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# 1<sup>ST</sup> WORD

## Hell Freezes Over

In a stunning, confusing decision handed down by the Third Court of Appeals, the City of New Braunfels pulled out a rare win of an appeal on a high-profile case. And with that, New Braunfels' illegal disposable container ban is ramping back up for another go-round.

One might say, "But it's not illegal. The City won in court", and one would be wrong. See, the Third Court didn't say the City had the right to pass the law - that is, they didn't judge the case on its merits. What they did do was throw the lower court's ruling out on the basis of the plaintiffs' standing. The Court ruled that the local businesses that brought the case didn't have the right to bring it. Here's what the plaintiffs' attorney, Jim Ewbank, had to say in response to that:

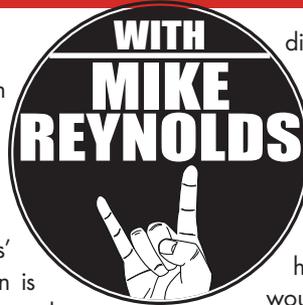
*"The Court of Appeals opinion did not address the merits of the claims of unconstitutionality of the City's Can Ban, but ruled on a narrow question of whether the Outfitters had provided evidence of sufficient harm to their businesses to attack the Ordinance.*

*"We believe the Court of Appeals incorrectly ignored 100+ years of good Texas law that allowed these sort of challenges when a business suffers directly from enforcement or even threatened enforcement of an unconstitutional City Ordinance. The evidence was clear that the Outfitters lost huge sums of moneys directly related to the Can Ban.*

*"The Outfitters intend to file a Motion for Rehearing by June 2, and if necessary file an appeal to the Texas Supreme Court to get a clear ruling on this narrow legal question."*

**Irony:** In 2011, when the ban was approved by City Council, an anti-ban group was formed to force a special election on the matter (that group no longer exists, and should not be confused with the plaintiffs in the case). The group prevailed in getting the special election, but shot themselves in the foot. Twice.

The first shot was fired by demanding an election they couldn't win. The second, by tying the hands of future City Councils from simply repealing the law. The anti-ban group



didn't understand how elections are actually won, and wound up paying at the voting booth. (The first incarnation of this paper, the NB Citizen, was launched by the leader of that group in the wake of the loss, so hey, we're not complaining. A win would've meant the TX Citizen most assuredly wouldn't be here today, so we're going to smugly accept the result.)

In any case, the anti-ban group should have skipped the election, and the current plaintiffs should have gone directly to court. But that's hindsight, man. Hindsight.

Per the court's ruling, the earliest the ban could go back into effect is July 28, but as of press time no decision has been announced by City Hall concerning the ban's return - Council will address the matter at their June 12 meeting. Enforcement might resume in late July or later in the season, or the City could wait until 2018 to implement it. In any case, here we go again. #txsupremecourt

Nick Rogers runs down the tech specs of the ruling in excruciating detail in his Due Process column on page 5. The reasoning presented is baffling, as the court cited a sodomy case as precedent. Because Texas.

## Mea Culpa Mea Maxima Culpa

In last month's issue, we printed the names of the victims of the First Baptist bus crash, and incorrectly stated that Rose Mary Harris passed on several days after the tragedy. While we're appalled that we made this kind of mistake, we are very, very happy to correct the record and let you know that Rose Mary is still among us, and recovering from her injuries.

In a truly weird turn of events, four days after we pre-maturely announced the death of Rose Mary Harris, the Internet incorrectly reported that the actress Rosemary Harris (Aunt May in the 2002, 2004, and 2007 Spider-Man movies) had died in Britain. We trust that's pure coincidence, and that we maybe didn't create yet another international incident.

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# Due Process

## WITH NICK ROGERS

### Third Court of Appeals Rules in Favor of City in Can-Ban Case

After lingering in the Third Court of Appeals for more than two years, the City of New Braunfels has won the right to continue enforcing the disposable container and cooler ordinances.

Citing a 1994 case regarding the now defunct state sodomy law, the Court of Appeals reversed a lower district court's ruling that the ordinances were unconstitutional. The Third Court justices ruled that the lower court was not the proper jurisdiction to hear a case on criminal ordinances.

