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# 1<sup>ST</sup> WORD

## Goodbye, Mr Bob

We lost Schlitterbahn founder and all-around great guy Bob Henry on October 31. A quick Google search will bring up all manner of obits from around the world, so we won't go into one here. I just want to say that I'm both happy and grateful to have met him, and acknowledge that, like Bud Dallman of the Landa Park Dolphins, he leaves behind boots that won't soon be filled. Remember him every time you ride a water slide, and go hug your grandpa the next chance you get.



As for the parents, it's a near certainty that they would have insisted on pre-maturely involving New Braunfels Police in Presley's foray into forensics, and were therefore kept out of the loop as well. A man needs time to think...

It should be noted that, per the threat, the killings were to take place on Monday, October 10. This, no doubt played into Presley's rationale for waiting until October 9 before calling parents and police - after all, stability is a hallmark of teenage school shooters, and if, on October 6, they say they want to shoot somebody on October 10, there's no risk to anybody until October 10, right? RIGHT?

*As a special note to students, we'd like to point out that Mr Presley waited until the last possible minute to do what should have been done immediately. In other words, he crammed for the exam, which, if our recollection of academic life is accurate, is generally frowned upon by educators.*

*Should you ever find yourself being admonished by AP Presley for your study habits, remind him that you were influenced by his example of dealing with a life-or-death situation. You know, your life or death.*

School staff was made aware of the situation on Zero Day, Monday, October 10, a delay which was risky as heck, considering Presley hadn't yet nailed down the identity of the would-be killer, and wouldn't until a day later, a delay which is to be expected when one calls police on Sunday instead of Thursday. For at least the next few days, the identity of the suspect had not been disclosed to teachers, who had simply been advised to be vigilant about... someone. They've probably figured it out by now. Seems crazy that WE knew who the suspect was before most of the school's staff, and he didn't threaten us at all.

## CSI: New Braunfels

The October 6 threat by a 16-year-old male student to kill two specific female students at New Braunfels High School, then as much of the remaining student population as feasible, has generated both a booking into and release from the Guadalupe County Juvenile Detention Center for the suspect at the center of the case, as well as the fitting of a fashionable ankle-bracelet.

While the threat was discovered on Thursday, October 6, neither the parents of the two potential victims nor police were notified by school authorities until Sunday, October 9, by which time the entire student body had been assembled in one-convenient-to-target location twice - once for a pep rally, and again for a football game Friday night.

Assistant Principal Scott Presley, Principal Kara Bock, and NBISD Director of Communications Rebecca Villarreal have all declined to identify who was responsible for the decision to delay notification and what their reasons for that were, but it has become clear through interviews with persons close to the case that Mr Presley took point on this one, as he wanted to conduct his own amateur investigation, rather than involve the City's professional police force.

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In 2006, the new owners of Billy's Ice decided to fry up some turkeys as a way to help others, and we recently met with Nick\* Sisoian, current Owner/GM of Billy's Ice, to discuss the history of the Turkey Fry.

The year 2006 belonged to a different era: The world was monochromatic, people rode mules, the steam locomotive was still a dream and there were more planets (this was before the Galactic War against Emperor Jimbo).

Turkeys were a new bird that just entered the ornithological scene, having been just recently engineered in a Texas A&M laboratory (pronounced la-BORE-a-tory).

Billy's Ice was founded in partnership by several families and friends. Wanting to do something for the community, Nick\*\* said they decided to hold a turkey fry. They only asked that people bring some canned foods, which were then donated to the local SOS Food Bank.

Ten years later, that turkey fry has become a tradition and this month, Billy's Ice will hold its 11th Annual Night Before Thanksgiving Turkey Fry.

"This was the first fundraising event we ever did, and we loved it because the results are tangible, a direct-impact fundraiser, where we physically collect the food and physically take the food to the food bank," Nick said.

The Turkey Fry has certainly grown into an impressive enterprise. People bring canned goods from their home to donate, or they can write a check or donate cash. In exchange, visitors will eat fried turkey (birds that would otherwise menace our neighborhoods and threaten our American way of life). Cooper's BBQ generously supplies the sides and desserts.

