The Massachusetts Democrat says the pres-

ident was trying to belittle her when he talked about administering a DNA test to prove her Native American heritage.

8. WHERE HARRY'S IS BRANCHING OUT TO

Armed with millions of dollars in new funding, the direct-to-consumer razor company is launching a new shaving and body-care brand for women called Flamingo.

9. BRITISH ROYALS RECEIVE BABY GIFTS

Prince Harry and the former Meghan Markle thrill thousands of fans in Sydney in their first public appearance since announcing the Duchess of Sussex was pregnant.

10. RODGERS LEADS PACKERS TO COMEBACK WIN

The Green Bay quarterback engineered a last-minute, 81-yard drive that led to a game-winning field goal as time expired in the Packers' 33-30 win over the 49ers.

Trump to headline Monday rally in Houston for GOP candidates

HOUSTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's campaign office has announced it will host a rally at NRG Arena in Houston to "expand" Republican majorities in Congress, but doesn't specifically mention Texas Sen. Ted Cruz.

The campaign office says the event takes

place Oct. 22 at the 8,000-seat convention hall. Trump is slated to headline the rally.

The president tweeted in August that he would hold a "major rally" for Cruz in the "biggest stadium in Texas we can find." AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys, has a game-day capacity of 80,000.

The campaign says Trump wants to rally voters "to protect and expand our Republican majorities in the House and Senate."

Cruz faces Democratic Rep. Beto O'Rourke in his bid of a second Senate term.

Judge allows Texas girl another week on life support

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A judge is allowing another week for the parents of a 9-year-old Texas girl on life support to find a new facility for the child, who has been declared brain-dead.

State District Judge Melody Wilkinson on Monday extended her order that Cook Children's Medical Center

in Fort Worth keep Payton Summons on life support until 6 p.m. on Oct. 22. Doctors at the hospital had wanted to remove the girl from life support.

Wilkinson previously ruled doctors could remove the girl from life support Monday afternoon when the parents could find no alternative facility for Pay-

ton. Attorneys for her parents, though, asked for an extension after they and lawyers for the hospital couldn't reach an agreement on a next step.

A hospital spokeswoman had no comment, citing patient privacy.

BSAA brightens up Big Spring

HERALD photos/Amber Mansfield

Little pick-me-ups in the form of painted rocks were placed in various spots around town Monday, Oct. 16, 2018, by two local artists who just wanted to give a little kindness to the world.

"My friend and I painted and placed about 40 rocks around town," said Michelle Worthan, Big Spring Art Association (BSAA) President. We just hope it may brighten someone's day when they find them." Worthan along with her close friend Amber Bailey, a local nurse, placed rocks in areas from parks and hospitals to the downtown area near the museum, library, post office, and all over.

"There is too much negative and ugly in the world, so we wanted to bring some happiness and beauty to Big Spring," said Worthan.

Worthan also stated that the BSAA organization meets every third Saturday at 10 a.m. to noon at the Howard County Library Community Room at 500 S. Main St. October's meeting was scheduled to be this Saturday Oct. 20, 10 a.m. at the Scenic Mountain State Park, but due to the weather, the location of Saturday's meeting is now located at the Red Barn Photography Studio, 6414 S. Service Rd. The meeting will include a special plein air demonstration with guest artist Tom Orsak of San Angelo. Plein air refers to painting on site out of doors.

The photos on the right show a few of the different rocks the duo painted, and placing a rock for someone to find is Amber Bailey.



BSCSC

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"We believe that everyone should get a good meal on Thanksgiving, and we can't do it without the help from sponsors and volunteers" said Brownfield. "Those who help sponsor will get their name on the Feast Banner, and will get a thanks from us on the radio and other forms of media.

This is such a worthy cause to give back, and so thow that we all have a reason to be thankful."

The Thanksgiving Feast is slated for Thursday, November 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ryan Hall, located at 605 N. Main. There will be delivery and pick up available. RSVP to PJ Dominguez to get your order in today by calling 432-816-4997. They will be serving while supplies last.

"It's unfortunate that some don't

have the means to be able to enjoy a turkey meal, but that's why we try and host events like this so that others know that they live in a world that cares," said Brownfield. "If anyone would be interested in sponsoring, donating, or volunteering, please call me at 432-816-2977. I know I'm thankful for any and all that will help, and I know those who will get to come to the Thanksgiving Feast will be too."

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Alene M. Gilbert, 80, died Friday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Rondy Booth, 87, died Saturday. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Richard Nix, 73, died Saturday. The family will receive friends 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Lupe Zarraga, 69, died Friday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Ramon B. "Slinky" Ramirez, Sr., 67, died Friday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Nasty Montemayor, 54, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Rain suspends search for person still missing in Texas flood

JUNCTION, Texas (AP) — A rainy forecast has led authorities to suspend the search for the last person still missing after four were swept away last week by raging floodwaters in West Texas.

Kimble County Sheriff Hilario Cantu said Monday that "it's just not safe to be on the river now." He says the search will resume when the weather improves in a few days.

Three men and a woman disappeared Oct. 8

when floodwaters overran a recreational vehicle park along the South Llano River in Junction.

Two bodies were found Thursday about 9 miles (14 kilometers) downriver from the RV park. Authorities say a third body was discovered Saturday more than 20 miles (32 kilometers) downriver from the RV park.

Authorities have not released the identities of those who have been found.

4 men killed in shooting at child's birthday party in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — An argument escalated into a backyard shooting at a toddler's birthday party in South Texas, leaving four men dead and a fifth man wounded, authorities said Sunday.

The shooting happened at a child's first birthday party Saturday afternoon in Taft, 12 miles (19 kilometers) north of Corpus Christi, the Texas Department of Public Safety said. Sgt. Nathan Brandley said those involved were distant relatives. Authorities did not say what the men were arguing about, but said the shooting occurred in the backyard of a residence.

A 20-year-old man was in custody Sunday, Brandley said. The man's 37-year-old father was also a suspect, but he had not yet been arrested, Brandley said.

Brandley identified those killed as 62-year-old Juan Espinoza Sr., 20-year-old Juan Sandoval III, 22-year-old Jeremy Sandoval, and 25-year-old Nicky Sandoval. He said the three younger men were Juan Espinoza Sr.'s grandsons.

The wounded man, 43-year-old Juan Espinoza Jr., was airlifted to a Corpus Christi hospital. Brandley said he was expected to survive.

Nation's largest egg producer buying Texas egg farm

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The nation's largest producer of fresh eggs is buying a Texas egg producer.

Cal-Maine Foods of Jackson, Mississippi, announced Wednesday that it would buy Featherland Egg Farms.

Featherland has 600,000 egg-laying hens and a feed mill and other facilities near Marion, Texas, outside San Antonio.

No price or other terms were announced. Cal-

Maine says it expects to complete the purchase in coming weeks.

Chairman and CEO Dolph Baker says Featherland was attractive in part because it's near other Cal-Maine facilities and major markets in south Texas. He says the acquisition will give Cal-Maine greater market reach.

Cal-Maine has 42 egg-producing facilities in 15 states, mostly in the South and Texas.

Texas pilot gets more than 5 years in insurance-linked fraud

TYLER, Texas (AP) — A Texas pilot who survived a 2012 Gulf of Mexico crash and videotaped his time in the water must serve more than five years in prison and repay nearly \$1 million for insurance-related fraud.

A spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office said Monday that Theodore Robert Wright III must report to prison Nov. 8.

Wright last December pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit wire

fraud and conspiring to commit arson. He was sentenced Oct. 4 in Tyler. Three co-conspirators received prison or probation for the scam to buy planes, boats and cars, then destroy the vehicles for insurance.

Wright in October 2012 appeared on NBC's "Today" show to describe the crash off Louisiana during a flight from Baytown, Texas, to Sarasota, Florida.

He's a native of Port Kent, New York.

Student killed near Michigan State University was Texas man

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Police have released the name of a Texas student who was fatally shot at an off-campus apartment building near Michigan State University.

East Lansing police say he's 22-year-old Isai Berrones of Alamo, Texas.

Berrones was killed early Friday at an apartment building 2 miles (3.2 kilometers) north of the MSU campus. Police say shots were fired and people were fighting at the scene.

The case remains under investigation. No one has been charged.



AP photo
Police vehicles are parked outside an apartment complex in East Lansing, Mich., on Friday, Oct. 12, 2018. Police said a shooting during a fight at the off-campus residences left a Michigan State University student dead.

Trump gets bird's-eye view of devastated Florida communities



AP photo
President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump tour a neighborhood affected by Hurricane Michael, Monday, Oct. 15, 2018, in Lynn Haven, Fla. Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen is front right.

By **DEB RIECHMANN and DARLENE SUPERVILLE**

Associated Press

PANAMA CITY, Fla. — President Donald Trump got a bird's-eye view Monday of Florida communities left in ruins by Hurricane Michael, including houses without roofs, a toppled water tower and 18-wheel trucks scattered in a parking lot during a nearly hour-long helicopter tour of portions of the Panhandle.

Trump initially saw uprooted trees and houses with blue tarps covering damaged roofs after his helicopter lifted from Eglin Air Force Base near Valparaiso. But the severity of the damage worsened significantly as Trump approached Mexico Beach, a town of about 1,000 people that was nearly wiped off the map in a direct hit from the hurricane and its 155 mph (250 kph) winds last week.

Many of the houses in Mexico

Beach had no roofs. In some cases, only the foundations were left standing. The water tower lay on its side and 18-wheelers were scattered in a parking lot like a child's toys.

Trump also saw Tyndall Air Force Base, which was heavily damaged by the storm.

Reporters trailed the president in a separate helicopter.

Trump landed at an airport near Panama City, where power poles bowed toward the ground, pieces of metal roofing were scattered in brush land and pine trees had been uprooted or were snapped off halfway up their straight trunks. On the drive toward Panama City, he and first lady Melania Trump could see houses smashed by trees, bent billboards and a demolished trailer park. Power crews were working to restore power.

In the nearby city of Lynn Haven, where blue tarps topped many of the homes, Trump walked up to a house where a mas-

sive pine tree lay on the front yard next to a palm tree that stood tall. Repairs were being made to the home, owned by Michael Rollins, who told Trump he rode out the storm.

"I knew I had made my commitment to stay with my animals. I have two dogs and a parrot," Rollins told Trump.

More than 190,000 homes and businesses in Florida were without electricity as of Sunday, along with about 120,000 in Georgia, where Trump also planned to survey hurricane damage. People were also grappling with widespread cellphone outages.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott greeted Trump upon his arrival at Eglin Air Force Base, and Trump immediately praised Scott for an "incredible" storm response.

"The job they've done in Florida has been incredible," Trump told reporters. With Scott at his side, Trump told him: "You're a great governor."

Scott said he's gotten

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Two 3-year-olds, 2 men injured in Texas drive-by shooting

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Authorities say two 3-year-old children and two young men were wounded in a drive-by shooting in Fort Worth.

Police say the gunfire erupted Sunday near a store on the east side of the city. The children were taken to a Fort Worth hospital. One was shot in the arm and the other was hit in the leg. Both are expected to survive.

The adults, ages 19 and 20, were taken to a different hospital. Both were shot in the leg.

The gunman was not in custody Sunday night. Police say he left the scene in a gray Nissan Altima. Police described the suspect as an African-American man wearing a gray shirt.

Authorities have not released a motive in the shooting.

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In this Oct. 8, 2018 photo, U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke announces a ban on mining claims north of Yellowstone National Park as K.C. Walsh, left, president of Simms Fishing Products, listens near Emigrant, Mont.

By **MATTHEW BROWN**
Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — The Trump administration is considering using West Coast military bases or other federal properties as transit points for shipments of U.S. coal and natural gas to Asia, as officials seek to bolster the domestic energy industry and circumvent environmental opposition to fossil fuel exports.

The proposal was described to The Associated Press by In-

terior Secretary Ryan Zinke and two Republican lawmakers.

It would advance the administration's agenda of establishing American "energy dominance" on the world stage and underscores a willingness to intervene in markets to make that happen. It's also tantamount to an end-run around West Coast officials who have rejected private-sector efforts to build new coal ports in their states.

A Democratic senator from Oregon and environmentalists blasted the proposal as undercutting local communities opposed to fossil fuel exports.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Zinke cast it as a matter of national security to ensure U.S. allies have access to affordable fuels. The Trump administration also has cited national security as justification for keeping domestic

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Government spends millions to guard Confederate cemeteries

By **JIM SALTER**

Associated Press

ALTON, Ill. — After last year's deadly clash between white nationalists and counter-protesters in Charlottesville, Virginia, the federal government quietly spent millions of dollars to hire private security guards to stand watch over at least eight Confederate cemeteries, documents from the Department of Veterans Affairs show.

The security effort, which runs around the clock at all but one of those VA-operated cemeteries, was aimed at preventing the kind of damage that befell Confederate memorials across the U.S. in the aftermath of the Charlottesville violence.

None of the guarded cemeteries has been vandalized since the security was put in place. Records obtained by The Associated Press through the Freedom of Information Act show that the VA has spent nearly \$3 million on the cemetery security since August 2017. Another \$1.6 million is budgeted for fiscal 2019 to pay for security at all Confederate monuments, which could include other sites. The agency has not determined when the security will cease.

Private security was needed "to ensure the safety of staff, property and visitors paying respect to those interred," Jessica Schiefer, spokeswoman for the VA's National Cemetery Administration, said in a statement. The agency "has a responsibility to protect the federal property it administers and will continue to monitor and assess the need for enhanced security going forward."

Most of the protected cemeteries are in the North, in places far removed from the Confederacy. Vast numbers of the buried soldiers were prisoners of war who were held nearby. Many succumbed to smallpox and other diseases. The cemetery monuments are typically simple and

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Sears files for Chapter 11 amid plunging sales, massive debt



By **ANNE D'INNOCENZIO**
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — Sears filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Monday, with plans to shutter 142 unprofitable stores in the hopes that it can stay in business.

The question now is whether a smaller version of the company that once towered over the American retail landscape can be viable. Sears, which started as a mail order catalog in the 1880s, has been on a slow march toward extinction as it lagged far behind its peers and incurred huge losses over the years.

At its peak, the operator of Sears and Kmart had 4,000 stores in 2012 but will now be left with a little more than 500.

"This is a company that in the 1950s stood like a colossus over the American retail landscape," said Craig Johnson, president of Customer Growth Partners, a retail consultancy.

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In this July 8, 2017, file photo people walk into a Sears store slated for closing that is next to a mall that is being torn down in Overland Park, Kan.