The Third Court of Appeals used as precedent *Texas v. Morales*, where the State Supreme Court ruled that a "court of equity" was not the proper jurisdiction to fight the constitutionality of the sodomy law because the law was of a criminal nature. The U.S. Supreme Court struck down sodomy laws in 2003 in a case stemming from a 1998 arrest under the Texas law.

Several river-oriented businesses sued the City after the ordinances were passed, arguing in part that the laws were damaging to their businesses and that a civil lawsuit was their only recourse to fighting the constitutionality of the ordinances. Otherwise, the businesses argued, one of their customers would have to violate the law before a suit could be brought.

However, that is exactly where the Third Court stands.

"The Court did set out a clear path for someone who is given a criminal ticket for violation of the Ordinance to challenge the constitutionality in the criminal justice system, which is likely to happen," said Jim Ewbank, attorney for the river-oriented businesses.

The Third Court noted that while the ordinances may have an adverse affect on the businesses, this does not necessarily allow them to contest a penal ordinance. While there are situations in which a businesses can bring suit in a court of equity against a criminal statute, Appeals ruled that this case does not meet those standards.

"[T]he upshot of *Morales* is that (1) the appellee businesses would have to demonstrate that the ordinances' enforcement against their customers has irreparably injured the businesses' vested property rights; (2) injury to any personal

rights does not suffice; and (3) any perceived inability of the businesses to obtain remedy through criminal proceedings does not change that analysis," the Third Court wrote.

"Although appellees presented evidence that supported some of their pleading allegations, including evidence of economic loss, reduced sales, lost profits, reduced tourism on the rivers, and lost business opportunity, the evidence was undisputed that the ordinances do not prohibit ... any of appellees from operating their businesses, including selling disposable containers or renting coolers," the ruling said. "[T]he ordinances do not prohibit - and do not have the practical effect of prohibiting - the operation of any of their businesses. Rather, the ordinances are directed to others' personal rights: they are limited to prohibiting any person from taking certain items on the Comal and Guadalupe Rivers within the city limits, regardless of whether the items were purchased or rented from appellees."

Ewbank disputed the legal parameters set by the Third Court and that the businesses will appeal the decision to the Texas Supreme Court.

"The bar set by the Court to show economic harm in order to challenge an unconstitutional Ordinance is too high, and disregards a line of cases that goes back over 100 years," he said.

While the Third Court noted that other case law brought by the businesses have merit, the *Morales* ruling in the most recent and thus has precedence.

Even though the businesses brought up other issues related to ordinances - such as the vagueness of the laws, and whether the State or the City actually has control of the waterways - the Third Court did not reach a decision on those arguments since it denied the lower court's jurisdiction.

The City, meanwhile, noted "the legal process has not concluded" and that enforcement of the ordinances will not occur before July 28, when the Third Court sends out its final mandate. The City Council is also scheduled to address the issue at its June 12 meeting.

"As of now, there are no changes that will affect anyone visiting the Comal River and the Guadalupe River (inside the City limits)," the City said in a statement.

*Nick Rogers covers crime and courts for the TX Citizen.*



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Gregersen and Hille will face each other in Frito™ Pie competition again in a grudge match at the Best of the Wurstplex awards at The Watering Hole Saloon on July 25. The event begins at 7pm.

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Fri 6.2

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Sunday 5  
6pm

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5pm  
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9pm

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TBA  
7pm

**Riley's  
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Big John Mills  
9pm



Waitin' on Hayden  
8pm

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James McMurtry  
w/ Jonny Burke  
8pm

Moonshine & Ale  
Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along  
8pm

Vino en Verde  
Coltin's Kin  
8:30pm

Sat 6.3

**ADOBE VERDE**

*Historia, Gruene, Texas*

Bru Erdman  
6:30pm



Jaredd Reed  
8pm

**OMA GRUENE'S  
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SECRET GARTEN**

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1pm  
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6pm

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SALOON**

Travis Green & the Chiefs  
9pm

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Derek Vera  
7pm

**Riley's  
TAVERN**

The Merles  
9pm



Tubes & Tunes  
8pm



Rex McNeil  
9pm

Gruene Hall  
Bill Hearne Trio  
1pm  
Casey Donahew Band  
8pm

Moonshine & Ale  
Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along  
8pm

