

SCOREBOARD

GOLF
LAKEVIEW GOLF COURSE
THURSDAY MEN'S LEAGUE
 LOW TEAM GROSS: Boey Men 193
 LOW TEAM NET: Wankers 141
 LOW IND. GROSS: Craig Wilken 43
 LOW IND. NET: Scott Lancaster 29
STANDINGS: Troubleshoters 140,
 Tigers Woodies 124, Bogy Men 122,
 Wild Bor 122, New Guys 119, Sacred
 Heart Monastery 114, Goeden Const.
 112, Rounding 3rd 111, Wankers 109,
 FISO 109, The Glass Cutters 108, EZ
 Swingers 105, Town & Country Ins. 104,
 DU Duffers 94, Photo By Jerry 90, Wellf
 Const. 76

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL
OFF THE BEATEN PATH LEAGUE
 HIGH TEAM GAME: Inferno 460
 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Frk & Frak
 1323
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Matt
 Kruse 236, Shane Harriman 234, Steve
 Shutt 220, Laurie Bruening 199, Jan Put-
 nam 184, Candy Olson 181
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Steve
 Shutt 610, Chuck Turner 579, Frank Os-
 born Sr. 562, Jan Putnam 518, Candy
 Olson 514, Edwena Turner 502
STANDINGS: Frk & Frak 24.5-11.5,
 Turn 'n' Heads 24-12, What Were We
 Thinkin' 23.5-11.5, JAW 23-13, Silent As-
 sassins 20-16, Split Happens 19.5-16.5,
 Red Hot Chili Peppers 19-17, One Pin
 19-17, Ailing Ones 18.5-17.5, Spiffles
 18-18, Rednecks 18-18, Late Corners
 16-20, Path Attack 16-20, Lost Souls 14-
 22, Gardeners 13.5-23.5, INC — Pin-
 headz, Inferno
HIGHLIGHTS: Mark Brannen 3-10,
 4-6-10; Edwena Turner 3-10; Elmer Misar
 3-10

BASEBALL

REGION 2A REGIONAL TOURN.
July 22-25 at Riverside Field
NOTE: Top two teams earn berths in
 S.D. State American Legion Baseball
 Tournament, July 30-Aug. 3 at Huron.
 Third place team will play third place
 team from Region 3A for a state tourney
 berth.
Tuesday, July 22
 Mitchell 6, S.F. East 1
 Yankton 5, Brandon Valley 3
 S.F. West 4, Mitchell 0
Wednesday, July 23
 Brandon Valley 7, S.F. East 2, S.F.
 East eliminated
 Sioux Falls West 5, Mitchell 0, Mitchell
 eliminated
Thursday, July 24
 Yankton 8, Brandon Valley 2, Bran-
 don Valley eliminated (will host R.C. Post
 320 in Wild Card game on Saturday)
CHAMPIONSHIP: Sioux Falls West
 11, Yankton 1, 7 innings

S.D. STATE B LEGION TOURN.

July 25-29 at Tabor
Friday, July 25
 GAME 1: McCook-Miner (17-8) vs.
 Castlewood-Clear Lake (20-6), 10 a.m.
 GAME 2: Piedmont (9-6) vs. Groton
 (30-15), 30 minutes after Game 1
 GAME 3: Madison (17-5) vs. Park-
 ston (18-1), 5 p.m.
 GAME 4: Tabor (10-4) vs. Dakota
 Valley (12-8), 30 minutes after Game 3
Saturday, July 26
 GAME 5: Game 1 loser vs. Game 3
 loser, 10 a.m.
 GAME 6: Game 2 loser vs. Game 4
 loser, 30 minutes after Game 5
 GAME 7: Game 1 winner vs. Game
 3 winner, 5 p.m.
 GAME 8: Game 2 winner vs. Game
 4 winner, 30 minutes after Game 7
Sunday, July 27
 GAME 9: Game 6 winner vs. Game
 7 loser, 1 p.m.
 GAME 10: Game 5 winner vs. Game
 8 loser, 30 minutes after Game 9
 GAME 11: Game 7 winner vs. Game
 8 winner, 7 p.m.
Monday, July 28
 GAME 12: Game 9 winner vs. Game
 11 loser, 5 p.m.
 GAME 13: Game 10 winner vs.
 Game 11 winner, 30 minutes after Game
 12
NOTE: Pairings of Games 12 and 13
 will not match previous opponents
 against each other unless absolutely nec-
 essary
Tuesday, July 29
 GAME 14: Game 12 winner vs.
 Game 13 winner, 1 p.m.
 GAME 15: If necessary, 3:30 p.m.
NOTE: If three teams remain after
 Game 13, the winner of Game 11 ad-
 vances to Game 15.