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everything he's asked for from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and has spoken with Trump "almost every day."

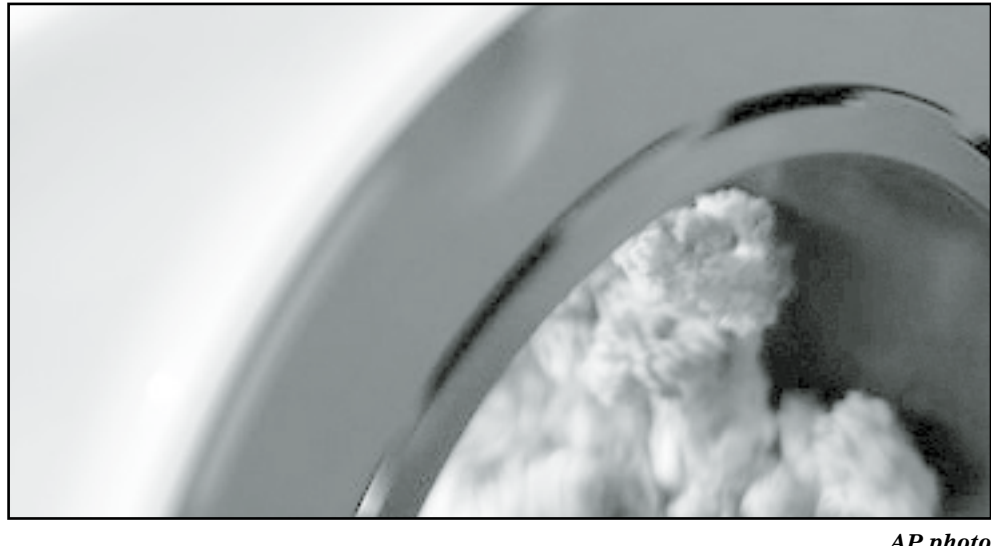
"Every time I've called, he's come through," Scott said of Trump.

Trump tweeted before leaving the White House that he will meet with law enforcement and government officials involved in the massive recovery effort. He said "maximum effort is taking place, everyone is working very hard. Worst hit in 50 years!"

He tweeted after arriving in Florida that he is "also thinking about our GREAT Alabama farmers and our many friends in North and South Carolina today. We are with you!" Trump also planned to survey hurricane damage in Georgia on Monday.

The death toll from Michael's destructive march from Florida through to Virginia stood at 17, with just one confirmed death in Mexico Beach.

Marijuana legalization in Canada won't change NHL yet



AP photo

In this Sept. 25, 2018, file photo, Devin Melnyk, a long-time marijuana grower and a consultant with Pure Sunfarms, holds trimmed marijuana as it comes out of a high-volume cannabis trimming machine at a massive tomato greenhouse being renovated to grow pot in Delta, British Columbia.

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**

AP Hockey Writer

As Riley Cote took and delivered countless punches over more than a decade of junior and pro hockey, he was eager to avoid painkillers.

Early on, marijuana was touted to the enforcer as a healing option.

"I started noticing some therapeutic benefits," Cote said. "It helped me sleep, helped with my anxiety and general well-being."

Now a handful of years into retirement, Cote is a proponent of cannabis and its oils as an alternative to more addictive drugs commonly used by athletes to play through pain. Marijuana can be detected in a person's system for more than 30 days, is banned by the World Anti-Doping

Agency without a specific therapeutic use exemption and is illegal in much of the United States.

Canada on Wednesday will become the largest country in the world to legalize recreational marijuana. That means it will be available under the law in seven more NHL cities (it's been legal to adults in Denver since 2012). The move is a step forward for those who, like Cote, believe marijuana has been stigmatized and should be accepted as a form of treatment.

"It was so tainted for a long time," Ottawa Senators forward Matt Duchene said. "And now people are starting to learn a little bit more about it and there is definitely some positive uses to different elements of it."

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"Hopefully, a smaller new Sears will be healthier." Others don't share Johnson's optimism.

"That a storied retailer, once at the pinnacle of the industry, should collapse in such a shabby state of disarray is both terrible and scandalous in equal measure," said Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData Retail, in a note published Monday. "In our view, too much rot has set in at Sears to make it viable business."

Even President Donald Trump weighed in on Sears' collapse, calling it "a shame."

"Sears, Roebuck, when I was growing up, was the big deal. And it's very sad what happened, very, very sad," he said to reporters on Monday outside of the White House. But Trump added that many of the Sears' sites will be put to "good use" and mean a lot of jobs.

The company has struggled with outdated stores and complaints about customer service even for its once crown jewels: major appliances like washers and dryers. That's in contrast with chains like Walmart, Target, Best Buy and Macy's, which have been enjoying stronger sales as they benefit from a robust economy and efforts to make the shopping experience more inviting by investing heavily in remodeling and de-cluttering their stores.

Sears Holdings will close 77 Sears stores and 65 Kmart stores near the end of the year and liquidation sales are expected to begin shortly. That's in addition to the closure of 46 unprofitable stores that

had already been announced.

Edward S. Lampert, the company's largest shareholder, has stepped down as CEO but will remain chairman of the board. A new Office of the CEO will be responsible for managing day-to-day operations.

The company said Monday it has secured \$300 million in financing from banks to keep the operations going through bankruptcy. It's negotiating an additional \$300 million loan from Lampert's ESL Hedge fund.

The filing listed between \$1 billion and \$10 billion in assets while liabilities range between \$10 billion to \$50 billion. It listed the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corp., the federal agency that insures pensions, as Sears' biggest unsecured creditor, but noted the amount it owed as "unknown," according to court documents.

Sears joins a growing list of retailers that have filed for bankruptcy or liquidated in the last few years amid a fiercely competitive climate. Some, like Payless ShoeSource, successfully emerged from reorganization in bankruptcy court. But plenty of others like, Toys R Us and Bon-Ton Stores Inc., haven't. Both retailers were forced to shutter their operations this year soon after Chapter 11 filings.

Given its sheer size, Sears' bankruptcy filing will have wide ripple effects on everything from already ailing mall landlords to its tens of thousands of workers. But unlike other retailers that have gone bankrupt, there are not a lot of spoils for rivals to pick up. The company, once a big seller of toys, now has a tiny 2 percent market share in that area, according to investment research firm Jefferies. And its market share in major appliances has

shrunk to just under 10 percent from 41 percent in 2001, according to Johnson of Customer Growth Partners.

Lampert has been loaning out his own money for years and has put together deals to prop up the company, which in turn has benefited his own ESL hedge fund.

Last year, Sears sold its famous Craftsman brand to Stanley Black & Decker Inc., following earlier moves to spin off pieces of its Sears Hometown and Outlet division and Lands' End.

In recent weeks, Lampert has been pushing for a debt restructuring and offering to buy some of Sears' key assets, like Kenmore, through his hedge fund as a \$134 million debt repayment came due on Monday. Lampert personally owns 31 percent of the company's shares, while his hedge fund has an 18.5 percent stake, according to FactSet.

Sears' stock has fallen from about \$6 over the past year to below the minimum \$1 level that Nasdaq stocks are required to trade in order to remain on the stock index. In April 2007, shares were trading at around \$141.

The company, which once had 350,000 workers, has shrunk to 68,000 workers as of Monday's court filing. It had fewer than 900 stores as of May.