Vino en Verde  
The Vagabonds  
9pm

Sun 6.4

**ADOBE VERDE**

*Historia, Gruene, Texas*

Fallon Franklin  
6:30pm



Lucas Cook, Mark Sebby  
12pm  
Chad Anderson Band  
8pm

**OMA GRUENE'S  
OGSG  
SECRET GARTEN**

The Hot Attacks  
2pm

**THE PHOENIX  
SALOON**

Jeffrey Ryan Vaughn  
3pm  
Lucas Taylor  
7pm

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TAVERN**

TBA  
4pm

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Mon 6.5



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- JUNE 8 @ 6 JAM NIGHT
- JUNE 9 @ 6:30 THE MELISSA LUDWIG BAND
- JUNE 10 @ 1 BRAD STIVERS  
@ 6 KIM AND HER BAD HABITS
- JUNE 11 TEXAS T & THE SHINE RUNNERS
- JUNE 15 @ 6 JAM NIGHT
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SETTING SONS
- JUNE 17 @ 1 THE PHIL LUNA TRIO  
@ 6 ADAM JOHNSON
- JUNE 18 @ 2 THE BIG BAD BILLY KATZ
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- JUNE 26 @ 1 STRAY DAWG & THE WOLVES  
@ 6 RUBEN V
- JUNE 29 @ 6 JAM NIGHT
- JUNE 30 @ 6:30 MINGLEWOOD