"Last year we fried 35 turkeys and fed 300 locals," Nick\*\* said. "We usually raise about \$1,000 and receive about 1,000 pounds of food. The goal is always to raise \$2,000 and a ton of food. We do encourage the cash donations, as well, because a dollar can go much further and buy even more food."

Nick explained that the Turkey Fry has its roots at St. Mary's University. His family has had a long association with the San Antonio institution - it's where he earned his law degree, and his mother worked



at the University for 35 years. For years, Friends of St. Mary's had raised food and money in the same way as Billy's Ice. When Nick\*\*\*, his parents and their friends bought what became Billy's, the new owners wanted to put together an event patterned after the St. Mary's function.

"When New Braunfels became our community, we wanted to bring what we had experienced in San Antonio," he said. "And it has become a big deal. That was the first public benefit we ever did at Billy's. The first night we opened was for the Turkey Fry in November, 2006, even before our formal opening in early 2007."

Nick\*\*\* was impressed by the reaction and support the event received from New Braunfels' locals. That response began a 10-year dedication to charitable work by Billy's Ice.

"Just about once a month we have something, some kind of fundraiser for a cause and the Turkey Fry is what kicked it all off - everyone loved it and started bringing us other ideas and causes," he said. "This is one of the reasons the Turkey Fry is so special to us: Working for those in need has become a pillar to us."

Indeed, since it opened, Billy's Ice

has raised almost \$500,000 for local charitable causes, and that doesn't include personal donations from the owners. Nick and his family are also owners of River Road Ice House, which itself has nearly raised the same amount since 2012.

Because the proceeds from the Turkey Fry go to local food banks, this year the food and money will go to SOS Food Bank and San Antonio Food Bank, which is building a massive local center that will become the New Braunfels Food Bank.

"We want to get the word out that the New Braunfels Food Bank is building a huge facility in town, which will have local staff and volunteers, and will stock the local food banks and pantries," Nick said. "Between New Braunfels and Seguin, the new food bank facility will be locally focused: all local donations, all local volunteers and staff, local assets and it will work with local organizations and churches. The New Braunfels Food Bank is a huge undertaking that will bolster all of the smaller groups that work with them."

Nick credits the success of the Turkey Fry and subsequent philanthropy not only to Billy's employees, but also to the local musicians, volunteers and other local

businesses who have given their time and resources to this cause. Corporate partners for the Turkey Fry include Wright Distributing, Gruene Harley-Davidson, KNBT 92.1FM, and Cooper's BBQ.

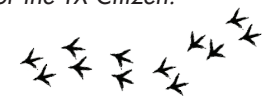
These businesses came to us, and said they really loved the event and asked how they could help," he said. "They collected food at their businesses, gave us a discount on the turkeys, helped promote the event, even helped us take the food to the food bank. We were able to develop relationships outside our own business with people who could offer things we couldn't do."

And, of course, Nick\*\*\*\* credits the success of their fundraising efforts to the people of New Braunfels.

"The New Braunfels community is phenomenal," he said. "They are generous and supportive. There is a great spirit here and the people love their town."

For this year's Turkey Fry, Nick has promised an even bigger soiree, with live music all evening from Texas Renegade, Aaron Stephens, and Austin Gilliam.

*Nick Rogers covers legal affairs and features for the TX Citizen.*



*\* No relation to the author, although I dare say Mr. Sisoian has an exceptional first name.*

*\*\* Not me, Nick, the other Nick - Nick Sisoian, who this article is about. I mean, I could call him Mr. Sisoian, but that is so formal and impersonal. Hell, this isn't the New York Times.*

*\*\*\* I am experiencing some cognitive dissonance. I have answered to "Nick" my entire life but as I write, I am thinking of another "Nick." I think, yet I am not.*

*\*\*\*\* The other Nick is in embedded into this text, while I am behind it, a mere whisper of Nickness. I fear I am losing my identity. All I have are these footnotes to validate my existence, to scream, "I am here!"*

*Nick Rogers, if he actually exists, covers legal affairs and features for the TX Citizen.*