NEB. CLASS C JUNIOR TOURN.

July 19-23 at Creighton, Neb.
Saturday, July 19
 Battle Creek 13, Malcolm 3
 Creighton 3, Palmer-Wolbach-Gree-
 ley 1
 Crofton 11, North Bend-Morse Bluff
 0
 Louisville-Weeping Water 5, Alma 4
Sunday, July 20
 Malcolm 17, Alma 4
 Palmer-Wolbach-Greeley 8, North
 Bend-Morse Bluff 5
 Louisville-Weeping Water 14, Battle
 Creek 3
 Creighton 8, Crofton 2
Monday, July 21
 Battle Creek 9, Palmer-Wolbach-

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, July 25
BASEBALL, AMATEUR District
 6B Tourn. at Freeman — Game 2:
 Wynot vs. Menno (6 p.m.); Game 3:
 Freeman vs. Avon (8:30 p.m.); District
 7B Tourn. at Akron — Game 5: Akron
 vs. Beresford (7:30 p.m.)
BASEBALL, LEGION Region 2A
 Tourn. at Yankton — If Necessary:
 Game 7 winner vs. Game 7 loser (4
 p.m.); S.D. State Class B Tourn. at
 Tabor — Game 1: McCook-Miner vs.
 Castlewood-Clear Lake (10 a.m.);
 Game 2: Piedmont vs. Groton (30 mi-
 nutes after Game 1); Game 3: Madison
 vs. Parkston (5 p.m.); Game 4: Dakota
 Valley vs. Tabor (30 minutes after
 Game 3, KVHT-FM)
BASEBALL, TEENER Region
 Tourn. at Mitchell (Yankton Lakers);
 Brandon Valley Tourn. (Yankton Red-
 Sox); **GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR** Thrivent
 Financial Charity Pro-Am at Fox Run
Saturday, July 26
BASEBALL, AMATEUR District
 6B Tourn. at Freeman — Game 4:
 Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser (2
 p.m.); Game 5: Crofton vs. Groton
 winner (5 p.m.); Game 6: Irene vs.
 Tabor (7:30 p.m.); District 7B Tourn. at
 Akron — Game 6: Elk Point vs. Can-
 ton (2 p.m.); Game 7: Vermillion Grey
 Sox vs. Lennox Reds (4 p.m.); Game
 8: Larchwood vs. Garretson (6:30
 p.m.)
BASEBALL, LEGION S.D. State
 Class B Tourn. at Tabor — Game 5:
 Game 1 loser vs. Game 3 loser (10
 a.m.); Game 6: Game 2 loser vs.
 Game 4 loser (30 minutes after Game
 5); Game 7: Game 1 winner vs. Game
 3 winner (5 p.m.); Game 8: Game 2
 winner vs. Game 4 winner (30 minutes
 after Game 7)
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| Team | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--|----|----|------|--------|
| Kansas City | 50 | 50 | .500 | 7 |
| Chicago | 49 | 54 | .476 | 9 1/2 |
| Minnesota | 46 | 55 | .455 | 11 1/2 |
| West Division | | | | |
| Oakland | 63 | 38 | .624 | — |
| Los Angeles | 60 | 40 | .600 | 2 1/2 |
| Seattle | 53 | 48 | .525 | 10 |
| Houston | 42 | 60 | .412 | 21 1/2 |
| Texas | 40 | 62 | .392 | 23 1/2 |
| Wednesday's Games | | | | |
| Minnesota 3, Cleveland 1 | | | | |
| Kansas City 2, Chicago White Sox 1 | | | | |
| Detroit 11, Arizona 5 | | | | |