Jam Night  
7pm

### Geronimo VFW #8456

Dotsy, Paul Sanchez  
7pm

### Gruene Hall

Two Ton Tuesday  
8pm

### Wed 6.7



Aaron Stephens  
8pm



Shane Walker  
8:30pm



Manzy Lowry  
8pm

### Gruene Hall

Mitch Webb & the Swindles  
8pm

### Thu 6.8



Tony Taylor  
6pm



Jam Night  
6pm



Scott Boddicker  
5pm  
Jay Wimberley  
8pm



John Boyd  
6pm



Kayla Ray  
8pm

### Gruene Hall

The Bacon Brothers  
8pm

### Vino en Verde

Brett Cline  
8pm

### Fri 6.9



Trace Owen jr  
6:30pm



Market Junction  
8pm



Melissa Ludwig Band  
6:30pm



Bandrev  
5pm  
The Canvas People  
w/ Hotbed  
9pm



Cody Martinez  
7pm



Mark Jungers  
6pm  
Kathy & the Kilowatts  
9pm



Jamie Richards Band  
9pm



Brandon Michael & True Country  
8pm

### Gruene Hall

Whiskey Myers  
8pm

### Moonshine & Ale

Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along  
8pm

### Vino en Verde

Avalon  
8:30pm

### Sat 6.10



Hot Pickin' Blue Grass  
6:30pm



3 Man Front  
8pm



Brad Stivers  
1pm

Kim & Her Bad Habits  
6pm



Jesse Stratton Band  
w/ Alli Mattice Band  
9pm



Ryan Baker  
7pm



Paul Nipper  
9pm



3 Chord Rodeo  
9pm

### Gruene Hall

Harvest Thieves  
1pm  
Whiskey Myers  
8pm

### Vino en Verde

Beau Daniels Band  
8:30pm

### Sun 6.11



JJ Garrett Band  
6:30pm

### OMA GRUENE'S



## SECRET GARTEN

Texas T & the Shinerunners  
2pm



All Mixed Up  
3pm  
Lucas Taylor  
7pm



TBA  
4pm

### Geronimo VFW #8456

Charles & the Fabulous Four  
3pm

### Gruene Hall

Bret Graham  
12pm  
Whitney Rose  
5pm

### Tue 6.13



Austin Gilliam  
8pm



Jam Night  
7pm

### Gruene Hall

Two Ton Tuesday  
8pm

### Wed 6.14



Aaron Stephens  
8pm



Sam Pace  
8:30pm



TBA  
8pm

Gruene Hall  
The Georges  
6pm

**Thu 6.15**

**ADOBE VERDE**  
*Historic Gruene, Texas*

Josh Holden  
6:30pm

**OMA GRUENE'S  
OGSG**

**SECRET GARTEN**  
Jam Night  
6pm

**THE PHOENIX  
SALOON**

Carlos the Tall  
5pm  
Jay Russell Wimberley  
8pm

**POWERPLANT**

Jonathan Hernandez  
6pm

**Riley's  
TAVERN**

Wes Perryman  
8pm

Gruene Hall  
Garrett LeBeau  
7pm

Moonshine & Ale  
Live Band Karaoke  
8pm

Vino en Verde  
Brett Cline  
8pm

**Fri 6.16**

**ADOBE VERDE**  
*Historic Gruene, Texas*

Traveling Trees  
6:30pm



Tejas Brothers  
8pm

**OMA GRUENE'S  
OGSG**

**SECRET GARTEN**

Chris Taylor & the Setting Sons  
6:30pm

**THE PHOENIX  
SALOON**

Junior Nash  
5pm  
Kori Free & the Groove Hounds  
8:30pm

**POWERPLANT**

Carol Cochran & Two Way Street  
7pm

**Riley's  
TAVERN**

Pepper's Blues  
6pm  
Texas KGB  
9pm



Bag of Donuts  
8pm



3 Man Front  
8pm

Gruene Hall  
The Black Lillies  
w/ Dustin Schaeffer  
8pm

Moonshine & Ale  
Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along  
8pm

Vino en Verde  
Myles Smith  
8:30pm

**Sat 6.17**

**ADOBE VERDE**  
*Historic Gruene, Texas*

3 Man Front  
6:30pm



File 13  
8pm

**OMA GRUENE'S  
OGSG**

**SECRET GARTEN**

Phil Luna Trio  
1pm  
Adam Johnson  
6pm

**THE PHOENIX  
SALOON**

Matthew Logan Vasquez  
w/ Brother Wives  
9pm

**POWERPLANT**

Cody Bateman  
7pm

**Riley's  
TAVERN**

Jesse Dayton  
9pm



J Abram  
9pm

Gruene Hall  
Charlie & the Regrets  
1pm  
Cory Morrow  
8pm

Moonshine & Ale  
Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along  
8pm

Vino en Verde  
The Hendersons  
9pm

**Sun 6.18**

**ADOBE VERDE**  
*Historic Gruene, Texas*

Dean's List  
6:30pm

**OMA GRUENE'S  
OGSG**

**SECRET GARTEN**  
Big Bad Billy Katz  
2pm

**THE PHOENIX  
SALOON**

Jeffrey Ryan Vaughn  
3pm  
Lucas Taylor  
7pm

**Riley's  
TAVERN**

TBA  
9pm

Geronimo VFW #8456  
Bimbo  
3pm

Gruene Hall  
South Austin Moonlighters  
5pm

**Tue 6.20**



Jam Night  
7pm

Comal Country Music Show  
KC Hall  
Britt Ballenger, Debby Richards,  
Trey & Hayden Epps  
7:30pm

Gruene Hall  
Two Ton Tuesday  
8pm

**Wed 6.21**



Aaron Stephens  
8pm

**THE PHOENIX  
SALOON**

Shady Rest Band  
8:30pm

**Riley's  
TAVERN**

Mike Ethan Messick  
8pm

Gruene Hall  
Phil Hurley Trio  
7pm

**Thu 6.22**

**ADOBE VERDE**  
*Historic Gruene, Texas*

Tony Taylor  
6:30pm

**OMA GRUENE'S  
OGSG**

**SECRET GARTEN**

Jam Night  
6pm

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John Boyd  
6pm

## Riley's TAVERN

Ryan Kennedy  
8pm

Gruene Hall  
Warren Hood Band  
7pm

Moonshine & Ale  
Live Band Karaoke  
8pm

Vino en Verde  
Brett Cline  
8pm

### Fri 6.23

## ADOBE VERDE

Trace Owen Jr Band  
6:30pm



Texas Renegade  
8pm

## OMA GRUENE'S OGSG

SECRET GARTEN  
Adam & the Crow Daddies  
6:30pm

## THE PHOENIX SALOON

Bandrev  
5pm  
Josh Field & Brother Nothing  
8:30pm

# POWERPLANT

Traveling Trees  
7pm

## Riley's TAVERN

Texas T & the Shinerunners  
6pm  
Dallas Moore Band  
9pm



Everclear  
8pm



Kim & Her Bad Habits  
8pm

Gruene Hall  
Larry Joe Taylor  
8pm

Moonshine & Ale  
Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along  
8pm