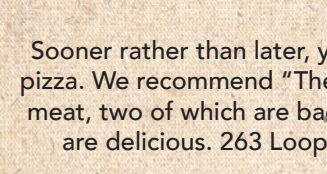


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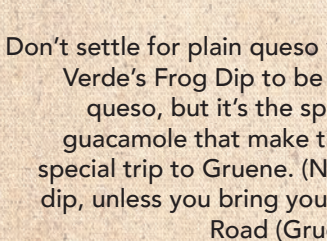
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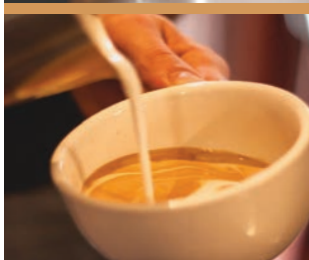


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## Worst Kept Secret in Town Goes Public

Terry Knighten, over at Renew Church, is taking his ministry skilz to less-suspicious pastures, after two separate women brought civil complaints of sexual abuse against him. Knighten describes himself on his Facebook page as presenting "the unadulterated message of God's Grace and Agape Love in a fresh and liberating format", which is a particularly awkward choice of words given the current situation.

Shenanigans of a carnal nature are nothing unusual at independent, over-the-top churches like Renew, where the job title of "Pastor" comes with the social accoutrements of that of "Rock Star". We've been hearing about Knighten & Co for years, with local Christians of all stripes describing the church as something less-than-wholesome. The words "creepy" and "scam" and "cult" have been throw around for at least as long as we've been publishing.

Members of the congregation that expressed misgivings about church leadership were given the standard "Get your heart right with God/Who are you to judge/Get thee behind me Satan" admonishments, because pointing out that the moral compass of a group is miscalibrated is a crime in and of itself. #shutupandpray

Understand this: If you express concern about the moral fiber of the pastor at your church, and you're treated with suspicion, contempt and/or scorn, GET OUT. There are plenty of great churches in the area that have their figurative head on straight. The people that defend evil in their midst deserve everything they have coming. Don't be around for the repercussions, and don't look back, lest ye turn into a pillar of salt.

If you didn't know about the problems, but found out after the fact, *understand that the cover-up has been going on for a good a long while with the cooperation of most of the people working under the leader.* If you don't find another church at that point, or at least work to jettison the entire staff, you, then, deserve what happens next.

Don't deserve what happens next.

## The Texas Newsgrinder SEASON TWO!

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\m/

Mike Reynolds  
Publisher/Editor-in-Chief

**Postscript:** Contrary to the word on the street, I did NOT have a heart attack. I'm fine. In fact, after two days at Resolute Hospital and a barrage of heart attack-oriented tests, my cardiologist told me that a guy in my general physical condition must have the will to live of ten men. My sincere thanks go out to all who expressed concern, and especially to Supernurse Debbie on the third floor.



**FRIDAY 11/4**  
BIG JOHN MILLS 9PM

**SATURDAY 11/5**  
ERIC TUCKER &  
STONE CREEK POSSE 9PM

**FRIDAY 11/11**  
TEJAS BROTHERS 9PM

**SATURDAY 11/12**  
DR G & THE MUDCATS 9PM

**FRIDAY 11/18**  
ROY HEINRICH 9PM

**SATURDAY 11/19**  
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**FRIDAY 11/25**  
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**11/26: LG ROCKS**

**11/4: Diamond Rio**

**11/12: Reverend Horton Heat**

**11/26: The Spazmatics**

**12/31: NYE Bash  
w/ William Clark Green**



**Fri 11.4**

**ADOBE VERDE**  
*Historia Guana, Texas*

Traveling Trees  
6:30pm



Jesse Stratton  
8pm

**LONGSHOT**  
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Bob Schmucke & Derek Krueger  
7pm

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**PHOENIX  
SALOON**

Junior Nash  
5pm  
Manzy Lowry Band  
9pm

**Riley's  
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Big John Mills  
9pm



Diamond Rio  
w/ Rumor Town  
8pm



Breaker Breaker  
8pm

Gruene Hall  
Los Lonely Boys  
w/ The Peterson Brothers  
9pm

Pour Haus  
Britney Monroe  
8:30pm

Vino en Verde  
Brett Cline Jazz Quartet  
8pm

**Sat 11.5**

**ADOBE VERDE**  
*Historia Guana, Texas*

Don Reilly  
6:30pm



Jeff Jacobs Band  
8pm

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**SECRET GARTEN**  
Robert Johnson's Soul  
1pm  
Lesti Huff Band  
6pm