| N.Y. Mets 3, Seattle 2 | | | | |
| N.Y. Yankees 2, Texas 1, 5 innings | | | | |
| Toronto 6, Boston 4 | | | | |
| Tampa Bay 3, St. Louis 0 | | | | |
| L.A. Angels 3, Baltimore 2 | | | | |
| Oakland 9, Houston 7 | | | | |
| Thursday's Games | | | | |
| Toronto 8, Boston 0 | | | | |
| N.Y. Yankees 4, Texas 2 | | | | |
| Oakland 13, Houston 1 | | | | |
| Chicago White Sox 5, Minnesota 2 | | | | |
| Cleveland at Kansas City 8:10 p.m. | | | | |
| L.A. Angels at Baltimore 2 | | | | |
| Baltimore at Seattle, 10:10 p.m. | | | | |
| Friday's Games | | | | |
| Toronto (Buehrle 10-6) at N.Y. Yan- kees (Kuroda 6-6), 6:05 p.m. | | | | |
| Boston (Lester 10-7) at Tampa Bay (Price 10-7), 6:10 p.m. | | | | |
| Oakland (Hammel 0-2) at Texas (Williams 1-4), 7:05 p.m. | | | | |
| Chicago White Sox (Joh.Danks 8-6) at Minnesota (Correa 5-12), 7:10 p.m. | | | | |
| Cleveland (Tomlin 5-7) at Kansas City (Ventura 7-8), 7:10 p.m. | | | | |
| Miami (Hand 1-2) at Houston (Kuechel 7-10), 7:10 p.m. | | | | |
| Detroit (Smyly 6-8) at L.A. Angels (Skaggs 5-5), 9:05 p.m. | | | | |
| Baltimore (Gausman 4-3) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 11-2), 9:10 p.m. | | | | |
| Saturday's Games | | | | |
| Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m. | | | | |
| Baltimore at Seattle, 4:10 p.m. | | | | |
| Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m. | | | | |
| Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m. | | | | |
| Cleveland at Kansas City, 7:10 p.m. | | | | |
| Miami at Houston, 7:10 p.m. | | | | |
| Oakland at Texas, 8:05 p.m. | | | | |
| Detroit at L.A. Angels, 9:05 p.m. | | | | |
| Sunday's Games | | | | |
| Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m. | | | | |
| Boston at Tampa Bay, 1:40 p.m. | | | | |
| Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m. | | | | |
| Cleveland at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m. | | | | |
| Miami at Houston, 2:10 p.m. | | | | |
| Detroit at L.A. Angels, 3:35 p.m. | | | | |
| Baltimore at Seattle, 4:10 p.m. | | | | |
| Oakland at Texas, 7:05 p.m. | | | | |

| Team | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Washington | 55 | 44 | .556 | — |
| Atlanta | 55 | 47 | .539 | 1 1/2 |
| Miami | 48 | 53 | .475 | 8 |
| New York | 48 | 54 | .471 | 8 1/2 |
| Philadelphia | 44 | 58 | .431 | 12 1/2 |
| Central Division | | | | |
| Milwaukee | 58 | 45 | .563 | — |
| Pittsburgh | 54 | 47 | .535 | 3 |
| St. Louis | 54 | 47 | .535 | 3 |
| Cincinnati | 51 | 50 | .505 | 6 |
| Chicago | 41 | 64 | .414 | 15 |
| West Division | | | | |
| San Francisco | 57 | 45 | .559 | — |