In a March 2017 government filing, Sears said there was "substantial doubt" it would be able to keep its doors open — but insisted its turnaround efforts would mitigate that risk.

Lampert pledged to return Sears to greatness by leveraging its best-known brands and its vast holdings of land, and more recently planned to entice customers with a loyalty program. But losses continued and the company struggled to get more people through the doors or to shop online.

Jennifer Roberts, 36, of Dayton, Ohio, was a long-time fan of Sears and has fond memories of shopping there for clothes as a child. But in recent years, she's been disappointed by the lack of customer service and outdated stores.

"My mom had always bought her appliances from Sears. That's where my dad got his tools," she said. "But they don't care about their customers anymore."

She said a refrigerator her mother bought at Sears broke after two years and still hasn't been fixed.

"If they don't value a customer, then they don't need my money," Roberts said.

Sales at the company's established locations tumbled nearly 4 percent during its fiscal second quarter. Still, that was an improvement from the same period a year ago. Total revenue dropped 30 percent in the most recent quarter, hurt by continued store closings.

"The problem in Sears' case is that it is a poor retailer," Saunders wrote in an analyst note last week. "Put bluntly, it has failed on every facet of retailing from assortment to service to merchandise to basic shop keeping standards. Under benign conditions, this would be problematic enough but in today's hyper-competitive retail environment it is a recipe for failure on a grand scale."

For decades, Sears was king of the American shopping landscape. Sears, Roebuck and Co.'s iconic catalog featured items from bicycles to sewing machines to houses, and could generate excitement throughout a household when it arrived. The company began opening retail locations in 1925 and expanded swiftly in suburban malls from the 1950s to 1970s. But the onset of discounters like Walmart created challenges for Sears that have only grown. Sears faced even more competition from online sellers and appliance retailers like Lowe's and Home Depot.

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coal-burning power plants online to prevent disruptions of electricity supplies.

It's unclear which sites are under consideration other than one in Alaska. Experts said the possibilities are constrained by the need for a deep water port.

Zinke said the administration is interested in partnering with private entities to ship coal or liquefied natural gas through naval installations or other federal facilities. He added it's still early in the process.

"I respect the state of Washington and Oregon and California," Zinke said. "But also, it's in our interest for national security and our allies to make sure that they have access to affordable energy commodities."

Accomplishing that, he said, may require the use of "some of our naval facilities, some of our federal facilities on the West Coast."

Zinke specified only one site that could serve as an export hub, for natural gas: the former Adak Naval Air Facility in Alaska's Aleutian Islands, which he suggested could receive fuel by barge from the North Slope. The base closed in 1997 and has been largely abandoned. Roughly 300 people live in the town of Adak, the westernmost community in the U.S.

Zinke did not reveal government properties that could serve as potential coal ports.

Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden said the Trump administration was "disregarding the realities around climate change" and "trampling on local communities" that have rejected prior port proposals.

"The federal government should be doing more to invest in clean, renewable energy, not threatening the health and safety of Oregonians by propping up dirty energy investors," the Democratic lawmaker said.

Groups including the Sierra Club and Northern Plains Resource Council also voiced opposition.

"The military is not a roving force to do whatever Trump finds politically expedient," said Jan Hasselman, an attorney for opponents of a stalled coal port in Washington state.

Exports have been held up as a lifeline for struggling domestic coal miners since demand for the fuel started to wane a decade ago, when many power plants switched to cheaper, cleaner fuels. The West Coast offers the most economical route for shipments to Asia because of its relative proximity to the largest coal-producing region in the U.S.: the Powder River Basin, which straddles the Montana-Wyoming border.

Any export site would need access to deep waters to accommodate large ships and enough land to store fuel awaiting shipment. Few such locations can be found on the West Coast, said Joe Aldina, a coal industry analyst with S&P Global Platts Analytics.

With the U.S. coal export market booming in recent months, Aldina said any new port established by the government would quickly fill with coal for shipment overseas. Yet with demand expected to fall over the long-term, particularly in Europe, the current high prices for coal are expected to drop.

Aldina expressed skepticism that government intervention could make much difference.

"Like everything else the Trump administration

has tried to do, it's a long shot whether some of these things will work, and it's questionable whether they will really help the market," he said, adding prices and fuel quality are the main drivers of coal markets, not government policies.

Resistance to exports — rooted in worries about air pollution, climate change and rail safety — and changing market conditions have resulted in six proposed coal ports in Washington and Oregon being rejected or shelved. A \$680 million project in Longview, Washington, was denied a key permit last year by state regulators who said it would increase greenhouse gas emissions and cause "significant and unavoidable harm to the environment."

That's brought a backlash from elected officials in coal-producing states, who have blasted Washington Gov. Jay Inslee in particular. They argue the rejection of the Longview port, sponsored by Utah-based Lighthouse Resources, violated the commerce clause in the Constitution that says only Congress has the power to regulate international and interstate trade.

Montana, Wyoming and four other states joined Lighthouse Resources in a lawsuit challenging the rejection of the company's Millennium Bulk Terminals port, which could handle up to 48.5 million tons (44 million metric tons) of coal a year.

Rep. Liz Cheney, a Wyoming Republican, said she's spoken with Zinke and U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry about using federal facilities to circumvent opposition to proposed ports.

"That might be, for example, retired military facilities or other places where we would be able to use those for exports — frankly, to get around some of the unreasonable obstacles that have been thrown up," Cheney said.

Prior to joining Trump's cabinet, Zinke was a Montana congressman and Perry was governor of Texas. Both states are among the United States' top coal producers.

Zinke said Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross also was involved in the proposal.

Commerce Department officials said in a statement that the agency was working with the Interior and Energy Departments "to advance the Administration's export agenda, and this is one such effort." Energy Department officials declined comment.

Republican U.S. Sen. Steve Daines of Montana said Zinke was looking at "all possibilities" for export terminals, including West Coast military installations.

"As a Montanan, he's looking for ways here to help these Rocky Mountain states like Montana and Wyoming get access to Asian markets," Daines said.

Coal exports to Asia more than doubled in 2017, according to the Energy Information Administration. The rise continued in the first half of 2018 with almost 23 million tons (21 million metric tons) of U.S. coal exported to Asian nations through June. South Korea, Japan and China were among the biggest recipients.

Despite those increases, the U.S. holds only a small share of the more than 1 billion tons (907 million metric tons) of coal shipped annually by sea. Clark Williams-Derry with the Sightline Institute, a left-leaning think tank based in Seattle, said there's little chance of that changing in the long-term.

"We're bit players on the global stage," Williams-Derry said.

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The NHL and NHL Players' Association plan no changes to their joint drug-testing policy, under which players are not punished for positive marijuana tests. It is the most lenient approach to cannabis by any major North American professional sports league.

"The Substance Abuse & Behavioral Health Program for decades has been educating players on using drugs, legal or illegal," Commissioner Gary Bettman said. "That process will continue and we will consider what changes, if any, in our program have to be made. But right now, we think based on the educational level and what we do test for and how we test, at least for the time being, we're comfortable with where we are."

While the NFL and NBA can suspend and MLB can fine players for multiple marijuana infractions, only a significantly high amount of the drug found in NHL/NHLPA testing triggers a referral to behavioral health program doctors. Cote estimated about half of players during his NHL career from 2007-2010 used some sort of cannabis for medicinal purposes, though players suggest use in hockey currently is lower than the population at large.