**PHOENIX  
SALOON**

Texas T & the Shine Runners  
9pm

**Riley's  
TAVERN**

Eric Tucker & Stone Creek Posse  
9pm



Garrett Simon Band  
9pm

Gruene Hall  
Bo Phillips Band  
1pm

Green River Ordinance  
w/ Troy Cartwright, Grady Spencer  
8pm

Pour Haus  
Clever Name Band  
9:30pm

Vino en Verde  
JB Parker  
8:30pm

**Sun 11.6**

**ADOBE VERDE**  
*Historia Guana, Texas*

Fallon Franklin  
6:30pm

**OMA GRUENE'S  
OGSG  
SECRET GARTEN**

Cold Snap  
2pm

**PHOENIX  
SALOON**

Geoffrey Hill  
3pm  
Lucas Taylor  
7pm

Geronimo VFW #8456  
Country Sounds & Jim Bolado  
3pm

Gruene Hall  
Murali Coryell, Ernie Durwawa  
12pm  
Lyle Lovett & John Hiatt  
8pm

Vino en Verde  
The Vagabonds  
9pm

**Mon 11.7**

Gruene Hall  
Bret Graham  
6pm

**Tues 11.8**

**BILLY'S  
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Austin Gilliam  
8pm



Buddy Boy Vargas  
7pm

Gruene Hall  
Adam Carroll, Gurf Morlix,  
Mark Jungers  
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Natalie Rose  
8:30pm

**Riley's  
TAVERN**

TBA  
9pm

Gruene Hall  
Chubby Knuckle Choir  
6pm

**Thu 11.10**

**ADOBE VERDE**  
*Historia Gruena, Texas*

Michael Player  
6:30pm



Brett Hendrix Band  
8pm

**OMA GRUENE'S  
OGSG**

**SECRET GARTEN**

Jam Night  
6pm

**THE PHOENIX  
SALOON**

Ken Raba  
5pm

Gruene Hall  
High Plains Jamboree  
6pm

Vino en Verde  
Brett Cline Jazz Quartet  
8pm

**Fri 11.11**

**ADOBE VERDE**  
*Historia Gruena, Texas*

Don Reilly  
6:30pm



Clutch Kings  
8pm

**LONGSHOT**  
WINE BAR & TASTING ROOM

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7pm

**OMA GRUENE'S  
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**SECRET GARTEN**

Brother Wives  
6pm

**THE PHOENIX  
SALOON**

Bandreu  
5pm  
Ryan Ross Band  
9pm

**Riley's  
TAVERN**

Tejas Brothers  
9pm



Dirty White Horse  
8pm

Gruene Hall  
Indigo Girls  
w/ Danielle Howle  
8pm

Pour Haus  
Ryan Chrys & the Rough Cuts  
8:30pm

Vino en Verde  
BJ Thibodeaux  
8:30pm

**Sat 11.12**

**ADOBE VERDE**  
*Historia Gruena, Texas*

Broken Duck Feet  
6:30pm



FILE 13  
8pm

**OMA GRUENE'S  
OGSG**  
**SECRET GARTEN**

Kim & Her Bad Habits  
1pm  
Melissa Ludwig Band  
6pm

**THE PHOENIX  
SALOON**

Darius Jackson & the Mighty  
Texas Blues Band  
w/ The Southsiders  
9pm

**Riley's  
TAVERN**

Dr G & the Mudcats  
9pm



Reverend Horton Heat  
w/ Texas T & the Shine Runners,  
Stompdrag  
8pm



Rex McNeil Band  
9pm

Gruene Hall  
Big Gus & Swampadelic  
1pm  
Joe Ely Band  
w/ Garrett LeBeau  
9pm