### Sat 6.24

## ADOBE VERDE

Bru Erdman  
6:30pm



Knotty Grove  
8pm

## OMA GRUENE'S OGSG

SECRET GARTEN  
Robert Johnson's Soul  
1pm  
Aaron Stephens  
6pm

## THE PHOENIX SALOON

Darius Jackson & the Mighty  
Texas Blues Band  
w/ Jonathan Matthews Band  
9pm

# POWERPLANT

April Hall  
6:30pm

## Riley's TAVERN

The Pearl Snaps  
9pm



County Line Band  
9pm

Gruene Hall  
Flat Top Jones  
1pm  
Curtis Grimes  
w/ Drew Fish, Jake Ward  
9pm

Moonshine & Ale  
Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along  
8pm

Vino en Verde  
LeAnn & Noah  
9pm

### Sun 6.25

## ADOBE VERDE

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6:30pm



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8pm

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Ruben V  
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3pm  
Lucas Taylor  
7pm

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TBA  
4pm

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3pm

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12pm  
Danny Brooks  
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### Tue 6.27



Jam Night  
7pm

Gruene Hall  
Two Ton Tuesday  
8pm

### Wed 6.28



Aaron Stephens  
8pm

## THE PHOENIX SALOON

Aaron Kantor  
8:30pm

## Riley's TAVERN

TBA  
9pm

Gruene Hall  
The Georges  
6pm

### Thu 6.29

## ADOBE VERDE

Josh Holden  
6:30pm



Skylar Hamilton  
8pm

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# ASK A MEXICAN!

By Gustavo Arellano

Dear Mexican: I find Mexican women to be very prejudiced. Is it their lack of education or the fact that they don't assimilate well? Is anyone schooling them on appropriate behavior, and are they being told that racial prejudice has reached a point where it's barely tolerated in the U.S.A? I'm offended by their racist stares—I call this "racist stares" because it reminds me of the 1950s, when the white folks were doing it. As well as how many people live in one house with the multitude of trucks, leaving all the daily trash in from of their houses for the trash pick-up day from the business they run out of their houses. Do we pay for this in our monthly water bills because the trash debris fee is higher than the usage of water.

I now live across from such a female who gives out racist stares every chance she gets... she looks like a giant Godzilla. A shemale, with her tiny husband she probably picked up at the border and beats to keep him in line (no joke: it looks that way). And her 10 kids—five by the one that left her, and five by her border husband. When she is "dressed" up in her jeans and body shirt, she looks like a fat sausage.

I called another a racist because her kids were in the backyard calling out the "n" word—and no, they weren't talking to each other. Guess what she did: she invited the one only black person she has ever had over to her house to show she is not a racist. Typical...I'm just curious because you go in the Mexican stores and everything is in Spanish yet American stores label everything in dual languages. Americans have been most accommodating to all immigrants, not just Mexicans. You can't go anywhere outside of the U.S.A and live unless you are able to support yourself and not take jobs from the native population.

Toby Keith is Mine

Dear Gabacha: There is not one thing you mentioned that makes me think your Mexican female neighbor is racist. You, on the other hand... from the "giant Godzilla" to the "border husband" to describing her as a "fat sausage" and speculating about her husband, you sound like a bitter gabacha whose man left her for a Mexican woman long ago. Get over it, honey. Besides, Mexican women are only racist to Mexican women—you can look it up!

Dear Mexican: What's the deal with hanging 15 feet of toilet paper in "el baño" to cover the gaps in the stall walls? I only

see this coming from Mexican men, because I only frequent men's restrooms, and only in the restrooms predominantly frequented by my Mexican coworkers. But frankly, what kind of man—other than the occasional Idaho Republican—wants to peek through the gap or catch a fleeting glimpse of another man taking a dump? Is this kind of male-on-male bathroom voyeurism a problem in Mexico, or are Mexican men simply more self-conscious than gabachos?  
Degenerate John

Dear Gabacho: Assimilation at work. In Mexico, we freely shit out in the barn, the better to mix with other manure. In the U.S., we become as prudish as Jeff Sessions. Then again, staring through gaps is a habit for Mexican men—how else do you think we're able to get over walls and fences so easily?