More than two dozen U.S. states allow marijuana use for a variety of ailments, but the federal government has not approved it for any medical

use. Some players have already done research into the benefits of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and cannabidiol (CBD) oils. There's a curiosity about whether marijuana could one day replace or limit painkillers like oxycodone, even if players aren't yet ready to make that leap.

"There's not a lot of science out there yet in terms of long-term effects," said Winnipeg Jets center Mark Scheifele, who is still on the fence about cannabis use for medical reasons. "I think it's something that still needs to be thought really clearly about in terms of understanding the long-term effects."

Through his Hemp Heals Foundation and work with Lehigh Valley University in Pennsylvania, Cote is doing his part to increase the information available. He's quick to point to studies on cannabis that suggest it can help people after PTSD or head trauma. And yet he acknowledges there's a long way to go.

"There's a lot of different things that point to the fact that the science is now backing it up," Cote said. "There's probably billions of anecdotal stories, but those don't mean anything unless it's backed by science, unless it follows the order of the way it's supposed to be."

Bettman contends the mainstream medical community has not concluded that cannabis prevents or heals injuries, and said an argument could be made to the contrary. NHLPA Executive Director Donald Fehr said it's a

subject that is "at best in its infancy and is going to develop over time."

Given the looming Wednesday legalization in Canada, the league and union opted for education over policy changes.

"What we feel was an important element is at least educating the players better on the current marijuana landscape both from a legal and illegal perspective and what's permitted and not permitted," Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly said. "But also 'What are the products out there?' because there's probably publicly a great misconception of what marijuana is, how it's used, what it's used for to what the reality is."

Players who aren't yet educated about marijuana are willing to ask around about potential benefits as more studies are done.

"I say this more talking about the CBD side of it, obviously: You'd be stupid not to at least look into it," Edmonton Oilers captain Connor McDavid said. "When your body's sore like it is sometimes, you don't want to be taking pain stuff and taking Advil all the time. There's obviously better ways to do it. ... You're seeing a lot of smart guys look into it. You're seeing a lot of really smart doctors look into it. If all the boxes are checked there and it's safe and everything like that, then I think you would maybe hear them out."

The possibility of experimenting with cannabis extracts is more possible in the NHL than for players with

the NBA's Toronto Raptors or MLB's Toronto Blue Jays because of the regulations in those sports.

In the NBA, a second positive test carries a \$25,000 fine and each subsequent test a suspension of five games, then 10 and so on. In baseball, a player on a 40-man roster could be fined up to \$35,000, while a player not on a 40-man roster is subject to a 50-game suspension for a second positive test and 100 for a third.

A Raptors spokeswoman said it's business as usual for the team because the new laws in Canada don't change NBA drug policy. Blue Jays general manager Ross Atkins also largely deferred to the league office.

"Major League Baseball does a good job on educating players across the game on risk in and around that," Atkins said. "It's a complex situation that is very personal. I'd need more information to say if we'd just tolerate it or not."

For now, marijuana is technically a banned substance as a drug of abuse in the NHL. Cote would love to see marijuana removed from NHL/NHLPA testing to open the doors to widely accepting it, though players say it would take years for hockey culture to welcome such a change — if it ever would.

"I played in Colorado where it was legal for a while and I thought it was going to change society a little bit, and it didn't, really," Duchene said. "I don't think it's going to be as big a thing as people might think."

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solemn, serving more to acknowledge the deceased than to celebrate the slaveholding nation they defended.

Government watchdog groups and some members of Congress question if the spending is still necessary. Steve Ellis, executive vice president of the non-partisan Taxpayers for Common Sense, said the cost of security represents the sort of "spending inertia" too common in government.

"Unfortunately what happens with the government is once you start spending money on something, you generally continue to spend money on it," Ellis said.

Democratic Rep. Bobby Rush of Chicago, whose district includes one of the protected cemeteries, said in a statement that while he supports the VA's decision to prevent vandalism, officials "must remain vigilant in evaluating" government spending.

Monuments to the Confederacy have become especially polarizing since nine black parishioners were gunned down by an avowed white supremacist at a church in Charleston, South Carolina, in 2015. The confrontation in Charlottesville on Aug. 11, 2017, reopened the wound. In the weeks that followed, vandals damaged Confederate sites across the country, and cemeteries were not spared.

A bronze statue of a rebel soldier was toppled and decapitated on Aug. 22, 2017, at Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio. Two days later, the VA contracted with the Westmoreland Protection Agency, based in Sunrise, Florida, to provide unarmed security guards at Camp Chase and two other cemeteries — North Alton Confederate Cemetery in Alton, Illinois, and Woodlawn National Cemetery in Elmira, New York. The 30-day contract cost \$91,357, according to the documents.

About a week later, someone threw paint on a 117-year-old Confederate memorial at Springfield National Cemetery in Missouri, hours before President Donald Trump was scheduled to speak in Springfield.

On Sept. 6, 2017, the VA amended the monthly contract to add Springfield and four additional national Confederate cemeteries: Point Lookout Confederate Cemetery in Scotland, Maryland; Finn's Point National Cemetery in Pennsville Township, New Jersey; Confederate Stockade Cemetery in Sandusky, Ohio; and Confederate Mound at Oak Woods Cemetery in Chicago.

Schiefer did not directly answer questions about why the eight cemeteries were chosen but said the National Cemetery Administration "routinely monitors the need for additional protection and security at all of its sites."

Decisions, she said, are based on factors such as historical significance, replacement and repair value, and previous vandalism or threats of vandalism at particular sites.

The monthly contract for all eight was renewed in September 2017. All told, the VA spent about \$462,500 on security through Oct. 23, 2017, when it agreed to an annual contract with Westmoreland at a cost of just under \$2.3 million. Westmoreland hired The Whitestone Group, based in Columbus, Ohio, as a subcontractor.

The funding came from the VA's budget and did not require an emergency appropriation, Schiefer said.

Contract specifications call for round-the-clock security at seven of the cemeteries, and during daytime hours only at the Chicago cemetery. Spot checks by the AP found guards at the cemeteries in Columbus and Alton, but no one during the day at the Chicago cemetery. Schiefer said the VA does not discuss security procedures.

At the Alton cemetery, a lone guard watched over the grounds from his truck. The guard, who works for the Whitestone Group, declined an interview request and would not give his name.

The cemetery, near St. Louis, consists mostly of grass and a few stately trees over rolling hills. Its main feature is a 58-foot-tall granite obelisk with plaques naming the 1,354 Confederate dead buried there, including many who died of smallpox while prisoners of war.

Jeff LaRe, executive vice president of The Whitestone Group, said an uptick in vandalism of Confederate monuments this past summer was evidence that cemetery security remains necessary. Protesters in August toppled a century-old statue at the University of North Carolina, and vandals put paint on statues in Salisbury, North Carolina, and Richmond, Virginia.

Darrell Maples, a Missouri-based commander for the Sons of Confederate Veterans, agreed.

"I don't think it's going to go away anytime soon," Maples said.

Whether because of the added security or other reasons, no vandalism has occurred at any of the cemeteries since the August 2017 incident in Springfield, the VA said.

Protesters gathered at Confederate Mound in Chicago in April, at the same time the Sons of Confederate Veterans rallied there. But amid

a heavy police presence, nothing was damaged. Schiefer said that twice in September 2017, suspicious vehicles were spotted near the statue at the Elmira cemetery but drove away when the guard approached.