Vino en Verde  
Brett Cline  
9pm

**Sun 11.13**

**ADOBE VERDE**  
*Historia Gruena, Texas*

JJ Garrett Band  
6:30pm

**OMA GRUENE'S  
OGSG**

**SECRET GARTEN**

Poor J Brown  
3pm

**THE PHOENIX  
SALOON**

Jade Marie Patek & Bryan  
Catalani  
3pm  
Lucas Taylor  
7pm

Geronimo VFW #8456  
Charles & the Fabulous Four  
3pm

Gruene Hall  
Bret Graham  
12:30pm  
Zac Wilkerson Band  
4pm

**Mon 11.14**

Gruene Hall  
Bret Graham  
6pm

**Tue 11.15**



Big Red Drum Series  
8pm



Josh & Gabe (2 Man Front)  
8pm



Derek & Zach  
7pm

Comal Country Music Show  
KC Hall  
Carol Cochran, Ken Brothers,  
Wayne Brown, Gene  
Bartkiewicz  
7:30pm

Gruene Hall  
Josh Grider, Drew Kennedy  
6pm

**Wed 11.16**



Aaron Stephens  
8pm



# THE PHOENIX SALOON

The Traveling Ones  
8:30pm

## Riley's TAVERN

Mike Ethan Messick  
9pm

Gruene Hall

The Georges  
6pm

**Thu 11.17**

## ADOBE VERDE

Josh Holden  
6:30pm

## OMA GRUENE'S OGSG SECRET GARTEN

Jam Night  
6pm

## THE PHOENIX SALOON

Jay Russell Wimberly  
5pm

Gruene Hall

Seth James & Jessica Murray  
w/ Drew Kennedy  
8pm

Vino en Verde

Brett Cline Jazz Quartet  
8pm

**Fri 11.18**

## ADOBE VERDE

JJ Garrett Band  
6:30pm

## BIAT'S ICE

Dean Seltzer  
8pm

## LONGSHOT WINE BAR & TASTING ROOM

Bob Schmucke & Derek Krueger  
7pm

## OMA GRUENE'S OGSG SECRET GARTEN

Stray Dawg & the Wolves  
6:30pm

## THE PHOENIX SALOON

Junior Nash  
5pm  
Aaron Stephens Band  
8:30pm

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8pm

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Delbert McClinton  
w/ Shelley King  
8pm

Pour Haus

3 Man Front  
8:30pm

Vino en Verde  
The Hendersons  
8:30pm

**Sat 11.19**

## ADOBE VERDE

Bru's Tunes  
6:30pm

## BIAT'S ICE

Poor J Brown  
8pm

## OMA GRUENE'S OGSG SECRET GARTEN

Erin Jaimes  
1pm  
Chris Ruest Band  
6pm

## THE PHOENIX SALOON

Scott H Biram  
Jesse Vain  
Captain Mudhole  
9pm

## Riley's TAVERN

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9pm

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9pm

Gruene Hall

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1pm  
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8pm

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9:30pm

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**Sun 11.20**

## ADOBE VERDE

JJ Garrett Band  
6:30pm

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3pm  
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3pm

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**Mon 11.21**

Gruene Hall

Bret Graham  
6pm

**Tue 11.22**

Gruene Hall

Steve Judice  
6pm

**Wed 11.23**

## BIAT'S ICE

Turkey Fry  
5pm

## THE PHOENIX SALOON

Code 2 Band  
8:30pm

## Riley's TAVERN

TBA  
9pm

## THE WATERING HOLE Saloon

Knotty Grove  
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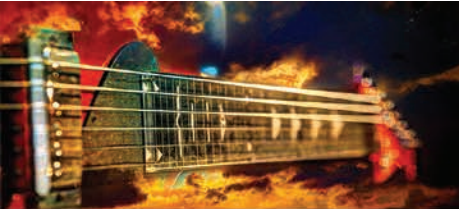
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THIRD PLACE: SEAN WERTENS (PRICKLY PEAR) - 100%

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# !ASK A MEXICAN!