Why do Mexicans leave their cars in the middle of the street with their hazard lights on while they pick up their friends/kids/drugs? My friends and I deemed this "Mexican Hazard Light Syndrome"—MHLS, for short. Those blinking lights are supposed to be used when a car is broken down and a person is in distress, not when someone is too lazy to park and walk. It's annoying enough when they do it on a two-way street and turn the road into an obstacle course—but when they do it on a one-way street, it's just unforgivably inconsiderate and stupid. My (Mexican) friend hit one of these cars once and decided it was the MHLS-sufferer's fault, so he just left the scene without even leaving a "sorry, you idiot" note. I don't endorse this kind of hit-and-run behavior, but I'm telling that little anecdote so that the dumbasses who leave their cars in the middle of the street aren't too shocked when they find their '83 Buick Skylark in pieces...  
Gross At Lazy Mexicans

Dear CALM: Patience is no Mexican virtue. We smuggle ourselves into this country again and again—you think we're going to wait until a spot on the street opens up? Nah, we'd rather annoy pendejos like you and your pal—and it worked!



Ask the Mexican at [themexican@askamexican.net](mailto:themexican@askamexican.net), be his fan on Facebook, follow him on Twitter @gustavoarellano or follow him on Instagram @gustavo\_arellano!



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Another month in the books! I'll be spending most of this month's review eulogizing the San Antonio Spurs' 2016-2017 season but a few other things happened in May besides an ankle injury. Let's run through them before getting to the creamy nougat middle (warms Snickers in a microwave):

- Hot damn the Houston Astros are good this season. After a lackluster 2016, I wondered if their path to relevance in the majors had been derailed. Instead, they look like the best team in baseball right now and are a serious World Series threat. After Houston fans were left dealing with Brock Osweiler and a James Harden no-show in the past eight months, they deserve this.

- The NBA playoffs have been hot garbage for the most part but the NHL Playoffs have been very entertaining. It's the one sport I will not watch AT ALL for seven months but then \*totally\* act like an expert come the Cup Finals. "Man, Nashville's first line really needs to work the boards more on its power-play."

- Better Call Saul returned to AMC and I couldn't be happier. I recently re-binge-watched Breaking Bad for a second time and have a legit man crush on Vince Gilligan. Can we please get him to take over The Walking Dead?

On to the main topic, the "Month in Review"...

Have you ever gone to a casino, sat down and played blackjack for an hour, telling yourself that as long as you leave the table with as much money as you had when you started that you'd be okay with that? But then you go up \$200 and you keep playing because that voice in your head keeps saying "it's house money anyway, just go for it", and then you lose that two hundred bucks. Be honest, don't you leave the table with an empty feeling, knowing you had a chance to "beat the house" but didn't?

This is exactly how I felt watching the San Antonio Spurs' run through the playoffs this season.

I tried convincing myself that after the Spurs eliminated the Houston Rockets in the second round that they were playing with house money and had no chance of taking

down the mighty Golden State Warriors in the conference finals, so I wasn't going to be disappointed with the result of the series. But then they go up 25 in Game One and suddenly my outlook changed: I just double-downed on that \$200 and drew a 20 with the dealer showing a six.

Then the dealer revealed himself to be Zaza Pachulia, draws a 21 and has the bouncer sprain my ankle in the process.

I kid, I kid. Look, injuries happen every postseason and when you've been in the playoffs as often as the Spurs, sometimes they go your way (Dirk Nowitzki in 2003) and sometimes they don't (Tim Duncan in 2000 and Manu Ginobili in 2009). That said, the injury to Kawhi Leonard in Game One of the Western Conference Finals SUCKED. Spurs fans, and really, fans league-wide, had waited three years for San Antonio to face Golden State in the playoffs and once the series finally came to be, we got it for all of 28 minutes.

Would San Antonio have prevailed in Game One had Leonard not gotten hurt? Probably. As dominant as they looked with Leonard on the floor, it's hard to imagine even the mighty Warriors coming back in such a short amount of time. Would San Antonio have won the series? That's the harder question to answer but I think it's safe to say that we would have gotten an extremely compelling series in a playoff season that desperately needed one.