Broncs Win District 6B Opener

FREEMAN — The Lesterville Broncs jumped out to an 8-0 lead and claimed a 10-4 victory over Scotland in the opening game of the District 6B Amateur Baseball Tournament on Thursday in Freeman.
 Cody Ulmer had three hits, including a home run and a double, to lead Lesterville. Ian Powell also had three hits, including a double. Mike Pavel homered among his two hits in the victory. Jason Vaith's seventh inning grand slam provided all of Scotland's offense. The Highlanders had one other hit in the contest. Alex Wagner picked up the victory. Paul Plante took the loss. Lesterville advances to face top-seeded Scotland on Saturday at 5 p.m. Scotland plays the loser of tonight's (Friday) Wynot-Menno matchup on Saturday at 2 p.m.
SCOTLAND — Wynot-Menno (453, 27 runs), Leighton (400, 16 runs), Heath Williams (.380, 38 runs), Reid Guse (.338, 25 runs) have led the offense, but Coach Williams said the team, which is batting .325 on the season, is much deeper.
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State Swim Qualifiers



Members of the Yankton Swim Team are competing in the South Dakota State Long Course Championships, which begin today (Friday) and run through Sunday in Mitchell. Team members include (front) Layne Bunnis, Jake Peitz, Madisyn Bietz, Jakob Harrell, (middle sitting) Emma Schott, Julie DeWitt, (middle standing) Evan Schott, Savannah Frank, (back) Katie Hauser, Addison Peitz, Brodrick Emanuel, Brianna Geigle, Jenna Trail and Coach Dawn Bergeson.

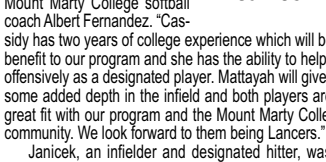
SPORTS DIGEST

USD's Mettler Receives NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship

VERMILLION — South Dakota steeplechaser Jeff Mettler has been awarded an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship as a result of his dedication to the classroom and on the track. Mettler will receive a one-time \$7,500 scholarship to be used for postgraduate study.
 The NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship program was created in 1964 to promote and encourage postgraduate education by rewarding the Association's most accomplished student-athletes. Nominees must have a minimum grade point average of 3.2, be nominated by the faculty athletes representative and intend to continue academic work beyond the baccalaureate degree as a part-time or full-time graduate student.
BUFFALO BILLS — Claimed C Jared Wheeler off waivers from Carolina. Waived-injured CB Brandon Smith.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed G Fermano Velasco and C Kevin Matthews. Released C Jared Wheeler and LB Billy Boyko.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Claimed WR Conner Vernon off waivers from Oakland. Signed WR Jeremy Johnson. Placed OL Andrew Whitworth on the PUP list. Waived P T.J. Corley.
ATLANTA FALCONS — Activated DL Chris Faulk and Jeremiah Warren. DL Jacobbi McDaniel and RB Terrance West from the non-football injury list. Released RB Jordan Brooks and WR Kenny Shaw. Signed LB Shaun Lewis.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Placed G Ronald Lee and DE Anthony Spencer on the PUP list and DT Amobi Okoye on the active/non-football injury list.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed LB Korey Jones. Released LB Shaun Lewis.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Placed FB Stanley Havili on the PUP list.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed OT Ryan Harris and LB Josh Mauga. Released LB DeRon Furr. Placed FB James Baker on the reserve/injured report list.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Released TE Chase Dixon. Waived/injured G Jared Smith. Signed WR Murrell Presley.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Placed DE Ronald Talley on active/non-football injury list. Claimed LB Brandon Magee off waivers from Cleveland.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with OT Taylor Lewan.

MMC Softball Signs Pair

The Mount Marty College softball team has added a pair of recruits for the 2014-15 season, Cassidy Janicek of Columbus, Missouri, and Matayah Waincoat of Viborg. Janicek is a transfer from Lincoln University, while Waincoat is a recent graduate of Beresford High School.
 "I'm excited to have Cassidy and Matayah joining our softball program next fall," said Mount Marty College softball coach Albert Fernandez. "Cassidy has two years of college experience which will be a benefit to our program and she has the ability to help us offensively as a designated hitter, was a game MVP in the Missouri State Tournament and on the all-MIAA academic honor roll. She batted .259 with one home run and three RBI in 27 at bats. The daughter of Ray and Christine Janicek of Columbia, Missouri, she will major in secondary education and history at MMC. In addition to her softball award Janicek will receive an academic honors scholarship."
 Waincoat, an infielder,



Janicek



Waincoat

batted .336 with five home runs and 29 RBI in the 2013 season.
 The daughter of James and Rose Waincoat of Viborg, she will major in criminal justice at MMC. In addition to her softball award Waincoat will receive an academic honors scholarship.