By Gustavo Arellano

**Dear Mexican:** Why is it that even though we Latinos have similar backgrounds (Indian-Spanish) across America, there is a lack of unity among us here in the USA? We could be a powerhouse during election times, and definitely obtain a more friendlier immigration deal.

**El Peruano**

**Dear Cholo:** I usually only answer preguntas about Mexicans, but I'll make an exception here because of Election Day. And it hieve down to this: Who wants to be united? Latinos certainly don't. Nowhere except Cuba is a country of the same political thought—and look how good it's working out for them. Although the Mexican's politics are Marxist of the Grouch variety, I'm also of the escuela that we need Latino conservatives, anarchists, vendidos, progressives, libertarians, Zapatistas, sinarquistas (ok, maybe not them)—all political thoughts. Such diversity keeps us in balance, teaches us about democracy, and will make us stronger as gabachos continue to align themselves into puritanical camps of caca. Let us squabble away—oh, and #fucktrump.

**In America, the candidates for president spend millions of dollars in other peoples' money for a job that could never pay that money back. Is it the same for Mexican candidates, or does it even matter, since those fucking Mexicans can never get the elections right anyway?**

**Conservative, but #fucktrump**

**Dear Gabacho:** For most of the 20th century, Mexican presidents came from the PRI, and their method of picking a new leader was simple: el dedazo. The finger—not flipping the pájaro, but a symbolic pointing of the finger toward someone. Yeah, that's totally corrupt—but at least we don't spend billions of dollars like fucking gabachos who can never get their elections right anyway, you know? Oh, and #fucktrump.

**GET OUT EL VOTO!:** Gentle cabrones, the Mexican doesn't endorse candidates not named Alfred E. Neumann (source of the greatest quote EVER: "English is a language in which double negatives are a no-no!"), but I can tell you who NOT to vote for: Donald Trump, and anyone supporting the pendejo. He represents the greatest threat to raza since NAFTA, an

agreement he claims to hate but only says that to gain gabachos votes to toss Mexicans across the Rio Grande with a deportation cannon. Hillary Clinton is nowhere near the perfect candidate, and the Mexican won't be voting for her because she's the beneficiary of the Democratic Party own dedazo system—but even a candidate as terrible as her is un chingo better than Trump. If you vote for her, no hate on my part—just tell her to hold her tacos right.

More importantly, vote in your local elections, and RESEARCH. Don't just vote for the people with the paisa name—sometimes, our own people are worse to Mexicans than any Trumpbot. And if you can't vote because you're undocumented? Volunteer for those políticos who are striving for amnesty and who oppose walls. May you celebrate Election Day with one giant fiesta instead of tragos amargos. Oh, and #fucktrump.

**Dear Mexican:** ¿Por que no hay un pinche líder entre nosotros o de nosotros los mexicanos? Para que tuviera los tanates bien puestos y hablara frente al congreso y les dijera sus verdades a los hipócritas políticos. ¿Será que "nuestros lideres" son unos miedosos o vendidos? No hay uno solo (solo el Chapulín Colorado) que nos defienda, tanta humillación que han tenido los negros, siempre de sirvientes o mozos, pandilleros y drogadictos (en Hollywood) y nadie protesta y salen con que Memín Penguin es ofensivo, otra de esas y nos subimos el cierre, ¿eh? En serio, "Ask a Mexican", ¿Como podría yo hablar delante del congreso, local, estatal o federal? ¿Seria mucho pedir?

**Pónganse las Pilas, Putos**

**Dear Readers:** For those of you who still don't habla—and if you don't habla, ¿que chingado estas esperando?—the writer asked where's the Mexican leader who'll take us into the Promised Land of American acceptance, then couldn't help but to attack blacks while he had my attention. Ya cállate con los "pinche negros," pendejo. And Mexicans did have a messiah who saved us all—his name was Juan Gabriel, and he recently died.