Curtis Kalin, spokesman for the government watchdog group Citizens Against Government Waste, said the additional security was understandable after the rash of vandalism in 2017.

"However, when the threats and vandalism have all but ceased, it might be time to rethink" the spending, Kalin said in a statement.

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Niners give Packers 2nd chance late after flag on Sherman

By GENARO C. ARMAS

AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The San Francisco 49ers turned the ball over three times but still had a chance to hold off the Green Bay Packers.

Then an illegal contact penalty on cornerback Richard Sherman with 43 seconds left wiped out a sack of Aaron Rodgers on third-and-15.

No way were the Green Bay Packers going to give away a second chance at victory.

Seven plays later, Mason Crosby kicked a 27-yard field goal as time expired to hand the young 49ers a 33-30 defeat.

"It's part of the process and it's part of going against the best quarterback in football," Sherman said. "You give him a chance at the end — I can't have that penalty on me ... and give them a shot."



Green Bay Packers tight end Jimmy Graham (80) reacts after catching a pass during the second half of an NFL football game against the San Francisco 49ers Monday, Oct. 15, 2018, in Green Bay, Wis.

AP photo

It wasn't just Sherman's penalty that contributed to San Francisco's downfall.

The Packers went 58 yards on a four-play drive that took just 1:05 to tie the game at 30 with 1:55 left on Davante Adams' 16-yard touchdown catch.

The 49ers were in good shape with their next drive starting at midfield, but C.J. Beathard's deep pass over the middle for Marquise Goodwin was intercepted by Kevin King at the 10. Under pressure, Beathard looked as if he might have underthrown the ball.

San Francisco coach Kyle Shanahan said Beathard had four options on the play. He didn't pick the right one.

"It's a play that if you hit it, it looks great. If you don't, then yes, it's not great. But it is what it is," Beathard said.

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Chacin, Brewers' bullpen blank Dodgers 4-0 for 2-1 NLCS lead



AP photo

Milwaukee Brewers relief pitcher Josh Hader throws during the eighth inning of Game 3 of the National League Championship Series baseball game against the Los Angeles Dodgers Monday, Oct. 15, 2018, in Los Angeles.

By BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES —

The Milwaukee Brewers know they can count on their intimidating bullpen to get outs. They may not have been expecting a twice-demoted shortstop to generate so much offense.

Jhoulys Chacin combined with four relievers on a five-hitter and Orlando Arcia hit a two-run homer in a 4-0 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Monday that gave Milwaukee a 2-1 lead in the NL Championship Series.

Los Angeles loaded the bases against Jeremy Jeffress in the ninth inning, but the struggling closer shut the door. He struck out Yasmani Grandal and pinch-hitter Brian Dozier to complete Milwaukee's third shutout in six playoff games this year.

"We feel like we're in really good shape," manager Craig Counsell said.

Game 4 in the best-of-seven series is Tuesday night at Dodger Stadium, with Rich Hill starting for Los Angeles against fellow lefty Gio Gonzalez.

Ryan Braun had an early RBI double off rookie Walker Buehler, who struck out eight in seven innings. Travis Shaw tripled and scored

on a wild pitch in the sixth.

Arcia connected for his third postseason homer in the seventh, his second in two games.

"It's a different guy every single day and we've got contributions up and down the roster," Shaw said. "It's been the story of our season."

Chacin scattered three hits over 5 1/3 innings before giving way to Corey Knebel, who worked 1 2/3 perfect innings and struck out his last four batters.

With a runner on second and the Brewers nursing a 2-0 lead, Knebel got Manny Machado to ground out before whiffing Cody Bellinger to end the sixth. The right-hander then fanned Yasiel Puig, Grandal and Enrique Hernandez in the seventh.

Joakim Soria retired Chris Taylor on a foul popup for the first out of the eighth. Josh Hader, who didn't pitch in Game 2 after tossing three scoreless innings in the opener, needed only eight pitches to strike out pinch-hitters David Freese and Matt Kemp to end the eighth.

"It was good that we only used Hader for two outs," Shaw said. "I know we've got three in a row, so he'll be good to go tomorrow and that's

a big thing for us."

Hader rarely pitches on consecutive days, but his light workload Monday could give Counsell some options.

"We're playing to win the series, not just games. Obviously with Josh doing not as much tonight, there's lots of possibilities there going forward," he said.

Justin Turner singled and Machado doubled to start the ninth for Los Angeles. Bellinger popped out and slammed his bat before Puig drew a walk, but Counsell stayed with Jeffress, who settled down and came through.

Milwaukee's vaunted bullpen delivered after the Dodgers hit .333 and scored eight of their nine runs against Brewers relievers during the first two games in Milwaukee, both decided by one run.

The Dodgers also came up empty against Chacin with the bases loaded in the second, when Buehler took a called third strike to end the inning.

"We had the right guys in those moments and we just didn't execute," manager Dave Roberts said. "We were 0 for 10 with runners in scoring position."

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Paul Allen's passions: Rock n' roll, sports and philanthropy



Seattle Seahawks owner Paul Allen lifts the Vince Lombardi trophy during a celebration at CenturyLink Field in Seattle. Allen, billionaire owner of the Portland Trail Blazers and the Seattle Seahawks and Microsoft co-founder, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2018, at age 65.

By PHUONG LE

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Personal computers, conservation, pro football, rock n' roll and rocket ships: Paul G. Allen couldn't have asked for a better way to spend, invest and donate the billions he reaped from co-founding Microsoft with childhood friend Bill Gates.

Allen used the fortune he made from Microsoft — whose Windows operating system is found on most of the world's desktop computers — to invest in other ambitions, from tackling climate change and advancing brain research to finding innovative solutions to solve some of the world's biggest challenges.

"If it has the potential to do good, then we should do it," Gates quoted his friend as saying.

Allen died Monday in Seattle from complications of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, according to his company Vulcan Inc. He was 65. Just two weeks ago, Allen, who owned the NFL's Seattle Seahawks and the NBA's Portland Trail Blazers, had announced that the same cancer he had in 2009 had returned.

Gates, who met Allen at a private school in Seattle, said he was

heartbroken to have lost one of his "oldest and dearest friends."

"Personal computing would not have existed without him," Gates said in a statement, adding that Allen's "second act" as a philanthropist was "focused on improving people's lives and strengthening communities in Seattle and around the world."

Over his lifetime, Allen gave more than \$2 billion to efforts aimed at improving education, science, technology, conservation and communities.

"Those fortunate to achieve great wealth should put it to work for the good of humanity," Allen wrote several years ago, when he announced that he was giving the bulk of his fortune to charity. He said that pledge "reminds us all that our net worth is ultimately defined not by dollars but rather by how well we serve others."

Allen, a gleaming pop-culture museum in his hometown to showcase his love of rock n' roll, and funded underwater expeditions that made important shipwreck discoveries, including a U.S. aircraft carrier lost during World War II.

Yet in a sense, Allen also lived up to the notion once bestowed

on him by Wired Magazine: "The Accidental Zillionaire." He was a programmer who coined Microsoft's name and made important contributions to its early success, yet was overshadowed by his partner's cutthroat business sense.