Another pill that's tough to swallow is not knowing whether or not the Spurs as constructed can beat this modern version of the Monstars masquerading as the Warriors. Leonard is obviously the centerpiece for San Antonio, but are the parts around him good enough to lead the Spurs back to the Finals?

A series win over Golden State (or even a competitive bow out) would have answered that question but instead, San Antonio is left with one giant what-if and has a lot to think about this off-season: the health of Tony Parker, the fit of LaMarcus Aldridge (for the record, I think I'm one of the 11 people left who thinks he fits just fine in SA), the future of Manu Ginobili, the need for a complimentary playmaker alongside Leonard (without the

cap space to get one), etc.

Before any of those concerns are addressed, Spurs fans will get a backrow seat to the Finals for a third year in a row with the same two teams again going at it: the Warriors and the Cleveland Cavaliers. Personally, it really doesn't matter to me who wins but it would be nice to see something competitive after a terrible first six weeks of postseason play (save for San Antonio's first two series vs Memphis and Houston). The salty side of me (THE BEST SIDE) would love to see LeBron James conquer the Warriors again but if that happens then maybe the Warriors end up signing John Wall in the offseason or something.

Seriously, look back at the signing of Kevin Durant this past offseason and make note how absurd it is that he's a Warrior. Golden State won SEVENTY THREE games last season, was up 3-1 in the NBA Finals and is likely a Draymond Green suspension away from completing the greatest single season run in the history of the freaking league and added the second-best player on the @\$&ing planet to its roster. They didn't (or don't) need the guy, got him anyway and has made this run look unfair. Golden State vs the field this season is like taking on a four-year-old in chess while you get to play with three queens.

I don't blame Durant one bit for doing what he did, and by the way, he probably would have signed with Golden State even if the Warriors won the Finals last year. The only thing keeping him from Oakland was (likely) Oklahoma City finishing off the Warriors in last season's conference finals. It's funny how much "the Warriors blew a 3-1 lead" has become a meme this season when in reality, it was the Warriors COMING BACK from down 3-1 that led to this behemoth of a roster, maybe the best in league history. Thanks a lot OKC.

Anyways, go Cavs I guess. If you need me, I'll be heading back to the blackjack table.

*Brant Freeman is a seasoned local sportscaster, delivering the goods as a reporter for major pro and collegiate sporting events in the greater San Antonio area for over a decade.*

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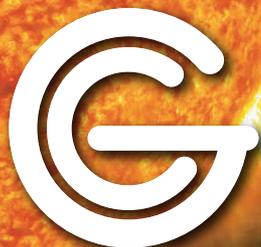


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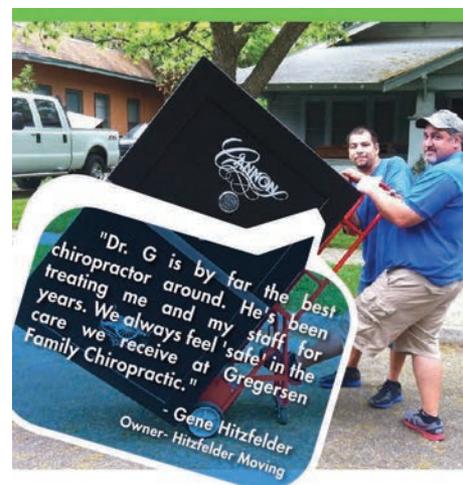
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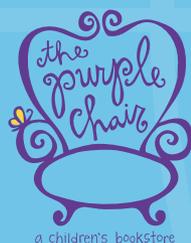
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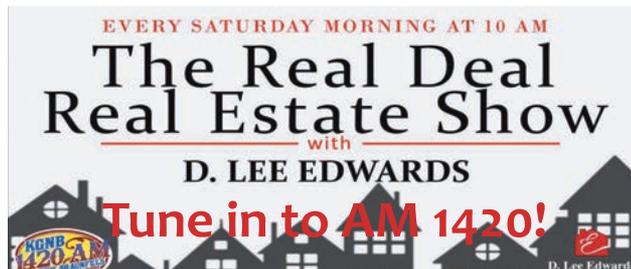
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