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# FREEMAN ON SPORTS

WITH BRANT FREEMAN

Normally I use this space to review the last month in sports, but I'm writing this month's column moments after the ending of one of the greatest World Series I've ever seen. Seven games, an historic comeback, terrible game management, an incredible game tying home run, extra innings, a tarp, 10th inning drama... you name it, it had it all. I should be elated that I got to witness such greatness, that I got to watch a (literally) once-in-a-lifetime World Series between two franchises with a combined 176 years of title-less baseball between them. But I'm not elated. Instead, I'm seething.

The reason why, I'll get to (if you haven't already figured it out) and it will become abundantly clear soon. While I work in sports media now, I was obviously a fan first. A lot of journalists and sportscasters will put their allegiances behind them or at least hide them from the public but not THIS GUY. No sir. Yes, I'm privileged and honored to be able to write about and broadcast sports, but like you, I grew up cheering for teams in multiple sports and I'm going to share those with you now. Here goes:

**NBA:** Spurs (Shocker!)  
**NFL:** Titans (Insert Crying Jordan)  
**MLB:** Astros & Yankees (Don't judge me)

I have my reasons for all of the above, including the two team fiasco in baseball. Everyone has their own motives for being a fan of a team, from the most obvious, like cheering for the hometown team, to bizarre. A guy once told me he was a fan of a team because the mascot was the same as his little league team. Loser.

Just as important as identifying the teams you cheer for, is discovering which teams you want to see lose with every fiber of your



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being. \*Channels inner Emperor Palpatine\*  
LET THE HATE FLOW THROUGH YOU.

Your team can't win every season (as a Titans fan, I can confirm this), so when that happens, the second most important goal you should have is for the team you despise to fail spectacularly. With that, I will now unveil the teams which cause me a great deal of grief anytime they succeed.

**NBA:** Mavericks  
**NFL:** Texans  
**MLB:** Cubs & Rangers

Aaaaaaaaand there it is. If you happen to be a fan of all four, then I will almost certainly never buy you a beer (and if I do, you probably shouldn't drink it). Before I go any further, I will say that the Texans are a distant fourth on that list. It's just that as a Titans fan I have to dislike somebody in the AFC South, and I can't waste my hate on the Jaguars or Colts. That's like hating shows aired on the CW or SciFi: no one cares anyway.

Yes, I'm THAT guy. The guy who wanted Chicago's misery to continue for another 1,000 years. The guy who claims the Bartman game as one of his cherished moments in sports. The guy who saw news stories about 107 year-old ladies tearing

up about watching their precious Cubs make the World Series and wanting to throw a lamp at the TV.

I got exactly zero joy out of the Cubs winning the World Series. None. I can't even find it in myself to be happy for my friends who are Cubs fans. I'm even mad at myself for wearing a Pepsi t-shirt tonight because it's blue, red and white. I couldn't watch the bottom of the 10th because I couldn't subject myself to the celebration and reaction

shots in Chicago. This is right up there with the Mavericks' 2011 NBA title on my list of most hated sports memories. Screw this night.

Ok, now that I've vented, I'll answer your question. "Why, sir, do you have so much pent-up anger towards the Cubs? I understand the geographical and division rivalries with your other disliked teams such as the Mavericks, Texans and Rangers, but why the Cubs?"

Well, first off, thank you for asking nicely but I would still be okay with all of your Cubs hats burning in a trash fire. The reasons I have are long-winded but all I can tell you is that they go back more than 20 years and that it's nothing against you personally. I will also counter by asking "Aren't there teams that you like to root against? That you can't stand? That if they lose you would give anything to bathe in the tears of their crying fans?" Don't deny it, we all have a love/hate relationship with sports, so let's agree to that.

So you know what? I've had a change of heart, congratulations on the championship. The next beer is on me. DRINK IT.

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# Last Word

With Kelly Colby

## Getting' Riggy Wit' It

By the time people read this, the election may be over – even if the voting hasn't been completed. The most recent events, with more emails being found on Huma Abedin and Anthony Weiner's shared laptop, may have Hillary Clinton dropping out. Or, she may just be indicted. Either situation probably means the end of her hopes for the presidency. Alternatively, as Donald Trump has implied, the election itself may be a matter of mere formality. The powers that be may have already decided who will be president for us. I do love a good Clinton scandal (who doesn't), but it's the second idea I wanted to discuss this month.