At the company's founding, for instance, Allen let Gates talk him into taking the short end of a 60-40 ownership split. A few years later, he settled for an even smaller share, 36 percent, at Gates' insistence. Reflecting on that moment in his memoir, Allen concluded that he might have haggled more, but realized that "my heart wasn't in it. So I agreed."

Allen was born in Seattle. After graduating from the city's private Lakeside School, where he met Gates, Allen spent two years at Washington State University. The two friends both dropped out of college to pursue the future they envisioned: A world with a computer in every home.

"There would be no Microsoft as we know it without Paul Allen," said longtime technology analyst Rob Enderle, who also consulted for Allen.

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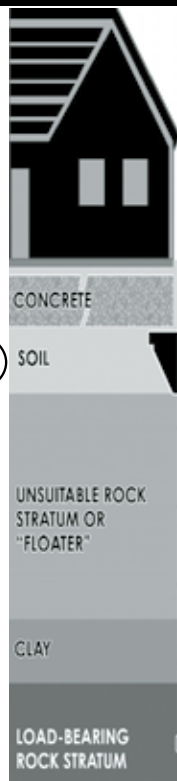
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Dear Conflict-ed Daughter: The very fact that you are writing this letter expressing

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Dear Golf Gal: Talk about a hole-in-one! Your letter made my day. Thanks for the follow-up. I'm thrilled my advice helped, but

the main kudos goes to you for using honest, kind and open communication to solve what had become a serious problem in your golf circle.

I always love hearing from readers who have taken my advice, to see how it worked out, whether it solved the problem or it made it worse. Readers: If you've ever taken my advice, please drop me a line.

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to your suggestion to "Wants to Keep the Peace on Our Peaceful Road" to hang a sign on the portion of the street where speeding is not an issue. It sounds as though Sally the Sign Purchaser thinks that drivers need to bend to her will, versus thinking that she

should be responsible for her pets and grandchildren. If I were her neighbor, I, too, would want to politely decline hanging up her sign.

Let's be real. Drivers understand the hazards of the road. A sign indicating that pets or children may be present is completely unnecessary. According to a survey conducted by the American Pet Products Association, 68 percent of U.S. households, or about 85 million families, own a pet. In 2012, according to census data, 66 percent of households were family households.

With percentages that high, a sign is not warranted. Sally needs to be the responsible one; her neighbors, their guests and others traveling in the

neighborhood should not be going above and beyond for a careless and entitled neighbor. -- Dawn W.

Dear Dawn W.: Yes, perhaps I was a bit too sympathetic to the sign purchaser in my original response. Thank you for the data.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The end justifies the means

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

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♣ 1 ♦ 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♣ Pass 2 ♥ Pass
3 ♣ Pass 5 ♣
Opening lead — king of diamonds.
Defenders sometimes have to be a bit creative to achieve their goal of defeating the contract. Consider this deal where West led the king of diamonds and continued with the ace, East contributing the 3-6 and South the 2-5. West then shifted to a heart, hoping to find East with the ace.
Declarer won with the ace, crossed to dummy with a spade, led the club jack and finessed after East followed low. When the jack held, the finesse was repeated, and declarer

easily made the rest of the tricks and the contract.
Had the defense functioned somewhat more efficiently though, declarer would have gone down one. True, East would have had to tell a little white lie, but there's surely nothing wrong with that if it stops declarer from getting home safely.
East should have played the nine on West's king of diamonds and the three on the ace, pretending that he had a doubleton diamond and wanted another diamond lead at trick three. From East's point of view, his only real hope of stopping the contract was to force declarer to ruff in dummy, thereby ensuring that his king of clubs would eventually become the setting trick.
This deliberate falsecard would have fixed declarer's wagon beyond repair. Compelled to ruff the third diamond in dummy, South could then have taken only one finesse in clubs, and would eventually have had to lose a trump to the king and go down one.
The principle that applies is that it's perfectly OK to intentionally deceive your partner when a valid purpose is served by the deception. In the present case, partner might be baffled when you follow suit to the third diamond, but he will surely forgive you at the end of the hand.

Tomorrow: Endplay Charlie.
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SUDOKU

	6			5				9
1		5						
2					3			8
						7		4
	8			2		1	6	
				9	1			
		1	7		5	8		
3				4	6			
						5		

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8	4	6	9	1	2	5	3	7
3	5	7	8	4	6	9	2	1
9	2	1	7	3	5	8	4	6
6	7	3	4	9	1	2	5	8
4	8	9	5	2	7	1	6	3
5	1	2	3	6	8	7	9	4
2	9	4	1	7	3	6	8	5
1	3	5	6	8	9	4	7	2
7	6	8	2	5	4	3	1	9

ANSWER:

Celebrity, Power and the Capricorn Moon

It's the same in popular culture as it is in high school, families or any social group, really: The spotlight swings around the room. No one can be the star indefinitely; that would be too boring. The focal shift is coming again. Who will get the fresh glow of attention? The Capricorn moon presents an opportunity to leverage celebrity into power.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Melodramatic people will avoid you (they thrive on theatrics and therefore don't want problems to end), freeing your time for maximum positive productivity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It turns out that a few of your tangents were unnecessary, but no regrets. Your story is better for journey, even though, as Glinda the Good Witch once said, "You've always had the power."

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When everyone does the assigned job, things go smoothly. The trouble occurs when jobs haven't been assigned. Who isn't working and could be a great asset to the cause? Put everyone to work.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). While you'd love to help everyone who asks, some of the requests you'll get are out of your jurisdiction or just don't feel right

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're sensitive to a wide range of social styles, and you will match your approach accordingly as a gesture of goodwill. This also happens to be an excellent way to build rapport that will serve you well later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Don't get snared into the myth of confidence. Any fool can be confident, and many are, while the wiser and smarter may be riddled with doubt. Take confidence out of the equation. Strive to do what's right.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People will support what they create, not necessarily what they are paid to support, and of course not what's been forced upon them. Co-creations will be much easier to float than solitary plans.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). To form the bonds of loyalty, humans need to connect on many levels including the emotional, intellectual and physical. Usually that is complicated, but today it will seem to happen naturally and effortlessly.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 16). You'll gain greater control over your own mental state this solar return and often be able to change it to suit the opportunity at hand. Other exciting events include attending a party that will be legendary, the celebration of your

growing family and being entrusted with an honorable responsibility. Aries and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 50, 14, 20 and 11.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I'm told that our natal Venus placements are to blame for the recent problems in my marriage. My Venus is in Pisces, my husband's is in Virgo."

The Greeks believed that each planet has a sign of the zodiac in which it is exalted -- a part of the sky that celebrates the planet. In that station, the planet's qualities shine and it functions to the highest potential. In the opposite sign, the planet is thought to be in a detrimental position. It's referred to as "the fall." Venus is exalted in Pisces, and when she is in the opposite sign of Virgo, she is in the fall. This should not be confused with bad luck for the romantic sector, though. It's simply an indicator that there is work to do. A quote from the novel "Corelli's Mandolin" by Louis de Bernieres comes to mind: "Love itself is ... when your roots grow toward each other underground. And after all the pretty blossoms have fallen from your branches, you find that the two of you have become one tree, and that your roots have so entwined together it is inconceivable you should ever part."

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PAUL

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Allen and Gates founded Microsoft in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and their first product was a computer language for the Altair hobby-kit personal computer, giving hobbyists a basic way to program and operate the machine.