Avon Angler Wins State Title

MITCHELL — Trey Doorn of Avon won the South Dakota Junior Angler State Championship at the event held June 14 at Lake Mitchell. It was hosted by the South Dakota Bass Federation.
 Doorn, who also won the 2013 title, took first place by reeling in three largemouth bass weighing in at 5.94 pounds. Aaron Johnson of Sioux Falls was second, followed by Brenson Anderson of Avon.
 Each angler was allowed to bring in a total of five bass, a combination of both smallmouth and largemouth bass during the event.
 Doorn next advances to the 2014 Junior Angler World Championship at the Forest L. Wood Cup Championships next month in Columbia, S.C.

USD Football Kickoff Event In Yankton Aug. 9

The new Yankton chapter of the University of South Dakota Holiday Pack will host a Coyote football kickoff event on Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Lewis & Clark North Marina Shelter in Yankton.
 The event begins at 3 p.m. with a boat parade at the marina, followed by games and activities for kids at 4 p.m. A tailgate meal will be served at 5 p.m., and players and coaches from USD will be in attendance from 6-8 p.m.
 Free-will donations will be accepted, with all proceeds going to the Howling Pack (which provides scholarships for USD student-athletes).

Twins Trade Morales To M's

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kendrys Morales is on his way back to Seattle to try and give the Mariners' struggling offense a boost as they chase a playoff spot.
 The Minnesota Twins traded Morales to the Mariners on Thursday for minor-league pitcher Stephen Pryor. Morales hit 23 home runs and drove in 80 runs for the Mariners last season, but turned down a \$14.1 million qualifying offer from Seattle to become a free agent.
 Morales sat out the first two months of the season while searching for a new deal, signing a pro-rated \$12 million contract with the Twins on June 8. But he hit .234 with 11 doubles, one homer and 18 RBIs in 39 games with the Twins, who have faded from contention in the AL Central.
 The Mariners, who started the day with a half-game lead for the second wild-card spot in the AL, are hoping a return to Safeco Field could help Morales rediscover his swing. Seattle has the best ERA in the majors, but the Mariners' offense is 14th in the American League in runs scored.
 Mariners GM Jack Zduriencik said missing spring training and the first two months of the season has had an impact on Morales' slow start. He believes he's close to his hitting stride.

Coaches: Send In Fall Info

The 2014 Press & Dakotan Fall Sports Preview will be released in the Saturday, August 30 edition.
 Coaches of fall sports are asked to send in their team information forms as soon as possible. Forms may be sent by fax to 605-665-1721. Information may also be emailed to sports@yankton.net.
 Forms were sent to the schools earlier this summer. Coaches who have not received their fall sports information forms may call 1-800-743-2968, ext. 106, or e-mail sports@yankton.net.

State B

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lost him for the high school season," Carter said. "He's leading our team right now."
 Also for Dakota Valley, Cody Sexton (.404, 1 HR, 15 RBI), whose home run in the deciding game of the Region 3B championship sealed the victory, and Jacob Bellis (.357, 1 HR, 13 RBI) have been key hitters for an offense that has batted .331 and averaged 7.7 runs per game.
 Four different pitchers have multiple victories for Dakota Valley, led by Sexton (4-0, 3.32 ERA, 14 K in 25 1/3 IP). Jacob Bellis (2-0, 0.76 ERA, 14 K in 18 1/3 IP) allowed just one run to a tough Vermillion squad in that Region 3B championship victory. Alex Carter-Dickson (2-0, 4.94 ERA, 6 K in 11 1/3 IP) and Dam (2-0, 7.00 ERA, 9 K in 4 IP) also have two victories each.
 Dakota Valley plays host Tabor, a team it is familiar with despite not facing them this summer. Dakota Valley faced the Bon Homme high school team three times this spring, winning one. Dakota Valley and Tabor also faced off in the state VFW Teener tournament two years ago with many of the same kids on each side.
 For Dakota Valley to make a tournament run, they need to stay focused, according to Carter.
 "We need to play defense and we need to play mentally tough," he said. "We can't have the mental breakdowns."
 "If we stay mentally tough, we're a pretty good team."