As usual, Trump could be chastised for clumsily wording his concern; he used the term "rigged" more than once, and that word allows for misreading that a better constructed turn of phrase might not have. His detractors should also be faulted, though, for refusing to use any common sense where Trump is involved. To say the election is "rigged" seems to mean that the outcome is predetermined, that cheating will invariably lead to a result other than what the votes would otherwise indicate. If that were true, and Trump believed it, not only would there be no sense in voting, there wouldn't even be any sense in Trump's running. Since Trump continues to run, we can assume that's not what he means by "rigged." Trump haters, of course, will only assume the dissonance of the words versus the actions are just proof that Trump is insane.

So, if Trump didn't mean there was no point in voting or running, what did he mean?

Well, regardless of who wins the election, it's unquestionable that this election cycle has drawn back the curtain on several unsavory realities about our electoral process.

For example, we know (from emails released by Wikileaks) that the Democratic National Committee is something less than Democratic in its choosing of a candidate for president. Many of the emails going back and forth at the DNC showed a

definite bias in favor of Hillary Clinton. Aside from the wrangling and twisting of rules to hold Bernie Sanders back, emails also revealed that Hillary's campaign was getting questions for the debates in advance. That makes it quite a bit easier to appear knowledgeable and competent.

It's worth mentioning that Trump faced his own troubles from the Republican National Committee. Mostly this consisted of rumors of maneuvering prior to the convention, but there was a very real effort by many candidates in the primary to deny Trump a win. We see this still with John Kasich and non-candidate Mitt Romney. We don't have the evidence of collusion within the party apparatus, but nobody's hacked the RNC yet.

Likewise, we know that the media is hardly impartial. No conservative will be surprised to find that many "journalists" in the mainstream media are just mouthpieces for the DNC. They were surprised to find that this coziness included at least one overtly conservative voice, though. Between emails offering flowery, slavering praise and those that offer coordination to promote the candidate in the media, it's hard to have faith in anything offered up by the media. Again, one could easily make the argument that many conservative media sources work in coordination with the RNC, and the Never-Trump movement within media figures might be an indication of this, but we don't have the hard evidence. Yet.

Last, but not least, is actual voter fraud. There seems to be a never-ending media insistence that voter fraud doesn't exist. (Of course, we know how trustworthy the media is.) Stranger still is that it doesn't take much hunting to find stories about voter fraud within the very media that tells you there is none – dead voters, illegal immigrants and felons on voter rolls, absentee ballot scams, and magically disappearing or appearing ballots are all pretty common in the latter pages of newspapers or in thirty second bits on the evening news.

When cornered, detractors will admit that voter fraud happens, but pretend that it is exceedingly uncommon. They often have statistics on voter fraud convictions to back this up. But, since our system is designed to not find fraud when it happens, it's hardly surprising that we don't find much. You rarely catch people urinating in the community pool, but you can be certain that it happens.

Are there enough cases to actually influence an election? Probably. Those old enough will remember the 2000 election and how Florida decided that election by a matter of a few hundred votes. Don't let anyone tell you voter fraud doesn't matter.

My guess is that this is the sort of thing Trump meant by "rigged," and he was right. Our elections are rigged. They probably have been for quite a lot longer than we would like to believe. That doesn't mean that voting itself is unimportant; quite the opposite, in fact. It's necessary not only to win the election, but to win it by a margin greater than the traditional cheating.

We have a special case this year. Donald Trump will almost certainly have no one cheating for him. The cynic in me at least wants to believe that Republicans probably cheat just as much as Democrats. This year, however, we don't have a traditional Republican candidate. We have already seen that Trump is not getting the standard support that a Republican candidate gets. Trump will probably find himself needing to overcome a little extra (or at least unoffset) fraud this year, so don't be surprised if a Trump loss, particularly a close one, results in people crying foul.

The circumstances aren't really any different than they have been for years, but the electorate can unsee the sausage that has been made this year.

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