After Gates and Allen found some success selling their programming language, MS-Basic, the Seattle natives moved their business in 1979 to Bellevue, Washington, not far from its eventual home in Redmond.

Microsoft's big break came in 1980, when IBM Corp. decided to move into personal computers and asked

Microsoft to provide the operating system.

Gates and Allen agreed, even though they didn't have one to offer. To meet IBM's needs, they spent \$50,000 to buy an operating system called QDOS from another startup in Seattle — without, of course, letting on that they had IBM lined up as a customer. Eventually, the product refined by Microsoft became the core of IBM PCs and their clones, catapulting Microsoft into its dominant position in the PC industry.

The first versions of two classic Microsoft products, Microsoft Word and the Windows operating system, were released in 1983. By 1991, Microsoft's operating systems were

used by 93 percent of the world's personal computers.

Allen served as Microsoft's executive vice president of research and new product development until 1983, when he resigned after being diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease.

But Allen left Microsoft knowing he and Gates would be forever linked in the history of technology.

"We were extraordinary partners," Allen wrote. "Despite our differences, few co-founders had shared such a unified vision — maybe Hewlett and Packard and Google's Sergey Brin and Larry Page, but it was a short list."

After leaving Microsoft, Allen would remain interested in

technology, especially the field of artificial intelligence, which recalled first piquing his interest while he was still a teenager after reading "I, Robot," a science fiction book by Isaac Asimov.

"From my youth, I'd never stopped thinking in the future tense," Allen wrote in his 2011 memoir, "Idea Man."

With his sister Jody Allen in 1986, Allen founded Vulcan, which oversees his business and philanthropic efforts. He founded the Allen Institute for Brain Science and the aerospace firm Stratolaunch, which has built a colossal airplane designed to launch satellites into orbit.

NLCS

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The Brewers became the first visiting team to pitch a post-season shutout at Dodger Stadium since the Philadelphia Phillies in Game 1 of the 1983 NLCS. Los Angeles had gone 50 consecutive home playoff games without being blanked, the second-longest streak in major league history behind 61 straight for the Boston Red Sox, according to STATS.

The 1905 New York Giants and 1966 Baltimore Orioles were the only other teams to toss three shutouts in their first six games of a postseason, STATS said.

The Brewers entered these playoffs with one shutout in their postseason history.

"Our guys that we're giving the ball to at the start of the game, they're doing a heck of a job, man," Counsell said. "They're setting the tone, really."

Chacin returned to the scene of the Brewers' worst loss of the season, a 21-5 rout on Aug. 2. In that game, he was charged with nine runs — eight earned — and five hits, including a grand slam by Bellinger.

Chacin was much better when it counted most. The right-hander struck out six and walked two while outpitching Buehler.

"I've been ready for this for almost 10 years," Chacin said. "Hopefully I get a chance to be in the World Series."

Milwaukee got to Buehler in the first on Braun's double into the left-field corner that scored Christian Yelich, who walked.

The Brewers struck again in the sixth. Bellinger was slow to chase Shaw's triple off the top of the center-field wall and missed making the catch by inches before the ball caromed away.

Shaw scored on Buehler's wild pitch to Jesus Aguilar. The ball bounced off Grandal, who scrambled after it near the third-base line while Shaw ran to the plate, making it 2-0.

In the seventh, Erik Kratz doubled and Arcia followed with a two-run shot to right field.

"Orlando has always been a guy that you want to put a moment on him, put pressure on him," Counsell said. "Put the spotlight on him. He loves it. And I'm not surprised that he's thriving in playoff atmosphere. He has this love and he's wired the right way for this kind of baseball."

Puig chased the ball as it drifted into the lower right-field seats on a night when the first Santa Ana winds of the fall arrived, buffeting the stadium with cool, sustained gusts for most of the game.

It was the latest big hit in October for Arcia, the talented young shortstop who was sent to the minors twice this season as he slumped at the plate. He has three home runs in 20 playoff at-bats, matching his total in 348 at-bats all season.

"Definitely a lot of downs for me and things weren't going my way, so they sent me down," Arcia said through a translator. "I was able to work on stuff, recognize pitches, especially breaking balls. Now I (make) my adjustments and things have been working better."

Buehler gave up five hits and a walk in the longest outing by a Dodgers starter during the series so far.

K-CITY
The 14 strikeouts by Brewers pitchers set a franchise postseason record, topping the old mark of 13 in Game 1 of this year's NLCS and Game 2 of the 2011 NLDS against Arizona.

PACKERS

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The Packers took over and had a tough start. Rodgers was sacked with 43 seconds left, and it looked initially as if the 49ers would get one more shot. Given how they had burned the Packers with deep plays to Goodwin earlier in the game, San Francisco figured to have a decent chance to at least get a late field-goal try.

The flag on Sherman, who was covering Adams, gave Green Bay a fresh slate.

"Nothing, really. I covered him," Sherman said when asked what happened on the play. "He gave me an outside release, we kind of ran into each other a little bit. And then it looked like a sack on the play — I didn't look back and see it — and there was a flag."

Asked if he agreed with the call, Sherman passed. "It doesn't matter if you agree with the call," he said. "It's not like, 'Oh, I didn't agree with the call, they're going to pick it up.' They called it. I've got to find a way to do better."

So does the rest of the secondary after the Packers got the 49ers to bite on play-action early that

resulted in open passes to Jimmy Graham and Marquez Valdes-Scantling. Rodgers found Valdes-Scantling for a 60-yard completion on the Packers' first play from scrimmage, setting up Ty Montgomery's 2-yard touchdown run with 9:20 left in the first quarter to tie the game at 7.

Graham and Valdes-Scantling each finished with more than 100 yards receiving. Adams had 10 catches on 16 targets with a game-high 132 yards and two scores.

"We kept fighting and I've got to give our guys credit," Sherman said. "We've got to find a way to finish that."

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NFL Standings

American Football Conference

AFC East	W	L	T	PF	PA
Patriots	4	2	0	176	148
Dolphins	4	2	0	130	145
Jets	3	3	0	165	139
Bills	2	4	0	76	138
AFC West	W	L	T	PF	PA
Chief	5	1	0	215	172
Chargers	4	2	0	175	144
Broncos	2	4	0	120	154
Raiders	1	5	0	110	176
AFC North	W	L	T	PF	PA
Bengals	4	2	0	174	158
Ravens	4	2	0	153	77
Steelers	3	2	1	171	154
Browns	2	3	1	128	151
AFC South	W	L	T	PF	PA
Titans	3	3	0	87	107
Texans	3	3	0	135	137
Jaguars	3	3	0	109	126
Colts	1	5	0	152	180

National Football Conference

NFC East	W	L	T	PF	PA
Redskins	3	2	0	106	104
Cowboys	3	3	0	123	103
Eagles	3	3	0	137	117
Giants	1	5	0	117	162
NFC West	W	L	T	PF	PA
Rams	6	0	0	196	118
Seahawks	3	3	0	143	117
Cardinals	1	5	0	82	139
49ers	1	5	0	148	179
NFC North	W	L	T	PF	PA
Bears	3	2	0	139	96
Packers	3	2	1	148	144
Vikings	3	2	1	140	148
Lions	2	3	0	125	137
NFC South	W	L	T	PF	PA
Saints	4	1	0	180	140
Panthers	3	2	0	121	114
Buccaneers	2	3	0	141	173
Falcons	2	4	0	167	192

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