Groton

With five players back from its 2013 championship team, including leader Drew Planteen, who was also on the 2012 title team, Groton (30-15) has experience that it feels will be key in making it three straight titles.
 "There is always a bulls eye on our backs," said Groton coach Travis Kurth. "We bring out the best in a lot of teams."
 A number of new players dot the roster of the Region 6B champs, a group whose depth was tested early.
 "At the beginning of the year we were missing a lot of kids due to various activities," Kurth said. "Now we've got everyone back. We knew what the old kids could do. Now we've got the new kids in the right spots."

Parker Rossow and Dane Campbell have helped anchor the Groton pitching staff.
 "Parker has probably been our most consistent pitcher. Every time out he competes for us," Kurth said. "Dean struggled early, but he's starting to come around."
 "We're pretty deep in pitching, which is a nice thing with this group."
 Planteen remains a leader offensively for the squad.
 "Drew has been a mainstay for us for three years," Kurth said. "Mason Madson's swinging it well right now. Spencer Knecht's a new kid that we brought to state with us last year. He's got a little pop, and he's a real competitor."
 For Groton to make a run at a third straight state title, it comes down to pitching.
 "It all boils down to pitching. Pitching wins championships," Kurth said. "But you have to field for your pitcher because they're not going to strike everyone out. You're not to get outs when you have the opportunity."
 The 15th-year head coach believes the offense will take care of itself.
 "Hitting is hitting," he said. "Sometimes you can do other things to score runs."

Madison

Madison has rolled a successful spring into a solid summer, going 17-5 on the season.
 "Our starting nine is the same as during the high school season," said Madison coach Todd Williams. "We've had a couple of bumps in the road. Two of our five losses are to teams that are in the state tournament (Groton and McCook-Miner)."
 The current group of Madison players have found success at a number of levels, and not just lower levels of baseball. Many of these athletes won a Class A baseball title last March and played for a Class 11A football title last November.
 "These kids are anxious to get there. Every stage of baseball, whether it be 13-14, 15-16 or high school, they've made it to the state tournament and fared relatively well in it," Williams said. "On Thursday when we got beat by Dells (Dell Rapids), the kids had a meeting themselves and said 'Hey, this isn't how we want to go out.'"
 Williams feels confident in the team's pitching heading into the tournament.
 "We're pitching pretty good ball," he said. "Jacob Leighton is going to be our number one. Jacob Giles, Brandon Burg, Tanner Denhoed, they're probably our four top pitchers right now."

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Getting the bats going will be key. "We have to hit the ball," Coach Miller said. "We have a good enough defensive team that we could be there on Tuesday if we hit the ball."
Parkston
 It has been a good year for Parkston baseball.
 After posting a 16-2 record in the spring, the Parkston Legion squad has followed with an 18-1 record, taking an unbeaten record into regions, then bouncing back from the team's lone setback of the summer.
 "We have solid starting pitching, great defense and a solid offense," said Parkston coach Sterling Kinneberg. "When it all comes together, we can be a pretty good team."
 Parkston's pitching has been balanced between its big four: right-handers Jake Weber (5-0, 1.97 ERA, 36 K in 32 IP), Dillon Stadlman (4-0, 1.29 ERA, 41 K in 31 IP), Cole Donahue (4-0, 1.82 ERA, 22 K in 27 IP) and left-hander Spencer Lucas (4-1, 1.40 ERA, 27 K in 30 IP). Ty Kinneberg (1-0, 2.62 ERA, 10 K in 8 IP) and Lane Konrad (0-0, 0.00 ERA in 3 IP) have also seen time on the mound.
 Ty